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DUES – 2015 dues are optional because we no longer have a quality bulletin and no new editor in sight. The policy will be reviewed from year to year. If you want to pay to support the book fund, this newsletter and other basic operating expenses it would be appreciated. Send payments to the treasurer. Thank you!

APRIL MEETING – The next regional get-together will be Sat. April 18, 2015, starting about 9 A.M. and ending around noon. Location is the Community Room of the apartment complex where our good friend Virginia King resides, 600 N. Colfax St., Warsaw, IN 46580. Thanks Virginia, for making the arrangements.

ANNUAL SHOW CHAIRMAN – The 2015 Annual Show will be my 5th and last as chairman. This summer I will pass my 76th birthday, and it is time! It's too good of a show to let it end but that may happen. Hopefully, we can get 2 or 3 members to take it over. For the consideration of all, I have grouped the responsibilities into 3 areas with the primary responsibilities as follows:

A. Facilities – Establish show dates; Select and reserve the show site; Rent additional tables, etc. as necessary; Plan table layout on bourse floor; Arrange for security including overnight.

B. Dealer Relations: - Create bourse reservations forms and send to dealers and new prospects; Follow-up as needed and collect fees; Create table assignment chart honoring preferences when possible.

C. Publicity: - Create show fliers and distribute to coin clubs, coin dealers, antique/collectibles

retailers and exonomia organizations; Arrange for paid or members free advertising in hobby publications as appropriate.

It would be best for IKO-TAMS if a trusted, reliable person who has been a member for years would take over the chairmanship. Under his/her guidance, others might be recruited to assume one or more of the responsibility areas. If the new chairman decided to keep the show in its present location, I would be willing to retain the "Facilities" job if asked. Non-member candidates would be considered.

2014 ANNUAL SHOW – The show went smoothly and was well attended by collectors who shopped the 26 tables of tokens & medals. For the first time at this location we had a security officer in the bourse room all night Friday. We may need to increase the cost of tables at some point to cover the extra expense. As usual Terry Stahurski and his helpers did a great job. Among those who donated lots for the benefit of IKO-TAMS was Paul Cunningham who donated two LARGE zucchinis he had grown. Wow!

Congrats and thank you's to Ron Vore for his assistance in many ways. Also to Jerry for pastries on Sat.

We were pleasantly surprised to have Virginia King and Tom Wehner with us while they were on the mend from medical issues. We missed Dale Wilges and Ed Bawden both of whom had major surgery/health problems. Both are recovering nicely the last we heard. (Dale said it was the first of our shows he ever missed).

Our hardworking secretary, Jim Lindsay brought copies of our new Membership Directory he had compiled. You may order one by sending Jim a legal sized SASE, w/70 cents postage on it.

INDIANA BOOK – Ron Vore is hard at work on this long, long delayed project. The foundation of the project is the very last print-out of Kevin Grant's data base dated Nov. 17, 2013, some 10 weeks before he passed. Ron is busy adding approximate values and rarity ratings. The work will be run on 3 hole punched paper suitable for a 3 ring loose leaf binder. It was not feasible to use any other format. Our plan is to have the book ready by October.

OHIO BOOK – Dale Wilges continues to work on the data base & solicits new listings that are in acceptable form: An electronic file such as "MS Word", or at least typed on a word processor. Please direct any questions to Dale.

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2014 IKO-TAMS AUCTION RESULTS

This year's auction highlights included several scarce to rare OH tokens, a WV lumber token, an unlisted BBC token and beautifully engraved/counterstamped large cent.. There were also more passed lots than usual. Unless otherwise indicated (M = Mail Bid, NB = No Bid), the winning bids were floor bids. Thanks to all the consignors and bidders and to Gino Sanfilippo for calling the auction, Dave Gossett for tabulating the auction results and everyone else who made the auction a success. A special thanks to Dave Gossett for all his hard work in creating another successful show and to Ron Vore for his help in making a great show. A big thank you to Frank Elam and Paul Cunningham who donated lots #55 & #56 to the club. Thanks to all the dealers and attendees and to all the people who worked behind the scenes. Please consider consigning material to next year's auction – it's never too early!

