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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

February 2016

Our Fifty-fourth Year

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month

BOOSTERS

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), Al Warrington (9-16), Bob Neale (1-17) and Bob Doleman (2-17). Become a Booster by donating \$10 for newsletter expenses.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next meeting of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club will be **Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at the Carolina BBQ Restaurant, 1605 S. College Road.** Come as early as 5:00 to eat, gab, buy, trade or sell. The meeting begins at 7:00 promptly with the attendance prize drawing.

The program will be presented by **Ron Tableau** on 'Coin Preservation and Storage'. Many of us have 'lost' nice coins due to chemical reactions or other means. This program will educate us on what and what not to do when it comes to preserving your collection. Members are encouraged to bring in some of the coins they have lost to improper storage.

Our monthly auction will follow the meeting so bring in your spares. Also, bring in something for 'Show and Tell'.

2016 Club dues are due. Please see **Karen Foster** at any meeting or mail to our P. O. Box 4744, 28406. We have many exciting things planned for 2016.

LAST MEETING

The January meeting of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club was held at Carolina BBQ with twenty-four

members and guests attending. **Bob Neale** won the attendance prize and **Bill Snyder** won the 50/50.

Raffle tickets for our April Azalea Festival Coin Show were passed out by **Chris Vandall**. It is asked that every member try to sell thirty tickets at six for five-dollars this year. Remember...a silver eagle will be awarded for every 100 tickets sold.

Several auction items valued from \$1 to \$800 were available with many good prices realized.

Souvenirs from the recent FUN Show in Tampa, Florida were distributed and a huge 98mm, 32 ounce silver coin was passed around along with a mini 1/20 ounce gold coin.

The updated Constitution and By-laws and the 2016 budget were passed by the membership and a member survey was handed out for input on what members want accomplished in 2016. President **Flanigan** stressed the importance of ALL Club members helping out on various committees, especially during our upcoming Azalea Festival Coin Show in April.

LAST BOARD MEETING

The January 27 board meeting of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club was held at the Golden Corral on New Centre Drive with all officers and board members in attendance. Agenda items dealt with were; Vests for club activities, 2016 Coin Show theme and a multi-year venue contract.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on **February 24** at the Carolina BBQ Restaurant, 1605 South

College Road on New Centre Drive with the meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. All members are more than welcome to attend.

COIN SHOWS COMING UP *

February 5-7, Ladson, SC, Coin Show at the fairgrounds, 9850 Hwy 78. Contact 843-797-1245.

February 12-14, Charlotte, NC, Coin Show at the Metrolina Expo Center, 7100 Statesville Rd. Contact 704-641-2959. **

February 19-21, Spartanburg, SC, Coin Show, Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium, 385 N. Chestnut Street. Contact 864-293-8416.

March 12-13, Raleigh, NC, Coin Show, NC State Fairgrounds. Contact 919-828-9450. **

APRIL 9 & 10, WILMINGTON, NC, ANNUAL AZALEA FESTIVAL COIN SHOW AT THE ELK'S LODGE, 5102 OLEANDER DRIVE.

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

** We DO have Club members going to this coin show. Contact O. T. at 910-520-8405 for details.

MEMBER NEWS

Ed Hawfield is recovering from spinal surgery and was able to make it to the last meeting.

Several LCFCC members were spotted at the recent FUN Coin Show in Tampa, Florida. **Mike McKinnon, Paul Bakke, Ray Flanigan** with their ladies as well as **B. J. Lester** with B. J. Jr., **Roger Persichilli, O. T. Thompson** and former member **Jim Barry** with his lady were all roaming the bourse floor acting like they knew what they were doing.

Please let the editor know of your happenings.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

These are tentative programs and could change.

More in 2016...‘Grading Services and Slabbing or NOT 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’, ‘Extreme Collecting’, ‘Mel Wacks Coins’, ‘Encased Coins & Paper Money’, ‘Autographed Currency’, ‘Coins In & On Glass’, ‘Collecting Type Coins’, ‘The Basics of Coin Collecting’.

U. S. MINT NEWS

As a renewed benefit to LCFCC members, postage and handling for Mint products will once again be paid for by the Club. Orders will be made monthly. Contact O. T. Thompson at (910) 520-8405 if you want Mint products ordered.

Gold and silver Mark Twain commemorative coins are now available at a discounted price until February 16. Code Talker small dollars are also now available. For more information on Mint products, go to the website www.usmint.gov .

ANA NEWS

The new ‘Video Vignettes’ series combine the convenience of online video with the instructional guidance of an individual tutorial. These 3-5 minute videos shed light on specific topics, and give a particular insight into exploring the hobby. In the first segment, ANA Education Director Rod Gillis dives into the fundamentals of coin collecting and where to begin. Other current video installments include “Understanding Grading” and “What Gives Coins Value?” More videos are in the pipeline. See the ANA website www.money.org for more info.

FUN NEWS

The largest coin show in the world concluded in Tampa, Florida on January 10. One of the major highlights was in the Heritage auction where the best known 1894-S dime sold for \$2,000,000! Four of our Club members won special souvenir cards at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing drawing. In the year of global warming, Tampa was very cold upon arrival and it never really warmed up at all. Our Azalea Coin Show has around 42 dealer tables while the FUN Show this year featured 1,010 tables!!!

The FUN Show in 2017 will be in Fort Lauderdale.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

The PCGS grading company announced that their subscription only website, CoinFacts, will be free effective February 3, 2016. CoinFacts is the most extensive resource for information and images about U. S. coins. This site covers over 37,000 coins with 300,000 images and 3 million auction prices. See www.PCGSCoinFacts.com for more information.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

‘Sometimes the opportunity to buy a coin is rarer than the coin’.

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