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Newsletter of the
Lower Cape Fear Coin Club

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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), **Bob Neale** (1-16), **Gaylord Allen** (3-16) and **Francis Ryan** (3-16). Become a Booster by donating \$10 for printing expenses.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This month I'd like to give my input on how I see things going in our Coin Club, and actually I believe things are going pretty well. Being a pessimist, that is quite a statement.

At this time I would like to focus mainly on the Azalea Festival Coin Show coming up on April 11th & 12th. This is our main event of the year and from the reports I received at the last regular meeting I am very much encouraged. I was able to meet with my fellow Bourse Committee members O.T. Thompson (who chairs the committee) and Charles Campbell at O.T.'s home, and was informed we have sold all available tables for the show. We actually have dealers on a waiting list. Security has been arranged for the show starting on Friday, this will make it possible for dealers to bring in their merchandise the night before the event. Best of all we are able to lower our security cost by going with a private security firm instead of the sheriff's department.

Karen Foster and Ray Flanigan have Publicity for the show well in hand. The show will be advertised in the Star News as well as the Azalea Festival brochure. I believe this next coin show will be the best advertised so far. Ray can use some help with the exhibits for the show. Get with him if you have some exhibit material he can use or have your

own exhibit you wish to display at the show. Contact me if you need a display case, I have 8 at

this time. You can pick them up at my home. Once again, the theme for our show is the 150th anniversary of the end of The War between the States.

Getting raffle tickets and prizes for the drawing during the show is again being handled by Chris Vandall. He assured me that both items will be taken care of shortly.

This is the first show at the Elks Lodge in years and our only show this year. I'm looking forward to this show being a big success. Thank you all for your contribution.

Some other club business at hand is getting a budget in place. I'm hoping to get that done at the next Board Meeting on the 25th. We still need a webmaster for the Clubs Web page. If anyone knows a person who is willing to donate their time for such a project please let me know.

B. J. Lester is getting a handle on his new job as Treasurer and he is doing it without a computer. This is quite a feat.

Bob Neale is doing a great job on the Programs for the clubs regular meetings. He has most of the slots filled for the year. If anyone out there wants to do a program at a meeting please give Bob a call.

Jim Savage is doing great with the Sergeant at Arms job. He takes responsibility for the Door Prize and 50/50 drawings at each meeting. I'm Looking forward to his participation in the Kids' Corner again at the Coin Show.

Finally, Bob Doleman's job as Secretary isn't that easy. Despite the complexity of this position he's giving us accurate meeting minutes. I for one am grateful for his agenda outlines.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. Till next time, Mike.

2015 LCFCC DUES

2015 LCFCC dues MUST be paid by **March 31** or you will be dropped from our rolls. Please consider a LIFE MEMBERSHIP so you won't ever forget. Speaking of memberships, we could double the size of our Club if each one of us signed up ONE new member this year. Applications are available from the Sergeant-at-Arms or any officer.

LAST MEETING

The last meeting of our Club was attended by more than twenty-five members and guests. Club member **Ray Flanigan** led a very interesting discussion on 'How to exhibit your coins competitively' with many members adding a few tips.

Our auction featured several numismatic items and many members again were treated to some great deals. (If you wish to advertise your **auction items** in this newsletter prior to the next meeting, contact the editor ASAP.)

'Snowbirds' **Rich** and **Fran Jewell** finally made it back from the Pittsburgh area and apparently brought the cold weather with them. **Rich** also won the \$10 attendance prize.

Tom Bromley became our newest member. Please make him feel welcome and help him add to his collection.

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Our Club is in dire need of someone to design and maintain a new website. If you or someone you know can do this, please contact someone in the Club ASAP. We DO expect to pay for the services.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next meeting of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club will be on Wednesday, **March 11, 2015** at the **Carolina BBQ Restaurant, 1602 South College Road** beginning at **6 pm**. The program will be a DVD by **David Provost**, a Senior Numismatist of the Raleigh Coin Club. David will give this talk in person. The subject will center on North Carolina

numismatic history focusing on North Carolina commemorative medals. Please come early to dine, trade and converse.

