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Reed and Tucker to Speak in Memphis

On Friday, June 26, 2009, the public is cordially invited to the 6th Annual Society of Paper Money Collectors Authors' Forum, at the Memphis International Paper Money Show.

The event includes presentations, question-and-answer sessions, a meet-and-greet with leading numismatic authors, and book signings. It happens at the Memphis Marriott Heritage Ballroom, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Popular columnist and researcher Fred Reed will discuss his new book, *Abraham Lincoln: The Image of His Greatness*, which has become a hit this year—the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The book features more than 900 full-color images, including hundreds of coins, tokens, medals, paper-currency notes, and other collectibles.

Reed explores the national popular depiction of Lincoln as "ideal, idol, and icon" over the past 150-plus years. Since its debut at the Whitman Baltimore Coin and Currency Convention in March, his new book has been widely praised:

·Bjorn Skaptason of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago has noted its crossover appeal to mainstream (non-hobby) audiences. He says, "People don't think of it as a 'coin book.'"

·Peter Rexford in the St. Louis Beacon says that Reed "does an unbelievable job chronicling the myriad buttons, medals, posters, postcards, envelopes, and broadsides on which Lincoln appeared while campaigning for the of-

fice of president."

·Bob Schreiner in *Paper Money* magazine calls it "a beautiful book," "well researched and thoroughly detailed."

·Harold Holzer, co-chair of the United States Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, calls the book "interesting and compelling," and says that "Reed's commentary and the arrangement and choice of imagery make *Abraham Lincoln: The Image of His Greatness* a very worthwhile and elegant project."

·Dr. Thomas R. Turner, editor-in-chief of the *Lincoln Herald*, says that "Reed [is] on to something important, a unique way to examine the shaping of Lincoln's image," and that "The rich illustrations that accompany the text will provide readers with many hours of enjoyment."

·The *Numismatist* calls the book "expansive and satisfying" . . . "fascinating" . . . saying that "Reed's book pays a wonderful tribute to the man and his legacy."

Introducing Reed's discussion, Whitman publisher Dennis Tucker will present a "behind-the-scenes" slide show of some favorite images from Abraham Lincoln's nearly 1,000 photographs. He will also discuss the book's reception within the hobby and in the scholarly community.

Other writers scheduled to talk about their books at the SPMC Authors' Forum are Gene Hessler, Benny Bolin, Steve Whitfield, Matt Janzen, and Pierre Fricke.

Hot Off the Press

This month's meeting is July 18. There is no meeting on July 4. The general meeting starts at 7:00 pm, and there will be no YN meeting. The general meeting educational program will be by Joe Myers and refreshments will be provided by the club.

Thanks to Greg Ison and Nathan Mahan for their presentations at the June meetings, and thanks also to John Lyons 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 jltand-



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At the club's recent board meeting the board voted to hold an all-auction night meeting. The date for the all-auction night meeting is February 20, 2010. There will be up to 250 lots in the auction that night. Club members may submit up to 10 lots per member for a \$5.00 fee. The club will be providing

President's Coiner

By: Chip Cutcliff

Welcome to Summer! I write this a couple of days away from escaping to Colorado Springs for a week of Summer Seminar. Georgia weather has been marvelous this week with low humidity, cobalt blue skies, and mild temperatures in the evenings. Mother nature must be preparing me for Colorado.

I'm running a bit behind with a draft letter to Whitman encouraging them to return to Atlanta with the summer show after 2010. The board voiced some great ideas, and I plan to write a positive letter to Mary Counts that outlines why they should return. We'll just have to wait and see if the proposition works for them.

We had 31 people provide their best guesses for the 2009 bullion game. You should see a copy of the spreadsheet in the upcoming newsletter. No values were publicly listed until after all applicants had their numbers in. There were some pretty wild numbers!

The Board, after a polling of the members at the last meeting, is going forward with plans to investigate the possibility of holding a 2010 coin show somewhere in Metro Atlanta area. With Whitman out of the picture for at least 2010, MCCA believes that there is enough interest locally to hold a show sponsored by our club. Norman Thomas is developing the idea/plan. Please provide your suggestions / comments to him in the near future so that they might be considered in formulating a draft plan.

The board also set a date for "Auction Only Night 2010" which will be the 2nd meeting of February. The Club provides refreshment and pizza, you provide the company and auction lots. A lot list must be provided by the 2nd meeting of January. It will be posted in the newsletter. Can't win if you don't play. Five dollars buys up to 10 lots. YN's can get up to 3 for free. Total lots desired for the auction to remain at 200. If more than 200 are received, the board will decide whether to expand the number or not accept the extra. Numbers are assigned in the order that the lots are received. Visit the web site for lot cards or additional information.

