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Host of the NC Azalea Festival Coin Show Every April

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Our Fifty-Seventh Year

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month

CLUB BOOSTERS

Rich Jewell (2-19), **Franklin Fussell** (4-19), **Bill Snyder** (4-19), **George Cullen** (10-19), **John Folger** (10-19), **Brian Cox** (1-20), **C. J. Lindsey** (2-20), **Bob Doleman** (2-21), **Bob Neale** (2-30), **George Rogers** (2-30), **Mike Samaskeawicz** (2-30) and **Stanley Rehder** (2-30). See your name here for a \$10 contribution to our Kid's Korner and newsletter costs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"OK! We got thru another whole year without going bankrupt, losing any gold or silver, keeping our head above water with a successful coin show, and maintaining interest in coin-collecting with interesting programs and cool auctions. As noted in prior COINFUSIONS and at meetings and at the Christmas party, we have a "hard core" of working members that have been making this happen.

Membership is strong, and, from that group we need additions to the "hard core." We have plenty of ideas to add to and improve the club, but every one of them needs "action members" to get them going, as well as keep the programs and functions key to our "successes."

Onward to 2019!

Bob

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting of our Club will be on the second Wednesday of January. The **January 9, 2019** meeting will be at the Carolina BBQ Restaurant at 1602 South College Road beginning at 6:30 PM sharp. The **program** will be called '**SECURITY**

AND MIXED CENTS' by Joe Grogan. Joe is retired from the Winston-Salem Sheriff's Department and came to our November meeting with his wife, Kris. Maybe if we treat them nicely, they'll join our Club?

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Forty-six members and guests attended our annual Christmas dinner on December 12 at Hops Supply Restaurant. Super Master of Ceremonies, **Mike McKinnon** did a splendid job. Gifts of 2018 ATB quarter sets were presented to the outgoing officers and a silent auction of 20+ items went on throughout the evening. A 'Secret Santa' gift exchange added some excitement to the evening as well as a nice array of raffle prizes for all who attended. A special short program on two-dollar bills was presented by **Ken Barlow**. All members and guests present took home a free two-dollar bill untouched by human hands. Many comments heard were very positive with several members saying that this was the BEST Club dinner they had ever had the privilege to attend. Many thanks to **Karen Foster** and **Mike McKinnon** for organizing this event.



Karen and Ken manning the door



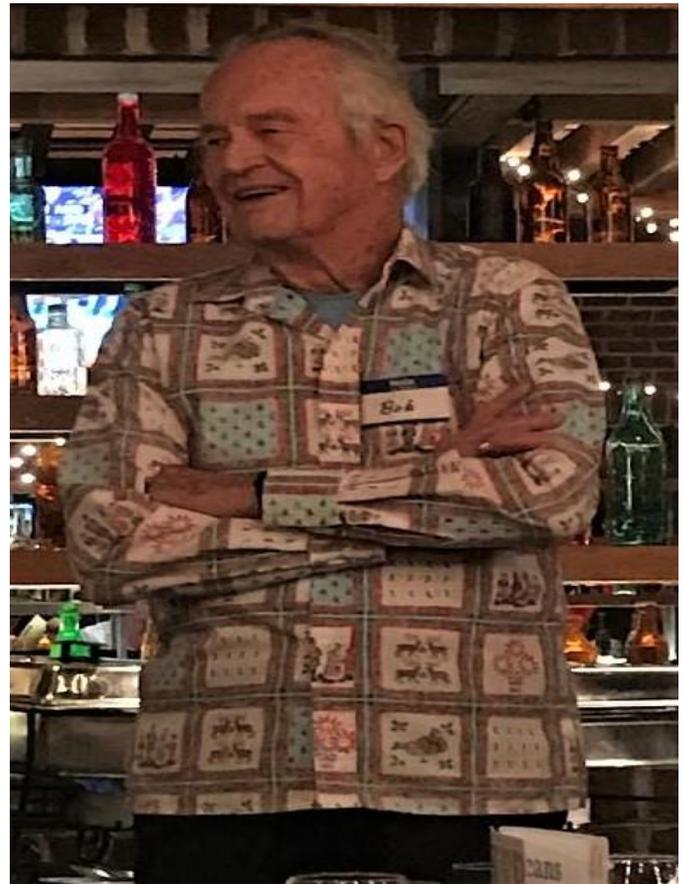
Secret Santa table. Several members brought gifts to swap.



