

# ALEXANDRIA COIN CLUB NEWS

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## Tentative\* Meeting Agenda

- 7:00pm Bourse Opens  
Coffee & donuts are served
- 8:00pm Meeting begins; welcome guests & YN's; announcements; discussions & speakers.
- 8:10pm Auction begins; door prize and raffle held at Intermission.
- 9:30pm Settlement of auction accounts; submission of coins for next auction; adjournment.

\* Note: Start times are approximate.

**MEMBERS: ANA C-48625,  
ESNA MC-0007, VNA C-0024  
GUESTS/VISITORS ARE  
ALWAYS WELCOME!**

## NO CLUB MEETING IN AUGUST \*

**THE NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 AT THE LEE CENTER!**

This club normally meets on the **third Wednesday** of each month. We meet at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street in Alexandria, Virginia. The center is located just off U.S. 1 inside the Capitol Beltway. There is plenty of free parking in the front and rear of the building.

**WE USUALLY MEET IN THE GOLD ROOM I, BUT PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE RECEPTION AREA OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE, AS OUR ROOM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

The bourse opens at 7:00 p.m. and all **members** are welcome to display, trade, and sell coins at the bourse-tables. The monthly auction starts at approximately 8:10 p.m. and all **members** may bid on any or all lots. All **members** are encouraged to submit coins to the auction chairman for inclusion in subsequent monthly auctions. **Visitors** may participate in the bourse and the auction as buyers, but never as sellers.

## **Past Meeting Attendance/New Members/Auction Action**

About twenty-five members came out to the last meeting including Michael Itamura and Erik Larsen.....Welcome! One unidentified guest, interested in German coins, attended the first part of the meeting, but had to leave abruptly. All enjoyed the session with the introduction of the first set of Lynchburg Coin Club encased coins was reviewed. The auction was extremely lively as successful bidders walked away with some choice numismatic "goodies." Be part of this auction action, come to the September meeting.

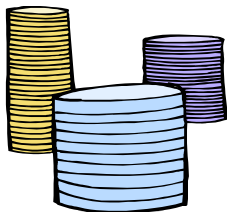
## **60 Auction Lots and counting.....**

As submissions have been collected from ACC members during August, Robin Borum indicates that the September meeting will have a record-breaking number of auction lots. Make the grouping even larger, there is still time to contact him to add your numismatic items with your contact with him by phone at 703-395-3269 or email to his address: robin.borum@longandfoster.com.

## **08-08-08.....So What Does All This Mean....**

As August 8, 2008 arrived, it became a date with a "triple 8".....an event that occurs once every 100 years. This rare calendar event also marked the US Mint introduction of one of its latest products; The Prosperity Set. Said to be released with the Asian American community in mind, this triple 8 date is traditionally associated with prosperity.

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## **Special Plans For Your Coins????.....**

One person puts his coins to good use.

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\*The ACC membership thought it to pragmatic not to hold a meeting in August due to involvement of club members and officers in other numismatic activities and events occurring during same time period. Also, many members take vacations with their families during the month of August.

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Set in distinguished packaging, the US Mint's Prosperity Set features two gold coins.



The American Buffalo One-Half Ounce Gold Uncirculated Coin is one of the new fractional weight options in the expanded American Buffalo Coin Program.

More about this product and the Buffalo Coin Program can be found on the US Mint web site at <http://www.usmint.com>.

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## “Hey Buddy, You Got A Spare Didrachm?” .....



While the majority of numismatists seem to be excited and enjoy the coinage minted from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the present, there are those collectors are intrigued by ancient history and Roman, Greek, and Asian coins produced helping to identify the colorful past cultures and economies of past eras. So where do you go to get more information about coins of yesteryear? While there are a number of web sites that can be found on the Internet searching on “Ancient Coins,” one website, the Forvm Ancient Coins, operated by Joseph Sermarini, found at

<http://www.forumancientcoins.com> , is a very interesting place for the beginner or the well seasoned coin collector. Bulging with pictures, articles, discussion forums, books, et cetera, it is akin to exploring a museum in an “on-line” forum. Not only vast in content, it is quite impressive in its layout, the website has garnered a number of awards for its design. In addition, the Forum Ancient Coins website was mentioned in *The Numismatist*, in May 2008. Got a minute or two, want to be impressed, educated, or both;.....give this website a look!



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Recently reported, a man in Ohio, brought his 16 coffee cans full of coins amounting to nearly \$8000 as part of a down payment for a new truck. As the dealership counted out the pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, the ordeal took some time. When asked about the hoard of coins, the gentleman suggested his distrust in banking operations and the fact: paper money can burn, or get wet and deteriorate. Somewhat gives a quite different twist to the meaning of a “coin jar.” Found on Internet as a news article.

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## Ever Make A Mistake???

