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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**

September 2015

Our Fifty-third Year

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month

## BOOSTERS

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

## NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next meeting of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club will be on **Wednesday, September 9, 2015** at Carolina BBQ Restaurant, 1605 South College Road in Wilmington. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM but please come early to eat. The least we can do is support this business as they allow us to meet for free. The Carolina BBQ in Murrayville is now closed. Let's keep this one open!

The program is titled 'Two Documents About Freedom by **Dr. Robert S. Neale**. This program is certainly going to be interesting.

Consider bringing in one of your favorite coins, or anything else, to show us. Show and tell is popular at many meetings and all you need to do is show it, pass it around or say a few words about it.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello All,

I trust everyone's summer is going well and that everyone is finding some good material to add to their collections. For me, I finished off my set of Canadian nickels dated from 1922 to 1960. I have visited Canada a number of times and love the beauty of the country. All the coins in the set were struck at the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa.

Compared to the Buffalo and Jefferson nickels, struck at the same time here in the United States, the mintage figures for the Canadian coins are much less. The prices however are very reasonable. To complete my set, I picked up PSGS-XF45 example of the 1926 Far 6 variety nickel. I was collecting a circulated set of nickels and this final edition of this rare nickel capped off my set. I am sure you all know the satisfaction of completing a set of coins you have been working on for some time. It is a great feeling, and I hope many of you are finding that ONE coin you need to finish off your own set. If you missed the club picnic... Sorry! Karen and John did a great job getting the food and drinks for the event. Prizes were given out, the food was good, and the weather turned out great. We even got a new member. I expect to see Spencer Dickerson at a meeting soon, so please give him a nice welcome.

I will be off to Europe for most of September and will miss both the club meeting and the board meeting that month. In my absence, the club will be in the capable hands of Bob Neale. Any pressing matters that need to be addressed can be handled by Bob. I will return on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

My wife and I will be fortunate enough to visit four European Countries. We will be cruising down the Rhine River stopping along the way. You can bet that I'll be on the lookout for numismatic treasures at every stop!

Till next time,  
Mike

## LAST MEETING

The last gathering of our Club was at Hugh MacCrae Park for our annual picnic. The food from Smithfield's BBQ was again tasty and plentiful. All present had a good time...

## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

If you're travelling and will miss going to your hometown coin club meeting, check out other clubs listed by state on [www.thecoinlook.com](http://www.thecoinlook.com).

## AUGUST QUESTION

What criteria are used to determine if a coin is worth having slabbed?

The best answer received said that ANY key date or otherwise 'rare' coin should be certified by NGC, PCGS or ANACS. Also, if you are collecting modern coins and want your set to 'match', have them all slabbed by the same company.

## CONSTITUTION & BYLAW REVISIONS

Revisions should be ready to present to the membership at this month's meeting.

## LAST BOARD MEETING

There was no BM in August.

Nominations and elections of 2016 officers are coming up soon. Think about running for an office.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on **September 23, 2015** at **Carolina BBQ, 1602 S. College Road** at 7 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

## COIN SHOWS COMING UP \*

**September 11-13, Charlotte, NC**, Metrolina Expo Building C, 919-828-9450.

**September 26, 20, Jacksonville, NC**, Econo Lodge 701 N. Marine Blvd., 919-790-8544.

**October 2-4, Greensboro, NC**, Coliseum Complex 1921 W. Gate City Blvd., 919-656-3265.

**October 17 & 18, Wilmington, NC**, American Legion, Pine Grove Drive.

**January, 2016, Tampa, FL**, FUN Show\*\*. This is the largest coin show in the world so make your reservations now. If there is enough interest, we could rent a van...

\* 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

**Roger Persichilli** continues to improve after bypass surgery in New Jersey on July 24.

**Spencer Dickerson** became our newest member. At the ripe old age of ten, he's chosen a great time to get involved in our hobby.

**B. J. Lester** and son, **Rich Jewell** and his wife Fran, and **O. T.** attended the recent ANA Convention in Chicago and brought back some souvenirs.



