



# Coinfusion

## Newsletter of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club

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Southeastern North Carolina since 1963



**Host of the NC Azalea Festival Coin Show Every April**

December 2015

Our Fifty-third Year

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### BOOSTERS

**Bob Neale** (1-16), **Gaylord Allen** (3-16), **Francis Ryan** (3-16), **Franklin Fussell** (4-16), **Rich Jewell** (4-16), **C. J. Lindsey** (5-16), **Preston Blue** (5-16), **Francis Ryan** (6-16), **Cecil Dixon** (6-16) and **Al Warrington** (9-16). Become a Booster by donating \$10 for newsletter expenses.

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello All!

The year 2015, and my term as President, is drawing to a close. I'd like to thank the membership for all the help and support you have given me during this year. The club did accomplish a number of things this year and is poised to do even more in 2016. Included in our accomplishments this year:

- The website for the club is now working as intended, thanks in no small part to our webmaster, Tom Bromley.
- The constitution and the by-laws have been revised and should make it easier for the club to function. The new coin show venue at the Elks Lodge turned out to accommodate the show quite well and is a good location for future shows.
- For me, growing the club membership roster was my first goal. I am pleased that we welcomed several new club members this

year! I believe the future of the club depends on growth.

At some point, I would like to see the club resume the fall show. I task the incoming President, Ray Flannigan to try and make that happen.

All in all, I believe 2015 was a good year for our club. The officers did a great job during the year and kept the affairs of the club moving forward. A new set of officers have been elected for 2016 and I am sure they will do a great job. For me, 2016 will find me back working in the labor force, which is not a bad thing.

I look forward to a great 2016 for the club and wish the entire membership a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you at the club meetings!

Mike McKinnon

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next meeting of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club will be our annual Christmas Dinner on **Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at Paddy's Hollow, 325 N. Front St. in the Cotton Exchange.** Social hour begins at 6:00 with the meal being served at 7:00. If you haven't already done so, please call Mike McKinnon to let him know if you will attend. (910-515-4077)

Members and guests who attend will be ordering off the menu with the Club paying the first \$15 of the meal. Upon arrival, each member will receive a \$15 cash payment and a credit of 50c for each raffle ticket sold in 2014 for a maximum of another \$15. As an example, if you sold thirty raffle tickets in 2014, you will get a \$30 credit on your meal. It will not be necessary to reserve a seat as the room will

accommodate all of us. Happy hour will begin at 6 pm and the meal will be served at 7 pm.

This would be a great time to pay your 2016 dues.

### LAST MEETING

The last meeting was attended by twenty-four members and guests. **Bill Snyder** won the \$10 attendance prize and **Karen Foster** won the 50/50. First-time guests were Bill Bennet, John Folger, Bill Snyder and Ken Barrow.

The highlight of the meeting was the election of our new 2016 officers and board members. Our new President will be **Ray Flanigan**, **Bob Doleman** will continue to do a pretty good job as Secretary and **Karen Foster** will accept the challenge of being our Treasurer. **Jim Savage** remains Sgt-at-Arms and **Tom Bromley**, **Chris VanDall**, **Franklin Fussell** and **O. T. Thompson** will serve as Directors. You will note that the Vice-President's position is still open so if you have the time to attend two meetings a month please consider taking this job.

**Bob Neale** presented a DVD/slide show from the ANA with the subject being paper money by John and Nancy Wilson.

Our auction once again proved popular with several items bringing bargain prices.

The following new members were accepted by our Club. The new members are **John Folger**, **Frank Morse** and **Robert Morse**.

### CONSTITUTION & BYLAW REVISIONS

The revised C&BL will be available for viewing at the next meeting.

### LAST BOARD MEETING

The November 18 BM was held at Carolina BBQ with eight officers and board members attending. The majority of the time was spent on the FINAL draft of our Constitution and By-laws. Attached to the January newsletter, members 'should' find the final draft which will be voted on by the membership at our January meeting. The board also authorized a \$100 gift to the management of Carolina BBQ. (The restaurant has been very good to us by letting us meet there at no cost so please consider eating before the meetings.)

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on **January 9** at Carolina BBQ at 7 pm. (The location may change so check with an officer before going.)

### COIN SHOWS COMING UP \*

**December 5-6, Fayetteville, NC**, Holiday Inn, 1944 Cedar Creek Rd. C# 910-497-5445.

**December 12-13, Newbern, NC**, Riverfront Conv. Center, 203 S. Front St. C# 910-790-8544.

**December 19-20, Greenville, NC**, American.Leg. Post 39, 403 St. Andrews Dr. C# 919-723-1410.

**January 7, 2016, Wilmington, NC**, The Civil War Round Table will feature a return engagement of a Confederate coin and currency program by David Meiske, better known as Confederate Col. 'Extra Billy' Smith. David presented an excellent presentation at our meeting a few months ago. If you want to see examples of Confederate coins and currency with a great talk, don't miss this meeting. The CWRT meets at St. Andrews on the Sound located at the intersection of Oleander Drive and Airlie Road. Social hour begins at 6:30 with the meeting beginning at 7:30. For more information, call **Bob Cooke** at 910-512-2554.

**January 7-10, 2016, Tampa, FL**, FUN Show\*\*. This is the largest coin show in the world so make your reservations now.

\* Please verify coin show dates, times and locations before going.

\*\* We DO have Club members going to this coin show.

### MEMBER NEWS

Our Club has gained a record number of new members this year and there are many more who will join in 2016. We are thriving and continue on the road to becoming 'The Best Little Coin Club Between Baltimore and Orlando'! Our 'end of year' membership total stands at forty-six!!!

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

These are tentative programs and could change.

January 13, 2016: 'Numismatic Etiquette' ?. More in 2016...'Coin Preservation and Storage', 'Grading Services and Slabbing Your Coins'. 'Disposing of Your Collection...Dealers, Auctions, eBay', 'Breaking up Proof and Mint Sets', 'Tips For

New Collectors', 'Security at Home, on the Internet and On The Road'.

Please consider giving a five-minute talk on one of your interests. Contact any officer with your ideas.

### U. S. MINT NEWS

In 2016, the Mint will strike coins commemorating the 1916 Mercury dime, the 1916 Standing Liberty quarter and the 1916 Walking Liberty half-dollar. These coins will be struck in gold weighing from 1/10 ounce to 1/2 ounce.



The newest America the Beautiful quarter honoring the Saratoga National Park is now available in rolls and bags.

The Mint also announced that 2015 was a record year for sales of the silver American Eagle coin.

For more information on Mint products, just go to the website [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov). Visit the website for other coins and gift ideas.

### COIN OF THE YEAR

Pictured below is the Krause Publications newest 'Bi-metallic Coin of the Year'. Released by the Austrian Mint, the coin depicts evolution of man.



One question comes to mind...If man evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

### ANA NEWS

GREAT NEWS from the American Numismatic Association! Right now you can access ALL monthly issues of THE NUMISMATIST going back to 1888! Yes, you can view, download, print and share EVERY page of the monthly magazine!

### FUN NEWS

The January 7-10, 2016 FUN Show in Tampa, FL is the world's largest coin show so make your reservations now.

### 2016 LCFCC OFFICERS

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### THIS NEWSLETTER

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