An **auction** will follow the meeting so why not bring a few of your numismatic items you no longer want and see what they sell for at auction? You may set a minimum bid and enter up to ten lots.

Raffle tickets for our April Coin Show will be sent out to all members and distributed at this meeting. For every 100 tickets you sell, you will be rewarded with a **silver eagle and a 50c credit**, up to \$15, at our holiday dinner. You may also sign-up to help at the door of our Coin Show at this meeting.

Common courtesy dictates that side conversations at our meetings be stopped when someone else 'has the floor'. IF you have something to add to the program, please raise your hand and WAIT to be recognized. Talking during a program severely distracts from what the program giver is trying to say and, in some cases, causes him or her to lose their train of thought. If our Sgt.-at-Arms gives you the 'evil eye' during the meeting, be warned, that's the first sign of YOU being disruptive. Enough said?

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.

LAST BOARD MEETING

The February 25 BM was held at The Carolina BBQ Restaurant. Details were worked out for our upcoming Coin Show. Other subjects discussed were new membership cards, a 'lunch wagon' at the Coin Show, Civil War re-enactors at the ribbon cutting, publicity and new member packets.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

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

COIN SHOWS COMING UP *

March 7-8, Raleigh, NC, Fairgrounds. Contact 919 828-9450.

March 14-15, Jacksonville, NC, Econo Lodge, 701 N. Marine Boulevard.** Contact 910-548-3963.

March 28-29, Winston-Salem, NC, Miller Park Recreation Center., 400 Leisure Lane & Westfield Ave. Contact 336-406-2974.

April 11-12, 2015, Wilmington, NC, Elk's Lodge, 5102 Oleander Drive, **NEW LOCATION**. Contact 910-520-8405.

April 25-26, Myrtle Beach, SC, Springmaid Beach Resort, 3200 S. Ocean Blvd., C# 843-293-9000.

* 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

The Carteret County Numismatic Society and the Jacksonville-Camp LeJeune Coin Club meetings were attended recently by O. T. As our Club, these Clubs could also use additional members as, to be successful, there's a lot of work to do to keep the organizations running effectively.

ANA CORNER

Our ANA representative, **Ray Flanigan**, assures us that the ANA will send a 'box full of goodies' for our April Coin Show.

Among cities lobbying to host an ANA Convention are Washington, DC, Virginia Beach, VA AND.... RALEIGH, NC!!!!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

These are tentative programs and could change.

March 11, 2015: 'Collecting N. C. Numismatic History', an ANA DVD by David Provost...LIVE!

April 8, 2015: 'Coin Grading Roundtable'.

May, 2015: 'Kennedy Half Dollars' by Jim Savage.

June 2015: 'Money of the Confereracy'.

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 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. Plans call for Confederate re-enactors to help the Azalea Bells cut our ribbon at the opening of our Coin Show. Many of us have accumulated many older **auction catalogs, books and other numismatic publications**. These can be used at the door of our Coin Show as giveaways and also offered for sale to collectors of such things. Before you discard yours, please bring them to a meeting to share or donate.

Our KID'S KORNER turned out to be very popular last year and will be better this year as we will be giving away coin albums and coins to all visitors. If YOU have numismatic items you want to donate, **Jim and Karen** will distribute them with glee.

Please consider a two-hour shift at the door. All that's needed is for you to sit and sell raffle tickets. We do NOT need help setting up tables as the Elk's staff will be doing that for us. Armed and uniformed **security** will begin at 6:00 pm Friday so, if you wish, you may set up your exhibits on Friday evening.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

Thanks go out to **Bob Neale** for suggesting this website for the newsletter. If you want to check on a coin which you think may be counterfeit, go to <http://www.theblackcabinet.org/browse/> .

U. S. MINT NEWS

A special dollar and dime set will contain the first 'reverse proof' dime AND a West Point dime, all struck in silver.

