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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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Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month

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COIN SHOWS COMING UP *

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

March 19-20, Winston-Salem, NC, Coin Show, Miller Park Rec. Center, 400 Leisure Ln. 336-406-2974.

April 2 & 3, Jacksonville, NC, Coin Show, Econo-Lodge, 701 N. Marine Boulevard. 919-790-8544. **

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

April 16, Marion, NC, Coin Show, McDowell High School Gym, 600 W. McDowell High School Road, 828-460-7867.

April 23-24, Myrtle Beach, SC, Springmaid Beach Resort, 3200 Ocean Blvd. Contact 843-293-9000.**

April 30, Lexington, NC, YMCA, 119, W. 3rd Ave. Contact 336-596-3986.

May 14-15, Raleigh, NC, Coin Show, NC State Fair Grounds. Contact 919-790-8544.

* 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.

MESSAGE TO THE CLUB

As you know, our annual Azalea Festival Coin Show is coming up fast and all Club members are asked to help in some way. Raffle ticket sales are important and surely we can all afford to buy five-dollars-worth. On the Friday afternoon before the Coin Show, help will be needed at the Elk's Lodge to move tables, place chairs, lay out wires and place dealer signs beginning around 3 pm.

There are several committee jobs to do with publicity being a major effort. Sending emails out to the area newspapers is a big help. This publicity is FREE but someone really needs to do it on a regular basis.

I know that some of you are unable to physically help, but everyone has a talent or two that could be used to promote our hobby whether it be by using your computer, donating your time or coming up with ideas to benefit the Club.

You may not be aware of the work needed to keep the Club running so why not attend a board meeting on the fourth Wednesday of every month and watch, contribute or be amazed at the work involved in running a small Club such as ours.

As an incentive to members to serve on the board or as an officer, for the last several years four board meetings a year have been at local restaurants. The meals have been paid for out of the Club treasury. Apparently, this idea has failed as we STILL have no one who wants to take on the top two jobs in our Club. Frankly, new members may have the idea that an elite few are managing the Club and there is no opening for others to join in on the many decisions the board needs to face every month. Try submitting

a suggestion for the board to work on and you'll see how important your idea can be.

Also, not everyone wants to get involved in Club business and prefers to just attend meetings for the fun of it. That's fine too. From looking at other area clubs and organizations, it looks like WE have more people participating than average but help is still needed. The recent survey was very detailed in the questions and the responses are being considered. That tells the board that members do care what the Club does.

Sure, there is a lot of self-sacrifice in serving on the board but isn't that the way life goes. Do we have to remunerate people for everything? Is volunteerism dead in our country today? I would think that if you really enjoy a hobby, the last thing on your mind would be the minor personal expenses involved. After all, we're not a government agency of slimy politicians who somehow get rich 'serving' the public. Let's just step back and look at ourselves. Can't we contribute without expecting anything in return and just have fun doing it?

By nature, coin collectors are an eccentric bunch with many dealing with obsessive compulsive habits. We have had psychologists join our Club and walk away scratching their heads. The word 'normal' is seldom used when collectors converse and many members laugh when someone comes up with another subject to collect. Books have been written about collectors and TV shows make fun of us. Collectors have been around since Adam and Eve so maybe we'll just have to live with being a little strange...kinda like golfers, sky-divers or those who think man can change the weather.

What you have just read is a compilation of various emails, comments, conversations and chatter from people, not all being members of our Club or even coin collectors.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next meeting of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club will be **Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the Carolina BBQ Restaurant, 1605 S. College Road.** Come as early as 4:30 to eat, gab, buy, trade or sell. The meeting begins at 7:00 promptly with the attendance prize drawing.

For those members who have spares to sell, we'll have a special bourse table ready for you to sell your numismatic items as early as 4:30.

The program will be on 'How to Sell Your Coins'. This is one of the most asked questions from those of us who have attained the age when it's time to pass our collections on and our heirs have expressed no interest in them. Hopefully the dealers who attend will give us all some of the finer points.

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

To remain on our membership rolls, 2016 Club dues of \$15 are due now. This is the LAST reminder. Please see **Karen Foster** at any meeting or mail to our P. O. Box 4744, 28406.

LAST MEETING

The February meeting of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club was held at Carolina BBQ with twenty-one members and guests attending. **Bob Doleman** won the attendance prize and **Chris Vandall** won the 50/50.

New numismatists accepted in to our Club were, **Bob Cooke, Kathy Dickerson, Jay Excell, Fran Ryan and Trey McGovern.** Some of these new members applied for membership many months ago but our Constitution and By-Laws had to be changed to allow their acceptance without attending meetings.

Guests in or near attendance were Fran Jewell, Kevin Barlow, Kathy Dickerson and Hunter Fitzwater.