Santa even showed up. He highly resembled Mike Graybar



Part of the crowd



President Doleman welcoming members

One of the highlights was the swearing in of our 2019 officers and board members. Two brand new board members joined the 'Old Guard' to help manage the Club's business in 2019.



Another part of the crowd

Here are some of the unsolicited comments heard. "I think that the swearing in of the next members last night impressed some of the audience. It surprised my wife and the ones around me." "That's the best coin club dinner I've ever attended, and I've been to a lot of them." "Mike, you did a great job." "Good food and fellowship." "I liked the silent auction best

of all." "Somebody really overdid it in secret Santa." "Good location." "I wish they had a Logan's Steakhouse in Wilmington, the one in Jacksonville even has a fireplace." "The food was good, the salad was really good...the desserts too." "Much better than driving to Brunswick County during rush hour like last year!" "Karen and Mike did a fantastic job!"

MEMBER NEWS

Some members may remember **Paul Chestnut**. We just received word of his passing November 12, 2018. A memorial service will be held in Brunswick County in early 2019. **Paul** was a member of our Club in the late 70's until around 1995 when he moved to Arizona, then Colorado.

2019 dues are now due. Please pay your \$15 to our treasurer ASAP. From past experience as secretary, I can assure you that it makes things a whole lot easier when dues are paid early in the year. Junior dues are \$5 and life memberships are \$150. If you're 80, you receive a **FREE** life membership.

COIN EVENTS COMING UP *

January 10-13, 2019, Orlando, FL, FUN Show, at the Orange County Convention Center.

January 19-20, 2019, Raleigh, NC, Coin Show, State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Rd., 919-828-9450.

February 8-10, Charlotte, NC, Coin Show, 800 Briar Creek Road, 704-641-2959.

April 6 & 7, 2019, Wilmington, NC, Annual N. C. Azalea Festival Coin Show, Elk's Lodge, 5102 Oleander Drive, 910-520-8405.

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

COIN OF THE MONTH



2019 Palau 5\$. Yes, 2019 is the 'Year of the Pig'.

U. S. MINT NEWS

The last Mint product of 2018 was the 'American Innovators' \$1 coin. This coin is the first of a fifty-six-coin series featuring an 'Innovator' from all states and territories. Available in proof also. Until the one-dollar bill is eliminated, this coin will soon fade into oblivion just like the SBA and Sacagawea dollar coins. What a waste! Other than that, I have no opinion on the matter. O. T.



For those of us who collect concave, convex, cupped, curved, caved, capped, dished, domed and/or wavy coins, hold on to your wallet until January 24! That's when the Mint releases the Apollo 11 series of coins consisting of a proof and unc \$5 gold piece, a proof and unc silver dollar, a proof and unc clad half-dollar AND a \$1 five-ounce silver proof piece!!!



The U. S. Mint's Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Coins. Many other countries are striking coins to commemorate this mission.

FUN NEWS

The largest coin show in the world is in Orlando this month. You must go as there is something for everyone there AND warm weather to boot. Maybe our Club could rent a van in 2020?

NEXT BOARD MEETING

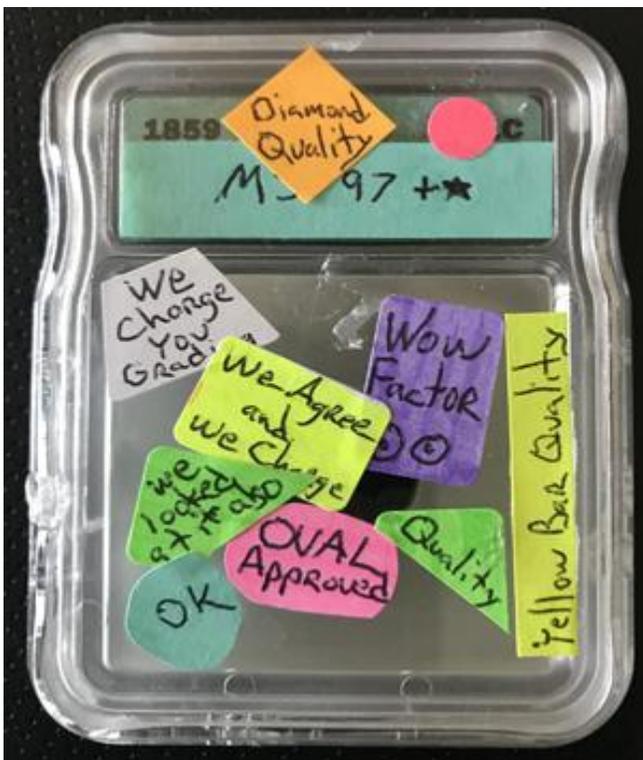
The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15 at Carolina BBQ, 1602 South College Road in Wilmington. ALL members are invited to attend as your input is always welcome. The main topics to be addressed are the April coin show and a report on December's Christmas dinner.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

