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Remember:

-There will be no meetings April 18 or July 4. There is only one meeting each of those months.

-If you put on a program for the club, your information would make a great addition to the newsletter. E-mail your typed program/article to frog-girl8_11@msn.com or bring it to club meeting and give it to Alex Troxell.

April Flowers Bring...Pollen

Spring is here and the yellow dust is descending from the pines. The residents of Georgia must now chew their air before breathing it into their lungs. I personally feel that I am storing sand in my eyeballs. I have had allergy symptoms every fall since I was in high school. It was just two weeks or so of runny nose, watery, itchy eyes, sneezing, and heavy breathing at the start of school in September. A little Contac or Dristan got me through. Then I moved south. I didn't seem to have any real problems for quite a while.

Georgia pollen is sneaky. Weeks and even months before that yellow dust comes to call, there are tons of budding trees, bushes, and grass, all releasing a gazillion types of pollen. Suddenly I'm having sneezing fits that make me a good candidate for adult diapers. I'm wearing a bandanna to mow the lawn like some bank robber. I no longer blow-dry my freshly shampooed hair by driving to school with the window down. And it wasn't just the fall anymore. Georgia takes gold in the spring Pollen Olympics.

Whoever came up with that 'Pollen Count' thing must be backed by the pharmaceutical companies. I'd see the blue sky and sunshine outside, and feel pretty good. Then the weatherman would announce that the pollen count was in the thousands. It used to be measured in the hundreds! They were pretty much advising ya'll to just not breathe today, if you could help it, thank you very much.

Spring and fall soon meant a prescription of Allegra. It was handy when the poison oak, poison ivy and saw briar got the best of me, too. Twenty-five dollars for a thirty-day supply didn't seem too awful bad, since I didn't need it year round. Then of course, Alex had allergies, too. It still seemed a small price to pay to be able to breathe, since we'd sort of gotten into the habit of doing so.

Then our insurance company changed.

The generic form of Allegra now costs thirty-nine dollars a month for each of us. Since other medications have been added to my repertoire and Alex's, it gave me pause. Surely I could suck it up for a month or two and just buy an extra box or two of tissues? The pharmacist was helpful in pointing out another generic brand that was now sold over the counter, just ten dollars for a three-month supply. What a deal!

Folks, you get what you pay for. I'll be sending it back to the manufacturer. I took a double dose and it did nothing. My body seems to only respond to the top shelf drugs, unfortunately.

But I have now weaned myself off of my antihistamine and am quite proud of that fact. Of course, I still have sneezing fits sometimes. And no, I am not wearing Depends! (Just a little feminine protection, thank you very much.) And we buy the good tissue with lotion in it. Now that's an invention right up there with the Polio vaccine. The amount of foundation needed to hide that Rudolph-Red nose, well, I figure we're still saving *some* money.

I have also stopped taking my pill for restless leg syndrome. I finally read the drug literature on it, and it was scary. Of course, I didn't read the literature until AFTER I'd discontinued it. You're not supposed to just stop suddenly. For almost two weeks, I was running into the wall when I got up to use the bathroom in the middle of the night. Once, you mark it off to being really tired. Twice, maybe. I thought I had a brain tumor or something!

I am down to just one pill now, my high blood pressure medicine. I'm pretty happy with it. I no longer seem to get a scary red face when I'm upset or exercising anymore. But of course, it gives me a dry cough when I'm trying to sleep at night. I think the doctor said she could prescribe a pill for that, but I just keep a glass of water on the bedside table. I don't have a co pay for that!

Hot Off the Press

This month's meeting is April 4. **There is no meeting April 18 due to the GNA Show.** The general meeting starts at 7:00 pm, and the YN meeting starts at 6:30 pm. The April 4 general meeting educational program will be by Bill Yarbrough and refreshments will be provided by Terraine Echols.

Thanks to Tom DeBerry and Norman Thomas for their presentations at the March meetings, and thanks also to Joe Flanagan and Peter Arata for provid-



ing refreshments.

To volunteer to do a program or provide refreshments for an upcoming meeting, please contact Norman Thomas, 770-381-8770 or e-mail jltandnot@msn.com.

This is **your** newsletter. The editor needs new material and welcomes the opportunity to review your original article for publication. Articles can be sent by e-mail to Alex Troxell at frog-girl8_11@msn.com.

President's Coiner

By: Chip Cutcliff

Well, the Ultra High Relief Coins finally started shipping. February 6th was the date the Mint states they first went out. Then they stopped. They next picked up some time towards the end of February, around the 26th. The Mint stated that they had sold almost 50,000 coins but initially had just 30,000 blanks, as I suspected. Although the Perth Mint has committed to 300,000 blanks, that amount is for the year, to be shipped in monthly increments. This means that you may have to wait a while for delivery if you didn't order the first day. PCGS received the first UHR on February 11 for encapsulation. They will issue your coin a First Strike status if they receive it in your unopened box stamped with a delivery date before March 11. It costs an extra \$14 for the designation, and their definition, printed on the slab, is any new coin that is encapsulated within 30 days of the known release date. Of the 590 graded by PCGS as of March 6th, 398 were MS 70, 190 were MS 69, and 2 were MS 68. So, MS 70 is a common grade! Maybe because they can get just 500 coins per set of dies? Although uncirculated, the first coins off the new dies have a proof-like appearance.