## ANA NEWS

Having semi-recovered after attending the National Coin Show in Chicago I thought I'd share a few observations.



Although the show wasn't as large as the one in 2015, it was still a good Show. Several mints were represented including Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Pobjoy, South Africa and the United States.



A few innovative coins were on display and many were available for purchase.



The exhibit area was well organized and the exhibits themselves were outstanding. One exhibit featuring ANA badges even had an example of the 1987 Atlanta ANA with H. Fred Simpson's name at the top. (Fred was a longtime member of our Club.)



Many clubs and organizations held their annual get-together including the Souvenir Card Collectors

Society pictured below. Photo courtesy of John and Nancy Wilson.



The three major grading services eagerly accepted submissions. ANACS, NGC, PCGS and PMG were all busy with PCGS even handing out beautiful coin posters. (The first member to ask for one at the next meeting will receive one.) An ANACS rep even said they were interested in attending OUR show.

The Bowers/Stacks and Heritage auctions were some of the highlights of the Convention. Super prices were realized and the food wasn't bad either.



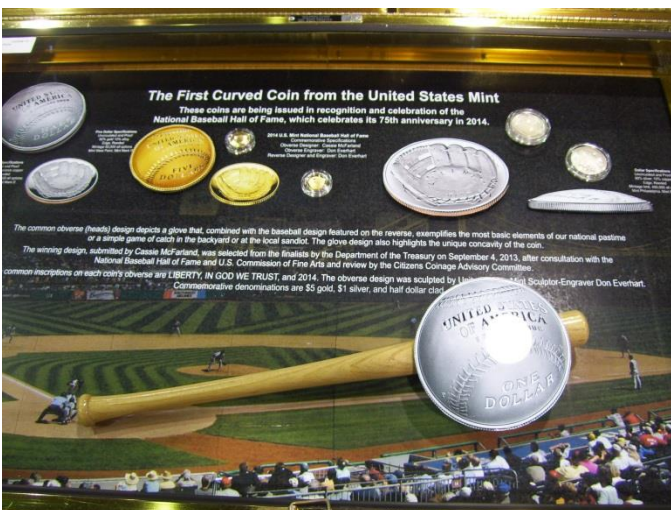
Seminars on almost every numismatic subject were held every day with the who's who of the hobby talking about their favorite subjects.

The annual banquet capped off the Show with most of the living legends of the hobby receiving awards. Our very own **Rich Jewell** and his wife Fran were spotted at a table of other numismatic giants.





One important observation made was that the many dealers in attendance could have made more sales if they put their smart phones down when customers approached their tables.



All in all, this year's Convention was more subdued than the one in 2014...mainly because there was no release of a special coin by the U. S. Mint. In 2016,

the Spring ANA will be in Dallas with the Summer one being in Anaheim, CA.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

These are tentative programs and could change.

September 9, 2015: 'Two Documents About Freedom' 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.

ELECTIONS of 2016 officers will also be held at this meeting. Let Elections Chairman **Bob Neale** know if you are interested in any office. New faces bring new ideas so give it a try.

December 9, 2015: Dinner Social.

January 13, 2016: 'Numismatic Etiquette' ?.

More in 2016...'Coin Storage', 'Grading Services'.

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 and he'll make it happen.

### U. S. MINT NEWS

Another sellout by the Mint was the Eisenhower Coin and Chronicles set on August 11.

The one-ounce gold \$100 coin pictured below went on sale at noon on July 30 at \$1,490.



The Eisenhower Coin and Chronicles set, with a mintage of 17,000 went on sale at noon on August 11 with a limit of two per household.

## FUN NEWS

Please go to <http://www.funtopics.com/index.html> to see what the Florida United Numismatists have been doing. Make plans now to attend the January FUN Coin Show in Tampa. Maybe the Club could rent a van?

## NUMISMATIC TRUTH OF THE MONTH

What you pay for a coin has very little to do with how much it will sell for down the road.

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