Bullion levels continue to correct themselves and become more of what we have come to expect. 90% junk coin was selling for 10X face at the past Sunday Dealer show here in Atlanta. The US Mint just removed the rationing of blanks for their bullion Silver Eagles and Gold Eagles. The Guan quarter is out, and P rolls are quite elusive. The Mint just shipped their 2009 proof sets with 4 lenses of coins. The largest proof set to date. The second cent in the 2009 commemorative series, "log splitter", is much easier to find than the earlier "log cabin". I suggest that you set a few rolls aside if you can get them from the bank. I don't think the high prices will hold much longer.

Have a great summer. Talk to you next month!

Chip

Bressett and Bowers Will Greet Fans at the ANA World's Fair of Money

Whitman Publishing authors Kenneth Bressett and Q. David Bowers will greet fans and autograph their books at the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money in Los Angeles, August 5-9, 2009.

Bressett is the longtime editor of the Guide Book of United States Coins (popularly known as the "Red Book"). He has been involved in the hobby since the 1940s, serving as a governor, vice president, and president of the ANA, and as a consultant to the U.S. Mint. He was instrumental in originating the popular 50 State Quarters Program. Bressett is a recipient of the Numismatic Literary Guild's Clemy Award and is an inductee in the ANA Numismatic Hall of Fame. His most recent books include the award-winning Milestone Coins (Extraordinary Merit, NLG, 2008), Money of the Bible (Best Specialized Book, World Coins, NLG, 2006), and The Fantastic 1804 Dollar, Tribute Edition (coauthored with Eric P. Newman).

Bowers has been a professional numismatist since 1953. He has written thousands of articles and more than 50 books, most of them hobby-related. He has served as president of both the ANA and the Professional Numismatists Guild. Like Bressett, Bowers is an inductee in the ANA Hall of Fame. He has received more "Book of the Year" and "Best Columnist" honors from the Numismatic Literary Guild than any other author. Among his most recent works are the Whitman Encyclopedia of Colonial and Early American Coins, the Guide Book of Gold Dollars, and Grading Coins by Photographs. Other Bowers books currently in production include encyclopedic references on U.S. paper money and half cents and large cents.

Bressett and Bowers will be at the Whitman Publishing booth during the show, with appearance times to be announced. Fans are encouraged to ask questions, have their pictures taken, and talk about the hobby with these two numismatic legends.

On the Periphery

By: Sandi Troxell

Almost one hundred degrees and humidity like the rainforest---welcome to summer in the South. And the last thing you want to do is turn on the oven and rattle those pots and pans. Heating up the kitchen just doesn't make "cents" when the AC is working so hard. This is the season to grill, grill, grill. Because you know who's in charge of the grill, don't you? That's right, the men.

Whoever invented the outdoor grill should probably be nominated for sainthood. It eases the load of the woman of the house and puts the men outside. Anything dropped is quickly taken care of by the family pet or late night raccoons. And there's practically no clean up needed. Just a few swipes with the wire brush and you're done. Everything else just cooks right off.

So what are you putting on the grill tonight? How about salmon? Check out the seafood case in the grocery store. All you need to prepare it on the grill is olive oil and a shaker of lemon pepper seasoning. Smear the oil on the fish, coat liberally with lemon

pepper, and put it on the grill skin side down first. Depending on how hot your grill is, and how thick the fish is, about 7 to 10 minutes until you flip. Keep the fish in large pieces until it's cooked for easier flipping. Then you can cut portions to your liking. Serve with fresh lemon wedges.

Want to do it all on the grill? Get out your aluminum foil and make packets of vegetables. Our favorite is zucchini "coins" and onions. Add a pat or two of butter to the veggies on the sprayed foil and fold in squares. They take about the same amount of time as the salmon, and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese when you dump it on your plate.

Small potato fans are easy on the grill too. They'll take a bit longer than the salmon, so put them on the grill first. Remember that smaller potatoes cook quicker. Slice the potatoes *almost* all the way through, less than a quarter inch thick. Put the potato fan on foil that's been sprayed with cooking spray and drizzle with Italian dressing. Or you can use a pastry brush and paint in between each slice. Wrap up and toss on the grill. They are so good; you might not use much butter.

2010 Red Book Features Upgraded Photos, New Sections

(Atlanta, GA)—The 2010 (63rd) edition of the Guide Book of United States Coins (known to collectors as the “Red Book”) includes many new features, plus dozens of additions to the book’s 1,800-plus color photographs.

