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at 438 E. St. Louis St., the Discovery Center, Springfield, MO

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MONTH at DISCOVERY CENTER
Located at 438 E. St. Louis St.

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for Oct. 27-28, 2012 in Springfield, Mo.

We start every meeting with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
At 6:30 p.m. our auction begins. Then at 7:15 we start our membership
meeting that consists of: Door Prize Drawings (Junior and Adult),
General Business, Short Program, and Live Auction (must be a member
to enter items in the auction & limit of 5 items per meeting).

YN's have their program with Mr. Guy at every meeting.

Like to dismiss before 8:45 if at all possible.

YN CORNER

9 YN's attended the Mar meeting.
13 assignments were handed in.

Coin Search:

There were no 2012 P&D cents, nickels,
or dimes brought in.

Earn a YN dollar by bringing a friend
to a monthly meeting.

YN program for the Feb meeting:
Eight significant dates for Jefferson nickels
were listed on the board.

YN's had the opportunity to tell why each date
was important.

****YN's****

Remember to bring your foreign coins with your
answers to the April meeting.

Jim Guy, YN Advisor



DUES
ARE
DUE

EVALUATION
DAY
MARCH 31

GOLDEN
EAGLES
NEW
LOCATION

OZARKS' COIN CLUB FOR YN'S OF ALL AGES ASSIGNMENT FOR APRIL 3, 2012

NAME AND AGE: _____

FOREIGN COINS

EACH YN WILL BE GIVEN A FOREIGN COIN AT THE MAY CLUB MEETING
YOU ARE TO PROVIDE FOUR ITEMS OF INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR COIN.

What country is your coin from? _____

What is the denomination? (ex: cent, centavo, pence) _____

What metal(s) is the coin made of? (ex: copper, bronze, nickel) _____

Show on a world map, which will be provided, where the country is located.

YN's will be asked to tell about your coin in front of club members.

The coin you are given is yours to keep.

Two points will be given for each of the four items of information, for a possible eight pts.

Eight points = 3 YN dollars

Six points = 2 YN dollars

YN's at the Feb meeting received their coins. All other YN's received their coin via mail.

YN's not able to attend the April meeting may mail their coin information to their YN advisor.

Indicate the country location the best you can.

Mail answers to:

Jim Guy

4107 E Latoka St

Springfield, Mo 65809

It Can Be Done

THIS LITTLE BIT
CAN FOOL YOU IF
YOU DON'T THINK
IT OUT FIRST.
MOVE EACH COIN
TO THE SPACE IN-
DICATED BY IT'S
DENOMINATION—
DO NOT CROSS
OR TRACE THE
PATH OF A COIN
ALREADY MOVED.

THANKS TO -
JOE MOSCARITOLO AND
THE STONEHAM COIN CLUB

*Bob Stewart
found this
and shared it
with us.
Answer is in
this newsletter.
More to come
in future
Flying Eagles!
Thanks Bob!!*

All B.S. *Written entirely by Bob Stewart, President Ozarks' Coin Club*

As coin and currency collectors we are fortunate to be able to hold history in our hands. Where has that note been? Who held that coin and what was bought with it? Some of the answers we know, others we can only guess at. Recently I made a purchase that really had an impact on me.

As an extension of my US small currency collecting I collect notes of the Philippines that were printed by the US Bureau of Engraving and Printing. My main interest is the war year Series of 1941 and 1944 (Victory). A dealer contacted me with a 1944 "Short Snorter". For those who do not know what a short snorter is, it is a note that was signed by servicemen and kept on them to be presented at the local bar when meeting up with friends. The person with the fewest signatures had to buy the first drink or snort. Many times they were used to informally document who was on a mission. They were also used to just record your comrades names on a given day.

The note I was offered was a nice looking standard grade 1944 Victory note from the front. It was the back that is amazing. Across the top edge of the note is written "Officers participating in the Bataan Campaign 1941-42". There are 9 signatures with rank and service branch affiliation. It must be remembered these signatures are on a 1944 note. These officers had more than likely endured the Bataan Death March, and spent time in one or more of the Japanese prison camps. One can only imagine the suffering they saw and experienced. After all that, they find themselves back together and free men in 1944. To mark the occasion, 1st Lt. Melvin T. Johnston pulls out a new One Peso note and has the other 8 surviving Officers sign his note. Sixty-eight years later I carefully placed it in my album.

