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## **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER, 24TH**

The Meetings of the Indianapolis Coin Club are held  
the fourth Monday of each month at the  
**Northside Knights of Columbus**  
**2100 E. 71st Street in Indianapolis, Indiana.**

The Meetings consist of a business session, an intermission, educational program,  
and a numismatic auction. Doors open at 6:00pm, meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

## 2011 Meeting Dates:

Oct. 24th

Nov. 24th

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# Detecting Cleaned Coins

**Matt Dinger**

The ultimate letdown for a new collector is being told by a more experienced collector or dealer that one of his favorite new coins has been cleaned. Being a dealer I get the unfortunate task of letting collectors know on a regular basis that their coins have indeed been cleaned. Why are coins cleaned? How are coins cleaned? How do I detect a cleaned coin?

## Why are coins cleaned?

In the 1960's and earlier cleaning of coins was acceptable. If you thought a coin was dirty or didn't like how it looked then you just cleaned it until it looked the way you wanted it to. As time (and logic) progressed the act of cleaning ones coins went from the norm to an unacceptable practice. Many early US coins have been cleaned. I would hazard to guess that more than 75% of early US coins have been cleaned at some point in their life. Copper large cents and half cents in particular were cleaned in large numbers as were early dollars and halves.

## How are coins cleaned?

Coins are cleaned in many ways. Here are the most common:

- Acids - The surface of a coin can be altered by acids.
- Jewelry cleaning solutions - Commonly called dipping.
- Oils – Oils can be used to break up debris on coins.
- Polishing – Coins can be polished to make them appear shiny.
- Abrasion – Using something like toothpaste or baking soda to clean a coin.
- Whizzing – The act of adding artificial luster to coins with a mechanical drill and a special bit.
- Scrubbing – The act of using a solvent and abrasion to clean surface debris.
- Ultrasonic cleaning – Placing a coin in an ultrasonic jewelry cleaner.
- Wire brushing – Especially prevalent for copper to remove surface debris.

## How do I detect a cleaned coin?

The easiest way to detect a cleaned coins is to study what the coins are SUPPOSED to look like and not what cleaning does to them. This can be achieved by looking at graded and certified examples of the certain coin you are interested in. Once you learn what a “nice” example looks like it is much easier to see what a not-so-nice example looks like.

Here are some examples of cleaned coins:

Lightly Polished



Whizzed:



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## **September 26, 2011 - Minutes of the Indianapolis Coin Club Meeting.**

**Open** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Club President, Jim Roehrdanz. 38 of the 39 people present signed the attendance book. We met at the Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street.

**Visitors** – The President welcomed the visitors, Gary Connor, his fiancé, Debbie Willis and Steve Howery's Father.

The **Secretary's report** and the **Treasurer's report** were read and accepted.

**Old Business** – The President, as a member of the Nominating Committee, asked for anyone who wanted to run for a Board position for next year to volunteer. There were no volunteers. This is not unusual in today's society. None of the Board positions are paid, and even though most of the positions do not require much time, most people are reluctant to volunteer. Jim said the committee will find people to fill the vacancies. Anyone who wants to serve should call Jim or the Secretary before the next meeting.

**New Business** – Don King asked for volunteers to man the ICC table at the Indiana State Numismatic Association's annual Coin Show, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The Club is given a table at the door of the Show, which gives us visibility and the opportunity to sign up new members. Dave Reid, Life Member of ICC and President of ISNA, reminded the members that the ISNA Show will be Friday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 6 PM, and Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 5 PM. The Secretary read an announcement that the Logansport Coin Club will be having a Coin Show on Sunday, October 2, at the Ramada Inn in Logansport, 10 AM to 4 PM.

**The Educational Program** – September is the month that the Logansport Club was scheduled to give the program in our annual exchange. But Bob Julian, their speaker, recently had heart problems and was unable to attend. Standing in for Bob was a trio of ICC members, including the President, Jim Roehrdanz; Life Member, Jim Goaziou; and the Secretary, Vinton Dove. Jim Roehrdanz spoke on the recent interest in full-step Jefferson Nickels, especially his experience in crossing over an ANACS graded "MS-66 Full Step" 1945-S nickel to PCGS. The PCGS graded the coin MS-65, with no "Full-Step" designation. It points out the difference in grading between the agencies. Jim Goaziou touched on several topics, including the fact that ICC has a library. The library is currently in the possession of the Secretary, but since no volunteer for the Librarian's position has been found for the last several years, no books have been checked out. Not many people seemed to realize that the Club had a library. The Board will look into making the books available to the members. Vinton Dove brought his collection of Mint State Mercury Dimes for display and discussed his latest purchases. He is still missing the 1916-D, although he had a VG example in the set.

After the **Break**, the **50/50 Drawing** was run by Don King, Club Treasurer. The Secretary won the drawing.

**Auction** – Life Member, Dave Reid, ran the auction. There were 16 paid auction sheets and several donated lots. Bob Bettcher, Ron Jackson, Donn Wray and Vinton Dove assisted.

The club **Adjourned** at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Vinton Dove, Secretary

**Indianapolis Coin Club  
Treasurer's Report for October 2011**

**Income:**

50/50	\$35.00
Auction Slip – 16 (\$1.00 ea)	\$16.00
Donated Lots	\$39.50
New Member – 1 (\$12.00ea)	\$12.00
Gary Conner	
The Planchet Ad (\$35.00 ea)	\$140.00
Vincton Dove, Jim Fuson	
Larry Hilton and Don King	
Total	\$242.50

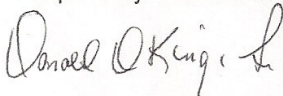
**Expenses:**

Room Rent	\$50.00
Total	\$50.00

September Checkbook Balance	\$4,468.63
October Checkbook Balance	\$4,661.13

ICC Value of CD's at Maturity	\$21,102.46
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Respectively Submitted



Donald D. King, Sr.  
Treasurer