The program on 'Storing/Preserving Coins' will be continued on a regular basis with a few minutes set aside at many future meetings. This IS an important aspect of our hobby and there was much interest in this subject. Examples of coin holders from the 1930's to date were shown with the reasons they should NOT be used to display anything but circulated coins. The BEST holders discussed were the AirTite holders, Capital holders and current slabs like NGC, PCGS and ANACS. The worst holders were the ones having a high Sulphur content in the cardboard which causes a dark ugly toning on the coins and holders containing poly-vinyl-chloride, better known as PVC poisoning, which causes a green slime to form on coins due to a chemical reaction. Other not-so-good albums are ones with

clear plastic slides which, when opened, can scratch the coins they were designed to protect. The albums with slides should NOT be used for gem uncirculated or proof coins.

One other program coming up will be 'How to Sell Your Coins', which is one of the major questions people have when joining a coin club.

Raffle tickets are our only annual fund raiser and all members are asked to sell or buy a few. Our Coin Show may make a few dollars too, but expenses are not getting any cheaper. Our 2016 Azalea Coin Show promises to be the biggest and best one EVER in Wilmington. We will finally have room for a special exhibit area, an 'Other Clubs' area, a stamp dealer and a baseball card dealer. Please see **Chris Vandall** for tickets. 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 brought good prices and many unusual items were passed around for 'Show and Tell'. **Rich Jewell** showed Australian gold coin designed by Merchant and a half-dollar which was too valuable to pass around. **Jim Savage** showed a very nicely custom framed set of state quarters and **Franklin Fussell** brought a framed S. S. Central America coin display.

LAST BOARD MEETING

The February 24 board meeting of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club was held at the Carolina BBQ with all officers and board members in attendance. Agenda items dealt with were; Our April Azalea Festival Coin Show details, U. S. Mint orders with Club debit card, April meeting program (Presidential Dollar coins by Jim Savage), sponsor of Children's Art Show and our annual Christmas dinner.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on March 23 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. Among the subjects to be addressed are; Final plans for THE Coin Show and miscellaneous topics. **Jim Savage** will chair.

NUMISMATIC WORD OF THE MONTH

CAMEO- Basically a cameo coin is one that shows a very distinct contrast between the field of the coin and the subject on the coin. That is, a frosty proof coin of today is a cameo coin as the field is mirror-like. For the BEST definition, go to the FUN link below.

https://coins.thefuntimesguide.com/2009/11/cameo_proof.php#.VsucBpwrKuk

COUNTERFEIT SILVER BAR WARNING

Recently, several counterfeit silver bars have been sold at coin shows in the area. These silver-plated one-ounce fakes look just like the real SilverTowne, APMEX, Englehard, Pan America and Northwest Mint bars.

PATRON SAINT OF COIN COLLECTORS?

Thanks to Mike Wallace for sending this little bit of information. Yes, there IS a Patron Saint for our hobby. Saint Eligius (588-660 AD) is illustrated below.



WHAT A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.

3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at <http://www.faketv/...com/>)
14. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
15. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
16. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.

17. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

18. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.

19. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

20. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

21. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant/specialist and good guy Chris McGoey, who operates <http://www.crimedoctor.com/> and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.

Protection for you and your home:

If you don't have a gun, here's a more humane way to wreck someone's evil plans for you is WASP SPRAY. A friend who is a receptionist in a church in a high risk area was concerned about someone coming into the office on Monday to rob them when they were counting the collection. She asked the local police department about using pepper spray and they recommended to her that she get a can of wasp spray instead. The wasp spray, they told her, can shoot up to twenty feet away and is a lot more accurate, while with the pepper spray, they have to get too close to you and could overpower you. The wasp spray temporarily blinds an attacker until they get to the hospital for an antidote. She keeps a can on her desk in the office and it doesn't attract attention from people like a can of pepper spray would. She also keeps one nearby at home for home protection. Thought this was interesting and might be of use.

MEMBER NEWS

Very long-time active member **Bob Neale**, will be celebrating his eightieth birthday on March 19. **Bob Doleman** will also be turning 80 on March 23! 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', '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'.

NEW ISSUE NEWS

The U. S. Mint has several new releases, among which are the 2016 Presidential one-dollar proof sets, the 2016 America The Beautiful proof sets, the 2016 Kennedy half-dollars, the Shawnee National Forest coins and the Nixon Presidential coins and medals.

Club members may place your orders with O. T. at 910-520-8405 or email at uffda28411@yahoo.com. The Club will pay for the postage and handling.

Massive Year of the Monkey 10 Kilo Silver Coin for 2016.

The ultimate way to celebrate the Year of the Monkey, this individually finished coin is made from 10 kilos of 99.9% pure silver. A maximum of 150 coins.



ANA NEWS

Celebrating 125 years in 2016!
The Summer World's Fair of Money will be held in Dallas, Texas on March 3-6.

FUN NEWS

The Summer FUN Show will be on July 7-9 in the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando. The FUN Show in 2017 will be in Fort Lauderdale.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

Great Collections is a website that 'may' give eBay some competition and may also have a future. Go to <https://www.greatcollections.com/Register> and see what they have to offer.

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