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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

CLUB BOOSTERS

C. J. Lindsey (2-18), **Danny Freeman** (3-18), **Stanley Rehder** (4-18), **George Rogers** (4-18), **David Meisky** (4-18), **Franklin Fussell** (4-18) **Bob Doleman** (5-18), **Tom Bromley** (5-18) and **Bob Neale** (6-18). To become a Club Booster, please send \$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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is finally here, or so the calendar says. Wouldn't it be fun to have a costume party at the October Meeting? Unfortunately, we have a great program scheduled that doesn't include Halloween. We also have a celebrity in our midst. One of our members has been recognized by the North Carolina Numismatic Association as their Numismatist of the Year. The NCNA is composed of 29 member clubs across the state quite a few of which are far larger than the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club. State wide recognition is extremely difficult to achieve but in this case very well deserved.

This meeting is going to be a little different. This is one of those DON'T MISS IT meetings. First, we have an outstanding speaker, whose topic, "What do I do with my collectables when no one in my family wants them?" is of interest to almost all members and probably twice that number of outsiders. We expect a full house, a talk with a lot of Q&A that might take some extra time. Thus, we have cancelled the auction this month. Don't despair, next month is

the election of Officers and Board members for 2018. Come prepared to vote and we'll double the auction time.

Final topic this month, ELECTIONS. We still do not have a full slate. Our attendance has been dropping and a lot of members are not volunteering to lead this club forward. There are a number of reasons for the drop off in attendance, but the rate is alarming. 45% of our members have not attended a single meeting this year. Of our 78 members our attendance has been Jan. 18, Feb. 21, Mar. 29, April 28, May 19 and Sept. 16. We need more and better programs, but, there are other things this club needs, less dissention, fewer personal attacks and more member involvement for example. The opportunity to change this exists now! We still have 3 positions open – President, Secretary, and Sgt-at-Arms. Only 3 of the current officers/board members are returning. This is YOUR club. It will be what you make. Please volunteer to join the team that will be turning this club around. See any member of the Nominating Committee (Mike McKinnon, John Balestrine or Bob Neale) or any officer at the meeting, mention your interest and we'll contact you.

Numismatically, Ray, Pres.

MEMBER NEWS

Karen Foster is now taking phone calls (910-686-4976) at home after breaking her collar bone and pelvis in a bicycle accident. **Ray Horwath's** wife, Brigitte, is recovering from an accident in Colorado. **Franklin Fussell** recently inherited a son as his daughter was married at the Sarecta United Methodist Church. (I just like that name.) **Mike**

Wallace of www.smalldollars.com fame had his website recently given a superior review on the www.esylum.com website. Mike's website has been rated consistently in the top ten BEST numismatic websites for many years. **O. T. Thompson** just returned from the NCNA Convention in Concord, NC where he signed up a few more dealers for our April, 2018 Azalea Festival Coin Show. A very special 'souvenir' from the show will be exhibited at the October meeting. Just in...**Ken Long** won a BU silver eagle at the recent Jacksonville coin show.

COIN SHOWS/EVENTS COMING UP *

October 14-15, Virginia Bch., VA, Coin Show,
October 18 & 19, Raleigh, NC, Fellowship Hall,
2011 Ridge Road, ANA Introductory Counterfeit Detection Seminar will be held. Please call 719-482-9815 ASAP for more information.

October 27-29, Spartanburg, SC, South Carolina Numismatic Association Convention, Memorial Auditorium, 385 N. Church St., 803-530-3668.**

November 18, Norfolk, VA, Coin Show, VFW @ 5728 Barteet St.,

November 18-19, Raleigh, NC, Coin Show, NC Fairgrounds, 919-828-9450.**

December 6, Leland, NC, Magnolia Greens Country Club, Annual LCFCC Christmas party.

April 14 & 15, 2018, Wilmington, NC, Elks Lodge, 5102 Oleander Dr., Contact O. T. Thompson @ 910-520-8405 or send email to uffda28411@yahoo.com. Over half of our forty-eight bourse tables are already reserved.

