



Coinfusion

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-Fifth Year

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month

NEWSLETTER BOOSTERS

C. J. Lindsey (2-18), **Danny Freeman** (3-18) and **Franklin Fussell** (4-18). To become a Club Booster, please send your \$10 to our P. O. Box or see our Treasurer at any meeting. Your name will be placed near the top of our monthly newsletter followed by the month your booster contribution expires. Thank you for your support. Your Booster payment is good for one year so those of you who have noticed your name missing need to send \$10 to have your name in lights again.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You know I just realized they give a penny for your thoughts and everyone gives them 2c worth.

Money Talks...but all mine ever says is good-bye

Hard to believe spring is only 27 days away, and in just 19 days Mar 12th you'll have to set your clocks ahead. Hope you are enjoying the 72^o weather. Surely does make sitting around a fire place with a warm sweater on sorting and cataloging your coins difficult. If I could only learn to catalog between swings on the golf course.

The Boy Scout Clinic is getting a lot of publicity. Hopefully we'll have good number of scouts and that they bring their parents to the show. If you're thinking of volunteering to help at the show this would be a good time to sign-up. This isn't my club or your club it's our club and it only works if everyone helps. OT is reporting more than 50 dealer tables sold – a new record. If the

publicity works and we get a record crowd everyone's help will be needed.

This month's program, Buying and Selling on eBay is one you don't want to miss. All I know about buying on eBay is if it's shipping from China and it's real cheap – don't buy it. They were making some almost identical (to the real thing) coins. They even put some in slabs. Then PCGS and NGC told you how you could tell if the slab was real or not and 2 days later you couldn't tell anymore. This is a program you won't want to miss.

Former President and long time Show Chair, Larry DeBellis, is having some health issues and a prayer or two wouldn't hurt. OT probably has more someplace in this Newsletter so be sure to read the whole thing.

What's on the Agenda? Show Report – all phases, the Program and the Auction. Looks like we'll have lots of time to cover all aspects. Come early and enjoy a little comradery. If anyone collects error coins, see Jim. They would make a great program.

Ray

COIN SHOWS/EVENTS COMING UP *

March 9-11, Orlando, FL** ANA National Money Show. www.money.org/NationalMoneyShow

March 11-12, Raleigh, NC, Coin, Stamp & Postcard Show, State Fairgrounds, 919-406-2974.

March 18-19, Jacksonville, NC** Coin Show, Econo Lodge, 701 N. Marine Blvd., 919-790-8544.

March 25-26, Winston Salem, NC, Coin Show, Winston Salem, NC Miller Park Rec. Center, 400 Leisure Lane, 336-406-2974.

March 30-April 2, Baltimore, MD, Whitman Coin Show, Convention Center.

April 8 & 9, 2017, Wilmington, NC, Our Annual Azalea Festival Coin Show at the Elk's Lodge, 5102 Oleander Drive. 910-520-8405. www.LCFCC.org.

* Please verify coin show dates, times and locations at contact number before going. We have several Club members going to most of these coin shows so call O. T. for details about carpooling, etc.

**Members of our Club are going to this show. For carpool information call O. T. @ 910-520-8405.

OUR ANNUAL NOTH CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL COIN SHOW IN WILMINGTON

April 9 & 10 will be here soon. Our Coin Club will be putting on the largest coin show in Wilmington since the NCNA Convention at the Hilton in 1976. This is where ALL Club members will have a chance to help with a myriad of jobs like registration at the door, raffle ticket sales, exhibiting, Kid's Korner, set up on the Friday before the Show, manning the refreshment stand, working at our Club table, telling friends about the Show and our very first Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic.

Yes, for the first time ever, we will help local Boy Scouts earn their Coin Collecting Merit Badge by inviting all area Boy Scouts to our Coin Show on Saturday afternoon for a special program around 1:30. Promotional items will be given to all Scouts who attend with a 'special' souvenir for all.

David Meiske will again travel from Virginia to present his Confederate Coinage talk and will be joined by a Southern Belle from Wilmington.

