



# 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**

February 2020

Our Fifty-Eighth Year

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month

## CLUB BOOSTERS

**Rich Jewell** (2-20), **C. J. Lindsey** (2-20), **Mike Graybar** (4-20), **Danny Freeman** (4-20), **Mike Lynch** (4-20), **Franklin Fussell** (5-20), **Bob Fritsch** (6-20), **Bob Gabriel** (6-20), **Gregg Frayseth** (7-20), **Bob Doleman** (2-21), **Roger Persichilli** (2-21), **Bob Neale** (2-30), **George Rogers** (2-30), **Mike Samaskeawicz** (2-30) **Stanley Rehder** (2-30). See your name here for a \$10 contribution to help with our Kid's Korner and newsletter costs.

## LAST REGULAR MEETING

The January 8 meeting featured various other things that members have collected through the years. The only photo available was a collection of patches with Viking ships on them from the Thompson archives.



### **Viking ships on patches**

**Arlene Goromboly** and **Gary Dixon** became members. **Gary** also won the attendance prize. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Gaylord Allen**. **George Cullen** had his 1930s beer can memorabilia. Others participating were **P. T. Pridgen**, who passed around an elusive 2019 enhanced reverse silver eagle. **Karen Foster** showed her seashell collection and **Franklin Fussell** brought his 1914-1926 North Carolina automobile license plates. **Barry Faulkner** brought in a cigar cutter that had the

Philadelphia Mint engraved on it.

## NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting of our Club will be on Wednesday, **February 12, 2020** at the Carolina BBQ Restaurant, 1602 South College Road in Wilmington beginning at **6:30 PM** sharp with the attendance drawing and the Pledge of Allegiance. The **program** will be on **U. S. Type Coins**. Some of you may not be familiar with type coins. As an example, most of us cannot afford the 'key date', like the 1856 Flying Eagle cent. There are key dates in almost every series so instead of having a hole in the series you are collecting, start a type set, where you just assemble an example, or type coin of that series. There are type albums made specifically to house one of every type coin made. A 50/50 raffle, an attendance prize and a numismatic auction are also scheduled. Don't forget to bring something kewl for 'Show and Tell' too. **Raffle tickets** for our April Coin Show will be available at this meeting so PLEASE grab some from **Chris** and sell them. Also, our new **Club Medal** will be available at \$7 each for members, \$10 for non-members and \$12.50 by mail order. **Club Shirts** will also be sold at this meeting on a first come basis for \$30 (cost) or a price to be determined at the meeting.



**Our new LCFCC medals**

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 18** at Carolina BBQ on South College Road. All dues-paid members are welcome to throw in their two-cents worth. Come early to eat!

## MEMBER NEWS

**Franklin Fussell** recently became a new grandfather when his daughter gave birth to a baby boy. He also turned sixty-three a few days later.

On a sad note, from **Preston Blue's** daughter. "I am sorry to have to inform you that Mr. Preston Blue passed away in December. I appreciate your faithfulness in sending him his newsletters each month. He still read them avidly each month and enjoyed them. He always looked at the coin of the month. He decided to order one of the coins for his grandson's birthday last year. He passed on his coin collection to his grandson. Please pass on the news to the coin club members. He very much enjoyed meeting them and I wish he had connected with the club earlier in his life. Thanks." Ellen Blue Daniels

On a brighter note. **YES! WE DID IT!!!** For the FIRST time in our Club's fifty-eight-year history, The LCFCC had a table at the 'World's Largest Coin Show', the FUN Show in Orlando. Over 950 tables with 600 dealers filled the huge room at the Orange County Convention Center. A \$53,000,000 auction, dozens of exhibits and several educational seminars made this a coin show to remember! The U. S. Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing also had their huge spaces filled with a billion-dollar exhibit, newly issued coins for sale to all who attended. The bourse floor was filled with many first-time dealers selling everything from rare coins and currency to any other collectable imaginable.



