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CLUB NEWS

8th Annual

What a shame if you missed our 8th Annual Get Together on Sunday, May 16th! Everyone in attendance had a super time enjoying a spread (mostly the work of our president, Ron Kus, and his wife, Regina) provided free by the Club to members along with pop, wine and beer. Above and beyond all that was the company of so many of our members that we don't always see on a regular basis and, of course, those that we do. We really had a good turnout and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves. Sixty non-members joined the festivities. Two new members joined (one senior and one junior) and several members renewed their memberships. We had a rousing auction with quite a bit of gold offered for sale. One of our members, Tom, and his wife, Gail, whom we haven't seen in a while won the split club drawing and pocketed \$35.00. What a wonderful welcome back surprise! Way to go!

Meeting

Don't miss our next meeting at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall on June 7th at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. We'll be serving up chicken fingers, pizza and beverages.

Anyone who attends will receive a ticket which is good for a drawing that night for a gold piece. Just show up and you could win the gold on the spot!

Next Monthly Bourse

June 20th will be our last show of the season. It's Father's Day—your day to do what you want! Hope to see you all at the Donovan Post. Otherwise we won't see you until September 19th when we start a new season.

Annual Weekend Show

Our Annual Coin, Stamp and Currency Show will be held the weekend of September 25th and 26th. It'll be here before you know it. But it can't possibly be bigger and better than last year's show if we all settle back and let someone else do all the work. For starters—we need to sell tables. Time's a-wastin' and we need to fill up the hall. Are you asking all the dealers you know if they would be interested in setting up, especially those who are out of state? When you go on your vacation this summer check to see if there are any coin/stamp/currency shows in that area. Take some show information with you to put out at the advertising table and approach out-of-state dealers to ask them if they would be interested in setting up at our annual event. Ask Rolf in advance for materials that you can take along with you.



The next item would be selling tickets. We did a great job last year and made most of our income from ticket sales. The tickets may be easier to sell this year—at least to those not interested in winning numismatic or philatelic prizes. Winners are now offered the option of accepting either a prize or cash money. So we should make our mark with the sale of tickets. Please help. If we all take and sell our share, we'll come out that much further ahead.

Prizes for winners of the drawing are as follows:

- 1st prize—1 Oz. Gold or \$250.00 cash
 - 2nd prize—Large Eagle Note or \$150.00 cash
 - 3rd prize—\$2 1/2 Gold Coin or \$75.00 cash
 - 4th prize—2 BU Silver Dollars or \$30.00 cash
- (Each ticket costs \$1.00 or a book of six is \$5.00.)

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Don't forget the 21st Annual Thousand Islands Stamp, Coin, Sportscard, Postcard and Collectibles Show to be held at the Clayton Arena, Clayton, NY on Saturday, July 24th (10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.) and Sunday, July 25th (10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.). This is the largest show of its kind in northern New York and eastern Ontario.

This annual event is sponsored by the Thousand Islands Chapter, AFS, an organization which provides student exchange programs throughout the free world. It will be held in conjunction with the Empire State Numismatic Association's 21st Annual Convention.

If you need further information, contact George Mingle, P.O. Box 4, Cape Vincent, NY 13618 [phone—(315) 654-2370].

YELLOW/GREEN vs. DARK GREEN SEALS by James Cross

The seals on small-size paper currency—the Federal Reserve notes of 1928-B exhibit **two distinct** seal colors. The dark green seal tends to be seen more often than the more popular yellow/green seal. The yellow/green seal is also sometimes called a "light green seal." The dark-green color is fairly consistent, while the yellow/green seems to have a slight variation in the amount of yellow used from one print run to the next. If the seal has **any** yellow tint at all, you could probably categorize the note as a **yellow/green seal** note.

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

Welcome to Chris Mang one of our newest members who is also a dealer currently involved in mail order. His interests lie in Lincoln cents (double dies and RPMs), Mercury dimes and probably more by the time you read this article. Chris welcomes any want lists. Call him at (716) 772-2533 up until 2:00 P.M.

CAESAR WHO?

So many people think that the horseman on the new Delaware quarter is Paul Revere when, in fact, it is Caesar Rodney. So many have been asking who he is. The U.S. Mint offers the following information collected from the archives in Washington, D.C.—He held more public offices than any other Delawarean before or since. He was a soldier, judge, delegate to the American Continental Congress, speaker for Delaware's Assembly, President (Governor) of Delaware, and a justice of the state's Supreme Court. He



also held many other local offices. No known portrait of Caesar Rodney exists. Caesar Rodney was born the son of Caesar and Elizabeth Crawford Rodney on October 7, 1728. He was born on the family farm in East Dover Hundred, Kent County, Delaware.

In 1755, at the age of 27, he became the high-sheriff of Kent County. For the next 29 years he was not without public appointment, office or trust. On July 1-2, 1776, Caesar Rodney embarked on a ride that made him the Hero of Delaware. The Continental Congress was meeting during the spring and summer of 1776 to contemplate declaring its independence from the British Crown. The Delaware delegates included Thomas McKean of New Castle, George Read, also of New Castle, and Caesar Rodney of Kent. McKean and Rodney were in favor of independence and Read felt that it was too drastic at that time. Rodney received a message from Thomas McKean letting him know that on July 2 the congress was going to vote on its independence from the British. Knowing that Read was opposed to the idea, McKean asked Rodney to dash up to Philadelphia to settle the issue for Delaware. Rodney made an eighty-mile ride through the summer's heat and terrible thunderstorms while suffering from a serious facial cancer and asthma. He arrived at Independence Hall on the afternoon of July 2nd during the last minutes of the debate on Independence in time to cast his vote for Independence. The exact date of Caesar Rodney's death is unknown, however, he was buried on his farm on June 28, 1784.

TITANIC EXHIBIT AT NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

The Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum will present the heroic story of the valiant attempt to save the mail when the "Posted Aboard *RMS Titanic*" exhibit opens Sept. 17th.

In the final hours of April 14, 1912 the five postal clerks aboard *Titanic*, along with steward Albert Tessinger, desperately tried to save the mail sacks by dragging them to the upper decks and possible safety. All of the clerks perished. The exhibit includes objects that belonged to two of the postal clerks.

James H. Bruns, director of the National Postal Museum, said, "What most people do not realize is that *RMS Titanic* was a Royal Mail Ship. Three American and two British seapost clerks perished attempting to save the ship's mail."

The bodies of two American seapost clerks were among those subsequently recovered from the North Atlantic following the sinking.

"Posted Aboard *RMS Titanic*" features objects found on the bodies of these two clerks, including the keys to *Titanic's* mailbags, four *Titanic* facing slips, the travel authorization assigning Oscar Scott Woody to *Titanic*, and the gold pocket watch of seapost clerk John Starr March which stopped working at 1:27 A.M. April 15, 1912.



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