

ATLANTIC CITY CASINO COLLECTIBLES CLUB

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November 2008 Newsletter

Our next meeting is Sunday, November 16 at the Trump Marina Hotel Casino, on the 4th floor, in the Biscayne room. There will be signs posted at the top of the escalator and on the 4th floor to guide you. Members may enter after the room has been set up and a brief meeting of the club's BOD. Doors open at 11:00 AM. There will be a trade session, reports by the club officers, the club auction, 50/50 drawing and the 2007 Atlantic City Chip of the Year will be announced. There are no guest speakers scheduled.

Highlights of our last meeting

The meeting was well attended with 52 members and 16 guests. Thanks to everyone who came out and made this meeting another success! Some of the issues discussed were:

- Jerry Birl announced that after meeting with Trump Marina, we could continue to meet at Trump Marina through 2009! Since we now know the 2009 CC>CC Convention dates, our 2009 meeting dates should be announced soon.
- John Chopek obtained a quote for club shirts. By show of hands of members present at the meeting, there seemed to be more interest in embroidered polo shirts than for silk screened Tee's.

News

- The sale of the Atlantic City Tropicana went into a deep freeze on October 15, after the New Jersey Casino Control Commission ordered sales proceedings suspended until Oct. 29. While a state-appointed conservator had been negotiating a \$700 million takeover by Cordish Co., the decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court to hear an appeal by ousted operator Tropicana Entertainment has thrown a monkey wrench into the sale.
- Plans for Pinnacle's casino, on the site of the former Sands, are still on hold. I've heard that MGM's plans for a casino in the marina district may also be delayed.
- Revel, next to Showboat, is under construction and on schedule for a 2010 opening! They have curtailed their plans and will delay completion of a second hotel tower until the economy improves.
- Jimmy Buffett and his Margaritaville business empire must qualify for a state casino license as part of the rebranding of Trump Marina Hotel Casino. Coastal Marina LLC of New York is buying Trump Marina for \$316 million and has teamed up with Buffett to transform the aging property into a Margaritaville-themed casino inspired by Buffett's signature "Margaritaville" song. Buffett and his Margaritaville companies will have to qualify as casino licensees in Atlantic City's tightly regulated gaming industry, according to the New Jersey Casino Control Commission. Buffett affiliate Margaritaville of Atlantic City LLC had requested a less stringent and less costly casino service industry license, which is typically held by vendors doing business with the casinos. But the commission has ruled that Buffett and the Margaritaville companies must go through the full licensing process, including the exhaustive background checks that are required.
- All casinos are temporarily smoke free, however, when the AC City Council votes, implementation of the total smoking ban may be delayed for one year.

New Releases

There have been no new chips issued since the last meeting. I haven't heard about any new slot cards or room keys either.

Closing Notes

Thanks again to our Secretary, Lin Weisenstein. Because of her announcements printed in many regional newspapers and several national hobby publications, I'm getting 2-3 phone inquiries a week about the AC Club!

I had a GREAT time on Sunday, October 19th at the NE Chipper's Gathering in Durham, Connecticut! On behalf of the ACCCC members who were there I wish to extend a sincere Thank You to our host Jim Gagnon and Mike Siskin for organizing the meet! After the meet, I stayed in a very nice hotel just ½ mile from Mohegan Sun and 8 miles from Foxwoods. Mike and Jim are planning another meet next spring. If you have the opportunity I urge you to make the trip. You won't be sorry!

Best regards,

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