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ANNUAL SHOW 2016 – The annual show went on without a hitch. The weather cooperated and the collectors came. They came in abundance on Friday, but Saturday was slower. We had a record 31 dealer tables plus Charlie Turner had a guest at his table: Paul Bender, a very accomplished engraver of Hobo Nickles executing his art on the spot. WOW!, they are great.

In late September I had a call from Virginia King who advised she was moving from her apartment and would not have room for her exnumia accumulation. She graciously donated it to IKO-TAMS. Secretary Lindsay picked it up in Warsaw and handed it off to me in Fort Wayne. So, from October 1st on I was trying to get the various types of collectibles organized while taking care of the usual show preparations. It was hectic but things were organized to the point we managed to sell \$500 worth for *the treasury and still have a fair amount of items left for future sale*.

The credit for a record-breaking show goes, in part, to Jerry Schaeper for a bang-up job with our publicity. He obviously got the word out to a broader spectrum of the collecting fraternity. The hard work paid off. Jerry also furnished pastries for Saturday morning. Thanks, Jerry! My work load was lightened noticeably by Charlie Turner who handled the bourse reservation and fee collection. Thanks, Charlie! Ron Vore gets a pat on the back for making a trip to the hall Thursday to assist with set up. He was also there both mornings early to open up. Thanks, Ron!

Terry Stahurski did a first class job with the auction which is an important part of the show. Most members have no idea how much work, how many hours, are involved. From soliciting the lots to start the process, all the way through to reporting on results, the last duty. **AND HE HAS DONE IT SINCE 1997! WOW!!!** The proceeds to IKO this year were \$122.00. More important are the people it brought to the show. How about dropping Terry a Thank You note? Also, we are grateful for others who came a day early to help set up: Stahurski, Donn Moody, Dennis Poland and Terry Hess. Two or three dealers help fold and stack the rental tables at the end of the show. All of this assistance is very important to our success.

We welcomed first time dealers Hugo Sandelin of Richmond, ME, Bob Jones of Winchester, KY and Jim Brokamp of Delphos, OH. Hope to see you again next year.

DUES – Annual dues for 2017 are now payable. Please send a check for \$10 payable to IKO-TAMS to Secretary Jim Lindsay. Do it now before you forget and save us extra work and expense.

PERSONAL NOTES – Al Zaika, age 97, passed into eternity at Bellmawr, NJ in September. He was the founding President of the NJ Exnumia Society in 1980. He was a very congenial person who was always happy to assist other collectors. Al was also a dealer who had a bourse table at our annual shows in the early years. He served his country in the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) and was an Army veteran of WWII in the Pacific. -- Joe Copeland did not make the show for health reasons and

the fact he was grieving the loss of his brother and best friend, Bobby. – Dan Rich recently lost his wife, Lucille, “Lu”, following an illness. If you would like to send regrets to either man, their addresses are on our membership roster. --- Show regulars who were not in attendance were Pete Hartley, Virginia King, Vic Nolan and Dale Wilges. (Apologies if I missed anyone). --- Bob Williams was assisted by his son also named Bob. Welcome Bob(s). --- Just before going to press, Virginia King called with her new address: 425 Chinworth Court, Apt. 116, Warsaw, IN 46580. ←

ANNUAL SHOW 2017 – No dates have been set but they will be announced in the March bulletin.

This will in all probability be my last show as chairman. We have a 39-year history of successful annual shows and it would be a shame to let such a popular event fall by the wayside. Every organized endeavor needs a plan of succession so that the departure of one or more key people does not interrupt the operation of the group. This realization leads to three questions.

1. Who will be the new chairman or chairwoman?
2. What experiences, qualifications if you will, should that person have?
3. What changes, if any, might be made to the show format, location, etc. to accommodate the new chairman.

I have ideas about answers to these questions. But before saying anything I want you, the member, to provide input as to what the answers might be. For example, the show could be moved to one of several larger cities in our tri-state area that meets our criteria. These would include good access to major highways. This flexibility would accommodate not only the collectors but also the prospective chairmen candidates from outside the southwest Ohio area as they ideally should live near the show site. Also flexible is the timing of the show. A month other than October might work well to avoid conflict with other shows. Finally, maybe our show could be held in conjunction with another event such as a coin, exnomia or antique show. – Don't forget, you the member combined with all other members, are IKO-TAMS. Your opinion and willingness to be involved are vital to our future. There are other needs to be filled. For instance we are still hoping to find someone to put out a high quality quarterly bulletin. – **Please let me hear from you.** It would be good to have a new annual show honcho lined up soon so that we can work together for the 2017 event.

