

September 2011

Crescent City Coin Club

NEXT MEETING

Sept. 21, 2011

Dinner 6:00pm

Meeting 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus
3310 Florida Avenue
Kenner, LA

Dinner Menu

Stiff Chicken Breast

Seasoned Greenbeans

Surprise Desert

Bourse

Members are encouraged to buy, sell & trade coins before the meeting begins. Bourse tables are available!

Coin Auction

Members are encouraged to bring coins for auction. Coins will be auctioned toward the end of each monthly meeting. Members are permitted to set starting bid price on each coin put on the auction block.

Coin Grading Presentation

With loupe in hand Six of us sat around the table grading coins. I suppose like most I consider myself ok with grading. I wouldn't claim to be an expert, but I don't think someone could pull a fast one on me either. After all, I've been collect-

ing coins since I was a small boy. Wow was I wrong!

Nick Lagattuta opened his presenta-

tion with a brief description of courses offered at the ANA and shared with us



his experiences participating in the ANA grading course.

He then went about the basics of grading

and concluded with a grading contest.

Nick has offered to conduct mini-classes

on grading in 2012. This is a great opportunity for us all to sharpen our grading skills.

Regardless of what niche' you may collect, grading is a basic and fundamental skill all coin collectors should acquire.

Illegal Gaming Chips

Clinton Boyle will make a presentation on "Illegal Gaming Chips" at the September meeting.

Chips that were made for "club" use in the early 1900s are very

collectable. During the prohibition years from 1920 to 1933 illegal clubs and "speakeasy's" sprang up like weeds throughout America and were a major

source of income for chip manufacturers of that time. Each company used one or more unique mold designs that were marketed or designated "for club use."

Meeting Minutes August 17, 2011

Rick Demers, past Pres., opened the monthly meeting in the K of C Hall in Kenner, LA at 7PM. He gave a 1st membership reading for Frank L. Faust and a 2nd reading for Salvador Faia.

After a discussion of restaurants to have the Christmas Banquet, a vote was taken & the location that won is Smilie's Rest.

Nick Lagattuta gave the monthly program about the ANA's summer coin grading seminar he took. He then had a small group compete in a grading test. He gave a new U S

coin grading book to Ruth Young who had the lowest score in the contest. He said she was the person that could use it the most, as she is more of a novice than the other contestants, per the scores.

We had our 1st coin auction is a long time this month. Rick Demers asked the membership to consider bringing coins for the auction every month like we use to do in the past. This month there was only 2 persons that brought the 5 coins allowed per member. Rusty Pancamo was the auctioneer & he sold about ½ of the items up for

auction.

The door prize of a 1978 U S Mint Set was won by Lorna Maniscalco, the membership price of a \$35 gift certificate to Gulf South Coins was won by Ed Rahn; the Door Prize of a 2005 Silver Eagle was won by Jean Rahn, and the 50/50 for \$13.00 was won by Callie Fouquet.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:50 PM with 23 persons having been present.

By Steve Barnes

September 11 National Medal Available

The United States Mint has produced and is currently selling a special commemorative for the tenth anniversary of that fateful day, named the September 11 National Medal.

Each medal is made of one ounce of .999 fine silver and is struck in a collectible proof quality. They were released for order on June 20, are now shipping, and are currently priced at \$66.95. (Visit the U.S. Mint website at www.usmint.gov/catalog to place an order.) The medals will remain available until December 2012, or until they reach their maximum mintage of 2 million, as authorized by the National September 11 Memorial & Museum Commemorative Medal Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-221).



The medal's obverse (heads side) design features Lady Liberty holding the Lamp of Remembrance. Behind her are beacons of light stretching skyward. Lady Liberty, the lamp and the light symbolize not only the immeasurable loss on that fateful day, but also the resilience and triumph of those who persevered. Inscriptions are ALWAYS REMEMBER and 2001 - 2011. The medal's obverse was designed by

United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program Master Designer Donna Weaver and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Phebe Hemphill.

The medal's reverse (tails) design depicts an eagle - symbolizing the strength of the survivors, the families and the Nation - against a backdrop of cascading water. The flowing water is emblematic of peace, serenity, healing and the continuity of life. Inscriptions are HONOR and HOPE. The medal's reverse was designed by Weaver and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Joseph Menna.