Legislation has been introduced to change the metal content of our smaller denomination coins to steel. This will save a considerable amount of money and make our coins uglier than they are now.

There is a very good possibility that 2016 will have commemorative coins made to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the pictured designs. Wouldn't it be nice to get rid of ALL the coins featuring dead presidents?



To be struck in gold in 2016???

NCNA NEWS

NCNA Board member, **Danny Freeman** has graciously offered our Club the opportunity to host a numismatic program during our April Coin Show. Due to space limitations, we have no space set aside for speakers this year, BUT, perhaps next year we can accommodate them.

MISSING, LOST, FOUND

Our Club at one time had two large **coffee pots** that will be needed for our upcoming Azalea Coin Show. If you know of their whereabouts, please let someone know ASAP. Also misplaced is our old light blue 3' x 5' **banner**.

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THIS NEWSLETTER

If you know someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter, please contact the editor. Conversely, if you no longer want to receive this newsletter, you may also contact the same editor.

NEARBY COIN CLUBS

It is advisable to call the contact number before going to ANY coin club meeting as dates and locations can change.

1st Tues, **Myrtle Beach**, SC. Myrtle Beach Coin Club meets at 6:30 PM at the Moose Lodge, 479 Burcale Rd. Contact 856-796-0365.

1st Wed. **Charleston**, SC. Low Country Coin Club meets at 7:30 PM at the Felix C. Davis Community Center, 4800 Park Circle in N. Charleston. Contact 843-797-1245.

1st Wed. **Beaufort**, NC. Carteret Numis. Society meets at 7:00 PM at the Old Train Depot, 612 Broad St. Contact 252-728-2727.

1st Thurs, **Durham**, NC. Triangle Coin Club meets at 7:30 PM. Darryl's Coin Shop. More information needed.

1st Thurs, **Goldsboro**, NC. Wayne County Coin Club meets at 7:00 PM at The Pines, 380 County Day Rd. Contact 919-965-4855.

2nd Tues, **Fuquay-Varina** Coin Club meets at 7:00 PM at the Chamber of Commerce, 121 N. Main St.

2nd Tues, **Fayetteville**, NC. Cape Fear Coin Club meets at 7:30 PM at the Honeycutt Rec Center, 1911 Wendover Dr. Contact 910-487-5445.

2nd Tues, **Norfolk**, VA, Tidewater Coin and Relic Club meets at 7:00 PM at the Pretlow Library, 111 Ocean View Av., Norfolk, VA. Contact 757-679-0467.

2nd Wed, **Wilmington**, NC. Lower Cape Fear Coin Club meets at 6:00 PM at Carolina BBQ, 1602 S. College Rd. Contact 910-520-8405.

2nd Thurs, **Jacksonville**, NC. Jacksonville – Camp LeJeune Coin Club meets at 6:30 PM at the USO, 9 Tallman St. Contact 910-548-3963.

3rd Tues, **Raleigh**, NC. Raleigh Coin Club meets at 7:30 PM at Ridge Road Baptist Church, 2011 Ridge Rd. Contact 919-832-4128.

3rd Tues, **Myrtle Beach**, SC. Myrtle Beach Coin Club meets at 6:30 PM at the Moose Lodge, 479 Burcale Rd. Contact 856-796-0365.

3rd Wed, **Charleston**, SC, Low Country Coin Club meets at 7:30 PM at the Felix C. Davis Community Center, 4800 Park Circle in N. Charleston. Contact 843-797-1245.

3rd Thurs, **Lexington**, NC. Eagle Coin Club meets at 7:00 PM at the Davidson County Center. Contact 336-596-3986.

4th Tues, **Fayetteville**, NC. Cape Fear Coin Club meets at 7:30 PM at the Honeycutt Rec. Cntr., 1911 Wendover Dr. Contact 910-487-5445.

4th Thurs, **Lumberton**, NC. Lumber River Coin Club meets at 7:00 PM at the Lumberton Reg. Airport Terminal. Contact 910-740-6751.