



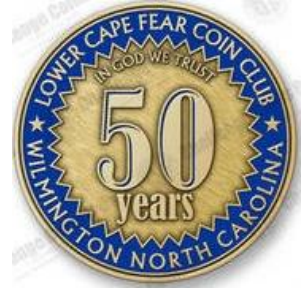
# Coinfusion

## Newsletter of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club

P.O. Box 4744, Wilmington, NC 28406

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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**

APRIL 2017

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), **Franklin Fussell** (4-18) and **Bob Doleman** (5-18). 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

#### President's Corner

We are about to complete the most spectacular show the club has staged in 3 score years. Thanks a million to everyone who helped make this our best show ever. The work did not go unnoticed. Not my words – the words of those who attended the show. Pat yourself on the back! A lot of work goes into a show like ours and while a lot of members helped out it takes the work of all members to sustain a show of this magnitude. Too much done by too few leads to burn out. On the AGENDA for the May Meeting (April is too soon) will be a complete Post Mortem of the show. What we did that was really GOOD and what areas could be improved. Here your input is essential. Helping with the show needs to be challenging and rewarding. It can be if everyone contributes. We need everyone involved. Therefore, if you have an area where you would like to contribute please let one of the officers know at the May meeting, otherwise you are likely to be assigned

to a committee that might not be your first choice. More info in the May Newsletter.

Openings for programs are filling up rapidly. If you would like to present a program, please let Jim know so he can get it scheduled. We're still looking for a Publicity Chairman to help coordinate our publicity/advertising efforts. We also need a couple of volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee.

And finally, ever been to a really fun picnic? Every year the LCFCC puts on a really great picnic. Some help is needed to get it organized. Got any ideas? Join the committee and help plan a really fun summer family event. IT's a catered event (this year a deposit is required if you sign up) with excellent food. Some Kids Korner stuff for the kids and who knows what the committee will come up with, and you might even want to continue and help organize the Christmas Party. I'll be a volunteer if we have a chair.

The 2017 Lincoln Cent minted in Philadelphia carries the P mint mark to celebrate the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Philadelphia mint. No Philadelphia cent has ever carried a mint mark. This is a first and only. The P will NOT appear on 2018 cents, so this becomes a 1 year type coin.

All members whose dues are paid by the end of the Coin Show on April 8<sup>th</sup> will receive a free Gem Uncirculated 2017 P Lincoln Cent. (Notice I didn't say BU because that stands for Beat UP or Butt Ugly).

Dues can be paid to Treasurer Karen or Deputy Tom B. You can also pay by mailing \$15 to the club mailbox 4744, Wilmington, NC 28406. Our meetings are still the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month at the

Carolina BBQ on South College Road just past Oleander. New meeting start time is 6:30 PM  
See you on Wednesday, April 12.

Ray, President

### OUR AZALEA FESTIVAL COIN SHOW

THIS IS IT!!! The time for our Annual North Carolina Azalea Festival Coin Show has arrived and we all need to help. Set up will be Friday afternoon, April 7 at the Elk's Lodge located at 5102 Oleander Drive. Believe me, there will be all kinds of things to do from arranging the tables and chairs to placing dealer signs and the nametags on the tables. The more who show up the easier it is. This is our third year back at the Elk's and it gets easier every year. Come on out and enjoy the things that make ours the 'Best Little Coin Show Between Baltimore and Orlando'.

This is our first year where we're going to help the Boy Scouts earn their Coin Collecting Merit Badge. We expect this to be a continuing event at our Coin Show and, possibly, include the Girl Scouts next year.

Once again, The North Carolina Numismatic Assoc. will have their quarterly board meeting at our Coin Show. If you want to see what goes on with our hobby across North Carolina, feel free to sit in and observe this meeting. We are a member of the NCNA so come and chime in at 5:00 pm Saturday.

Raffle ticket sales help us defray the costs of our coin show. Please do your part by selling as many raffle tickets as you can and buy a few for yourself too.

We can even use someone to keep the coffee pot full and the donuts in view.

### MEMBER NEWS

Past LCFCC President, bourse chairman and local coin dealer **Larry DeBellis** passed away on March 6 after complications from heart surgery at a hospital in Charleston, SC. Larry and his wife, Teresa, were on the last day of a pleasure cruise when he was air lifted to a Charleston Hospital. Larry was a long time, valued member of our club, and will be missed by our LCFCC members. Our sympathies go out to Teresa and their families.

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**Larry DeBellis** at a recent coin show.

### COIN SHOWS/EVENTS COMING UP \*

**April 8 & 9, 2017, Wilmington, NC, Our Annual Azalea Festival Coin Show at the Elk's Lodge, located at 5102 Oleander Drive. 910-520-8405. [www.LCFCC.org](http://www.LCFCC.org).**

April 15, Marion, SC, Community Bldg., 191 North Main St., 828-460-7867.

April 21-23, Dalton, GA, Conv. Cntr, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd., 770-639-0190.

