

# ALEXANDRIA COIN CLUB NEWS

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## New to our club? Welcome!

We meet on the **3rd Wednesday each month**, at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. in Alexandria, VA. It's just off US 1 inside the Beltway, and there's plenty of free parking. Meetings are held in the Gold Room. Check the lobby bulletin board just to be sure! The bourse opens at 7:00 p.m. and members may display, trade, and sell coins during this time. Our auction starts about 8:10 p.m. Members and visitors can bid during the bourse and auction. Members are encouraged to submit coins to be included in future auctions – contact **Auction Chair Robin Borum**.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday May 18, 2011**

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### **Tentative Meeting Agenda:**

- 7:00pm Bourse opens – please help yourself to refreshments!  
8:00pm Meeting begins: welcome, announcements, discussions, speakers.  
8:10pm Auction begins. Door prize drawing and raffle held at intermission.  
9:30pm Settlement of auction accounts, submission of coins for next auction, adjournment.

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## Alexandria Coin Club

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# Coin Profile: Capped Bust Half Dollars

*In this month's auction, there are several lots of 50 cent pieces dating from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. What's their story? Read on...*

Around 1800, immigration to the new world from the old picked up. Many sought to flee the ravages of the Napoleonic wars. And the end of the revolution, the establishment of the Constitutional Government, and over 2 million square kilometers recently bought from the French through the Louisiana Purchase added up to expansive new opportunities in America.

Johann Matthaus Reich from Bavaria took advantage of the scenario. Reich was a skilled engraver who sold himself into indentured servitude in order to finance his passage to the United States, settling in Philadelphia. In 1801, an unidentified officer of the US Mint purchased Reich's freedom, and he was able to gain part-time employment there.

Reich became assistant engraver to Robert Scot at the US Mint in 1807. The new Mint Director, Robert Patterson assigned Reich the task of redesigning most of the coins then in circulation. Reich began with the two most important coins for commerce, the half dollar and the half eagle.



He designed the Capped Bust Half Dollars (Lettered Edge)

which were produced from 1807 to 1836. Half dollars of this time are appealing to collectors due to the numerous varieties. Dies were made individually, which made letter styles, stars, date placements and many other features vary widely.

The obverse of these silver coins consists of a left facing portrait of Liberty with long flowing hair, and a



mob cap with the inscribed with "LIBERTY" on its band. The bucolic Miss Liberty was quite different than the more classic look of the preceding Robert Scot Draped Bust design. The portrait is encircled with thirteen stars with the date below.

The reverse features an eagle with a heraldic shield symbolizing the Union on its breast. It holds in its claws three arrows symbolizing strength and an olive branch representing peace. The coin features a lettered edge with the inscription: "FIFTY CENTS OR HALF A DOLLAR." Reich used his own signature device of a small notch on the outside point of the 13th star.



By 1815 what John Reich had accomplished, for the first time in U.S. Mint history, was to create a set of circulating coins with a common obverse device that of the Capped Liberty. It was first rendered on the half dollar of 1807, the dime of 1809 and finally the quarter in 1815.

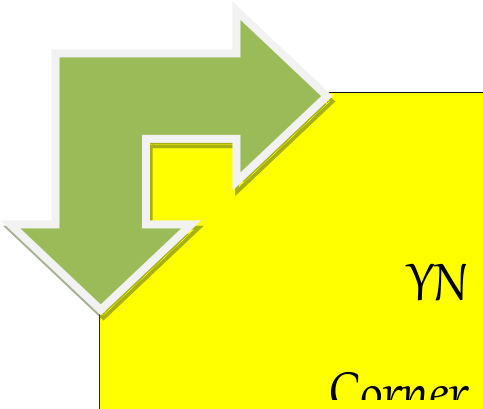
# Ever Been to a CCAC Meeting?

*Here's Your Chance!*

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee will meet at 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 to review designs and draft narratives for several coins and a Congressional Gold Medal. The committee, which advises the Secretary of the Treasury on themes and designs pertaining to United States coinage, will be reviewing several issues, including:

- Reverse designs for the 2012 National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin Program
- Reverse designs for the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service, collectively, Congressional Gold Medal
- 2013 and 2014 Native America \$1 Coin Program.