<u>Lot Number</u>	<u>Winning Bid</u>
1. AZ, Bisbee City Bar.....	\$7.00
2. (CA, Los Angeles) Unl.....	\$13.50
3. IL, Carterville Colp Merchantile.NB	
4. (IL, Herrin) Herrin Supply.....	NB
5. IN, Liberty Nat'l Billiard Mfg....	NB
6. IN, Richmond 2 pcs.....	NB
7. (IN, West Terra Haute) Unl.....	NB
8. KS, Marion Rare TT.....	NB
9. KY, Gubser.....	*
10. KY, Hickman.....	*
11. (MT), Missoula TT.....	NB
12. ND, Minot R10 Coal... ..	\$25.00
13. NV, Reno Owl Bar.... ..	\$5.00
14. OH, Canton Stolzenbach.....	\$11.00
15. (OH, Cincinnati) Foppe Unl... ..	\$10.00
16. (OH, Cincinnati) Foppe Unl... ..	\$10.00
17. OH, Fremont Tracy Pool.....	\$14.00
18. (OH, Jackson) Schuskey Unl... ..	\$22.00
19. OH, Ketterville R16.....	\$15.00
20. (OH, Kirby & St. Marys) Unl....	\$11.00
21. OH, Middletown 7 pcs.....	NB
22. (OH, Minerva) Ingle.....	\$5.00
23. OH, Murray City Brooker.....	\$17.00
24. OH, Newark Butler.....	NB
25. OH, New Philadelphia Unl.....	\$39.00(M)
26. (OH), Springdale R6.....	\$10.00
27. OH, Welshfield R16.....	\$26.00
28. OR, Kinzua KPM Co.....	NB
29. OR, Klamath Falls R5.....	\$13.50
30. PA, Lincoln Hill R9.....	NB

<u>Lot Number</u>	<u>Winning Bid</u>
31. (PA, Logansport) Bethel Supply.....	\$5.00
32. (PA, Smithfield)R10 Coal.....	NB
33 SD, Tea Peters.....	\$5.00
34. (KY, Ludlow)** Lagoon Park.....	\$30.00
35. WA, Carbonado R10 Coal.....	NB
36. (WV, Maben) Lumber.....	\$41.00
37. (WV, Wheeling) Krueger & Nicoll.....	\$13.00
38. Maverick Barnard Lumber.....	\$7.00
39. Maverick Congress Hall.....	\$5.00
40. Maverick McDougall BBC.....	\$30.00
41. Maverick Tucker BBC.....	\$10.00
42. Maverick Verdi Italian.....	\$5.00
43. (IL, Chicago) Flour Ad. Mirror.....	\$21.00
44. IL, Rockton 1923 Sticker Dollar.....	NB
45. (IN) 1882 Dog License Tag.....	\$22.50 (M)
46. (MT) Bozeman Capitol c. 1892.....	\$20.00
47. (OH), Cincinnati 1909 Turn-Fest.....	NB
48. OH, Cincinnati Engraved large Cent....	\$70.00
49. OH, Hamilton Silver Medal.....	\$23.00
50. OH, Springfield Masonic Penny.....	\$13.00
51. PA, (Philadelphia) Penn Mint Medal... ..	NB
52. WA, Seattle HK #354.....	\$15.00
53. Maverick Pinback Blue Beacon.....	NB
54. Silver Dollar 1896 reverse planed off... ..	\$15.00
55. Display case.....	\$35.00
56. Big Zucchini.....	\$30.00

*Removed from auction by consignor

**Originally listed as being from Utah. Identified as being from Ludlow, KY by two advanced KY collectors

WE NEED TOKENS!

for the
2015 IKO-TAMS AUCTION

Once again, we will be having our mail/bid board/floor auction in conjunction with the October show. Any IKO-TAMS member is welcome to submit **up to 10 lots** with a list accurately describing the lots for the mail bidders. Together with the description, please *include the condition of the piece and what the minimum bid amount is (if any)*. Attributed mavericks should include source of attribution. Trade tokens are preferred, especially unlisted tokens, saloons, BBC, good transportation and other "better" items. Lots with an anticipated value of **\$10.00** or more are eligible. A small commission for each lot (10% of selling price or \$2.00, whichever is greater) will be retained by IKO-TAMS.

Lots and their listing should be sent to the auction manager (address below) no later than **July 1, 2015** for the lots to receive maximum publicity. When mailing, use appropriate postal insurance. The auction manager reserves the right to refuse any lots which, in his judgment, should be refused. **Time is passing**, so hurry and round up your treasures and send them to:

**Terry Stahurski
549 Mapleview Drive
Seven Hills, OH 44131-3813**

(If you need to reach me, contact me at tstahurski@cox.net or 216-573-0761)

