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## Erie County Coin and Stamp Club

3-MEETINGS A YEAR—FEBRUARY, JUNE, OCTOBER (1st Monday)

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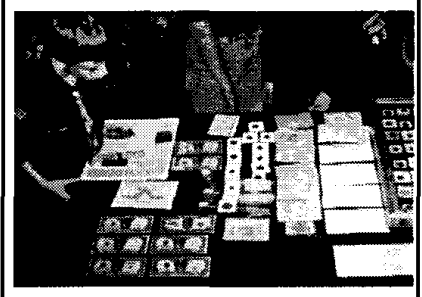
### CLUB NEWS

At our November 21st bourse all the winners were members—Bill Thompson (dealer) won the split club drawing and pocketed \$23.00. Winners of the drawing for a free 26-week subscription to Numismatic News were Joe Dombrowski and Gary Strasser. Congratulations, gentlemen!

December will mark a new happening at the Donovan Post. Since our club has been growing in leaps and bounds, we have had a waiting list for dealers to set up at our monthly bourse. President Ron Kus checked into the possibility of our using the room at the front section of the post. We will be able to fit about 5 tables in that room so that more dealers will be available to buy, sell and trade.

A reason to rejoice! We now have 3 stamp dealers, the newest of whom is Bill Lang II. If anyone knows of a stamp dealer who may be interested in setting up, please let us know. We just can't seem to find enough of them interested in doing so.

A few of us, Ron Kus, James Cross, Rolf and Terry Hjalmarson, met with some cub scouts at one of their meetings in West Seneca on November 22nd. We displayed some coins, stamps and currency. Rolf gave a little talk on the newly released state quarters and James introduced the youngsters to currency through the ages. Ron, our president, had a good time distributing freebies (coins and currency donated by several E.C.C.S.C. dealers /members) to the young scouts. We're hopeful this will start a spark or two to get the kids interested in collecting. The youngsters were a very receptive audience. They seemed very interested in the new state quarters series. Perhaps this interest will blossom into a sincere desire to collect coins.



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1999 - 2000 SHOW DATES AT DONOVAN POST

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December 19 - 1999	April .....16 - 2000	*9th Annual Get Together Party
January ...16 - 2000	* May .....21 - 2000	
March .....19 - 2000	June .....18 - 2000	

Club News Continued . . .

James Cross, our vice president, was recently on radio boosting our club and its activities. Perhaps James can give us a report on it that we can include in next month's newsletter.

Our next meeting will be at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall on February 7th at 7:00 P.M.

Mark your millennium calendars now for our 9th Annual Get Together—May 21, 2000.

Our Annual Coin, Stamp and Currency Show will be held the weekend of October 7th and 8th next year. Be sure to mark your calendar for that special event now so you can join in the activities that are being planned especially for you.



WHO IS THIS FAMOUS MAN? . . . . . Terry Hjalmarson

He held more public offices than any other of his statesmen 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 him exists. He was born on October 7, 1728 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 wasn't without public appointment, office or trust.

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 ?? of Kent. McKean and ?? were in favor of independence and Read felt that it was too drastic of a move at that time. ?? received a message from Thomas McKean letting him know that on July 2nd the Congress was going to vote on its independence from the British. Knowing that Read was opposed to the idea, McKean asked ?? to dash up to Philadelphia to settle the issue for Delaware. He made an 80-mile ride through the summer heat and terrible thunderstorms while suffering from asthma and a serious facial cancer. 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.

Have you guessed by now that the famous man described above is Caesar Rodney, the man whose likeness is on the obverse of the 1999 Delaware State quarter? The exact date of his death is unknown, however, he was buried on his farm on June 28, 1784.



FOUR PAPER FACTS . . . . . by James Cross

United States paper money collecting is divided into only four basic overlapping time periods, or eras:





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- A. The Colonial Era (1690—1782)
- B. The State Bank Era (1782—1865)
- C. The National Bank Era (1863—1935)
- D. The Federal Reserve Bank Era (1913—present day)

The Colonial Era runs from 1690, when the first paper money was issued, until 1792 when the bank of North America was chartered, signaling the rise of private and state banks. The State Bank Era lasted until the Civil War prompted our federal government to establish the National Bank System. National currency banknotes were issued from 1863 until 1935. Soon after its creation in 1913 the Federal Reserve Banking System became dominant in our country. However, national currency folded up during the Great Depression.

One can only guess what's next. What will the next century hold for collectors of U.S. paper money? Will paper banknotes give way to plastic debit cards and become obsolete? Maybe we will have a federal computer banking era or will Y2K take care of that? Only time will tell, folks! Brand new Series 1999 \$1.00 Federal Reserve Notes have only just now hit the streets! So— the best of collecting fun to everyone.