* Please verify coin show dates, times and locations at contact number or email address before going.
**Members of our Club are going. For carpool information call O. T. @ 910-520-8405.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next **REGULAR** Club meeting will be held at Carolina BBQ at 1602 South College Road in Wilmington on September 13, 2017. The meeting **begins at 6:30 promptly!**

The program will be on 'Estates' by local attorney David Anderson. **THIS IS ONE MEETING YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS! This program will cover intestacy, wills, trusts and taxes associated**

with a collector's death. Seating is limited so come early, eat and socialize before the 6:30 meeting.

Due to the expected record interest in this subject and a higher than average attendance, there will be **NO AUCTION** at this meeting.

LAST MEETING

Our September 13 meeting was kinda interesting, to say the least. **Jim Savage** held a mini program and or a mini info-mercial on a variety of numismatic items from the new 2017 enhanced mint set to American Eagles sealed in 'Trump' holders. In attendance was **Daniel Freeman**, the ANA representative for North and South Carolina. He said he was always available for any ANA concerns. Other guests were **Margaret and David Meadows** and **Dr. Mark D'Angelo**.

As a reminder, life memberships are available at no cost to anyone who's been a member for five years and reaches the age of 80. We also have a special on life memberships for all members at the cost of \$85 until January 1, 2018 when it returns to the \$150 price.

LAST BOARD MEETING

The September 20 board meeting was held at the Carolina BBQ Restaurant. Items discussed were: Elections of 2018 officers, tax status, April coin show, showcase rentals, mutual respect, books for schools, mall exhibit and the BMW factory tour.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on October 18 at 6:30 pm at Carolina BBQ on South College Road. **ALL** members are invited to attend.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Our Club is **STILL** in DESPARATE need of one of our members to set up a **Facebook** account. C'mon!

U. S. MINT NEWS

The 2017-S Limited Edition silver proof set goes on sale at noon on October 5. Mintage is set at 50,000 and the cost is \$139.95 with a household limit of two. This is expected to be a quick sell-out due to the special American Eagle that was previously offered in the Congratulations set released earlier this year.

Many of us missed getting that set due to an almost immediate sellout. A good idea is to be on line at the Mint's website, www.usmint.gov, before 12 noon.

Another set of special interest is the 4-piece silver Liberty set. This set consists of four one-ounce silver medals similar to the gold one issued earlier this year. Each medal will be different either by mint mark of special finish. These babies will cost \$199.95 with a limit of two per household...on sale October 19.

NCNA NEWS

The annual North Carolina Numismatic Association Convention was held recently in Concord, NC. The highlight was the installation of 2018 officers. Around 150 tables and 75 dealers offered almost anything you could be looking for in the numismatic field. The location of the annual Convention will remain in Concord for the next two years.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Soon to come... 'What's All the Stuff on the Dollar Bill?', 'Disposing of a Lifetime Collection', 'Safe Deposit Box Tips', 'Mint By-products', 'Souvenir Cards', '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'.

FUN NEWS

The Florida United Numismatists organization is busy gearing up for their annual January coin show in Tampa. This HAS to be the largest coin show in the world. Make your reservations now as January 4 – 7 is right around the corner. Over 1,500 dealers will be there buying and selling.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

October question: What advice would you give to someone who is setting up at a coin show as a dealer for the first time?

(Please respond to O. T. at uffda28411@yahoo.com)

September question: How do we get young people interested in our amazing hobby? **Best answer:** Create a game to be played on their smart phones regarding coin collecting to which the higher the score for correct answers the more free stuff or money they can win. (C. Campbell)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"When I die, don't let my wife sell my coins for what I told her I paid for them!" David Anderson.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

If you want to view a great website covering all you will ever need to know about Lincoln cents, go to www.lincolncentsonline.com.

2018 OFFICERS

Please consider helping your Club by serving on the Board or a committee. Any volunteer organization needs members who want to contribute 'something'. This is YOUR chance to help maintain the vitality needed for the organization to continue operating.

The LCFCC deliberately tries to keep the business part out of the regular meetings yet we still present board recommendations to the membership for approval.

COIN OF THE MONTH



The Royal Canadian Mint is offering this one-kilogram Maple Leaf \$250 coin for \$2,499.95. With this offer you will receive a free wooden case.

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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

THIS NEWSLETTER

An open invitation to other coin clubs.

This newsletter goes out to over 245 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.