The King & Holden Auto Hack Line of New Lexington, Ohio

Reprinted from The Fare Box

By J M COFFEE

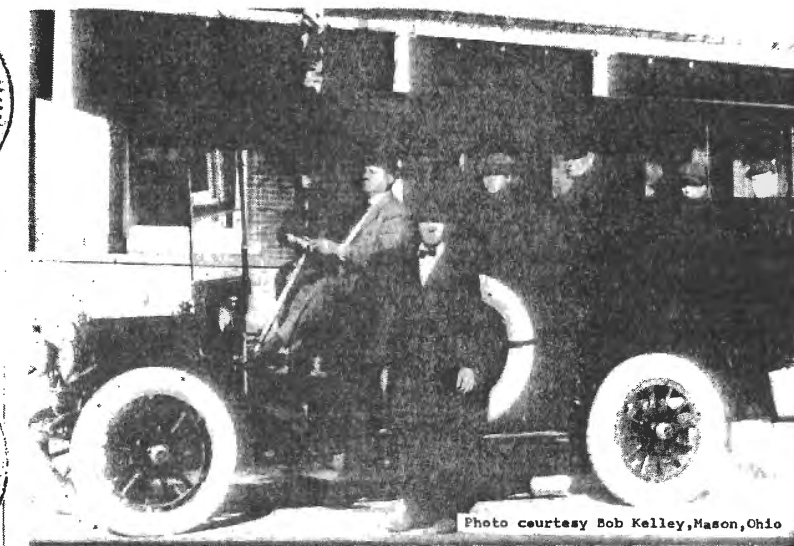


Photo courtesy Bob Kelley, Mason, Ohio



THE KING & HOLDEN AUTO HACK LINE

Above are two die varieties of Ohio 625 B. For years this token was listed as Unidentified, but when we learned its correct origin, we were able to obtain about half a dozen more from Mr. T.J.Holden whose father and grandfather operated the line.

Prior to 1915 the line operated horse-drawn hacks, but in that year Mr. A.C.King and Mr. John W. Holden each purchased a 1915 Buick truck, and then had the local Snider-Flautt Lumber Company make omnibus enclosures to fit on the trucks. One bus was owned by King; one by Holden. They then went into partnership with their two vehicles.

At that time 14 passenger trains daily passed thru New Lexington: 8 were Pennsylvania RR; 6 were New York Central. The hack service was exclusively to service these passenger trains, as was the case with nearly all small town hack services prior to World War I. If you planned to catch a train, you left word at Thacker's Store. Mr. Thacker then wrote your name, and the train you intended to catch, on a blackboard outside his store. Later a second blackboard was situated in front of the local newspaper office as well. Prior to the arrival of each train the hack driver inspected the blackboards and then made his rounds to pick up each person listed. Addresses were not given. The hack driver knew everybody in town. Fare was 15¢. If you planned to return you paid 25¢ and were given a token for the second trip back home.

After the train had arrived the hack picked up incoming passengers. First he made stops at the two local hotels, the Park and the Central, situated about a mile from the depot. After stopping at the hotels, each passenger was delivered to his home. All this for just 15¢, but baggage of course was another 25¢.

I believe that OH 625 A was the first token used, when the first Holden was in partnership with Hayes. Then OH 625 C when Holden was alone. Then OH 625 B and D when the partnership was with King and they began using an "auto hack" in their last days.

The line, like most hack lines, went out of business about 1920.

Collectors Fascinated By Medal Of Honor

By DICK SCHULTZ

Every hobbyist has a dream, and mine came true recently. For 25 years my collection of American military medals, like almost everyone else's, had a big gap at the top.

Sure, I had a Distinguished Service cross, the Air Cross, a Silver Star, the Legion of Merit (in all three grades), the Airmen's Medal and a host of lesser decorations. I even had acquired some rarities like the Cuban Pacification medal (1909), the Medal of Freedom and the Byrd Antarctica disc.

BUT THE BIG casino, the Medal of Honor, had eluded me for more than two decades.

I came close in 1953. A World War II Army Medal of Honor, complete with service record, photograph of the recipient and newspaper clippings was offered at mail bid by a well-known New York dealer.

After a lot of agonizing, I bid \$75, a week's salary. I lost out to a wealthier collector who bid \$100, an astronomical sum in that day, when \$40 could buy you a good Tiffany lamp.

Since then, prices on all medals have far outstripped inflation. Even common decorations like the Purple Heart, awarded by the hundreds of thousands, have risen from \$2 to \$10 or \$12.

American military medal collecting is not exactly a booming fad, but the list of enthusiasts grows bigger every year. Even if you don't collect at all, it isn't hard to understand the fascination of the Medal of Honor.

TAKE DANIEL J. Daly for example. In 1915, Gunnery Sgt. Daly, U.S. Marine Corps, was one of 2,200 men sent into Haiti to protect American interests on that troubled isle. His commanding officer was Major Smedley Butler, a Marine legend, who had been awarded the Medal of Honor a year before in the fighting in Mexico. Daly, too, had been so recognized — winning his medal in 1900 during the Boxer Rebellion in China.

