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Newsletter of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club

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Service to the numismatic community of
Southeastern North Carolina since 1963



Host of the NC Azalea Festival Coin Show Every April

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Our Fifty-Fifth Year

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month

NEWSLETTER BOOSTERS

Bob Neale (1-17), **Bob Doleman** (2-17) and **Franklin Fussell** (4-17). To become a Club Booster, please send your \$10 to our P. O. Box or see our Treasurer at any meeting. Your name will be placed near the top of our monthly newsletter followed by the month your booster contribution expires. Thank you for your support. Your Booster payment is good for one year so those of you who have noticed your name missing need to send \$10 to have your name in lights again.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2017 and the 55th year of our club. A lot has changed since its founding in 1963. But, a lot remains the same. Our numbers have increased and we now have over 55 active members.

I recently asked you what changes you would like to see made in the club. A number of you mentioned more activities, expanded programs and more social events. All of these suggestions come down to: Our desire for comradery and our love affair with numismatics appears unchanged but we need to be organized a little better.

With more members there is more work to be done. Right now we face certain 'growth' problems: Staffing our much enlarged Show, Staffing our Club Table at the show; Helping with the YN projects; Streamlining our membership processing; Expanding our 'events' (Coin Week, All About Coins (at the Mall); Exhibits in museums or local

banks). Social help in planning and coordinating the picnic and Christmas party.

We need a couple of members to review the by-laws, think about 2 year terms for board members with 1/2 elected each year, a YN meeting 1/2 hour before our regular meeting, changing the attendance prize to having a \$10 prize if you're present, if the member is not present the next month's prize would be \$20 – imagine how many members would come if the prize were \$50. Would that eliminate also the need for the 50/50? We also need a nominating committee, a publicity committee and a couple of others. See you on the 11th. Y'all are coming, right?

Don't forget your dues are due at the January meeting. Karen and/or Tom will be at the door to collect them.

Ray Flanigan, President

COIN SHOWS/EVENTS COMING UP *

January 5-8, 2017, Fort Lauderdale, FL, The Annual FUN Convention. (THE largest coin show in the world!!!)

January 14 & 15, Raleigh, NC, Coin Show, State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Blvd., Contact 919-828-9450.

April 8 & 9, 2017, Wilmington, NC, Our Annual Azalea Festival Coin Show at the Elk's Lodge, 5102 Oleander Drive, Contact O.T. at 910-520-8405 or Uffda28411@yahoo.com for a bourse application.

* Please verify coin show dates, times and locations at contact number before going. We have several

Club members going to most of these coin shows so call O. T. for details about carpooling, etc.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next **REGULAR** Club meeting will be held at Carolina BBQ at 1602 South College Road in Wilmington on January 11, 2017. The meeting **begins at 6:30 promptly**, but, PLEASE come early enough to eat, socialize AND prepare your auction items.

A ‘Property Chairman’ reverse auction will be of interest to you. If you’re interested in caring for approximately 32 cubic feet of Club property, come prepared to bid. Opening bid will be \$1,000 and be reduced until a member agrees to a yearly amount they will accept to care for our ‘stuff’.

The program will be on YOUR latest numismatic Christmas gift or newest acquisition. Your item will be placed under a microscope and projected on a screen for all to see. Please limit your show & tell prize to one (1) item so we can all get in on the show. Please remember, there will be women and kids present.

MEMBER NEWS

Rich Jewell is recovering at his Pennsylvania home following abdominal surgery and plans to be at our February meeting. **Franklin Fussell’s** mother passed away on Christmas morning. He had been caring for her for the last few years. She was 93. **R. E. Corbett** and his wife have recently moved into a retirement community. A note to all, **Preston Blue** will be 92 on January 8.

LAST MEETING/CHRISTMAS DINNER

The December Christmas Dinner was attended by over 33 members and guests. Sworn in as our 2017 President were **Ray Flanigan**, Vice-president **Jim Savage**, Treasurer **Karen Foster**, Secretary **Bob Doleman**, Sergeant-at-arms **Chris Vandall**, Board Members **Ken Barlow**, **Franklin Fussell** and **O. T. Thompson**. Pictured are our new President **Ray Flanigan** and our immediate Past President **Mike Mckinnon**, who performed the swearing-in ceremony at The Bluewater Grill at Wrightsville Beach.