“One of the most exciting sections is a new appendix on Significant U.S. Mint Errors,” said Whitman publisher Dennis Tucker. Its text and photographs were contributed by specialists Nicholas P. Brown, David J. Camire, and Fred Weinberg. The new appendix gives a history of mint errors, and illustrates rare and valuable misstrikes and errors including a 1943 steel cent struck over a Mercury dime; an 1863 capped-die Indian Head cent; a 1906 Indian Head cent struck on a \$2.50 gold planchet; a 1904 Lewis and Clark gold dollar with a reverse brockage; a Peace dollar struck on a blank quarter planchet; a Bicentennial quarter double strike; a Lincoln cent struck off-center on a Roosevelt dime; the famous bronze 1943 cent; a 2000 Sacagawea dollar muled to a Washington quarter; and other rare oddities worth \$2,500 to \$150,000 or more.

In the book’s introduction, the “Coins From Treasures and Hoards” section includes a new essay on the SS New York, a passenger ship lost in September 1846 and recovered in 2007 along with thousands of gold and silver coins.

In the “Pre-Federal Issues” section, readers will find dozens of upgraded photographs of colonial and early American coins and tokens, as well as newly added variety photos. “The results are impressive,” said the book’s longtime editor, Kenneth Bressett. “Compare a 2009 edition to the new 2010 edition; it’s like seeing our colonial history with new eyes.”

More closeup photographs of varieties have also been added to the federal coinage sections, including half cents, Indian Head cents, Lincoln cents, and Buffalo nickels. In the back, more Civil War tokens are pictured.

“The 1875, Dot Reverse, Indian Head cent is an interesting addition,” said research editor Q. David Bowers. “It’s believed to have been struck to help catch a Mint employee suspected of stealing coins.” Enlargements of Variety 1 and Variety 2 of the 1886 Indian Head cent are among several other varieties pictured for the first time.

New content has been added to cover the 2009 Lincoln cent designs, the Native American “Three Sisters” dollar, the DC/Territorial quarters, and the upcoming 2010 National Parks quarters. In the Bullion section, new information has been added about the “burnished” Uncirculated coinage, as well as the expanded American Buffalo gold program and the 2009 Ultra High Relief gold coin. The year’s new commemorative coins and sets are also studied.

Throughout the 2010 edition, record-setting auction results have been updated for significant coins, with many 2008 and 2009 records listed among early copper, silver, and gold.

In addition to the 2010 Red Book’s nearly 40,000 individual coin prices in up to nine grades per series, Appendix E showcases the Top 250 Auction Prices for U.S. coins. “We’ve tracked auctions through early 2009,” said valuations editor Jeff Garrett, who noted an increase of \$35,000 compared to the 2009 edition’s list. “Last year’s 250-ranked coin sold for \$310,000,” Garrett said. “To make it onto this year’s list, the 250-ranked coin (a 1776 Continental dollar) sold for \$345,000.”

Appendix C, “Collectible Red and Blue Books,” has been expanded with more details, including how to precisely identify the Blue Book’s early editions of the 1940s and 1950s. Coverage of recent collectible Red Books includes the leather-bound Limited Editions, the 2009 Journal Edition, and the rare 2008 Numismatic Literary Guild variety (valued at \$800, with only 135 made).

The Red Book’s numismatic bibliography continues to be updated with current literature. Its 125 listings include more than a dozen references published in 2008 and 2009.

In addition to a new Large Print Edition and several formats of the regular edition, Whitman Publishing is also taking pre-orders for the leather-bound Limited Edition (1,500 copies autographed by Bressett). For more information and to order, the Whitman web site is www.WhitmanBooks.com. \$14.95 spiralbound; \$16.95 hardcover; \$19.95 spiralbound hardcover; \$29.95 Large Print Edition; \$69.95 leather-bound Limited Edition (1,500 copies)

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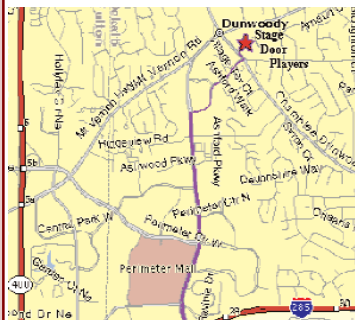
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WHO: Collectors of coins, paper money, tokens, and medals. Especially wanted are young, beginning collectors and anyone wanting to know more about the hobby and have fun doing it!

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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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

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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