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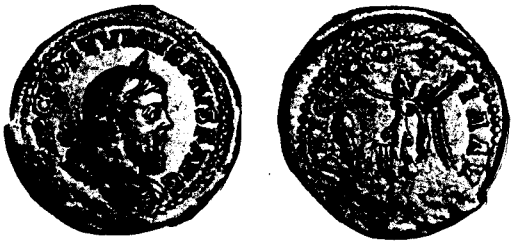

REVIVAL OF THE SESTERTIUS: THE REIGN AND COINAGE OF POSTUMUS

During the reign of the Roman emperor Postumus, 259-268 A.D. the sestertius reappeared as an important part of the Roman coinage system after many years of disuse.

Dr. Tom Beniak will discuss the coinage of this interesting period in history at our next meeting, Thurday, June 24th at 8:00 PM.

Are you aware of the reasons for the reappearance of this important denomination? Be sure to attend this meeting and discuss the topic with one of the area's leading collectors of Greek and Roman coinage.

ART ON ANCIENT COINAGE TO BE SUB-TOPIC PRESENTED BY ESKIL BROBURG

Eskil will give a brief presentation on art as displayed in ancient coinage. Those members owning coins with special artistic qualities are encouraged to bring some examples to share with the club.

CLUB OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT JUNE MEETING

Additional nominations for club officers for the 1993-1994 year will be taken at our June meeting. After the nominations are complete, we will have the election of officers.

The members of the club extend their thanks to this year's officers: President, John Haer; Vice President, Art Noot; Treasurer, John Carnes; and Secretary, Bill Daehn.

SUMMER BREAK TO BEGIN WATCH FOR DETAILS ON PICNIC

The June meeting will be our last meeting before our summer break. No meetings will be held in July or August. The first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday, September 23rd.

Of course, we'll have our summer picnic soon. Invitations will be sent to all members. The date will be selected during our June meeting.

CLUB ENDS YEAR WITH STRONG TREASURY. THANKS, DONORS!

As we end our 1992-1993 year, our club treasury is in the strongest position it has ever been in. The members of the club extend their sincere thanks to those members and friends of the club who have supported the club financially over the past year.

The club has benefitted greatly from a few large donations. Also, several members regularly donate materials to be auctioned for the benefit of the club. Thanks to this on-going support, no dues increases will be necessary, and our summer picnic can be extraordinarily festive!

Thanks, donors.

The Collector's Perspective

"Numismatic Travels"

As summer approaches, many of us will be making plans for vacations and travel. Some of the most enjoyable traveling experiences I've had have been numismatic related. Coin shows can be great vacation destinations.

The New York International show, which is held twice a year, is one of the best shows for ancient coin collectors. The spring show was held June 11-13. If you missed it, you should consider attending the December show.

More convenient for us mid-westerners is the annual Chicago International Coin Fair, usually held between February and April of each year. It also is one of the best shows for buying (and just looking at) ancient coins.

Although these shows have already come and gone, the summer traveler can still look forward to the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association. The A.N.A. summer convention is, in my opinion, the most enjoyable show for all collectors and it makes a great summer vacation. This year's convention will be held in Baltimore, July 28-August 1. This five-day show has it all.

Most of the major ancient coin dealers attend this show every year (the bourse area is the size of a football field!). But the real joy of the A.N.A. show is the variety of other activities held in conjunction with the show that no other show offers! You will find dozens of high-quality collector exhibits, numerous educational speakers and specialty club meetings each day of the show, at least two major auctions, dinner banquets, local tours, and coins, coins, coins. A.N.A. convention sites are always convenient to hotels that fit every budget. If you haven't been to an A.N.A. show, you're missing the most enjoyable annual event this hobby has to offer. How about making it a part of your summer vacation plans?

Other worthwhile destinations for the numismatic traveler are the headquarters of the American Numismatic Society in New York City, or the headquarters of the A.N.A. in Colorado Springs. Both offer a fascinating museum and an enormous numismatic library for your browsing pleasure.

Of course the highlight of the summer for every Twin Cities area collector is the annual summer picnic of the Twin Cities Ancient Coin Club!

Have a nice summer.

—Bill Daehn