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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-third Year

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month

BOOSTERS

Cecil Dixon (4-15), **Rick Campbell** (4-15) and **Bob Neale** (1-16). Become a Booster by donating \$10 a year to the Club for newsletter expenses.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello to All!

I've been asked to put a little blog in the club newsletter from time to time, to let members know how things are going in the club and to give my views, opinions, ideas and just general comments. So here goes:

For this newsletter, I'm just going to talk about the FUN (*Florida United Numismatists*) show that I attended in Orlando Florida this past week with **B.J. Lester, Roger Persichilli, Paul Bakke** and **O. T. Thompson**. It really was a good show, with over 1500 dealers and exhibitors! Without going into great detail, the FUN show covers about every aspect of Numismatics and is a REAL educational experience.

All of us in attendance picked up a few items. I was delighted to pick up a type coin of a Draped Bust large cent. While at the show, we stopped in at the Heritage Auction to view some of their lots that were up for auction and partake in their buffet, which was a tasty bonus. The highlight of the show for me was meeting and shaking hands with Rick Harrison, who is the co-owner of the Gold & Silver Pawn Shop, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The shop is featured on the History Channel's reality show, "Pawn Stars". I do enjoy watching this show!

I recommend that anyone who gets the opportunity to really try to attend this show.

In my next blog, I'll talk about some of the things I would like to see happen in the club this year. I would like the club to be better off when I leave the presidency than it was when I took office.

Til next time....**Mike McKinnon**

DUES, DUES, DUES

Please pay your 2015 dues ASAP...it's \$15 well spent.

LAST MEETING

The January meeting of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club was attended by around twenty-four members and guests. A lively discussion/program on toned coins taught everyone something very valuable about our hobby. Several nicely toned coins were passed around. One comment was, "This was the best meeting I've experienced!"

The attendance prize was won by **Calvin Lindsey** and the 50/50 was won by guest **Ethan Dunn**.

LAST BOARD MEETING

The January 28th Board Meeting was held at the Golden Corral Restaurant on New Centre Drive. Business included NOT having a Fall Coin Show, our Azalea Festival Coin Show being sold out, awarding a silver eagle for selling 100 raffle tickets, planning meeting programs for 2015 and having giveaways for kids at our coin shows.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next meeting of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club will be on Wednesday, **February 14, 2015** at the Carolina BBQ Restaurant, 1602 South College Road beginning at **6 pm**. Come earlier to eat, trade and converse. An auction will follow the meeting where you WILL find some bargains.

The program topic will be on 'How to Present Exhibits' Bring a favorite numismatic item for 'Show and Tell' too. If you EVER wanted to learn how to properly exhibit your coins, this is the meeting you've dreamed about. Some of our members have exhibited at major shows and would love to share their experience and ideas. We will have several exhibits at our April Coin Show.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAW REVISIONS

PLEASE contact any officer regarding changes YOU would like to see in our C&BLs. Many of you have good ideas on this subject and a few members are forming a committee to work on this. So far, **Ray Flanigan** and **Bob Neale** have agreed to help on this committee.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on **February 25, 2015** at **Carolina BBQ at 1602 South College Rd. at 6 PM**. Please note the new starting time. All members may attend to voice their opinions. If you want to help on committees, let someone know.

COIN SHOWS COMING UP *

February 13-15, Charlotte, NC, Metrolina Trade Show Expo, 7100 Statesville, Road.

February 14-15, Virginia Beach, VA, Convention Center, 1000 19th Street.

March 14-15, Jacksonville, NC, Econo Lodge, 701 N. Marine Boulevard.**

April 11-12, 2015, Wilmington, NC, Elk's Lodge, 5102 Oleander Drive, NEW LOCATION.

