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Anchorage Coin Club



Membership meeting is the first Tuesday of each month

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Monthly Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Central Lutheran Church at 15th and Cordova

7:00 PM

Membership Meeting Highlights

- **The May meeting will be Pizza!** Pizza will be provided by the club with members asked to bring food items to augment the pizza. The Club will provide chips, soda, and water.
- The monthly raffle item is an **1862 \$100 Confederate Note graded AU**.
- **Larry Nakata** will be doing a presentation on "**The History of Coinage: The Beginnings of Coinage**".
- Live and Silent Auctions

Door prizes won that evening:

- U.S. Mint 1978 Proof Set. Won by: **Julian Smith**.
- U.S. Mint 1991 Proof Korean War Commemorative Dollar. Won by: **James Byers**.

Announcements:

- The monthly raffle coin, an **1855-O Liberty Seated 50c graded VF**, was being raffled off with raffle tickets at \$5/ticket or 5 tickets/\$20.
- Presentation on the subject of "**Cleaning Coins**" that evening by Club President **Dan Barnhart**.
- We will have a sign in sheet at each meeting..... members can put their name, phone number, and email address. We need this in order that we can update our membership list and also send you a club newsletter (in color) each month.
- Our club's trailer (which houses our club tables, chairs, and coin cases) is need of a storage location. As of early May, our present arrangements for storage of the trailer will expire. If any member has a location in mind, get with President Dan Barnhart.

President's Column:

The Club is currently looking for a place to store the trailer that we keep the tables, chairs, display cases and other items for the coin shows. We are trying to avoid keeping it at an expensive storage yard. If you have any ideas of a good place we can store it, please contact one of the board members.

We are taking orders for the 30th anniversary club coins. The deadline for placing orders is June 5th.

Dan Barnhart – President

Recap of April 3rd Anchorage Coin Club Membership Meeting

The Anchorage Coin Club membership meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by President **Dan Barnhart**.

Update was then given on the club's 30th Anniversary Set and Coins. The obverse die is being made at this time by the Alaska Mint. Once the die is made, we will try and get the coins and sets made by our July 14th Summer picnic meeting.

As of the April 3rd meeting, members were allowed to put their orders in for coins and sets. ***There will be an order sheet also posted in the upcoming May and June club newsletters.*** Members can fill out their order and submit them at our May and June meetings or mail them to our club's PO Box listed in the newsletter. Members can also drop them off to Carl's place of business at the University Center.

Cost of 30th Anniversary Sets and Coins:

- A set of two Silver and Bronze coins packaged in an airtite/presentation box. Also included will be a copper-nickel coin in mylar flip. If a member purchases this set, the member's number to be engraved on the edge of the silver coin. Price: \$95
- A single Silver coin packaged in an airtite/presentation box (no member number to be engraved on edge of coin). Price: \$75
- A bronze coin in mylar flip. Price: \$15
- A copper nickel coin in mylar flip. Price: \$15
- The cost of the coins and sets are intended to cover the cost of the die and coins to be minted.
- We want to place one order for all of the coins and sets...otherwise we have to pay a \$150 setup fee anytime we place an additional order.

Finally, a reminder to keep current on your club dues for this year (2018). Letters are being sent out to members behind on their dues. If not paid by April 15th, you will not receive your May newsletter.

The club's Board members will be meeting at "**Kays Family Restaurant**" located at 3002 Spenard Road on April 18th (3rd Wed of this month) at 6:30 pm. Members are welcomed to attend the Board meeting.

As there was no old or new business to discuss, President **Dan Barnhart** then gave his presentation on the subject of "**Cleaning Coins**".

Following a break, the monthly raffle item: **1855-O Liberty Seated 50c graded VF.** Won by: **Josiah Barcak.**

The live and silent auctions followed with the coin club meeting concluding at approximately 8:30 PM.....**Larry Nakata/ Secretary.**

Recap of April 18th Anchorage Coin Club Board Meeting

The Anchorage Coin Club meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Club President **Dan Barnhart**. Board meeting held at **Kay's Family Restaurant** located at 3002 Spenard Road in Anchorage.

Following distribution of correspondence, Treasurer **John Larson** gave the monthly update on the club finances.

