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Meeting Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: 2200 Drake Ave. SW
Huntsville, AL 35805
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Meeting Dates: 4th Monday
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May & December

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President's Report

By: Harold Fears

Welcome everybody to a start of a new year. In November, our typical monthly featured presentation gave way to our end of the year pot luck supper and bourse night. The festivities were attended by 14 members along with a guest. Good people, great food, and coin collecting – what a way to spend an evening!

Like last month, at a typical club meeting, there are usually 15 members from a total of 35+ members. While this percentage might be typical of most coin clubs, I think we can do better. I would like to hear from you suggestions on increasing not only club membership but actual attendance at our meetings. We definitely need member participation to make this year as successful and fun as possible. One simple thing we all can do is bring something for show and tell. I'm sure we all have one favorite coin we can discuss. We also have some interesting presentations planned this year, including talks by Frank DuVall, Charles Cataldo, Bob Jaques, Dwight Maxwell, and others. No one would want to miss any of these events. So make sure those dates are clear on your calendar, you don't want to miss out on any of the fun and camaraderie!

It is a privilege to announce that the club will have **Jim Stoutjesdyk** as our first speaker this year. As you might know, Jim is Vice President of Heritage Rare Coin Galleries and has been actively involved in numismatics since a young age. In fact, the American Numismatic Association named him their Outstanding Young Numismatist of the Year in 1987. Since coming to Heritage in 1993, Jim has assumed a wide variety of responsibilities. He initially was hired as the Gallery Manager for Heritage's retail showroom. For several years he helped to develop Heritage's retail clientele and placed millions of dollars worth of rare coins with collectors. Also, Jim is a familiar face at coin shows across the nation. His duties include purchasing and selling millions of dollars worth of rare coins each year, pricing all of the new coins available for sale each day, and overseeing the daily operations of the rare coin department. Heritage Rare Coin Galleries is the world's largest numismatic auction firm. For more information about Heritage along with full-color, enlargeable photos of many rare and beautiful coins, please visit their site at <http://coins.heritagegalleries.com/>.

This is one meeting you do not want to miss!

November's Door Prize Winners

For the November's meeting we added an additional category and doubled the number of prizes! The winners were:

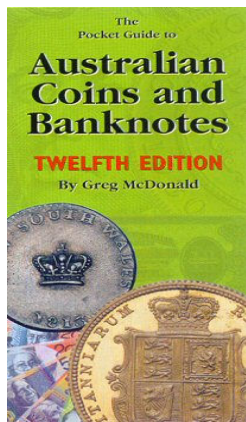
- 1st Place: John Knadler 1971 Canadian Mint Set; Hal Thompson 1974 Malawi Proof Silver Ten Kwacha
- 2nd Place: Arthur Patrick 1984D half dollar; Ray Norwood 1969 Canadian mint set
- 3rd Place: John Knadler 1986D unc dime; Mahlon Harvey 2002S Proof dime
- 4th Place: Jon Stimpson Dollar book; Neil Cocker token collection



What have you won lately?

From Our Library

Last November, Bob Jaques donated to our library, "The Pocket Guide to Australian Coins and Banknotes" by Greg McDonald. This is the latest book and is considered the standard reference for Australian coins and is used by collector and dealer alike.



Some Scenes from the November Meeting



Mark and Neil having a good time



Bob explaining to Hal the importance of ...

The Club and YNs

Our club is still pursuing ways of attracting young numismatists to our club. Neil suggested that we should meet on a Saturday during the day for their convenience. Also, Mark is looking into what if it is feasible to have the local schools make an announcement. A tentative date would be sometime in April corresponding to National Coin Week.



Janus Looks Forward and Back

As we start the New Year, it is good to remember Janus, the Roman “god of beginnings” for whom our month of January is named. “Janus” comes from the word “iannua” meaning “the outer door of a house.” The god is pictured with two faces, one looking forward toward the future, the other to the past, as seen on this Roman Republic as (circa 200 B.C.)

The Silver Trime



Obverse: The smallest coin ever made by the United States Mint was the silver 3 cent piece or as it was nicknamed the “fish scale.” The main design featured a six-pointed star behind a shield.



Reverse: The Roman numeral III sits inside a large “C,” meaning “3 cents.” The silver trime gives new meaning to the phrase “small change”!

The 42nd Treasure of the United States



Anna Escobedo Cabral – the 42nd Treasurer of the United States signature can be found on our new notes.

Did you know that a quarter has 119 ridges around the edge?

Help!

To help reduce the cost to the club, if you are receiving the newsletter via the post, have you considered receiving it via the web at <http://mccc.anaclubs.org/> ? If this is feasible, please email me at hkfears@knology.net .

