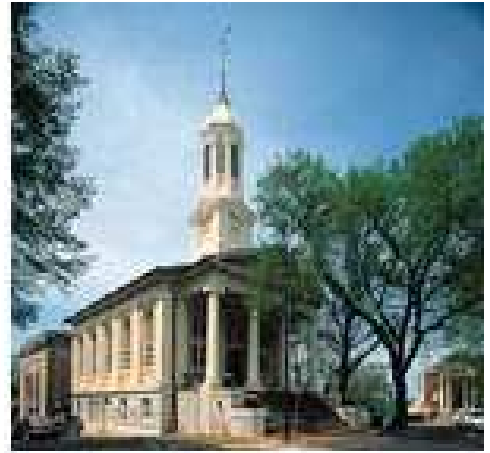


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Hobby Notes

- newsletter of the
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Fauquier County Courthouse
in Old Town Warrenton

Special points of interest:

- Door prizes donations are **always** needed (especially coin-related)
- Give us your ideas for future programs (our cupboard is bare)

September 2nd Program: ANA Video: Hobo Nickels

Gerry has obtained three videos from the American Numismatic Association (ANA). The video selected by the membership is about Hobo Nickels.

I had never heard of hobo nickels, and had a look at an article about them on the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) site....what a story! I am looking forward to viewing the video, and learning more about these works of art from the days of the Depression.

The videos were selected to appeal to both coin and stamp collectors. If you can think of topics you would like to see presented in future meetings, let us know - the ANA and APS have extensive DVD titles in their libraries, and the videos are there for the asking, often just for the cost of shipping.

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WSSC Stamp and Coin Show 2011

Emilio has got the ball rolling to prepare for the Annual Stamp and Coin Show for 2011. Work on the original Show was shared by a number of members, but much of the success of recent shows goes to Emilio alone. Once again, he has taken the initiative to plan for the best available dates, and has begun to contact dealers for table rental. But so much more needs to be done for an even more successful Show. For that, we all need to pitch in.

Pre-Show publicity (local and national), chairs and tables and lighting and extension cords and perhaps food. Signs outside the building, a greeting table staffed at all times by a member, to welcome the guests and asking for their names and contact information. Chances for door prizes to be drawn and given away in the afternoon. Hand-outs and perhaps giveaways for attendees. Displays (will we have the space?).

We have already discussed all of these matters - now we need to get going.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Guests and new members are always welcome. Drop by and join us.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (except for the January holiday dinner) at the SunTrust Bank in Warrenton. SunTrust is located at the intersection of Routes 17 & 29, in the Warrenton Center shopping center, near Rankin's Hardware (Enter the front doors

of the bank and go downstairs to the Meeting room).

The meetings start at 7:00 pm. We conduct our business, and then begin an informal 30-minute program, which alternates between coin and stamp coin topics. The program is followed by an auction of stamps, coins, and

other hobby items. We finish around 9:00 pm.

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ABOUT THE CLUB

"If you like stamps or coin, you're welcome to join"

The Warrenton Stamp and Coin Club is a not-for-profit organization based in Warrenton Virginia, but has members from all over the region, including Casanova, Manassas, Culpeper and Fredericksburg. Meetings are held each month, and the programs are broad enough to interest both stamp and coin collectors. Annual dues are \$12 for adults (although junior members pay no dues). Visitors and guests are always welcome. Prospective members shall be able to receive two consecutive editions of the newsletter before being dropped for non-payment of dues. The Club actively supports the Boy Scouts' merit badge programs, and has raised funds for local high school scholarships. Our website address is:

<http://www.wsccl.site11.com/>

UPCOMING CLUB PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

October	7	TBA
November	4	TBA
December	2	TBA

Noted in passing...

Lee Morrison informs us that the Flint Hill P.O. will present a small show in September to show scenes and stamps that publicize the three new stamps for the month of July. The features will include the Negro Baseball League, The Sunday Funnies, and the New Boy Scout stamp. Lee will give us more information at the next meeting, with dates and times.

Isn't it amazing how much we can learn, each and every day? I have fun each month looking for web sites to feature, and looking into them to summarize their content for the Club. The coin sites bring me the most information, but even the stamp sites open new doors for me once in a while. This month, as I was entering Raymond's column, I had to take off my Editor's hat and surf the web for information about Karl Landsteiner. How could I never have heard of him, and why didn't I know that discovering human blood types was an essential step toward transfusions and eventually blood donations? I amaze myself at the depth of my ignorance at times, but I delight in occasionally filling some of the those gaping holes. And these days, a surprising amount of my continuing education comes through stamp collecting and our Club meetings.

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:

This month we feature the web site <http://www.coinsite.com/> The site is geared toward the general collector, and has articles, frequently asked questions, "Ask the Coin Doc," values for common coins, currency, quizzes and many other features. There are scans of "exceptional coins from the Jimmy Hayes collection," including some currency notes - my favorite is the \$10,000 Federal Reserve note. There is a U.S. coin history - select any of many dozens of coins, and read a long article about it. [By the way, there is a link to the ANA site, to check for local clubs. The WSCC is listed, but it goes back to the days when Gregg was President. The information needs to be updated - anyone want to volunteer to contact the ANA?].