April 22, Lexington, NC, YMCA, 119 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 336-596-3986.

May 6-7, Raleigh, NC, State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Rd., 919-790-8544.

May 20-21, Fayetteville, NC, Holiday Inn, 1944 Cedar Creek Rd., 910-497-5447.

\* 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.

### INDEPENDENCE MALL EXHIBIT

This is a kinda late notice but our Club will have an exhibit between the Easter Bunny and the food court at Independence Mall, 3500 Oleander Drive, on

Saturday, April 1 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come on out and see some fabulous numismatic items.

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next **REGULAR** Club meeting will be held at Carolina BBQ at 1602 South College Road in Wilmington on April 12, 2017. The meeting **begins at 6:30 promptly**, but, PLEASE come early enough to eat, socialize AND prepare your auction items.

A special guest, **David Meisky** will give us an update on Confederate coins and currency. Mr. Meisky will probably be in character wearing his Confederate officer's uniform so bring your camera.

A couple of our Club members were spotted at the recent ANA Money Show in Orlando on March 9-12. Souvenirs should be available at the next meeting.

### LAST MEETING

The \$10 attendance prize was won by **Bob Doleman** and the 50/50 raffle was won by **Bill Snyder**. The program on eBay by **Jim and Victoria Savage** was a hit with many wanting another one in the near future.

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

### LAST BOARD MEETING

The March 15 board meeting was held at Carolina BBQ with all in attendance.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on April 19 at Carolina BBQ on South College Road. ALL members are invited to attend.

### U. S. MINT NEWS

THE best-selling 'First Spouse' gold coin struck from 2007-2016 was one of the four without a first spouse on it! Yes, the Thomas Jefferson coin depicted the Bust Liberty portrait.

On April 6, a maximum of 100,000 gold American Liberty coins will go on sale. From all accounts, this coin will be a low mintage one coming nowhere near the maximum sold. One reason is the price of around \$1,700.

2017 proof sets went on sale for \$26.95 on March 19. The set consists of all five America the Beautiful quarters in copper-nickel as well as the regular coins. The silver set goes on sale later in the year.

### BUREAU OF ENGRAVE & PRINTING NEWS

The BEP released a 2017 'Founding Fathers Currency Set' on March 14. The set will contain a series 2013 \$1 and \$2 at a cost of \$21.95. The limit will be 5,000 sets.

### ERROR NEWS

A 1961 proof Franklin half dollar recently sold for \$14,850. What makes this one different is that the reverse was struck by a doubled die. Surely there are more out there so check yours and you might find it.

### 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

The recently concluded ANA auction in Orlando featured a complete set of Bechtler North Carolina gold coins. Anyone interested in this area of gold collecting can get a free Kagin's auction catalog at our next regular meeting by being the first to ask at the door. Call Kagin's at 888-852-4467 and, if you're nice, they may send you a free copy of the Bechtler gold coin section from their ANA sale.

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Our coin club is having a heck of a time solving the question of publicity. How many members help with yours? Who does what? What publications are the best in which to advertise? How far ahead do you publicize your event? What ‘tricks’ do you use? Please tell us what works best for you and your club.

## UNUSUAL COIN???



## CANADIAN COIN NEWS

In 2016, the **Royal Canadian Mint** offered 220 collector products, making up 284 coins, with the cost of acquiring one of every item totaling \$529,162. It's the first time that number has crossed the half-a-million-dollar mark.

The number of issues is down slightly from the previous year when the RCM offered 225 products, but the actual cost is up from last year's \$339,858. One reason for the difference is the addition of an additional one gold and two silver kilogram issues, and a general increased price of the popular one and two-ounce silver coins.

Collectors generally shun the low-mintage gold and silver kilogram series. The four gold and five silver kilogram coins issued in 2016 had a total cost of \$329,858. In 2015, the RCM issued three gold kilogram coins and three silver kilogram issues with a total cost of \$213,889.

When the kilogram issues are removed, the cost of the remaining issues of 2016 comes in at \$199,304—comparable but still higher than the \$125,000 tallied for the previous year.

The majority of the issues were silver coins in the \$10 to \$50 face value range. In fact, 120 issues, more than half the total, fit in this popular category. In both cases the study did not include bullion issues, which are priced purely on the value of the metal and are considered investor rather than collector issues.

While an interesting benchmark for comparison purposes, few collectors endeavor to assemble anything close to a complete collection with many focusing on specific areas of interests. Now you know why many of us gave up collecting Canadian coins.

## NUMISMATIC STORY...KINDA

I asked my older brother if our parents ever collected coins or what they did when they were bored being they had no internet. He didn't know.

We asked our other eighteen brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.

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**FUN Club Membership number 25857, Since 2014**  
**NCNA Club Membership number C-47, Since 1972**

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## **THIS NEWSLETTER**

### **An open invitation to other coin clubs.**

This newsletter goes out to over 235 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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