Larry Nakata then gave his report on delinquent membership dues. Thanks to our newsletter announcements and individual letters generated, we are down to about 30 members who remain delinquent (as of this Board meeting). Much of the dues were paid via mail. Larry Nakata will continue to check the club's PO Box right up until the mailing of the May newsletters. Hopefully, we will not have to discontinue all 30 members. The Board then discussed ways in which we can make certain members continue to remain current on their dues. More to follow on this matter.

Update on the club's 30th Anniversary coin set:

Carl confirmed that the 30th Anniversary die has been made by the Alaska Mint and they are awaiting our order for coins and sets. **Larry Nakata** then reported that 9 of our members placed orders for sets and coins (at the April 3rd membership meeting). President **Dan Barnhart** will have an insert placed in our upcoming May and June newsletters so that members can mail in their orders. Since the club will be charged a \$150 setup fee when an order is placed with the Alaska Mint, we want to have one order placed in late June or early July for all coin sets and coins needed. Decision by the Board is to try and have all orders in by no later than our club meeting on June 5th. The upcoming May and June newsletters should be sufficient time for all members to place their orders. Once individual orders are determined, the club will decide how many other sets and coins to mint for posterity. **Note: The club has put aside extra sets of coins/coin sets each anniversary for posterity. The club is also in possession of all of its dies since the beginning.**

The Board then discussed plans for our upcoming Summer picnic meeting on **Saturday July 14th** at the Abbott Community Park located on Elmore Road in Anchorage. John Larson confirmed we are good to go for our Summer picnic at that location. Board to continue planning at each of the upcoming Board meetings leading into the July 14th Summer picnic meeting.

President **Dan Barnhart** has been trying to find a new location for storage of our club's trailer with little success. One problem encountered was the cost of having to pay for trailer storage with a storage company as a possible alternative, results being that it is very expensive. Our present arrangement is only good until early May when we must move our club's trailer. The club discussed possible options. If necessary we will look at extending our arrangement with the owner of the property where the trailer is presently located and see if we can have the trailer there another month or two.

Policy and Procedures Manual: The Board has begun putting together its Policy and Procedure Manual. Goal is to still try and get this completed by our March 2019 club meeting.

Under New Business, **Bill Rodeck** stated that our club's outside coin show displays were stolen at the last show conducted at the Sears Mall. The signs were placed in two locations at the Sears Mall parking lot. Apparently, over the last weekend of the Fur Rondy Coin Show (held at the Sears Mall) someone took both display coin show signs. Board members were asked to make inquiries on costs to replace the coin show signs in time for our next coin show in October. Bad news since we will now have to keep a careful eye on those signs when we conduct our coin shows in the future.

For the club's May 1st membership meeting:

- The monthly raffle item will be an **1862 \$100 Confederate Note graded AU**. Tickets will be available that evening at \$5/each, 5 tickets for \$20, or 11 tickets for \$40.
- At the May 1st meeting, **Larry Nakata** will be giving a presentation on "**The History of Coinage: The Beginnings of Coinage**".

- The club will provide pizzas, soda pop, and chips with the members asked to bring in food items to augment the pizzas.

The next club Board meeting to be held at the **907 Ale House** located at 8001 Old Seward Hwy in Anchorage on May 16th at 6:30 PM.

Board meeting concluded at 7:30 PM.....**Larry Nakata/Secretary**.

A REMINDER ON MAKING YOUR DUES CURRENT

Our club membership dues are as follows:

- \$25/year for a club member living in the Anchorage/ Eagle River area. Letter designation "R" on your newsletter mailing label.
- \$10/year for a club member living outside of the Anchorage/Eagle River area. Letter designation "A" on your newsletter mailing label.
- \$30/year for a family rate. Letter designation "F" on your newsletter mailing label.
- \$10/year for a YN (Young Numismatist) of high school age or below. Letter designation "Y" on your newsletter mailing label.
- \$10/year if you are a senior (65 or older) or Handicapped member. Letter designation "S" or "H" on your newsletter mailing label.
- \$250 (one-time fee) for a club Life Membership with no yearly dues. Letter designation "L" followed by a number on your newsletter mailing label.

With the exception of the Family rate, these dues have been in effect since the early years of our club. Presently, it costs our club about \$1 each month to print and mail a newsletter to you.

What comes with your membership is your newsletter each month. If you look at your mailing label, there is a line "**Membership expires Month/Year" followed by your membership designation letter**".