A fraction of the 2020 FUN bourse floor



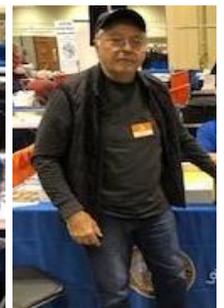
Representing the LCFCC in their new Club shirts were L-R **Mike Mckinnon, C. J. Lindsey, O. T. Thompson** and **Chris Vandall**. See us on YouTube at the 3:54 mark in the following video (2020 FUN). [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3jrWswWnFU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3jrWswWnFU). Just type 2020 FUN in the search line. You will need to have a quick eye. Usually, a few weeks after the FUN Show, a different YouTube video will come out showing much more of the Show. You may also see some of us in older FUN videos. We've been photo bombing the ribbon cuttings since the 1980s! Other LCFCC members stopping by are shown below. We did manage to sign up a new member by the name of **Clifford Mishler**. Perhaps some of you know him? **Ben (Pat McBride) Franklin** and **Steve Austin** also chatted with us for a while.



Vernon Vallance



Al Warrington



Roger Persichilli



Paul Bakke



Steve Costner



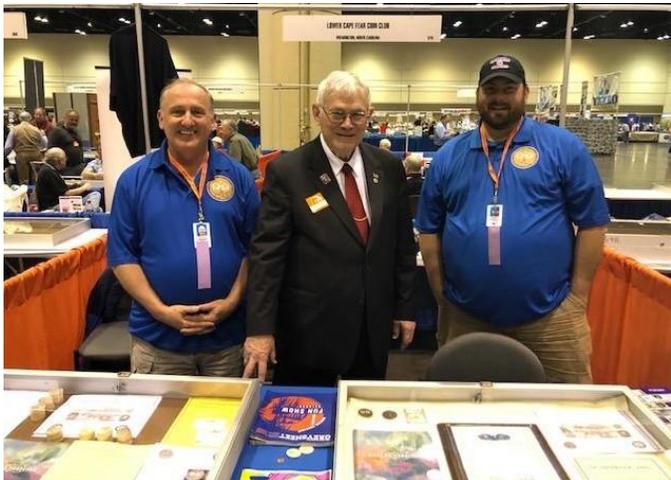
Tom & Sue Brandt



**Ben Franklin**



**Steve Austin and Friend**



**Our newest member, Clifford Mishler**



**First visit to Tony Roma's in Orlando by L-R Art Benjamin, C. J. Lindsey, Chris Vandall, Fred Pope, John Parker and O. T. Thompson.**

### **2020 CLUB DUES ARE NOW DUE**

Your 2020 dues are now being accepted by **Karen Foster** at any meeting. PLEASE pay ASAP as it makes our bookkeeping much easier. Regular dues are \$15 a year, Juniors are \$5 a year and lifetime memberships are available for \$150 UNLESS you are 80 or above, in which case, life membership is **FREE!** (Just let us know.)

### **JANUARY QUESTION OF THE MONTH**

Why did you choose to collect coins? The best answer came from **Bob Neale**: “Back in the early 1970s I had become temporarily bored with my photography hobby and was looking for another source of interest. One of my colleagues at work happened to mention at lunch one day that he collected coins and was going to a big show by the White Plains, N.Y. Coin Club. I decided to go to see what coin collecting was all about. I had a book of small cents collected from change by my grandmother, so I knew there were different kinds of the same denomination. But at the show I viewed a case that exhibited twenty or more of what were labeled early U.S. large cents. I noticed they had been grouped according to their basic types, or designs, just like my small cents, but ran back all the way to 1793. Amazing. Some looked like new, and some seemed rather ugly. But all had different numbers under the holders, and I was advised that meant each coin was a ‘variety,’ unique from all the others because of slight differences in the designs. I returned home, got out my grandmother’s “penny collection” and started to look for differences in quality and, with reference to the Red Book, mintmarks. I was hooked then, and I still dangle from the line.”

### **FEBRUARY QUESTION OF THE MONTH**

This month’s question is a multiple choice. ‘What’s the BEST way to dispose of your collection?’ (A) Selling/consigning through a major auction firm. (B) Selling to your local coin shop. (C) Donating to charity. (D) Giving to relative. (E) Selling to pawn shop. (F) Selling on eBay or other on-line site. (G) Selling to a ‘motel’ buyer. (H) Selling at a local auction like coin club. (I) Selling to a friend. The ‘catch’ here is to pick one answer THEN give your reasons for choosing that specific answer.