The 'Gold Mining Troupe' will also be here so you can learn how to pan for your own gold nuggets.

Our exhibit area will feature a complete set of the five-ounce silver America The Beautiful quarters. If you think the regular size quarters look nick, wait until you see them in their three-inch silver version.

This is ONE Coin Show you won't want to miss so bring your neighbors, friends and relatives for a 'Coin Show to Remember'!

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next **REGULAR** Club meeting will be held at Carolina BBQ at 1602 South College Road in Wilmington on March 8, 2017. The meeting **begins at 6:30 promptly**, but, PLEASE come early enough to eat, socialize AND prepare your auction items.

Volunteers will be recruited for our upcoming April Coin Show. There are several small jobs that need to be done and everyone can do something. Especially needed is someone to contact local newspapers and beach 'grams' with information on our meetings and coin shows.

The program will be on 'How To Sell Your Coins On EBay' by **Jim and Victoria Savage**.

MEMBER NEWS

Past LCFCC President and bourse chairman **Larry DeBellis** is dealing with pneumonia and a broken shoulder at an out-of-town hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts. A little prayer would be nice too.

Chris Vandall became a father on February 2 to a baby girl.

LAST MEETING

The \$10 attendance prize was won by **Jim Savage** and the 50/50 raffle was won by **Bill Snyder**.

Karen Foster gave a great program on 'Ancient Greek Coins' and awarded candy bars for correct answers to her questions.

Our monthly auction followed the meeting with all bidders winning something.

LAST BOARD MEETING

Most of the time at this BM was again devoted to planning our April Azalea Festival Coin Show. This will feature a record twenty-six dealers occupying fifty tables. **Franklin Fussell** volunteered to store our Club's property in his home. This is a reminder to all members who have Club property to give it to Franklin at the next meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on March 15 at Carolina BBQ on South College Road. ALL members are invited to attend. This will be the last

BM before our April Coin Show so all members who are willing to help are especially invited to this meeting. There are MANY little tasks that NEED to be done so please attend.

U. S. MINT NEWS

The 2017 Kennedy half-dollars went on sale February 22. These coins are no longer made for general circulation and are only available from the U. S. Mint. Our Club will have some available at cost to members at our April 12 meeting.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Take your pick, suggest others and/or let an officer know of your interests. Soon to come... 'Safe Deposit Box Tips', 'Wills', 'Mint By-products', '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' and 'Tax Liabilities When Selling'.

FUN NEWS

The Florida United Numismatist gang is busy getting ready for the 'Summer Fun' Convention to be held in Orlando July 6-8, 2017.

ANA NEWS

Elections are coming up for 2017 officers for the American Numismatic Association. Our Club has been asked to nominate Mike Ellis for ANA President. Mike has been around the hobby for a very long time and has established himself as a collector's collector, especially when it comes to error coins. If you want collector's interests represented at the ANA, please consider voting for Mike.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

If you are looking for a comprehensive numismatic research site, try www.newmanportal.org.

UNUSUAL COINS



Space-flown material in 2017 Cook Islands coin.



2017 'Compass coin' from Tuvalu.

TEST YOUR NUMISMATIC KNOWLEDGE

Answers to “Test Your Numismatic Knowledge #1 – Coins Dateable by Their Reverse” that was in last February’s Coinfusion.