The new quarters and cents are tough to get. The DC quarters came and went, probably in record low numbers. The cents, well, I've heard reports of single pieces showing up in change around Atlanta, and the Mint just sold them by the box in Baltimore. No one here in the southeast can get what they want. Keep asking and let me know if you get lucky. Some of the 2009 coins are out, but the Mint is behind its usual release dates. The newest quarter released today (April

1st), Puerto Rico, I think. Start looking for them. The new Lincoln commemorative dollar is probably sold out by the time that you read this. If you wanted one, try to get it ASAP. Historically, anything that is popular enough to sell out from the Mint quickly will immediately cost more on the secondary market. Keep an eye on the new Braille dollar too. The Unc's will probably have a tiny mintage, making them a much better coin in the future. Old gold has gone crazy here of late, probably because so much was sold as bullion this past year. Premiums are easily \$400 over melt for Double Eagles, and proportionately similar for the smaller coins. Check out the prices before you let any go too cheaply.

The GNA show is coming up April 17-19. Please consider volunteering to help out. It's a great show, and it's expanded by 52 tables this year. Jane Thomas is heading up public registration, so talk to her about helping out. It's a great way to get involved "behind the counter," at a show, so to speak. There's a currency grading seminar being put on the Wednesday before the show, by Greg Culpepper and Wendell Wolka. Cost is just \$75, and it's a full day from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Contact Bob Hartje at coin-bob@aol.com for details, or check out the GNA web site at www.gamoney.org

There will be an EAC meeting Saturday morning at the show, as well as a YN program Saturday at 1:00. Lets see all the YN's make it up hopefully. Theme will have something to do with Lincoln? Also, I'll be looking for YN pages for the weekend of the show. If interested, contact me with your name. See you at the show, and have fun collecting.

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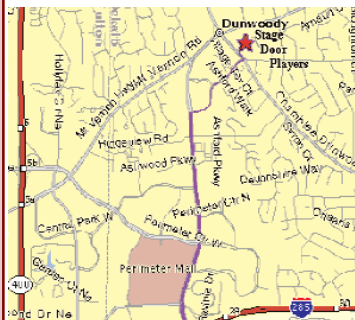
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WHO: Collectors of coins, paper money, tokens, and medals. Especially wanted are young, beginning collectors and anyone wanting to know more about the hobby and have fun doing it!

WHAT: Every meeting features educational programs, coin auctions, refreshments, and fellowship with other collectors. And, we would like you to be part of the fun! In addition, the club offers Young Numismatist (YN) programs, free advice on coin grading and authenticity as well as this monthly newsletter.

WHEN: Meeting at 7:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month at the North DeKalb Cultural Arts Center, 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody.

WHERE: The North DeKalb Cultural Arts Center is located at 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road approximately one block South of Mt. Vernon Rd and Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd.



Meeting Schedule

January 3 & 17	July 18
February 7 & 21	August 1 & 15
March 7 & 21	September 5 & 19
April 4	October 3 & 17
May 2 & 16	November 7 & 21
June 6 & 20	December 5 & 19

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Purpose

To encourage and promote the science and history of numismatics through discussion, investigation and study of coins, currency, stamps, medals, tokens, and financial systems of the world, to encourage and assist beginners and new collectors, to foster the interest of youth in the subject, acquire and disperse numismatic knowledge in the form of books and other publications, and to cultivate an atmosphere of numismatic fellowship among club members.

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Show Calendar

Greater Atlanta Coin Dealers, Sunday, April 12, Holiday Inn Select, 4386 Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta, GA, 9 AM-5 PM. Call Bob O'Brien, 770-772-4359, atlcoin@hotmail.com.

GNA Show, April 16-19, 2009, Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road, Dalton, Georgia 30720, I-75 N, Exit 333, at the light at the end of the exit ramp turn left and travel .6 miles on Dug Gap Battle Road. Turn left into the Trade and Convention Center. www.gamoney.org

Whitman Coin and Collectibles Atlanta Expo, May 14-16, 2009, Cobb Galleria Centre, I-75/I-285, Atlanta, GA, 10AM-6PM, Call David Crenshaw, 404-214-4373, email info@whitmanexpo.com.

Application for Membership

Regular (age 18 and up) \$10 Student (age 17 and younger) \$1

Name (please print) _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

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I herewith make application for membership in the MCCA subject to the Bylaws of said Club. I also agree to abide by the Code of Ethics adopted by the Club.

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (required for applicants age 17 and younger) _____

I collect: _____

Other collecting interest: _____

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