Remember, the best member’s answer wins one of our new Club medals or a unique prize chosen especially for them. (Please respond by March 1 to [uffda28411@yahoo.com](mailto:uffda28411@yahoo.com) or call 910-520-8405.)

### **ONE OF THE BEST NEWSLETTERS AROUND**

The following link below should take you to a VERY interesting newsletter put out by the Nashua, NH Coin Club covering several areas of the hobby. <https://mail.yahoo.com/d/folders/309/messages/ACaQUaFpP0UHXhIo9wm0YEp0ytg?.src=fp>

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WED, 12 FEB, 6:30 pm, Carolina BBQ, important LCFCC meeting, 2nd to last before the coin show 4-5 APR. There are heaps of small chores that need to get done and many hands will make it easier for all. Reminder: this coin show produces the free picnics and Christmas parties. Also, come and get a batch of coin show raffle tickets to sell to friends, family, folks at work etc. NOTE: Somebody always wins!

Still in need of an understudy to take part of the "COINFUSION" work on, and, O.T. is a kindly soul to work with. End of words. Bob

## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

An excellent website on **grading** is available from PCGS. Go to <https://www.pcg.com/education> and learn a lot about the several facets of grading.

## ANOTHER GREAT NEWSLETTER

The E-Sylum, a weekly blog of The Numismatic Bibliomania Society, featured a note from a member of our Club in their January 19 issue. The first member who shakes the member's hand at the February meeting will receive a special prize. (E-Sylum link below.)

<https://mail.yahoo.com/d/folders/309/messages/APBvz-Vx2R7IXiT8dwh74AZh1IQ?.src=fp>



**Steve Costner** and **O. T. Thompson**, in blue shirts, attended a SCCS meeting at the 2020 FUN Show. The President of the SCCS, Steve Patrick holds the sign. The SCCS website is [www.souvenircards.org](http://www.souvenircards.org).

## CLUB TIP OF THE MONTH

**MEETING LOCATION.** Where you have your club meetings is very important. The distance from your member's homes and the area here you meet can be what makes potential members come or stay away

from your meetings. You surely do not want to meet in a high crime area or a place with a dark looking parking lot. Our Club meets at a restaurant along a well-travelled road. Luckily, enough members eat before the meetings so we are not charged for their meeting room. We DO give them a stipend a couple times a year just to thank them. Many clubs use motel meeting rooms, libraries, churches and even businesses where a member might work. Make sure you reserve the room a few months in advance just in case other groups use the rooms.

## COIN EVENTS COMING UP \*

**February 7-9, Charlotte, NC,** Coin Show, Park Expo, 800 Briar Creek Rd., 704-641-2959.

**February 14-16, Spartanburg, SC,** Coin Show, Memorial Auditorium, 385 N. Church St., 864-293-8416.

**March 7 & 8, Raleigh, NC,** Coin Show, NC State Fairgrounds, 1025 Clue Ridge Rd., 704-775-4672.

**April 4 & 5, Wilmington, NC,** Coin Show, Elk's Lodge, 5102 Oleander Drive, 910-612-3766. **Our Azalea Festival Coin Show is 80% sold out with only ten tables still available. Our regular April meeting has been moved up to April 1. Mark your calendars now before you forget!**

\* **Please verify** coin show dates, times and locations with contact number before going.

## U. S. MINT NEWS [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov)

The following items will be released by the U. S. Mint during the month of February.

February 6... National Park 5 ounce and 25c rolls.

February 11...American Innovation, GA, Reverse Proof Dollar.

February 12...2020 Native American \$1 rolls/bags.

February 13...Founding Fathers Currency set.

February 20...ATB 25c and Proof Set.

February 27...2020 clad Proof Set.

## PHOTOS FROM OUR DEC. CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sorry, trying to keep newsletter to four pages is hard.

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