Frank and Ray's Coin Transaction

At the last meeting, Ray told Frank that he wanted to purchase some double eagle gold coins from him but forgot to tell him how many. When Frank was preparing to meet Ray, he realized that he had 1000 1933 gold double eagle coins but only 10 money bags. Frank decided he would divide the coins over the ten bags so that he could give to Ray any number of coins simply by handing over a few bags. How was Frank going to divide the gold coins over the ten money bags?



Frank's Penny or Quarter



Frank placed a 2005 penny and a choice uncirculated 1913-S Barber quarter on the table, and made Ray the following offer, "If you make a true statement, I will give you one of the coins. If you make a false statement, I will give you neither coin." Now, Ray knew that the 1913-S quarter with a mintage of 40,000 has the distinction of being the lowest mintage (regular issue) silver coin of the 20th century and is considered one of the keys in the series. What statement did Ray make that forced Frank to give him the quarter?

Some of Frank and Ray's Favorite Knock Knock Jokes

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Cash!
Cash who?
I knew you were nuts!



Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Cash!
Cash who?
Cash me if you can!

That Frank and Ray – they have too much fun!

Ray's Alternating Coin Puzzle



Arrange 4 nickels and 4 pennies alternately in a row, as shown in the above drawing. The puzzle is to move any 2 adjacent coins at a time and in 4 such moves bring all the pennies together at one end of the row and all the nickels together at the other end of the row.

Answer to Last Month's Puzzle

Frank had four pennies, four dimes, and three quarters for a total of \$1.19.

Some Scenes from Last Year's Meetings



Frank displays some of his coins



Chip and Charlie speaking to the club



Bob receiving his award



Susan and Hal having a good time



Charles receiving his award



Members swapping stories



Ray with Richard



Charles, Richard, and Verdery



In June members enjoying the pot luck



Members passing knowledge and swapping stories

January Meeting Notice

The January meeting will be held Monday the 23 at the Senior Center in Huntsville. Meet in the Ceramics Room. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Heritage Rare Coins and Currency, the world's largest dealer and auctioneer, will give a special presentation on coin collecting.

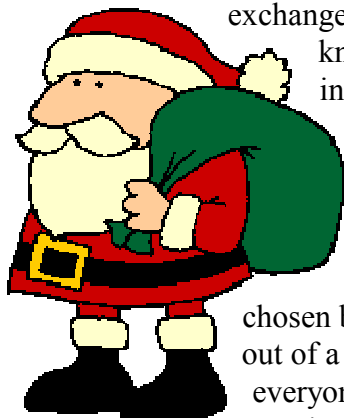
Officers for 2006

At the November meeting, there was an election of club officers for 2006. The following people have agreed to serve a one year term for the following positions:

President	Harold Fears
Vice-President	Jon Stimpson
Secretary	opened
Treasurer	Michael Campbell
Board Member	Ray Norwood
Librarian	Mark Steuer

Coins as Christmas Gifts and Dirty Santa Parties

We've all probably given coins as gifts at one time or another. I attended two holiday parties in December that featured "Dirty Santa" gift exchanges.



In case you don't know what this is, it involves everyone

bringing a generic gift, and then having the attendees open the gifts in an order

chosen by pulling numbers out of a hat. The twist is that everyone has the option of opening a gift, or "stealing" a

previously opened gift from another person. At one party, I wrapped an 1883 silver dollar. It was in a small box that was chosen to be unwrapped midway through the gift opening process. It quickly became the hottest gift around! Everyone wanted it, and I was peppered with questions about the coin, and coin collecting afterwards. Naturally, I mentioned our local club. For the second party, I

selected a set of World War II coinage. It was great telling the story of the war nickel, the 1943 cent, and the three silver coins.

So, the next time you attend a gift exchange, don't forget the coins! As an added bonus, I didn't have to shop!

Dwight Maxwell



Upcoming Meetings for 2006

ADMIT ONE

January 23 A special presentation by Jim Stoutjesdyk of Heritage Rare Coins and Currency

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February 27 State of the Coin Market by Charles Cataldo -- 50th Meeting of MCCC

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March 27 Frank DuVall's presents "Some Special Coins"

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April 24 National Coin Week celebration

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June 26 Pot Luck – Bourse Night

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July 24 British Night by Bob Jaques

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August 28 Dwight Maxwell presents Roman Coinage

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September 25 – Computers and Coin Collecting by Mark Larson

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October 23 – Commemoratives by Arthur Patrick

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November 27 Pot Luck -- Bourse Night

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