The CCAC meeting will be held in *Conference Room A* on the 2nd Floor at the United States Mint Headquarters, which is located at 801 9th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20220. The public and news media are invited to attend this meeting, which is estimated to last approximately 4 hours. *Interested persons should call the CCAC HOTLINE at (202) 354-7502 for the latest update on meeting time and room location.*



## Want to Learn More? Check out **YouTube!**

The American Association of Young Numismatists (AAYN) has a series of 75 videos on YouTube, all focused on helping young people learn more about coins and coin collecting. Each short video provides commentary on the quality, value, and historical significance for a particular piece, and the entire series covers a wide variety of different selections. Episode 1, for instance, catches your attention with Zimbabwe One Hundred Trillion Dollar notes. Episode 25 discusses high-grade Lincoln cents. Episode 50 features an 1860S \$3 gold coin. The most recent video highlights a 1870CC Seated Liberty Dollar.

The Young Numismatists of Westchester officially became the American Association of Young Numismatists on Saturday, March 21, 2009. The organization is dedicated to cultivating interest in our hobby among youth through educational presentations and discussion forums at shows and on the web. Check out its website at <http://www.aayn.org/AAYN/Home.html>.

# At your service: ACC Member/ Dealers



## Looking for a particular coin? Have a question?

Bob Patterson	Bob's Coins	703-490-1222
Tom Savage	LRC Numismatics	301-448-9396
John Manley	John Manley	202-546-5256
Wayne Wilcox	Wayne's Coin & Currency	703-920-2385
Kenny Holloway	Kenny Holloway	703-369-0520
Tom Saunders	Old Tavern Coins	540-253-5825
Ralph Piedmont	Legacy Coins & Currency	410-252-9589
Gerald E. Swen	GES Numismatics	301-776-4246
Ronnie Pope	Eagle Coinsb	571-438-5034
Connie Green	Connie's Coins	703-920-4940
Dan Kinney	Archivum Ancients	434-823-2998
Keith Strickland	Flagship Coins & Currency	410-798-8194
Jason Zeibel	Z&Z Coins	703-598-1340
J.W. Kennedy	Kennedy's Stamps & Coins J.w.kennedy@verizon.net	703- 569-7300

Robert Mitchell	RKT Coins	703-268-5234
Joel Cherry	Mercury Numismatics www.mercurycoin.com	703-876-9450
Robin Borum	Robin Borum Rare Coins	703-395-3269
Andy & Alynne Skrabalak	Angel Dee's Coins and Collectibles www.angeldees.com	703- 580-6969
Carl Ostiguy	CEO Coins, Currency & Treasurers	443-623-7025
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Frank Falgiano	CEFCO Enterprises	703-491-1017
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Martin Solano	Solano Coins	301-213-7370
Walter Bradford	Greenbackville Numismatics	757-854-0667
Robbie Jenkins	Reeded Edge	301-724-0400
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**Contact an ACCMember/Dealer!**

## Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Shows and Events!

Richmond Coin Club's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Spring Coin & Currency Show  
5/20/11, 12 – 6pm  
5/21/11 9 am – 6 pm  
5/22/11 10am – 3pm

Holiday Inn Central  
3207 North Boulevard  
Richmond, VA

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804-651-2536  
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Annapolis/Edgewater Coin  
& Currency Show  
6/26 9 – 4:30

Knights of Columbus Hall  
2590 Solomons Island Rd  
Annapolis, MD

Carl Ostiguy, Jr  
410-379-5646  
[ceocoins@comcast.net](mailto:ceocoins@comcast.net)

Baltimore Friendly Monthly  
Stamp & Coin Show  
6/12 10 – 4:00

Hilton Pikesville  
1726 Reistertown Rd  
Pikesville, MD

J. Reeves & Co.  
800-701-7091  
[jreevesandcompany@hotmail.com](mailto:jreevesandcompany@hotmail.com)

Banc Towson Coin Show  
6/5 9 – 4:00

Holiday Inn  
1100 Cromwell Bridge Road  
Towson, MD

Willism Stratemeyer  
410-256-1832  
[bill.stratemeyer@verizon.net](mailto:bill.stratemeyer@verizon.net)