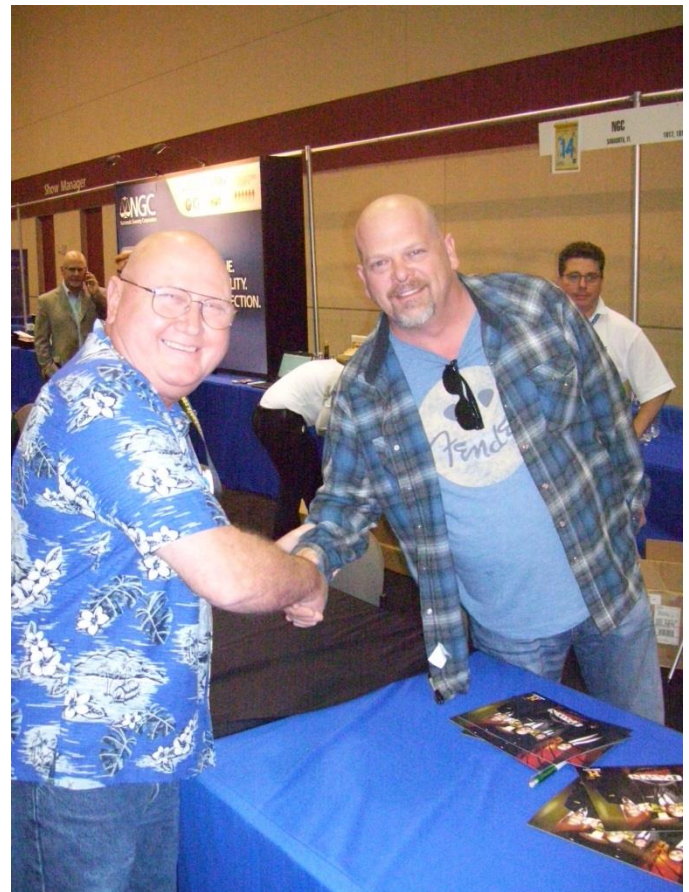
* Please verify coin show dates, times and locations before going.

** We DO have Club members going to this coin show. Contact O. T. if you want to carpool.

MEMBER NEWS

Karen Foster has semi-recovered after minor back surgery and will be back at our February meeting.

B. J. Lester, Mike McKinnon, O. T., Paul Bakke and **Roger Persichilli** with their wives traveled to Orlando, Florida to attend the annual FUN Coin Show and escape the freezing weather in our area. This Show was the largest EVER with 635 coin dealers! They were seated near the Heritage auction when a 1792 Birch cent AND a 1793 large cent sold for 2.5 million dollars+...EACH!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Many old friendships were re-kindled and a long-ago LCFCC member, **Jim Barry with his wife, Helen**, were spotted walking the floor. **Jim and Helen** were recently recognized for their life-long work in the hobby by receiving the American Numismatic Association's 'President's Award'. A few more invitations to our April Show were handed out to interested dealers making our Show a certain sell-out. We did make contact with United States Mint and Whitman Coin Products representatives allowing our Club to increase our 'give-aways' to kids at our Azalea Show.



Mike and his 'Paw Stars' friend



B. J. and his U. S. Mint friend



‘Part’ of the 2015 FUN Show

On a sad note, Jay Cline of Standing Liberty Quarters fame, died in an accident while attending the FUN Show. The 2016 FUN Show will be next January in Tampa, so mark your calendar now. This is the largest coin show in the world. You WILL find something that’s on your want list!

ANA CORNER

Mike Ellis resigned his seat on the ANA Board of Governors at the ANA meeting in Orlando during the FUN Show. We were planning to invite him to our April Coin Show to man the ANA table.

Work continues to electronically archive all issues of ‘THE NUMISMATIST’, monthly publication.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

These are tentative programs and could change.

February 11, 2015: ‘How To Present Exhibits’ a roundtable discussion with examples.

March 11, 2015: ‘Collecting N. C. Numismatic History’, an ANA DVD by David Provost.

April 8, 2015: ‘Current Trends in Grading’.

May, 2015: ‘Kennedy Half Dollars’ by Jim Savage.

June 2015: ‘How to use eBay’. (Hopefully a Club member will have a computer and screen to use.)

July 8, 2015: OPEN

August 12, 2015: Club picnic at the Park.

September 9, 2015: ‘Update on Counterfeiting’ by Bob Neale.

October 14, 2015: ‘The 12 Caesars’ by J. Flanigan.

November 11, 2015: ‘Paper Money 1690 to Now’ an ANA DVD by John Wilson.

December 9, 2015: Dinner Social.

Please volunteer to give a five-minute talk on one of your interests. Contact Program Chairman **Bob Neale** (910-799-2024) about what YOU would like to learn or what YOU want to talk about. There are hundreds of areas in our great hobby so let us know what interests you. Remember, you don’t have to be a ‘speaker’ to give a short talk.

