

The RACCeteer

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Did you know?

- Happy Birthday!

Ralph Rowley 12/6
Carrol Morgan 12/24
Frank Hall 12/29

- Next Meeting:
15 December, 2011
6:00 PM
SHONEY'S

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Meeting Summary

Jack called the meeting to order, motions were made to accept the minutes and the Treasurer's report from October. Both motions were accepted unanimously. The ending balance on the Treasurer's report was \$2,011.81. There were 14 members and 2 guests in attendance at the club meeting on November 17th. We welcome guests Kay and William Cather and hope to see them both again soon.

Old Business – The club is looking at larger accommodations if membership outgrows the capability of Shoney's. Perkins on Rt. 17N is one potential solution.

The possibility of adding an auction in April timeframe was discussed. A few comments were made and the idea will be brought to a vote during January's meeting.

Projector update- There was a motion and vote approving an expenditure of up to \$700.00 in order to take advantage of good holiday deals.

The Christmas dinner will start at 6:00PM on 15 December 2011. The cost is \$15.50 per person. Please make checks payable to RACC. **Don't forget your brown bag items for the auction!**

Tommy won \$7.00 on 50/50. Congratulations Tommy!

Show and Tell - Gregg showed 2 tokens. A "100 Dollars" from EU Robbins Jewelers. He called them and it's still valid. The second was a "Cradle of Liberty" Virginia bicentennial token. He also showed a new toy he found at the Pittsburgh show- a magnifying glass that lights and shows up to 60x mag.

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Coming Events

- December 15th Meeting – RACC Christmas Dinner – 6:00PM
- January 19th Meeting – Jack Hepler – Wooden Nickels
- February 16th Meeting – Billy Hoovler - TBD

The Numismatist Index - December

- All About the Trime
- Strokes of Genius – Gilbert Stuart's Brushes with Numismatics
- Patard Portrait – A Controversial Effigy
- Numismatics on the Brain

Meeting Summary Continued

Program - Liane's talk on Excavation Sites & Coins (Greek< Roman, and Byzantine)

1. Finding a Coin - We look at strata coins found in the layers of a dig. The most dateable objects in a dig may be coins. Carefully remove it from the layer and record the find immediately. It may mean the coin was dropped during that time frame or the coin may have been disrupted during subsequent building/moving of people. People should use sieves to find the coins as many are very small. This was done on Liane's dig in Carthage, a UNESCO site

2. Once you have the coin - "Bag and Tag it" with a number and location. Take it to the registry. If it's gold, have it in line for conservation. Carefully clean the coin with metal brushes, distilled water, and EDTA (at least this is what UMW department does).

3. Identify the coin - Use casts, foils, photos and resource catalogs. Site coins and hoards are found, whether in a former cemetery or along main roads of the old town. Hoards are where 2 or more coins are found together, usually deliberately brought together. These can be coins for emergency, savings, purse hoards, and abandoned hoards.

RACC expresses our sincere condolences to Liane on John's passing.

Bits and Pieces

Definition: **D mint mark** – mint mark used to designate that the coin was struck at the US mint in "Denver Colorado". Back between 1838 and the civil war the "D" mint mark was used by the US mint in Dahlonega Georgia.

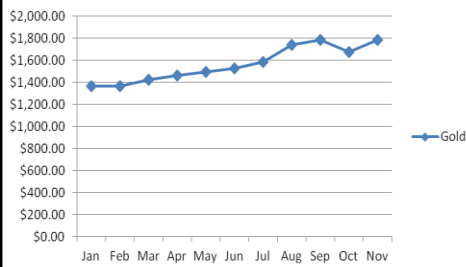
Sources – http://lynncoins.com/dictionary_of_coin_collecting_terms.htm

Civil War Fact

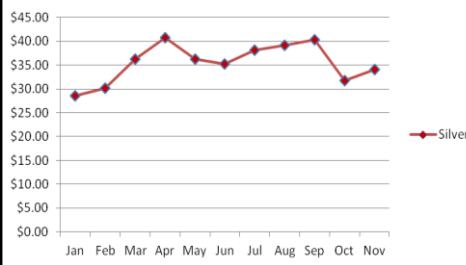
On May 13, 1865, a month after Lee's surrender at Appomattox, Private John J. Williams of the 34th Indiana became the last man killed in the Civil War, in a battle at Palmito Ranch, Texas. The final skirmish was a Confederate victory.

Source – <http://www.pbs.org/civilwar/war/facts.html>

YTD Gold Mid-Month Price Index



YTD Silver Mid-Month Price Index



15 November Spot
 Platinum - \$1,629/oz
 Gold - \$1,785/oz
 Silver - \$34.02/oz
 Copper - \$3.49/lb