

# Crescent City Coin Club

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*Thirty spokes join in one hub.  
In its emptiness there is the  
function of a vehicle.— The Tao  
Te Ching.*

As with the spokes of a wheel, every member of our club is valued. All members have an important role to play. As we combine our collective talents as one, we ensure the continued success of our community.

## NEXT MEETING

August 17, 2011

Dinner 6:00pm

Bourse 6:00-7:00pm

Meeting 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus 3310  
Florida Avenue Kenner,  
LA

Menu: Italian Meatballs  
and Spaghetti

Please Join Us!

### Club Officers

Mike Buras,

Roger Holder

Bob Eddy

Steve Barnes

Mike Maniscalco

### Board of Directors

Rick Demer

Rusty Pancamo

Ruth Young

Patti Bennett

Robert Caradona

Bruce Ehrman

Sandy Goldstein

## The Tides of Change by Michael Maniscalco

- **Mini-bourse:** Club members welcomed to bring coins for sale before the meeting from 6pm to 7pm. Cost \$6.00 full table/ \$3.00 half table.
- **Coin Auction:** Beginning with August's meeting members are encourage to bring up to 5 coins for auction at all monthly meetings. You may set a minimal reserve.
- **International Dinners:** Dinners will take on an international flair. Our very own culinary artist, Ruth Young will prepare a diverse menu of delightful treats.
- **Goofy Auction:** The Board of Directors wish to announce the passing of the goofy auction. The auction died July 27, 2011 at the club's board meeting. The auction entertained many during its life. The goofy auction is survived by an increase of educational activities and numismatic related functions. While the auction's resurrection is not out of the realm of impossibility, perhaps this "sleeping dog" is best left undisturbed for the time being.
- **Coin Grading Workshop:** Nick Lagattuta will start a series of coin grading presentations throughout 2012. Nick will begin these presentations with an overview of the ANA during August's meeting.
- **Rusty's Coin Bee:** Coming soon! Time to test your numismatic prowess.
- **2012 Panel Discussion:** A panel of collectors & dealers will discuss numismatic topics. Audience participation highly encouraged.
- **2012 Elections:** Start thinking about your club's leadership in the coming year. Elections are in November.

## Meeting Minutes From July 2011

By Steve Barnes, Recording Secretary

The monthly meeting was opened by Mike Buras after closing the mini-bourse. He thanked all those that helped with the setup &/or tear down for the recent Coin Show. Buras thanked all of those who volunteered thus making the show a huge success. He gave a 1<sup>st</sup> membership application reading for Salvador Faia.

The program this month

was given by Mike Buras on "Early to Middle Byzantine Empire Coins. He had hand outs with some brief history & information on the coins he gave a power point presentation on with his talk.

The door prize of a 1987 U S Mint Set was won by Calie Fauguet; the membership prize was won by Andrew Correnti, the Silver Eagle raffle for the

2003 coin was won by Henry Smith and the 50/50 of \$24.00 was won by Clinton Boyle.

Mike Buras reminded all of the Board Meeting for July, 27 would be at Mike Maniscalco's house as Bob Eddy was recovering at home from foot surgery. There being no further business Mike closed the meeting at 8:00PM.



## The 1935 Labor Day Tinnie of Nazi Germany

By Michael Maniscalco

*So this, I believe, can be our message to the other peoples on this first of May: You need have no fear that we want anything of you... What we want lies clearly before us: not war and not strife. Just as we have established peace within our own people, so we want nothing else than peace with the world - Adolf Hitler, Berlin, May 1, 1935*

If you were German living in Berlin on Labor Day (May 1, 1935), you along with many other thousands of "Berliners," would have attended a Labor Day rally and heard the Fuhrer's promise of peace with the world. Pinned to the lapel of your jacket or the breast of your shirt was a small metal badge you obtained from a nearby "Brown Shirt," in exchange for a small donation.

The badge is a 1935 Labor Day tinnie, fashioned from aluminum. The tinnie measures 46mm in height and 33.6mm in width. It depicts the image of three men, an industrial laborer, a scholar, and a farmer. The Iron Eagle takes seat in the badge's lower quarter. The date 1935 is equally divided by the eagle. The caption "Tag Der Arbeit," meaning Day of Labor, appears in the badge's field above the three worker's heads. The designer's initials "RK" can be found beside the industrial laborer's apron and the maker's mark is found on the badge's reverse below a stripple fastened pin.



The three male figures on the badge are exemplary of the Nazi Party's promotion of a national-socialist form of government. In short, the Nazi Party promised economic security for the German nation, social welfare programs, and prestige for German workers. Promises such as these were strongly supported by the German working class mostly due to the nation's crippled economy, widespread business failures and massive unemployment brought about by the Great Depression of 1929.

Shortly after coming into power, the Nazi Party declared all trade unions illegal and compelled workers to join the German Labor Front (DAF). DAF membership cost was approximately 1.5% of the worker's monthly wage. While membership was not a requirement, workers found it nearly impossible to gain employment without belonging to the organization. Under a National-Socialistic government, employers could demand more productivity from their workers, but would have to ensure social welfare programs, higher wages, shorter work hours and improved working conditions, all mediated by the German Labor Front.

Through use of organizations such as the German Labor Front further supported by Hitler's rearmament program, unemployment dramatically decreased and Germany's economy prospered. By 1936, military spending accounted for 10% of the Gross National Product and once again Germany's economy began to plummet leading her down the inevitable path of world war.

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