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Congratulations to the new MCCA Newsletter Editor for 2010: Dr. Joe Meyers! Have a Happy New Year Everyone!

On the Periphery: Holiday Edition

What was I thinking? Just because I found turkey for forty cents a pound didn't mean I had to buy the biggest one! Oh, but I did! I even had to borrow space in a friend's freezer. It took five days to thaw in the refrigerator, and even then I couldn't get the neck bone out! I was an hour late getting the bird in the oven. Wrestling a twenty-five pound bird in and out of the oven really does a number on your arms and back, too!

With all that turkey, you'd think I was expecting an army of guests, wouldn't you? But no, there were only to be eight of us around the table. A small yet respectable showing. Then my girlfriend received an invite to feast with family in Florida. Well, family does come first. Then sickness kept three more family members close to their bathrooms in Lilburn. So it was to be just Jim, Alex, me, and my buddy Joann.

Four people and a twenty-five pound bird.

Well, Troxells always count for double when it comes to food.

Something in the genes. Thanksgiving dinner turned out wonderful and laid back---we ate in our pajamas. And I had my favorite breakfast of turkey and stuffing the next morning. Alex made a Shepherd's Pie made with turkey for dinner that evening. I made another Shepherd's Pie for dinner the next day. We ate turkey sandwiches for lunch that entire weekend. I took turkey leftovers for my lunch the whole of next week.

Now I'm down to just a gallon of turkey vegetable soup. I boil the carcass for broth to put in the freezer for cooking, too. As I was proudly arranging all the little containers in the freezer, I came across one marked "Turkey broth 12-08"

Next year, I'll DEFINITELY buy a smaller turkey!

Hot Off the Press

This month's meetings are December 5 & 19. The general meeting starts at 7:00 pm, and the YN meeting starts at 6:30 on December 5.

Thanks to Bill Yarbrough and the Numismabowl Participants for their presentations at the November meetings, and thanks also to Ralph Winters and Ron Wichman for providing 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 actroxell@gmail.com.

Don't forget about the All-Auction Meeting Night in February! See Ron for lots, but hurry. They're going fast!

Bullion Contest Guesses

Name-	Gold-	Silver	Norman Thomas-	1129.78-	22.96
Ron Wichman-	964.00-	14.20	Bill Fivaz-	1020.00-	16.25
Todd Cofer -	995.00-	15.25	Rob Peard-	959.14-	14.44
Joe Flanagan-	1101.59-	20.51	Jim Troxell-	1016.36-	16.56
Sammi Fraime-	1020.25-	18.10	Alex Troxell-	1000.00-	19.92
Steve Fraime-	1050.25-	18.85	Noah Hill-	948.00-	13.07
John Lyons-	731.25-	14.84	Terraine Echols-	996.00-	14.90
Shep Hammack-	1111.11-	22.22	Greg Ison-	882.00-	12.25
Joel Woodin-	1044.23-	18.90	Peter Arata-	975.00-	14.20
Ralph Gentry-	997.40-	18.13	Terry Troxell-	1103.00-	17.21
Connor Simmons-	976.32-	16.47	Tommy Troxell-	982.37-	16.41
Bob Reich-	992.54-	16.00	David Jordan-	978.00-	15.10
Chip Cutcliff-	1040.00-	16.50	Bill Yarborough-	960.00-	15.50
Hannah Cutcliff-	1000.00-	15.00	Becky Yarborough-	875.00-	18.50
Sarah Cutcliff-	950.00-	14.99	Garry Torkington-	915.00-	11.25
Joe Meyers-	796.66-	16.66	Kyle Vick-	887.50-	12.87
Marc Zagara-	950.00-	16.00			

President's Coiner

Well, another year has come and gone – four seasons that have flown by for the old guy that writes this column. A new year is just around the corner. I hope to finish the year off with a BANG and wish the same for each and every one of you. I have many fun and interesting things to talk about before the year slips away from us!

The 2009 Bullion Contest is quickly coming to a close. Winners of the gold and silver prize will be the club members that most closely predicted the bid values on the Kitco web site as of COB, Monday, November 30. Awards will be presented at the annual Christmas party in December. It seems that gold values have surprised all 32 participants in the contest (as well as the rest of the world).