OUR APRIL 2015 AZALEA COIN SHOW

Tables are virtually sold out for our Azalea Festival Coin Show in April. Our **theme** this year is the 150th Anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Many of our Club members are planning to exhibit Confederate items or things related to the year of 1865. If YOU have any 1865-dated coins, please consider exhibiting them. Hopefully some of the dealers will bring Civil War related items too. If you want to exhibit something from your collection, contact Ray Flanigan so he can save a space. Our Club DOES have display cases for your use.

MINT NEWS

The new United States Marshall's silver dollar was on display in Orlando at the FUN Show. Silver, gold and clad versions went on sale January 29

From a reliable source at the recent FUN Show, "The Royal Canadian Mint will have 300 different offerings of coins in 2015."



U. S. Marshalls Coins

COINS LEFT ON TOMBSTONES

While visiting some cemeteries you may notice that headstones marking certain graves have coins on them, left by previous visitors to the grave.

These coins have distinct meanings when left on the headstones of those who gave their life while serving in America's military, and these meanings vary depending on the denomination of coin.

A coin left on a headstone or at the gravesite is meant as a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone else has visited the grave to pay respect. Leaving a **penny** at the grave means simply that you visited. Leaving a **nickel** means that you trained at boot camp together, while a **dime** means you served with him. By leaving a **quarter** at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier or nearby when he or she was killed.

According to tradition, the money left at graves in state veteran's cemeteries is collected, and the funds are put toward maintenance of the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans and their spouses.

The tradition of leaving coins on the graves of military men and women can be traced as far back as the Roman Empire.

NCNA NEWS

Some of you may not know that our Club is a member of the North Carolina Numismatic Ass'n. We have been associated with the NCNA since the Club was founded in 1963. The NCNA provides us with various programs and a 'ton' of advertising. We will soon be lobbying the NCNA for a chance to host their yearly convention, hopefully in the fall of 2017. As the Host Club, we will need members to help with the 'leg work' and anything else we can to make our area appealing. Let any officer know if you have any suggestions or ideas regarding this project. Hopefully a committee will form soon so why not volunteer now?

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NCNA MEMBER CLUBS

Meeting Days	Location
1st Mon.	Marion, NC Marion Coin Club
1st Tues.	Greensboro, NC Greensboro Coin Club
1st Tues.	Fort Mill, SC Tri-County Coin Club
1st Tues.	Hendersonville, NC Hendersonville Coin Club
1st Wed.	Charleston, SC Low Country Coin Club
1st Wed.	Morehead, NC Carteret Numismatic Society
1st Thurs.	Salisbury , NC Rowan County Coin Club
1st Thurs.	Bakersville, NC Toe River Coin Club
1st Thurs.	Durham, NC Triangle Coin Club
1st Thurs.	Goldsboro, NC Wayne County Coin Club
2nd Mon.	Asheville, NC Buncombe County Coin Club
2nd Tues.	Fuquay-Varina Coin Club
2nd Tues.	Landis, NC Kannapolis Coin Club Meeting
2nd Tues.	Winston-Salem, NC Winston-Salem Coin Club
2nd Tues.	Spartanburg, SC Spartanburg Coin Club
2nd Tues.	Fayetteville, NC Cape Fear Coin Club
2nd Wed.	Wilmington, NC Lower Cape Fear Coin Club
2nd Thurs.	Statesville, NC Iredell-Statesville Coin Club
2nd Thurs.	Reidsville, NC Reidsville Coin Club
2nd Thurs.	Jacksonville-Camp Lejeune Coin Club
2nd Thurs.	Pee Dee Area Coin Club
3rd Mon.	Mooreville, NC Lake Norman Coin Club
3rd Tues.	OBX Coin Club Kill Devil Hills, NC
3rd Tues.	Morganton, NC Morganton Coin Club

3rd Tues.	Raleigh, NC Raleigh Coin Club
3rd Thurs.	Lexington, NC Eagle Coin Club
3rd Thurs.	Rock Hill, SC Tri-County Coin Club
3rd Wed.	Charleston, SC Low Country Coin Club
4th Tues.	Fayetteville, NC Cape Fear Coin Club
4th Thurs.	Charlotte, NC Charlotte Coin Club
4th Thurs.	4th Thurs.
5th Thurs.	Pee Dee Area Coin Club (Swap Meet)
