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## Meeting Info

Next Meeting:  
16 May, 2013  
7:00 PM  
SHONEY'S

Happy Birthday!  
Lauri P. 5/31

May meeting - Raffle

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## Meeting Summary

**Old Business** – Jack called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 18th 2013. There were 17 members and no guests in attendance. The Treasurer's Report was presented noting an ending balance of \$1,923.14. The Treasurer's report and Minutes were unanimously accepted. Membership medals will be 40% silver. Nomination slips were provided to club members for the upcoming election. 2013 cents will be used for this year's encased cent commemorating Fredericksburg Civil War battles.

**New Business** – After some discussion, it was decided that two years of club newsletters would be on the web site. An effort to collect documents used to support club presentations should be undertaken and stored on the website. 1,000 wooden nickels will be ordered for the Heritage Festival, the year 2013 will be added and they will be the same size as last year.

Walter won the door prize (1976 50C Bicentennial proof). The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM.

**Auction Results** - \$585.25 was raised during the April auction netting the club \$29.51 (including a 25 cent donation). The high bid of the night was \$95 by Billy. Congratulations to all!

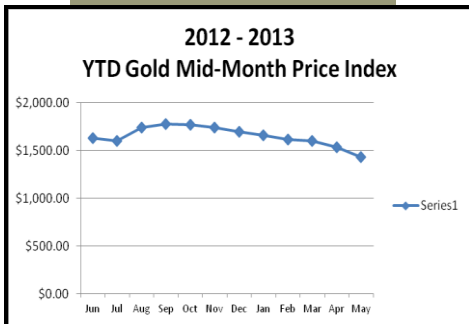
## The Numismatist Index - May

- Building a Numismatic Exhibit
- Take Care of Business: Early Merchant Tokens of Philadelphia
- Rare Notes from a Railroad & River Hub
- Martin Luther: Guiding Light of the Reformation
- Morse Code on Money

## Civil War Fact

It cost approximately \$1.4 million to defending Washington and kept back an average of 20,000 men from the Army of the Potomac.

Source: <http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/faq/>



## Coming Events

- May 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting – a representative from the FBI will be presenting at the May meeting.
- June 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Randolph TBD – Elections
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Heritage Festival
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Bob TBD

## EB Meeting

The Executive Board met on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The following issues were discussed:

- Officer nominations were reviewed. Elections will be in June. Russ will remain as webmaster.
- Membership medal was discussed. Jack is contacting Kelly.
- RE: Encased cents. The EB decided to put Brandy Station on the left, Chancellorsville in the middle and Salem Church on the right.
- Add date 2013 to the wooden nickels.

## Bits and Pieces

**Did You Know?** A Capped Die is actually a strike error.

Source: <http://www.coinclub.com/coininfo/facts.html>

**Did You Know?** While a “normal” 1941-S Winged Liberty Head (“Mercury”) dime might sell for a few dollars, one of the 11 dimes that was carried on the second U.S. manned space flight realized nearly \$9,000 in a 2011 auction.

Source: <http://www.coinworld.com/Articles/ViewArticle/coins-in-outer-space>

## Coin Show Info

*Baltimore Spring Expo – June 20 - 23, 2013 – Baltimore Convention Center*

*Virginia Numismatic Association 55th Convention & Coin Show. Sept. 27, 28 and 29. Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Contact Gregg Coburn: PO Box 824, Bealeton, VA 22715 (PH: 540-272-1524). Email: [coburngregg@gmail.com](mailto:coburngregg@gmail.com). More information at [www.vnaonline.org](http://www.vnaonline.org) and [www.fredericksburgexpo.com](http://www.fredericksburgexpo.com)*



## Spotlight –Chain Cents

These were the first coins struck at the U.S. Mint for circulation. Chain cents were struck during late February and early March 1793; Approximately 36,103 were produced. The public reaction to these coins was predominantly negative. Many thought the Liberty head appeared to convey fright while the reverse chain conveyed an image of slavery – instead of togetherness. When the Mint ran out of planchets in March, 1793, production was halted and a new design (the Wreath cent) was prepared and approved. The finest known example sold at auction for \$1.3M. Circulated examples appear on EBay for approximately \$2,000.

Sources: PCGS 2013 Calendar and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chain\\_cent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chain_cent)