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held in Sandy Springs on Sunday afternoon, December 13. See the newsletter for times and directions. We'll award 3 gold coins, from the red tickets collected throughout the year and sold at the party. Members must be present to win. We'll have door prizes to give away and our annual gift swap. Bring a wrapped gift (usually numismatically related) in the range of \$10 or more and swap it out for another gift on the table. Always a great get-together and lots of fun! Sign up for tentative attendance at the party by the November 20 meeting. I'll have a nice crisp uncirculated \$2 bill for all to autograph and add to our 'Short Snorter' at the event. We're looking for additional donated material from members to use as door prizes. See Chip or Norman to drop something off at the 11/21 or 12/5 meetings.

Our "All Night Auction" is shaping up nicely. \$5 gets you up to 10 lots in the auction February 19. Professional auctioneer Lindsey Goff is calling it. We've already booked half of our total number of lots, so reserve your numbers by paying as soon as possible. Lot descriptions do not have to be provided until the January 15 meeting, though you want to get them to Ron as soon as you can before COB at that meeting. We also have a "Mystery Lot" that will benefit the club, and consist of items donated by the club. Please see Chip or Ron to make a donation.

Coin/Currency news – WOW, is the bullion market HOT! As I write this, gold closed yesterday at

\$1139.80 and silver at \$18.42. The gold market is especially active. I find it almost impossible to keep either bullion ounces or "Old Gold" twenties in stock at present. Bullion is selling for about 10% over spot, and it's hard to find a \$20 Saint or Lib for less than \$1400. The 50,000 Lincoln Coin and Chronicles Sets sold out in just two days back in October, making this set an instant success. As you know, the Mint was not able to deliver on its' plans to mint 2009 proof ASE's, and the 2008's moved higher on this news, with ads at \$119.95 now. The Mint does plan to continue mintage in the Proof ASE's in 2010, however (rather than dropping the item). The Mint also announced a 6-month extension of sales on coin sets containing the Copper Lincoln Cents for 2009. Meaning, the Mint Sets, Proof Sets, and individual Lincoln Proof 4-coin holders will remain on sale until June 30, 2010. So much for late-in-the-year low mintages! If you like to buy commemoratives that have the potential for good increase in value over the long run, pick up one of the uncirculated Braille dollars. It's a low mintage item that will probably increase in value in the future. The last 2009 release of the Lincoln Cent has already occurred, and the 4th dollar coin and the 6th quarter will be out by the time you read this. I suggest making sure that you have all of the 2009 Territory Quarters that you want now. These BU quarter rolls of 2009 could be better in the future than most expect. If you have 2008 fractional Buffalo gold, I suggest you consider selling. Ads are common for the fractionals, paying as much as \$475 for the 1/10 oz coins. A dealer told me at the Sunday Dealer show that he was paying \$1800 for proof AGE material. As a parting item, keep and eye open so you can avoid the counterfeit PCGS slabs. Remember to check the hologram and the "space" at the sides of the capsules if you can't easily identify the coin as a counterfeit from appearances.

Always feel free to contact me directly for additional information regarding notes or items in this column. Your comments are always welcome! Have a merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Hope to see you over the holidays and at the annual Christmas Party.

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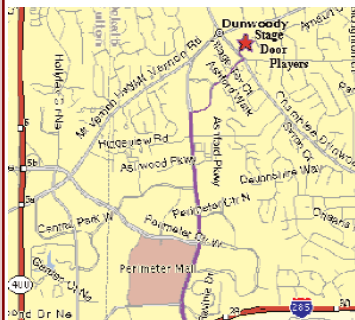
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WHO: Collectors of coins, paper money, tokens, and medals. Especially wanted are young, beginning collectors and anyone wanting to know more about the hobby and have fun doing it!

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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Show Calendar

Summer FUN, July 9-11, 2009, Palm Beach Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL. Call 727-321-8747.

Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Coin Show, August 21-23, 2009, Northwest Georgia Trade Center, Dalton, Ga. Friday and Saturday 10AM-6PM, Sunday 10AM-3PM.

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