Thanks to Wayne Homren for this website in the December 2, 2018 E-Sylum article for this information. Looking for the meaning of any numismatic word, or the description of a numismatic term? Try the Newman Numismatic Portal's Numismatic Dictionary and be amazed at: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/dictionary>

LETTER IN NUMISMATIC NEWS

I had planned to do a one-slab exhibit at our April Coin Show identical to this slab! So much for 'wow' factor. My stickers would have looked better though.



Letter to the Editor (December 4, 2018)

I was so excited with my new purchase that I had to send you a pic right away. It is graded MS97+*, but because it has all the major stickers on it also, it should be a higher grade. I bought it for \$500, but I plan to crack it out, resubmit, and then resubmit to all the sticker companies again. So, for about another \$1,000, I honestly think that it could grade MS98. I mean, in theory, I can't see the coin because of all the validation and agreement stickers. But I am guessing that it is a good-looking coin; I mean, come on, why else would I have spent so much money on it?

Thankfully it's not like the old days when we would buy the coin and not the holder. And now that we have a 100-point system, it's even better because now the slabs are even more important.

I am glad that all you have to do now is buy a slab and get as many shapes of stickers as you can, and it increases auction results. Amazing.

OK, sorry. I was feeling sarcastic today. Honestly hoping that this is not the future of our hobby. It should always be about the coin, NEVER the stickers, slabs, and opinions of the second, third, fourth, seventh or 10th party grading companies. I just worry that too many people are chasing the wrong goal. That goal should be to acquire a coin and enjoy it as a piece of history, not to one-up everyone else with your grade and stickers.

P.S. I hope when I get it re-slabbed I will get the coveted pink circle sticker at the top of the slab again. Those are hard to get. Sean S.

MY FAVORITE THINGS

In the next few newsletters, we're going to show numismatic items that people are proud of owning. The very first one is from renowned North Carolina numismatist Ron Feuer. It's his personal copy of *THE FANTASTIC 1804 DOLLAR* signed by the authors. Ron obtained this copy while attending an ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs in 1948 when Eric Newman and Kenneth Bressett were the instructors.

Pictured on the next page is the autographed page in Ron's book.

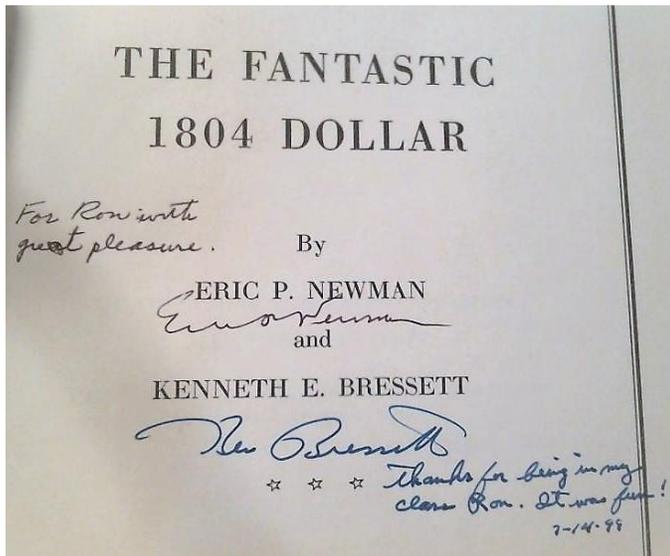


Photo courtesy of Ron Feuer

LATE ARTICLE OF INTEREST

December 22, 2018...I witnessed a 'numismatic crime' today at the coin show in Jacksonville, NC. Two Hispanic males flimflammed a dealer out of \$7,000 in gold coins and over \$4,000 cash while I was watching them from a distance!!! When they hurriedly left his table, I went over and asked the dealer if he was missing anything because I'd seen one suspect go in and out of his pockets five or six times. The dealer looked around and said all was fine. Ten minutes later, the dealer came over to me and said he was missing some of the cash which 'he thought' had been counted out correctly in front of him. Apparently, the dealer was distracted in the middle of the count and didn't re-count before the two men left the building. The Jax PD has our reports and have been referred to the NCIC website below, where I'd seen their pictures before. I guarantee you this, if they show up at our April Coin Show, things will be handled differently. O. T.

Suspect's photo to right.

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