Well, you're not alone.....the US Mint makes mistakes too....lots of them. And in the production of billions of coins, errors are bound to occur and circulated even though the US Mint has multiple quality control measures in place. The CoinFacts.com website is an excellent resource to explore as it provides pictures and descriptions for many of the types of errors. No time to lose....check out your error coins at [http://www.coinfacts.com/error\\_coins/error\\_coins.htm](http://www.coinfacts.com/error_coins/error_coins.htm)

# WANTED!!! AUCTION LOTS

Lots are always needed; more auction lots have been noted to increase attendance resulting in the generation of increased numismatic dialogue, and provide the environment for a lively bit of entertainment. If you have anything to submit, please contact Robin Borum at any club meeting or contact him by phone at 703-395-3269 or [robin.borum@longandfoster.com](mailto:robin.borum@longandfoster.com)

## Auction Lot Submission Bylaws

The existing bylaws regarding auction lot submissions are listed below:

1. Lots submitted must be accompanied with an ACC Auction Submission Form.
2. Minimums may be placed on lots but must be expressed as a percentage of the value of the coin not to exceed 80%. For example, using *COINValues – Coin World Supplement* as the reference, if the coin or auction lot is valued at \$100, the minimum stated cannot be more than \$80.
3. The club charges a fee of 5% of the selling price.
4. Grading and current values will be determined by the Auction Chairman.
5. Each lot must have a minimum value of \$10. The Auction Chairman may adjust the make up of the lots according to value.

## Wishing You A Wonderful And Safe Summer!

We greatly appreciate your involvement as a club member. As we continue to strive to make your membership well worth your investment of time and interest, please always extend our club invitation to others who may wish to share their time and knowledge with us. In addition, please always feel free to contact any of us in offering your views how we might make this club better in any way along with your thoughts and suggestions how to make our meetings more enjoyable.

The Alexandria Coin Club Officers.

# AREA COIN SHOWS\*

\*Recommendation: Call the contact before traveling long distances to ensure that the schedule or meeting place has not changed.

Dates	Coin Show/Event Location & Hours Of Operation	Point Of Contact	Contact Details
Aug 15-17	Fredericksburg Coin & Stamp Expo, Fredericksburg Expo Center, Carl D. Silver Pkwy, I-95, Exit #130B. Fri. 10AM-6PM, Sat-Sun. 10AM-4PM	Barry Ciociola	919-656-3265, notgeld@aol.com
Aug 17	Baltimore Monthly Coin and Stamp Show, Sun. 10AM-4PM, Crown Plaza Hotel, 2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, MD. (Timonium Exit #16 of I-83)	J. Reeves & Co.	1-800-701-7091
Aug 30-31	Interstate Coin Show, Grand Venice Hotel, 431 Dual Highway (U.S. 40) Hagerstown, MD Sat 10AM-5PM, Sun 11AM-4PM.	Robert Brechbiel	301-739-5414
Sept 12-14	VNA 50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Coin Show, Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 North 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Richmond, VA. Fri-Sat 10AM-6PM, Sun 10AM-4PM	George Cash	804-276-5430
Sep 13	Tidewater Coin Show, VFW Hall, 5728 Barteet St. (at Military Circle) Norfolk, VA Sat 10AM-5PM	Guy Clark	757-622-3474
Sept 14	Annapolis Coin & Currency Show – Knights of Columbus Hall, 2590 Solomon Island Rd. (Rt 2), Edgewater (Annapolis), MD Sun. 9AM-4:30PM.	Carl Earl Ostiguy, Jr.	410-379-5646/443-623-7025
Sep 27	Charlottesville Semi-Annual Coin & Currency Show, Blue Ridge& Monticello Coin Clubs, Best Western, 5920 Seminole Trail, Rt. 29N, Ruckersville, VA Sat 9AM-5PM	Suzanne Stewart	434-466-2909
Oct 4-5	Ocean City 2008 Show, Ocean City Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway & 40 <sup>th</sup> Street, Ocean City, MD. Sat 10AM-6PM, Sun. 10AM-4PM	Carl Earl Ostiguy, Jr.	410-379-5646/443-623-7025
Oct 5	Baltimore Area Numismatic Coalition (BANC) Towson Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 1100 Cromwell Bridge Road, I-695, exit 29-South, Towson, MD. 9AM-4PM	Ed Craig	410-284-8382
Oct 11-12	Roanoke Valley Spring Coin Show, American Legend Hall, 710 Apperson Drive, Salem, VA Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun 9AM-3PM.	Emmett Yonce	540-992-5331
Oct 12	Westminster Fire Hall Coin & Currency Show, 28 John Street, From Rt 140 (W) Left on Englar Road, Left on John Street, Westminster, MD. Sun 9AM-4:30PM.	Carl Earl Ostiguy, Jr.	410-379-5646/443-623-7025

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<b>American Collectibles Company</b> jim@AmericanCollectiblesCompany.com (703) 860-7984	<b>JCK Rare Coins</b> P.O. Box 2966, Reston, VA 20195 (703) 217-1354, johnnyck@starpower.net
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<b>Robin Borum Rare Coins</b> P.O. Box 4029, Woodbridge, VA 22194 (703) 395-3269	<b>Latherow &amp; Company Inc.</b> 5054 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207 (703) 538-2727
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**Finally.....from the past.....how times have changed....** Thirty years ago...the ACC meeting was held on August 23, 1978 at the Chinquapin Adult Recreation Center. The door prize for the meeting was advertised as a Iranian Gold piece. The Official 1978 Red Book was still available for \$1. Coffee and donuts followed the meeting. Among the 50 auction lots included:

Item Description	Est. Value	Win Bid
25¢ 1944 MS-65	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.50
\$1 1881-S MS-65	\$ 16.00	\$ 13.50
1955 Proof Set In Capitol Holder	\$ 24.00	\$ 25.00
50¢ Roll – 1971 Choice BU – Bank Wrapped	\$ 17.00	\$ 10.00
France – (Africa) 5 Francs 1945-C, Choice AU	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.00
1961 Mint Sealed Proof Set	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
5¢ 1950-D MS-65 Key	\$ 12.00	\$ 8.00