

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** at Robin.Borum@verizon.net or 703-395-3269.

Next Meeting: February 20!

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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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2013 ACC Show!

Chalk up another success! This year's venue moved west to Springfield, Virginia, and the exciting atmosphere accompanied the shift. The room was continuously abuzz with buyers hunting for treasures and sellers displaying their finds!



Every registered attendee received a sparkling ACC token commemorating the 2013 show.



Winners!

The raffle ... always a highlight of our show! This year's prizes featured gold, silver, and foreign coins, and raised more than \$300 in profit.

Both the Morgan Dollar and the 20 Franc gold coin were won by **Rich Hanson**, while attendee **Gary Rodgers** pocketed 1/10 ounce of gold. **Tom Kelley** landed a gorgeous proof quarter, and **Allan L'Etoile** was the lucky recipient of a proof half. **Josh Dow** won a peace dollar, and **Jason Istuan** won a bag of varied foreign coins.



2013 ACC Show -- continued



Stay tuned for next year's show: February, 2014!

“Despite these significant omissions, the Extremely Fine or better examples of all years in the collection’s scope, with only a few variants unrepresented, led to 2012’s award” reports the NGC. Our congratulations go out to John on this truly remarkable and inspiring achievement!

About the collector:



John was born in California in 1957 and spent most of his early life in Oklahoma. From 1975 until 2000, John served a 20+ year career in the US Army. After leaving the service, he continued working in the defense sector as a consultant supporting the US Departments of the Army and Defense until 2008. John now lives “semi-retired,” in Northern Virginia.



Have a Question? Need Some Help? Contact an ACC Dealer!

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ACC February 2013 Auction Lots					
#	Item	Description	Min Bid	Estim Va	Win Bid
1	50c	4pc, 1966,1967,1968-D,1969-D UNC		36	
2	\$1	1889 AU		38	
3	\$1	1921 Morgan Dollar MS62		42	
4	\$1	1922 AU		35	
5	\$1	1923 MS61		50	
6	\$1	1924 MS61		50	
7	\$1	1889 in NGC MS62 holder		55	
8	25c	4pc, 1925,1926 AG, 1928-D VG, 1929 G		23	
9	25c	5pc, 1934,35,36,37,39-D; avg circ		31	
10	50c	3pc, 1967,1969-D,1964; UNC		33	
11	50c	1893 Columbian Half, VF		16	
12	\$1	1883-O UNC		50	
13	\$1	1885-O UNC		50	
14	10c	4pc, 1892,1892-O,1893,1898-O; avg AG to G	20	30	
15	50c	2pc, 1964, 1970-D; BU		30	
16	50c	6pc, mixed 1967-1969-D; AU to BU (one is holed)		45	
17	50c	83pc, mixed dates 1971-1986 in 3 Whitman folders; EF to BU	44	65	
18	5c	1938-D Buffalo in PCGS MS65 holder		50	
19	10c	50pc, 1946-1964 set in tube; avg F to BU		165	
20	\$1	2002 Silver Eagle in PCGS MS69 holder		45	
21	Book	Guide Book of U.S.Coins 1947 (hardbound Red book reprint)		18	
22	25c	2010-S Silver Proof Quarter Set in U.S.Mint package		39	
23	50c	1935-S VG8		15	
24	Comm	2009 Abraham Lincoln Silver Dollar, UNC in Mint package		60	
25	Comm	2010 Boy Scouts Silver Dollar, UNC in Mint package		45	
26	Comm	2012 Infantry Soldier Silver Dollar, Proof in Mint box		55	
27	5c	20pc, 1916-S-1936-D; avg AG to F (many w/mint mark)		55	
28	25c	6pc, 1925-1930; avg AG to G		42	
29	50c	4pc, 1928-S,1933-S,1937,1942; avg VG to F		56	
30	\$1	2pc, 1883-O VG, 2010 Silver Eagle UNC		79	
31	Sets	2007, 2009 U.S.Proof Sets in Mint package		42	
32	mixed	1922 circ \$, bead blasted, in key chain & cruise line token (nickel)		27	
33	1c	3pc, 1859,1860 corroded circ, 1863 VG w/damage		15	
34	5c	1871 Half Dime F12	21	25	
35	10c	1823 small E rev, VG	28	50	
36	10c	1854 VF cleaned		20	
37	10c	1903 EF	14	27	
38	10c	1906-O VF w/reverse damage	35	50	
39	\$1	1896-O AU	22	175	
40	1c	71pc, Indian Cents 1870's to 1909, avg circ	25	150	
41	1c	1909 VDB VF	5	17	
42	1c	1909 VDB VF corroded	5	15	

43	1c	347pc,circ wheats;155-1910's to 30's, 192-1940's to 50's	10	22	
44	Set	1979-S Ty2 (clear S)	50	85	
45	mixed	17pc, 1964 to 1972-S, 1 & 5 Cent, Proof & SMS	14	75	
46	mixed	18pc, 1964 to 1972-S, 10 & 25 Cent, Proof & SMS	22	90	
47	mixed	9pc, 1964 to 1972-S, Half Dollars, Proof & SMS	65	95	



Coins of the Realm: America

ACC member **George Koelsch** has been collecting coins for decades, and he's one of those individuals who really appreciates what he's gotten out of the hobby. As a way to share his knowledge with others, George has authored several articles on coin collecting. A piece that surveyed software programs related to numismatics won a Heath Numismatic Award in 1996.

More recently, Koelsch, who works as a systems engineer for SAIC, has turned his thoughts and efforts to attracting more young people to coin collecting. He believes using technology can help. "I wondered how I could take advantage of the popularity of online gaming such as *World of Warcraft*," he explains. (For those not familiar with WoW, it is a hugely successful online game that is played by many players whose characters interact in a continually evolving fantasy world.) "I put my mind to it, and came up with what I affectionately call the *World of Warcraft* for coin collecting!"

Its acronym is CORA, or *Coins of the Realm: America*, a game where you can collect US coins by travelling through time. "Starting in 1850 or level one," explains George, "you will be able to collect whatever coins the various US mints have produced since 1793, interacting with other CORA collectors on the Internet." Like other video games, the object is to advance to higher levels, and navigate challenges such as steering clear of counterfeits and accumulating enough money to acquire the coins you covet.

The game is in the early stages of development, but plans include dimensions such as legal services that allow players to combine collections, or create businesses such as coin shops, auction services, or flea markets. Players will also be able to travel to cities throughout North America to collect different coins produced by various mints. Whether you get from one place to another by train or plane, of course, will depend upon what year it is...

As George continues to turn his vision into reality, we hope to hear regular updates on his progress on the third Wednesday of each month!