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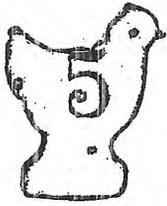
2016 IKO-TAMS AUCTION RESULTS

The big items from this year's auction highlights included an unlisted Ohio saloon good for token and an enigmatic counterstamp that was struck on a thin silver planchet. Also doing well were several rare or unlisted Ohio tokens. There were 15 passed lots, slightly up from last year's 13. Unless otherwise indicated (M = Mail Bid, NB = No Bid), the winning bids were floor bids. Thanks to all the consignors and bidders and to Ed Kucia for tabulating the auction results and Gino SanFilippo for calling the auction. Thanks to all the dealers and attendees and to all the people who worked behind the scenes. A special thank you to Dave Gossett for all his hard work in creating another successful show and to Ron Vore for his help as well as Charlie Turner for taking care of the bourse and to Jerry Schaeper for his advertising efforts. This was one of the best and most well attended shows in many years! Please consider consigning material to next year's auction – it's never too early!

<u>Lot Number</u>	<u>Winning Bid</u>	<u>Lot Number</u>	<u>Winning Bid</u>
1. IL, Wyoming Unl.....	NB	36. OH, Uhrichsville Unl Variety.....	\$ 13.00
2. IN, Boonville R9.....	NB	37. (OH, Vermilion). Unl.....	NB.
3. (IN, Converse) 1/2¢.....	\$ 5.00	38. OH, Wauseon Unl.....	NB
4. IN, Evansville, R10.....	\$ 5.00	39. PA, Altoona R6.....	\$ 6.00
5. IN, Galveston R7.....	\$ 11.00	40. PA, Fredericktown Unl.....	\$ 13.00
6. IN, Huntington Saloon.....	\$ 31.00	41. (WA, Tacoma) Ft. Lewis.....	\$ 5.00
7. IN, Marion R10.....	\$ 5.00	42. WV, Elk Grove R8 Coal.....	\$ 5.00
8. IN, Mt. Ayr R10.....	NB	43. WV, Fairmont.....	\$ 18.00
9. (IN, Mt. Vernon) TT IN650-C.....	NB	44. Maverick BBC.....	\$ 32.00
10. IN, New Albany R9.....	\$ 10.00	45. AA C-Stamp On Coin?.....	\$ 200.00
11. IN, South Bend Unl	\$ 22.00(M)	46. (IL, Quincy) Bookmarker.....	\$ 20.00 (M)
12. (MN, St. Paul) Billiard Mfg.....	\$ 26.00	47. (IN), Ft. Wayne 1913 Encased.....	NB
13. OH, Akron R10.....	\$ 11.00	48. (KY), Louisville Compass.....	\$ 12.00
14. (OH), Akron Unl Denom.....	\$ 9.00	49. MD, Cumberland Encased.....	\$10.00
15. (OH, Canal Fulton) Unl.....	\$ 35.00	50. (NE, Omaha) Whetstone.....	NB
16. (OH, Cincinnati) Unl.....	NB	51. OH, (Ada) Baggage Tag.....	\$ 40.00
17. (OH, Cincinnati) Unl	\$ 31.00	52. OH, Bryan.....	\$ 10.00
18. (OH, Columbus) Unl.....	\$ 11.00	53. OH, Cleveland.....	NB
19. OH, Cortland Unl Town.....	\$ 40.00	54. OH, Columbiana CWT 190B-2a.....	\$ 31.00
20. OH, Dexter City Unl Town.....	\$36.00	55. OH, Steubenville CWT 835-2a.	\$ 42.00
21. OH, Findlay Unl.....	\$ 21.00	56. PA, Pittsburg CWT 765B-2a.....	\$ 31.00
22. OH, Franklin.....	\$ 18.00(M)	57. PA Dog Tags – 1914 & 1916.....	\$ 11.00
23. (OH), Hamilton TT OH385-F ..	\$13.00 (M)	58. Edkins 2015 Coal Text Non WV....	\$ 31.00
24. OH, Lancaster TT OH440-B...	\$ 12.00	59. (KY, Traveler's Rest).....	\$ 5.00
25. OH, Leetonia Unl.....	\$ 25.00	60. (OH, Cleves).....	\$ 9.00
26. OH, N. Amherst Unl Saloon..	\$ 130.00	61. OH, Darrrtown R10.....	\$ 12.00
27. OH, North Lawrence Unl.....	NB	62. OH, Darrrtown R10.....	\$ 13.00
28. (OH, Pemberville), Unl. Town..	\$ 12.00	63. (OH, Flenner's Corner).....	\$ 7.00
29. OH, Powhatan Point R6 Coal....	\$ 10.00	64. OH, Logan.....	\$ 8.00
30. OH, Roseville Unl.....	\$ 25.00	65. (OH, Milledgeville).....	\$ 5.00
31. OH, Salem R8.....	\$ 10.00	66. OH, Morrow R12.....	\$ 20.00
32. OH, Sandusky R6.....	NB	67. OH, Rainsboro R10.....	\$ 12.00
33. OH, Steubenville Unl.....	\$ 5.00	68. OH, Rainsboro R8.....	NB
34. OH, Steubenville Unl Saloon....	NB	69. OH, Rainsboro R8.....	NB
35. OH, Toledo Unl.....	NB	70. (OH, Reily) R15.....	\$18.00