Upcoming Hobby Shows

September	3-5	BALPEX - Baltimore Philatelic Exhibition
September	11-12	Fairfax StampFest
September	11	Winchester Coin Club Semi-Annual Show
September	17-19	Virginia Numismatic Assoc. Convention - Richmond
October	9	Richmond StampFest
October	15-16	Fairfax StampFest
October	30-31	Vienna Quarterly Coin & Stamp Show

RAYMOND'S COLUMN

– NOTES FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

BLOOD DONATION AND TRANSFUSION DEPICTED ON STAMPS

Before the onset of electronic communication, postage stamps represented the main form of international promotional tools on the planet and, since 1942, some issues have promoted blood donation. At least 189 stamps from 87 states pertain specifically to blood. Europe has 51 stamps from 19 states; Sub-Saharan Africa, 28 from 14 states; Asia, 17 from 17 states; North Africa, 24 from 3 states; East Europe, 18 from 9 states; Middle East, 16 from 10 states; South America, 15 from 9 states; Oceania, 9 from 5 states and North America, a single stamp sponsored by the American Association of Blood Banks. The three countries with the most stamps include Monaco with 11, and Tunisia and Belgium, with 9 each.



Many stamps have a slogan which fit into three general categories: of lives saved, blood donation as a duty, or an appeal to donate. Only Sri Lanka's stamp expresses thanks for donating. Characters on the stamps include donors, recipients, accident victims, nurses and physicians.

Such stamps often commemorate the pioneers of blood transfusion. Karl Landsteiner of Austria has the greatest numerical representation among blood banking pioneers on stamps; he won the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1930 for his discovery of human blood groups. Another recurring theme represents transfusion technique. The opposition to racism appears on a Rwanda stamp in 1972, an East German stamp and a U.K. stamp in 1970. Symbols on the stamps include the red crescent, red cross, heart, a blood drop, the administered blood, the donor arm and the outstretched hand. Numerous stamps use the meaning of colors, red dominating and represented by the blood drop, blood bag, red cross and the red crescent. Red represents the joy of giving.

Editor's note: Many philatelists collect stamps that depict a certain subject or theme, and such collecting fields are often known as Thematics or Topicals. Medicine is a popular topic, and within the theme, there are many popular sub-categories - including the science and treatment of specific diseases (smallpox, tuberculosis, cancer, leprosy etc.). Within those categories are stamps that honor the scientists, medical practitioners and even their tools: I found a web site titled Microscopy on Stamps. Topics for stamp collecting are nearly endless.

Catch the fever (or, cure the fever!)

At Last Month's Meeting...

At the August meeting, we welcomed back Gisela & Robert Weinland, who spent the past months driving a zillion miles across the country and back, visiting many National Parks along the way. They took over 1200 photos, so maybe we shouldn't ask to see *all* of the pictures.

The presenter was Palmer Smith, who lives at Blackwell, the third land grant in Virginia. He is a local professional painter who may be seen with his easel of the streets of Old Town Warrenton, and he spoke about Extra Billy Smith and the many illustrious relatives in his family tree. Boy, did we hear some stories! We heard the story of how William Smith got the nickname, "Extra Billy," that he was 65 when the Civil War began, how served with distinction, and became the last Governor of Virginia for the Confederacy. He struck gold in California, returning to Warrenton to build the California Building, (located behind the Juvenile & Domestic Court). Then we heard about many of Palmer's other relatives - I couldn't scribble fast enough to get all the details. The brother of Extra Billy (I think) struck gold in the Yukon and founded the Bethel Academy. Another took part in Pickett's Charge, and captured the Union banner at the high water mark. George Henry Palmer won the Medal of Honor in the Civil War. Another relative built the locks for the Panama Canal, and several relations helped take San Juan Hill in a unit that did *not* include Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders (whose horses were left behind in the U.S.). His mother had relatives that arrived with the first settlers landing at Plymouth Rock, and many others who achieved high rank in the military. His father was an Army Colonel, and while an Attaché in San Juan, lived in the house once owned by Poncé de Leon's son-in-law. While stationed in Berlin following World War II, his father dealt with a German intelligence officer that led a group that formed an early part of the O.S.S., forerunner of the C.I.A. (I know I left out some things, but I hope what I included is all correct!) . What an amazing presentation, and what a shame that no family member has yet written a family history.

After the program, we learned through the Treasurer's report that the Club's account continues to show a healthy balance. Brian read a note from Bill Miller, thanking the Club for its gift of flowers for his wife Betty during her stay in the hospital. Emilio began to take reservations for the Club's 2011 Show, and that lead to much discussion about details of Show planning (publicity for the Show through newspapers and magazines, the possibility of serving food, etc). Lee announced that he is organizing a stamp show at the Flint Hill P.O. on Saturday, September 25, featuring three new stamps issued this summer, and of course we expect to see portions of his many collections as well.

Gerry told of three videos he borrowed from the ANA, and the Club voted to watch one on Hobo Nickels for the September program. Gregg says he has DVD's of Mint and BEP operations.

Gregg told of desirable door prizes given at his coin club meetings (proof sets & stock books), and we discussed the possibility of something similar for our Club.

We concluded with the auction.

-BCS

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This month's featured stamp

This month we feature a stamp honoring American painter Winslow Homer. The 44¢ stamp was issued at Richmond, Virginia during the recent APS show, the latest in the *American Treasures* series, and was designed by Derry Noyes, of Washington, DC.

The 9th stamp in the *American Treasures* series features *Boys in a Pasture*, an 1874 oil-on-canvas painting by Winslow Homer. The painting resides at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Homer was twice previously honored - in 1962 (Scott #1207) with the painting "Breezing Up," which hangs in the National Gallery in Washington, D.C., and on the pane "Four Centuries of American Art," (Scott #3236j), showing "The Fog Warning (previously titled "Halibut Fishing"). Both are wonderful depictions of the seafaring life that Homer so often portrayed.