ACC May Auction Lots					
#	Item	Description	Min Bid	Est Value	Win Bid
1	\$1	1889 MS61		50	
2	\$1	1922 MS62		40	
3	\$1	1923 MS62		40	
4	\$1	6pc, 1979 PDS, 1980 PDS all BU in package folder		43	
5	1c	18pc 1857 FE VG, 1881-1907 avg G4 to F12 in Whitman folder		78	
6	1c	99pc 1909 VDB to 1973, avg G4-BU in Whitman folders		32	
7	5c	40pc Silver war nickels, mixed dates, avg circ. in plastic tube		76	
8	50c	3pc, 1917-S,1918-S,1920-S all G4		54	
9	Set	1954 Proof Set in plastic holder		100	
10	1 & 5c	24pc, 1858 FE,1900,1999, 5c-15 Liberty,6 Buffalo,all avg circ		55	
11	Sets	1970 & 1972 Proof Set in Mint packaging		15	
12	World	Greece, 1965 7pc Silver Proof Set in Capital plastic holder		170	
13	Sets	4-1970 PDS UNC Mint Sets in Mint packaging		52	
14	Silver	3- 1oz rounds, 2 Engelhard, 1 Holiday snowman		120	
15	50c	1813 VF20		200	
16	50c	1827 square base 2, EF40		250	
17	\$1	1922 MS61		39	
18	\$1	1922 AU55		37	
19	\$1	1923 EF40		37	
20	\$1	2pc, 1994 & 1995 Silver Eagles		84	
21	\$1	1996 Silver Eagle		83	
22	\$1	2pc, 1997 & 1998 Silver Eagles		84	
23	25c	10pc, 1935-1959 avg circ		70	
24	10c	2pc, 1839 F2, 1889 G4		25	
25	10c	10pc, 1900-1914 some w/mint mark, avg G4		30	
26	10c	10pc, 1919-D to 1945-S, avg G4 or better		40	
27	25c	2pc, 1857 VG8, 1875 AG3		45	
28	25c	4pc, 1926-S,1927,1928,1930-S all G4		33	
29	50c	1836 F12 obv graffiti,		60	
30	50c	2pc, 1917 F15, 1938 F12		38	
31	\$1	1880-O VG8		37	
32	\$1	2009 Silver Eagle		42	
33	25c	6pc, 1935-D to 1948, avg circ		42	
34	1c	1830 N-3, Lg Letters, VF surface corrosion		30	
35	\$1	1883-CC toned MS63	150	225	
36	\$1	3pc, 1896, 1921 Morgan, 1923-S, all Ch AU		112	
37	50c	6pc, 1941 to 1946 avg circ		108	
38	25c	6pc, Standing Liberty 1925-1929 (2 are dateless)		50	
39	Token	1974 Maui Coin Club comm. 30.1g sterling silver	30	37	
40	\$1	1898 MS61		47	
41	25c	1853 w/arrows & rays, EF40 cleaned	60	180	

42	5c	1861 Half Dime VG8		25
43	5c	1838 Half Dime G6		22
44	1c	7pc, 1859 to 1864 CN, avg G4		110
45	1c	30pc, 1959 to 1973-D, AU to BU in Whitman folder		22
46	2c	1869 VF20		65
47	10c	1906 EF40		25
48	50c	1819 F12	50	125
49	50c	1830 Sm 0, VF20	60	100
50	World	Peru, 1863 Centavo, UNC		22
51	World	Mexico,1783-Mo 8R,ANACS VF25 holder,'Cazador' shipwreck		160
52	Token	\$50. Sept.11 Comm. by 'National Cxollectors Mint' .25oz gold		390
53	\$1	1991 Silver Eagle Proof in Mint box		82
54	25c	5pc, 1925,28,28-D,29-S avg G6; 1945-S BU		50
55	1c	30pc, 1890 to 1904 avg G4 in tube		50
56	50c	2pc, 1941-D VG8, 1964 MS60		36
57	\$1	2pc, 1884-O MS60, 1896 AU53		89
58	\$1	2009 Lincoln comm. MS68		60
59	\$1	2010 Boy Scouts comm. MS68		38
60	\$1	2010 American Veterans Disabled comm. Proof 69 DCAM		45
61	Set	2010 Silver Proof Quarter Set		40
62	Set	2011 Silver Proof Set		68
63	World	20pc, Assorted Countries 1800's & 1900's, some silver	55	73
64	World	10pc, Assorted Countries, 1.066oz silver		42
65	World	7pc, mixed; Lebanon,India,Syria,New Zealand,Sarawak,Guatemala		41
66	World	7pc, Italy, mixed dates		25
67	World	19pc, France, mixed dates Francs & Centimes		32
68	World	20pc, mixed; New Zealand,Netherlands,Palestine,Lebanon, etc		20
69	World	20pc, mixed; Austria,Belgium,Egypt,Cuba,Czech,Argentina, etc		20



Club Secretary and Membership Chair Doug DeBarr reports that we have added a new ACC member since the last meeting. We extend a warm welcome to **Joel Turner!**