We cannot thank the men who signed this note for the freedoms we enjoy, but let's remember all the men and women who protect us and our freedom every day.

Bob.

REMINDERS

March 31—OCC EVALUATION DAY

April 3—next OCC meeting—ELECTION

April 10—Golden Eagles @ 1:00 @ Golden Corral @ Primrose

April 10—Board Meeting @ 6:30

April 16—Bob Newcomb Coin Club (Bolivar)

April 17—Hicomo Club Meeting (Hickory County)

April 15-21 ANA National Coin Week

April 18-21—CSNS 73rd Anniversary Convention

Civil War Educational Forum @ Schaumburg, IL

April 28—Pittsburg, KS Collectors Show

May 19-20—Sedalia Coin Show

June 23-29—ANA Summer Seminar

June 30-July 6—ANA Summer Seminar

July 21-22—Carthage Collectible Show

Dues are due

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Golden Eagles

On March 13, the Golden Eagles met at the Golden Corral on *Primrose*.

Attending were Jim and Sandra Tower, Jim Griffin, Jim and Erma Brown, Jim and Bunny Guy, Pat Wells, Annette and Bob Stewart, Allen Brame, Don Eggerman, Harry Waterson, and Nancy Redman for a total of 14.

Harry shared four medals all pertaining to "Masons". There was discussion on the iconology of the theme. Bob Stewart received a bronze "duplicate" of the medal of the New Frontier Congressional Gold Medal awarded to Apollo 11 astronauts on November 16, 2011. Jim Guy donated this along with a write up explaining it. Don Eggerman donated a 2011-P Andrew Johnson \$1 (with die crack) that Nancy received.

We will get together again on **April 10, 2012** at **1:00** at Golden Corral.

PLEASE NOTE: NEW LOCATION: 2020 E. Primrose



Golden
Eagles



Nancy
&
Bob



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2012 DUES NOTICE

\$7.00 YN -- \$10.00 SINGLE -- \$15.00 FAMILY

Adult Names _____

YN Names _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to Ozarks' Coin Club

Bring to monthly meeting or mail to: Ozarks' Coin Club

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Coin of the Month

Obverse: An American sailing ship from 1814 routs a British ship during the War of 1812.



Reverse: The first words of the National Anthem, "O say can you see," appear over 15 stripes, surrounded by 15 stars.

Star-Spangled Banner \$5 Coin

The five-dollar gold coin we'll look at this month is part of a two-coin set that honors the Star-Spangled Banner...both the song and the flag on which the song is based. Did you know that the song's writer had one very specific American flag in mind? The flag was hand-sewn in 1813 by Mary Pickersgill and her helpers to fly over Fort McHenry in Baltimore. Since the flag needed to be seen from miles away on a 90-foot flagpole, each star was about 2 feet across and each stripe about 2 feet wide. Such a large flag is called a garrison flag, but it was much larger than a modern U.S. Army garrison flag, which is 38 by 20 feet. The flag's total size was 42 by 30 feet, about one-fourth the size of a modern basketball court.

The flag, which lawyer Francis Scott Key called "the star-spangled banner" in his lyrics set to an existing tune, had fifteen stars and fifteen stripes. Congress had the two stars and stripes added to represent Vermont and Kentucky, which joined the Union after the country's first flag was designed. Later, in 1818, the number of stripes was permanently set back at 13, while the number of stars was allowed to grow by one for each new state.

That huge garrison flag is the one hailed by Key when he penned the words for the song that would later become our National Anthem. How much later? Although the song was instantly popular and stayed that way for more than a century, especially for military occasions, it didn't officially become our National Anthem until 1931.

Some patriotic groups worked for several decades to have "The Star-Spangled Banner" named as the U.S. National Anthem and, in 1931, Congress finally passed a bill to that effect. President Herbert Hoover signed the bill into law on March 3. For that reason, March 3 is known as National Anthem Day...and the March Coin of the Month is the National Anthem coin!

In case you're wondering what became of the original star-spangled banner, it was owned by the fort's commander and passed on to his family. Pieces of it were given away over the years until one family member decided to donate the remainder to the Smithsonian Institution. The Smithsonian works to keep it in good condition and displays it in its National Museum of American History.

Read more about the flag, the song, and the coins' designs on the [Commemorative Coins page](#).
And don't miss the [Star-Spangled Word Jumble](#) link!

—Peter



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