Something To Grow About

By JEROME SCHAEFER JR.



Back in 1931, Phil Chevner, like many other folk at the time, was out of work and low on cash. He decided to expand his only source of income at the time, that of selling eggs. With the help of many of the townspeople, Phil began construction of a large chicken house, situated beside his house in Independence, Ky. (Independence is a

small rural Northern Ky. town in Kenton County; population at the time was around 300, today it is 2700.)

During the construction period, Phil would invite everyone over on Saturday nights for an old fashioned square dance. Occasionally, someone would sneak in a jug or two of "home brew". (Prohibition was in effect at the time, and many people illegally made their own alcoholic beverages) The townspeople enjoyed the gathering spot so well, that mid-way through completion of the chicken house, Phil changed his mind, and decided this structure was to be a restaurant. An appropriate name was the CHICKEN ROOST. And so it was. People came from miles around to enjoy ham and eggs and great chicken dinners. (I suppose Phil had to make do with the tiny chicken coop behind his house) After prohibition was repealed, alcohol could be freely served, and this was surely a "shot in the arm" for the "ROOST".

This brings us to the basis for this article. Sometime in the middle to late 30's, Phil issued a trade token for the establishment. This novel little brass check is, would you believe, in the shape of a chicken! The obverse simply reads ROOST / L.L.L. HWY / (3 L Highway - also called Madison Pike) On the reverse is a numeral 5. These tokens, or "beer chips" as they were called, were invariably used to pay off lucky winners in dice or other relatively harmless gambling activities. The die sinker who made the tokens was Jos. Kratz and Co., a Covington, Ky. firm. The tokens themselves are quite scarce (less than 5 known by this writer.) Indeed, my careful search of Independence turned up no tokens whatsoever. I came across my only "chicken" at a local antique shop a year or so ago. It was found in a jar of old uniform buttons. I'm sure the elderly proprietress thought it was some sort of decorative pin.

Further details on the CHICKEN ROOST are hazy, but Phil Chevner sold his restaurant-bar, along with his other property, probably sometime in the late 50's. In the ensuing years, the "ROOST" changed ownership frequently, each time the owner opting to retain the catchy name. Then in 1973 a new owner changed the name to the RENDEZVOUS. Two years later a new owner named it WIGGLE-WIGGLE. Only a couple of months ago, this famous spot saw yet another owner, who renamed it TRACEY'S OLD CHICKEN ROOST. I suppose people in the area had known it as the CHICKEN ROOST for so long, that it was foolish to name it anything else.

Phil Chevner's original "ROOST" will never be the same. Gone are the ham and eggs, steaks, and those great chicken dinners. Gone are the regulars of the "ROOST", homey people who took pride in dining in a structure they helped build. Now the best one can hope for is a hamburger, pack of cheese crackers, and possibly a chat with one of the few old timers who remembers when the ROOST was the ROOST.