Outgoing officers and board members were presented with a gift in appreciation of their work the past year.

Ray presented a program on the Star of Bethlehem and how an ancient coin came to portray it. All in attendance sat in awe as he talked about the subject and passed around a coin showing the Star.

INTERESTING PHOTO

The photo below is from a recent article in Esylum about Jim Halperin. Jim is a major partner with Steve Ivy in Heritage Auctions. If you’ll note, in the background is a print of what appears to be Lincoln and a few other statesmen. The small matted areas below their images appear to hold their autographs. What a great way to display a collection of your autographs.



LAST BOARD MEETING

Due to the Christmas holiday, no board meeting was held in December.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on January 18 at a location yet to be determined. If you want to attend, please contact any officer a couple of days before the meeting.

U. S. MINT NEWS

Oh! Boy! Another concave, convex, cupped, curved, dished, domed or wavy coin coming up in 2017. It's a one ounce gold commemorating the United States Mint's 225th anniversary.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Take your pick, suggest others and/or let an officer know of your interests. Soon to come... 'Safe Deposit Box Tips', 'Wills', 'Mint By-products', 'Grading Services and Slabbing or NOT Slabbing Your Coins'. 'Breaking up Proof and Mint Sets', 'Tips For New Collectors', 'Security at Home, On the Internet and On The Road', 'Extreme Collecting', 'Mel Wacks Coins', 'Encased Coins & Paper Money', 'Autographed Currency', 'Coins In & On Glass', 'Collecting Type Coins', 'The Basics of Coin Collecting', 'Other Things We Collect', 'Cameo Coins' and 'Tax Liabilities When Selling'.

FUN NEWS

By the time you receive this newsletter, several of our Club members will be basking in the Florida sun and enjoying the largest coin show in the world in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Hopefully they'll bring back a few souvenirs along with a sun tan. Call 910-520-8405 if there's anything special you want from The Sunshine State, other than oranges.

ANA NEWS

If you collect ANA memorabilia, you'll be interested in the results of an auction held on December 11. A 1908 ANA Convention badge brought \$1,450 and a 1915 ANA Convention badge sold for over \$3,000! Several lots sold for LESS than bullion value. Still, many items, especially the 1966 Congressional silver medals which averaged \$3,000 on a \$500 estimate!

SPECIAL REQUEST

A Club member needs a ride to our meetings. He lives in Wilmington by the New Hanover Memorial Hospital. Call O. T. at 910-520-8405 if you can help.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

If you want to participate in coin, gun or jewelry auctions from the comfort of your own home, check out ICollector.com. This website does not charge you for your bids, is live so you can watch and listen to the actual auction and is so easy to use a 60 year-old can do it. Be sure to register on ICollector a few days before the auction and, if you really want the lot, call the particular auction company in advance so they'll call you just before your lot goes up for auction, just in case you have internet problems.

WANTED

Two rolls each of North Carolina, Smoky Mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway quarters for our Club to use on special souvenir cards for the Azalea Festival Children's Art Show. Contact **Karen Foster** at 910-686-4976 or Foster1JKR@gmail.com.

COMING IN 2017

Norway will issue a new 100 kroner banknote on May 30. The note will feature a Viking ship!



UNUSUAL NEWS

Now you can buy a coin that has an aroma! If you like pizza, check out this new Solomon Islands issue from Talisman Coins.



DESPARATELY WANTED

Wooden nickels from the Asheville Coin Club, the Sand Hills Coin Club in Aberdeen, NC and the North Carolina Numismatic Association. Please email BGabrielone@yahoo.com.

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ANA Club Membership number 1051079, Since 1964
FUN Club Membership number 25857, Since 2014
NCNA Club Membership number C-47, Since 1972

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“There is quality in every grade.”

THIS NEWSLETTER

An open invitation to other coin clubs.

This newsletter goes out to over 225 recipients every month in hopes that other coin clubs will respond by sending their newsletter to us. The internet provides an excellent opportunity to share ideas on how to manage a club and see how other clubs operate.

If you know someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter, please contact the editor. Also, if you no longer want to receive this newsletter, simply respond with the word ‘Unsubscribe’ in the subject line.