1. 1976 Bicentennial Quarter. Struck in 1975 and 1976 but all are dual dated 1776-1976.
2. 2009 One of 4 reverse designs on the reverse of the Lincoln Cent for the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln Cent and 200th anniversary of Lincoln’s birth.
3. 1883 “No Cents” V-Nickel. Later in 1883 “CENTS” was added to the reverse due to con men gold plating the coin and passing them off as \$5 gold pieces. The gold-plated pieces are called “Racketeer Nickels”.
4. 1859 First year of issue for the Indian Head Cent with a Laurel Wreath without Shield reverse. 1860 thru 1909 Indian Head Cents had an Oak Wreath with a Shield added to the top of the reverse.
5. 1976 Bicentennial Half. Struck in 1975 and 1976 but all are dual dated 1776-1976.
6. 1875 “S” mint mark on the reverse of a 20 Cent piece. 1875 was the only year the 20 Cent piece was struck at the San Francisco Mint.
7. 1912 “S” mint mark on the reverse of a V-Nickel. Only year the V-Nickel was struck in San Francisco.
8. 1851 “O” on the reverse of a silver 3-Cent piece. Only year this type was struck at the New Orleans Mint.
9. 1964 The only year the “D” mint mark was on the reverse of the Kennedy Half Dollar.
10. 1912 “D” mint mark on the reverse of a V-Nickel. Only year the V-Nickel was struck in Denver.
11. 1909 Designer’s initials “V.D.B.” on the reverse. They were removed later in 1909 and added back on the obverse in 1918 where they remain today.
12. 1913 Buffalo on mound known as Type 1. Later in 1913 reverse design was changed due to excessive wear. The mound was removed and replaced with a thin, straight line.
13. 2000 “Cheerios” Dollar. The Eagle has boldly detailed tail feathers. Found only in Cheerios cereal boxes used to promote the new “Golden Dollar”.
14. 1935 This is a tough one that few know about even though it is mentioned in “The Red Book”. Four sun rays on the reverse under the word “ONE”. Only found on 1935-S Peace Dollars. All others have three rays.
- 15a. 1975 This is known as the Type 1 reverse and was struck in 1975. The lettering on the reverse is of

a bold, block style. Particularly noticeable in the “AR” of “DOLLAR”. The top of the “A” is pointed and the right leg of the “R” is straight.

15b. 1976 This is known as the Type 2 reverse and was struck in 1976. The lettering on the reverse is of a thin, fancier style than Type 1. Particularly noticeable in the “AR” of “DOLLAR”. The top of the “A” is flat and the right leg of the “R” is curved.

CLUB DUES ARE DUE NOW

We still have not received 21017 dues from a few members. To remain a member in good standing of ‘The BEST Little Coin Club Between Baltimore and Orlando’ please send your dues to P. O. Box 4744, Wilmington, NC 28406 or pay Karen at the next meeting. Thank you.

The cost is \$15 for regular members and \$5 for youth membership. Life memberships are \$150.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

A common coin cannot magically become rare.

NUMISMATIC MOVIE OF THE YEAR

Coin Heist is THE numismatic movie of the year if not the decade. A group of kids decide to break into the Philadelphia Mint to make error coins to sell as a money-making scheme. It’s on Netflix right now.

FOR SALE

1996 Mercury Grand Marquis LS w/65,000 gentle miles, V-8, automatic, black, needs paint, driven by a little old lady mainly to church on Sundays, very clean interior for \$1,000 or trade for silver dollars. Call 910-799-3896.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

For those of you who have actually read this far...a special announcement. There are twenty-seven different coin dealers coming to our April Coin Show. How often have you gone to a coin show and asked a dealer for a specific item only to be told “I didn’t bring it,” or “I have one back at the shop.”? Well, those days are over IF you respond to the editor ASAP. Simply let me know what you are looking for and your request will be forwarded to every dealer coming to Wilmington! This will let the dealers know of your wants and he might possibly bring it with him.

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ANA Club Membership number 1051079, Since 1964
FUN Club Membership number 25857, Since 2014
NCNA Club Membership number C-47, Since 1972

DEALERS ATTENDING OUR SHOW

C. J. Lindsey	Jacksonville, NC
Eddie Fine	Johns Island, SC
Vernon Vallance	Hamlet, NC
Andy Dickerson	Sharpsburg, NC
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Ken Woody	Ferrum, VA
Wayne & Eric Williamson	Middlesex, NC
Richard Thorne	Raleigh, NC
Mike Lynch	Raleigh, NC
Keith Grubbs	New Bern, NC
Josh Bobbitt	Stoneville, NC

THIS NEWSLETTER

An open invitation to other coin clubs.

This newsletter goes out to over 225 recipients every month in hopes that other coin clubs will respond by sending their newsletter to us. The internet provides an excellent opportunity to share ideas on how to manage a club and see how other clubs operate.

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