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Did you know?

Next Meeting:
20 December,
2012
6:00 PM
SHONEY'S

Happy Birthday
Ralph R. – 6th
Carol M. – 24th

Christmas Auction – Don't forget your brown bags!

Meeting Summary

Old Business – Jack called the meeting to order at 7:00PM on Thursday, November 15th. There were 18 members and 4 guests in attendance. The Treasurer's Report was presented noting an ending balance of \$2,057.61. The Treasurer's report and Minutes were unanimously accepted. Jack discussed a minter problem but explained that the encased nickels would be ready for our Christmas meeting.

New Business – Annual web site fees and VNA membership was discussed and approval provided to pay those bills. Liane provided two ceramic coins as door prizes – one won by Jack and the other by Russ.

- Our Christmas Dinner starts at 6:00PM on 20 Dec.
- Bring your brown bags – each should have an item valued at \$2 or more in it.
- Jack will have 2nd term Grover Cleveland dollars available for \$1.20 each.
- Please make your check for the Christmas dinner out to the Rappahannock Area Coin Club (RACC) for \$15 (each).

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The Numismatist Index - December

- In Search of Machin's Mills
- Silver Chains & Copper Justice
- 1793: Expenses of the Chief Coiner
- George William Mundelein: Chicago's First Cardinal

EB Meeting

- No EB Meeting was held in November.

13 Dec Spot

Platinum - \$1,607/oz

Gold - \$1,692.75/oz

Silver - \$32.69/oz

Copper - \$3.63/lb

Coming Events

- December 20th Meeting – Christmas Dinner and Auction
- January 17th Meeting – Steve TBD
- February 21st Meeting – Jack – Foreign coins struck in the U.S.
- March 21st Meeting – Show and Tell
- April 18th Meeting– Coin Auction
- May 16th Meeting – Billy TBD
- June 20th Meeting – Randolph TBD
- July 18th Meeting – Bob TBD

Coin Show Info

Baltimore Spring Expo – March 14 – 17, 2013 – Baltimore Convention Center



Bits and Pieces

Did You Know? We've all heard that timing is everything. This certainly turned out to be true for a man that bought a silver Colonial Massachusetts coin from 1652 – found in a potato field using a metal detector. He bought the coin in 1992 for \$35,200 and recently sold it at the Colonial Coin Collectors Club in Baltimore for \$430,000. The coin is one of only eight known to exist. Needless to say, the woman that sold the coin wishes now she would have waited to sell it.

Definition: annealing - the process of heating coin blanks (planchlets) in a furnace to soften the metal prior to striking coins out of them.

Sources: Source - <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/11/23/rare-coin-auctioned-off-for-430g/?test=latestnews>
http://lynncoins.com/dictionary_of_coin_collecting_terms.htm

Civil War Fact

Privates weren't cannon fodder during the Civil War—generals were. Many top officers, including generals, literally led their troops into battle, a rare occurrence in modern wars. For this reason, generals were 50 percent more likely to die in combat than privates. At the Battle of Antietam alone, three generals were killed and six wounded—on each side.

Source - <http://www.history.com/news/10-surprising-civil-war-facts>