

**Bellaire Coin Club  
Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by club president Garth Clark at 6:17 PM.

**Introductions:** Bill W introduced his friend Don.

A membership application was received from Paul K. for himself and his grandson Ethan. Motion made by Jesse V., seconded by Bill W. to accept the application. The vote was unanimous to accept Paul and Ethan as new members.

**Treasurer's Report:** The club is in sound financial condition. The room for the next show is already paid for, and a good deposit of table fee checks is scheduled for 6/16/09.

**Show Report:** Tom C. reported that the snack bar had made enough money to cover the cost of material purchased for the Kid's Auction at the last show, plus a nice profit that will be deposited in preparation for the next show in August. He thanked everyone that helped make this possible.

**Museum Tour:** The tour of the Genghis Khan exhibit at the Houston Museum of natural Science went very well. 16 members attended. Of particular note was that approximately 1/8<sup>th</sup> of the earth's population is genetically related to Genghis Khan.

**Drawings:** Scott F. won the attendance prize. Thurman F. won the grab bag prize.

**Show & Tell:**

Garth C. began the S&T by requesting that a few volunteers step up and schedule some presentations for upcoming meetings.

- Brian H showed a pair of Roman coins of the emperor Caracalla. He is trying to assemble a representative collection of silver and copper coins showing the similarities in portraits. These particular coins were interesting as they could be assigned a date of minting.
- Bruce B showed a book that listed some interesting error coins in the Amon Carter collection. Included in the list were several Lincoln cents struck on silver dime planchets. Of particular note was one 1943 cent on a dime planchet. He recommended checking those "silver" '43's again, just in case.
- Alan M showed a coin he found while he was using a metal detector in Louisiana. Fortunately, the coin was on the surface near some road construction and could be seen. There was an iron nail right next to it that would have blinded the metal detector. The coin is an 1851-O trime with AU details. Alan mentioned this is the best coin he has found so far.
- Sebastian F showed 2 bronze medals from Hamburg, Germany. The first from 1880 welcomed an American gymnastics team to Hamburg. It has a nicely detailed federal eagle. The other was a medal commemorating the Great Fire of 1842. The medal has a very detailed map of the burned inner city of Hamburg.
- Gene M passed around some oatmeal/chocolate chip cookies. Then he talked about 2 coins he recently obtained. These were coins that are the two most likely candidates for attribution as the Biblical tribute penny.

The club auction then took place after a brief viewing. There were a total of 75 lots in the auction.

The meeting adjourned at about 7:40 PM, and then the Usual Suspects reconvened at Jax Grill.