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**DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . ?**

- Delaware is the first U.S. State? It was the first of the 13 original colonies to ratify the federal Constitution (December 7, 1787).
- Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, dubbed Delaware a "jewel among the states."
- Delaware's name was derived very simply from the bay and river that lie on its eastern side.

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**B.N.A. MEETING HELD NOV. 17 . . . . .by Rolf Hjalmarson**

Among the old and new faces at the Buffalo Numismatic Association meeting last month were members of E.C.C.S.C.—Ken Brubaker, Norm Peters, Carl Miller, and most recent member—me.

A brief meeting was followed by a special presentation by Norm Peters. He offered a history



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of old Buffalo, explaining that there was a shortage of coinage in the mid-1800s. Because of this shortage individual stores were making their own money which was used freely as cash.

Before he began, Norm passed around coin boards which held examples of Store Tokens, Civil War Tokens and Pine Tree Shillings. What an impressive display that was! It was so impressive, perhaps we could talk Norm into doing it again for E.C.C.S.C. members at one of our meetings?

The most important message that Norm conveyed that night was the fact that "knowledge=understanding." One must not just collect coins for the sake of collecting, but must read up on the subject. Learn all you can about the coins that interest you so you know what you are buying before you get caught unaware. Be sure that you understand what to look for in a coin of a certain period. Know what is good and bad and know what price you want to pay before you start looking for your treasures.

Following Norm's presentation there was a small auction which lasted about half an hour. The B.N.A. asked me to be the auctioneer. A few of the members donated items, the proceeds of which went to the club's treasury.

All-in-all the evening's activities lasted about 2 hours. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the B.N.A. I'm sure you would be most welcome at their next meeting (to be announced).

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### THE U.S.WILL GET A JUMP ON Y2K NEWS. . . . .by Robert L. Stoklosa - Financial Adviser

With 1999 drawing to a close, the world's attention turns to Y2K. Experts are undecided about the worldwide effect the rolling of the clock from nines to zeros might have on computer systems, but it's a widely held belief that the U.S. is extremely well prepared.

Financially, Y2K risk in the U.S. appears low, but hard to measure. U.S. companies have spent billions of dollars preparing for Y2K in 1999, a nonrecurring expense. In 2000, that

expense is eliminated, allowing for either a boost to immediate profits or a redirection of those funds toward much more profitable investments going forward. This is assuming, of course, that Y2K problems will be minimal.

Foreign countries are varied in their preparation for Y2K. Many countries, along with the U.S., are judged to be well prepared for the date change. While experts still have concerns about a few others. It remains to be seen whether international Y2K risk is overblown. Either way, it will be important to watch international developments on the first of January.

Since midnight of New Year's Eve will reach different countries at different times, we in the U.S. will have a great opportunity to get a head start in evaluating how Y2K has affected most of the globe.

The International Date Line is not in New York; it is in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. So the beginning of Y2K: will start there and sweep west. Midnight on Jan. 1, 2000 will arrive in New Zealand first at 7 a.m. EST, Dec. 31. Australia is next at 9 a.m., Tokyo and Seoul at 10 a.m., Hong Kong and Singapore at 11 a.m., and so on. The time sweep moves west toward Europe and then across the Atlantic to New York and then California. Hawaii gets the most lead-time, with nearly a day's notice of how the world has reacted to the date change.

As you can see, the U.S. is in the unique position of monitoring many other foreign countries' reactions to Y2K before the date actually changes. Hopefully by the time the clock strikes midnight on Dec. 31 in the U.S., international problems resulting from Y2K will have been minimal.

If you would like to follow the path of the new millennium, start with New Zealand at 7 a.m. EST on Dec. 31. Right now, U.S. exchanges are set to close early at 1 p.m. EST on Friday, Dec. 31 (midnight in India).

The U.S. government and some states, as well as numerous private companies and the news networks, have set up Y2K monitoring sites around the globe to provide timely news about Y2K developments. These spotters will be evaluating the functioning of computer systems, telecom, transportation, power and other systems.

Of course, web sites won't be the only source of information. You can also tune in to global news networks like CNN for breaking news. Hopefully, as Y2K breaks across the globe, news of the day will be no news.

† Condolences go out to Alan Wozniak as his father passed away in November. Alan has been a member/dealer of the club for about 2 years.

**MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2000  
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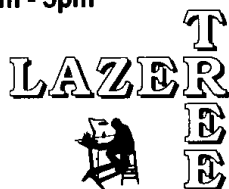
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