When Butler decided to take a squad of men into the jungle, he naturally picked a fellow hero, Daly, to be his sergeant.

The objective was to capture the rebel stronghold, an old French installation called Fort Depitie. The enemies were Cacos tribesmen, native fighters with a ferocious reputation for asking and giving no quarter in combat.

FIVE MILES FROM the old fort, the Marines, equipment mounted on mules, ran squarely into an ambush. Halfway across a muddy river, there was nothing to do but abandon the mules and gear and swim for the other bank.

The natives, masters of jungle fighting, concentrated on the helpless animals and soon slaughtered them all as they frantically tried to scramble up near the bank. Only the rapid dusk saved the Marines. The Cacos did not fight at night.

The Marines, without their heavy weapons, knew they would have to retreat to their base or face certain death with the break of dawn.

"Major," said Daly, "give me two hours. If I'm not back in camp by then, pull out without me."

The 43-year-old Daly, alone and armed only with a bolo knife, disappeared into the jungle. A mile or so away, the sweating leatherneck could hear the voodoo chants and screams of the Cacos. On his way back to the scene of the fight, Daly met and silently killed three native guards. Then, in almost pitch darkness, he found the edge of the river and dove in.

BY TOUCH ALONE he located the dead mule he was seeking under about 6 feet of stinking tropical muck.

Two hours later, just as the troops were about to admit failure and return to the encampment, Daly staggered in. The sergeant, who weighed 140 pounds, had fought his way out of the jungle through a swarm of drug-crazed Cacos, carrying a

machine gun, tripod and two cases of ammo strapped to his body, covered with river leeches.

With morning, the long-expected attack came. The Cacos were met with a withering fire from Daly's gun. More than 50 were killed, and the rest fled in panic. The Marines pressed their advantage, and the crucial fort fell that afternoon.

A few months later, in Washington, Daly received his unprecedented second Medal of Honor.

THE STORIES behind most of the 3,200 Medals of Honor are a testimony to the incredible bravery of humans in times of stress.

It wasn't always so. When the medal was first authorized in 1861, it represented the only decoration during the Civil War. Because it was established by an act of Congress, many people then and now persist in calling it a "Congressional" Medal of Honor.

Actually, although Congress has awarded the medal on its own (such as the one to Charles Lindberg in 1927), the correct name is simply the Medal Of Honor. The service involved decides who is to get the medal, although of late it is traditional to have the President make the presentation.

During the Civil War, the Navy gave out 327 medals, and the Army more than 2,100. In the first few years they were distributed with a lavish hand.

In 1916, an Army board met and eventually threw out 911 awards. Stricken from the list was Dr. Walker, the only woman ever to receive the medal, as well as the souvenir hunter and the members of the 27th Maine.

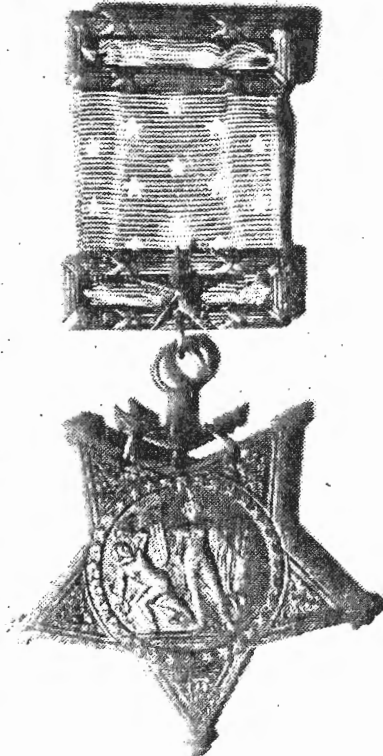
From that day forward, the Medal of Honor has gained untarnished luster. All in all, there have been six versions of the medal. A major change was made in 1904 because the medal had been copied as a badge for the Grand Army of the Republic, a veteran's group. It was copyrighted at that time, and now strict federal law prohibits the counterfeiting of American medals.

WHY DOES ANYONE ever get rid of a Medal of Honor? I don't know.

The one I just got is perhaps the rarest of all. It was only issued between 1913 and 1917, and as near as I can determine was awarded only 26 times.

Dick Schultz cannot make personal replies to letters from readers, but answers as many as possible in his column. Write to him in care of Sunrise, Box 1330, Cocoa, Fla. 32922.

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RARE MEDAL OF HONOR