If this line is highlighted, it means that your membership has expired and you need to pay your dues to keep current. This avoids having to send

you a reminder letter that your dues have expired. This also helps save our club some moneys in having to send out such letters.

It has been noted that number of our members have been several years behind in dues. **Rather than have to pay all of those back years of dues, the Board asks that you just pay for this year's dues and we will make you current.**

You can mail your check to:

Anchorage Coin Club
P.O. Box 230169
Anchorage, AK 99523-0169

We trust that you have enjoyed the content of our club's newsletters over these years.....**Your Board.**

Article: "COIN TALE" (c.650 B.C)" as told by Loren Lucason (Member # 97)

When I was growing up everything was paid for with small pieces of gold weighed out on a hand-held balance stick. Some things were traded like a goat for four chickens or a sack of grain for a bale of hay, but a craftsman did not have much for trade. My father taught me to be a builder when I was just a kid. I went to work on the temples of the gods. I still have my first coin. It is a 1/4 G with protection stamped on it. Apollo bestowed it upon me when I was an apprentice building his temple. My father was the senior craftsman on the project and resisted the change to coins. He preferred to be paid with gold and buy staples with gold.

Still, most of the tradesmen did business in gold taking coins by weight for payment. Then it was decreed that coins could buy more than their weight in gold and my father joined the rest of us counting coins instead of weighing out bits of metal.

When Ares called upon us to go to war I buried my first coin along with my other treasures under the old oak tree on the hill behind our home. Then I marched into the sunrise with my friends. We did not know what the gods had in store for us but we kept marching for days. We were each given a heavy wooden shield and a sword. Our captain told us about the invaders who came from across the ocean. How they had come in great ships and were camped on the beach. That night Poseidon began

to stir the ocean and we knew what was coming. Fierce winds descended upon us and the enemy was trapped between our army and the wrath of the ocean storm. After two days of bitter fighting we had vanquished the invaders. The war was over and we were each paid an odd-shaped gold coin. I returned home from the war with deep scars and terrible memories to find rust demons attacking my treasures. But my first coin, the 1/4 G, survived. It was as shiny as ever.

Now I am old. There have been good times and bad. Through it all I kept my first coin. All the coins now are bulls and lions. You never see a protection symbol coin anymore. It may not be the biggest coin or the yellowest coin but I earned it on my first job and in the service of Apollo. It is the one treasure I will keep forever.....

List of Auction Items Submitted for May 1st Meeting:

For Live Auction:

Submitted by Bill Fivaz:

1. Five (5) circulated Large Cents Minimum Bid (MB) 48
2. Wartime Silver 5c Set with all coins in Choice BU, some with full steps in custom holder MB 105
3. 1836 Bust Half Dime Good MB 23
4. 1879-O Morgan \$1 MS-63 MB 175 (G.S. Bid: 230)
5. Roll (20) Walking Liberty 50c Fine-XF/AU MB 125

For Silent Auction:

Submitted by Bill Fivaz:

6. 1854 (with arrows) Half Dime Fine MB 15
7. 1960-P "B" Reverse Washington 25c MS-66 (choice) MB 25
8. 1881-S Morgan \$1 MS64+ Proof-like MB 50
9. 1886-P Morgan \$1 MS-64+ MB 48
10. 1954 Swiss 5 franc (.8350 Silver) AU MB 15

Donation Item: 1976-P Jefferson 5c PCGS MS-64 full steps. No minimum (Note: PCGS lists this coin at \$30).

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Official Anchorage Coin Club 30th Anniversary Coin Order Form



These coins commemorating our club's 30th anniversary are now available for a limited time. Only a limited number will be made. Please order now to avoid disappointment. Bring this order form to the next membership meeting or send with payment to:
Anchorage Coin Club
P.O. Box 230169
Anchorage, Alaska 99523-0169

30 th Anniversary Coin Type	Price	Quantity	Price x Qty
Set of two - Silver and Bronze coins in a presentation box. Also includes a nickel coin in mylar flip.	\$95		
Silver coin encapsulated	\$75		
Bronze coin in mylar flip	\$15		
Nickel coin in mylar flip	\$15		
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May 1st RAFFLE

Tickets \$5 each, 5 tickets for \$20, or 11 tickets for \$40.
Purchase and Drawing at the monthly meeting.

- **The Raffle Item is an 1862 \$100 Confederate Note graded AU.**



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