



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

June 2019

Our Fifty-Seventh Year

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month

CLUB BOOSTERS

George Cullen (10-19), **John Folger** (10-19), **Brian Cox** (1-20), **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), **Bob Doleman** (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.

For the very first time, we have had a donation to this section from two members of another coin club! **Bob Fritsch** and **Bob Gabriel**, of the Nashua (NH) Coin Club, donated to our 'cause'. Thanks guys!

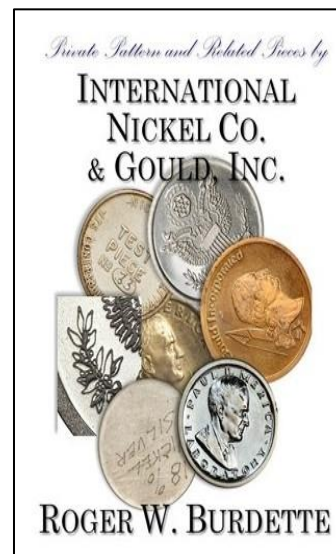
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting of our Club will be on Wednesday, **June 12, 2019** at Carolina BBQ Restaurant at 1602 South College Road beginning at **6:30 PM sharp**. The **program** will be about **'MY FAVORITE COINS'** by YOU. Look at it as a Super 'Show and Tell'. A raffle, an attendance prize and an auction are also scheduled.

LAST REGULAR MEETING

Our May 8 meeting was attended by twenty-five members and guests. **SAA Fussell** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The attendance prize of \$10 was won by **Bob McCullough** and the 50/50 raffle was won by **Karen Foster**. The program was all about Daniel Carr's fantasy coins. 'Show & Tell' items were an MS-65 Mercury dime by **P. T. Pridgen** and a WWII German soldier's 'note to home' by **Mike McKinnon**. An assistant bourse chairman and editor will be needed shortly.

MEMBER NEWS



Longtime LCFCC club member **Mike Wallace** has done it again! In a recent book by Roger Burdette, Mike is mentioned many times as well as his notable www.smalldollars.com website. Mike has kept this site updated for several years and is often mentioned by most authors when they write about small dollar coins.

INCO and Gould produced private pattern pieces and tried to have them approved for use for the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin.

NEXT LCFCC AUCTION

To give members time to research the values of the auction lots and to give the sellers free advertising so their 'bargains' will be noticed before the meetings, Members may now list their auction items in this newsletter in advance of the regular meetings. If you would like to have your lots advertised in the newsletter, please contact O. T. by the first day of each month at 910-520-8405 or send an email to Uffda28411@yahoo.com. Some of the June meeting auction highlights are listed at the end of this newsletter.

Please use the provided stickers to mark the lots you are interested in bidding on as it saves time.

COIN EVENTS COMING UP *

June 7-9, Raleigh, NC, Coin Show, NC State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, 919-247-1982.

June 15, High Point, NC, Coin Show, United Methodist Church, 240 Spring Hill Church Road, 336-862-0862.

June 20-22, Concord, NC, Coin Show, Cabarrus Arena & Events Center, 4751 Highway 49 North, 919-828-9450.

June 29-30, Greenville, NC, Legion Post 39, 403 St. Andrews Drive, 919-790-8544.

July 11-13, Orlando, FL, Annual Summer FUN Coin Show at the Orlando Convention Center.

August 14, Hugh McRae Park, Wilmington, The Lower Cape Fear Coin Club's annual picnic.

Jan 9-12, Orlando, FL, THE FUN Convention.

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

U. S. MINT NEWS

The 2019 Mint Sets are now on sale and the special 2019-W cent is free with each set. www.usmint.gov War in the Pacific Nat. Hist. Park 25c on June 3.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

<http://www.lincolncentresource.com/> is THE source for information on the Lincoln cent.

DUES, DUES, DUES

Yearly dues are \$15 and payable to the LCFCC ASAP. Junior dues are \$5 and life memberships are \$150. If you're 80 or over, you receive a **FREE** life membership

COIN OF THE MONTH



2019 Fiji 1.37 ounce \$1

LAST BOARD MEETING

The May 14, 2019 board meeting was held at the Carolina BBQ Restaurant with all board members in attendance minus two. Subjects of discussion were, the August picnic, by-laws addition, 2020 Coin Show, our December 11 Christmas dinner (Mark your calendars now.), having a coin exhibit at a local bank, meeting programs, update on Club medals, member applications, 2020 Redbook orders for members and excessive Club business at regular meetings..

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 11** at Carolina BBQ on South College Road. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm. ALL members are welcome to attend and bring your ideas.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The June question is, 'Why does the U. S. government STILL make the cent and the half-dollar? The best answer wins a prize.

The May question was, '**What do you do with your collection when no one in the family has an interest in it and you don't want to just give it away?**'

This question generated NO responses at all making one think that either there is no answer, it was a dumb question' or no one cares. Tony Swicer, with the FUN organization, DOES have an answer which appears on the FUN website and our Club may, possibly, use his method of liquidating numismatic estate items in the future.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Having successfully concluded the coin show, and with an Elks Club contract for several years to go, we have enough money to pay for our picnic coming up (see details in this "COINFUSION") and to plan and prepare for the Christmas party (surely the 2nd WED next DEC; more to be revealed in future newsletters and at meetings at which your advice will be asked for).

Our "SHOW AND TELL" has become interesting - do your thing for us! Members are using the auctions to get and sell satisfactorily, and banter at meetings

is common. **BUT** we need help for future works: a coin show chair needs to step forward and learn the ropes from O.T. (who'll be there for the process) and there's a vacancy on the board for someone to share the niggling little tasks we do to carry the club on.

Regards, Bob

LCFCC MEMBER DOES WELL

Former LCFCC member **Jim Barry** and his wife **Helen** moved away from our area many moons ago but have kept in touch with our Club during an envious 'numismatic journey'. **Jim** wants to rejoin our Club and it's quite possible that he is qualified. Listed here are a few of the things that Jim, with Helen's help, has accomplished so far during his tenure on this planet.

Life member of ANA, member of ANA Speakers Bureau, member NLG, ACCG, SCNA, CSNA, Blue Ridge NA, Georgia NA, Augusta Coin Club and Stephen James CSRA Coin Club. Charter and founding member of the Stephen James CSRA Coin Club founded in April 2001. Vice president and program chairman of this club for nine years. Served as ANA District Delegate and Regional Coordinator of North and South Carolina.

2014 Presented with ANA's Presidential Award (with Helen)

2011 Taught "History of Ancient Greece and Its Coinage" through USC Aiken's Lifelong Learning Program

2009 Taught "History of Ancient Rome and Its Coinage" through USC Aiken's Lifelong Learning Program.

2009 Received ANA's Glenn Smedley Memorial Award

2008-09 President SCNA

2003-2007 SCNA Board Member

2005: "Special Literary Award" from SCNA

2004: Taught a numismatic course "The History of Numismatics" through USC, Aiken

2003: "The Most Outstanding Numismatist of the Year" award from SCNA

1998-2000: Vice president/program chair of Lower Cape Fear Coin Club, Wilmington, NC.

1999: Won CSNA Scholarship award to attend ANA summer seminar

1999: Won Best-of-Show award exhibitor, LCFCC at Azalea Festival Coin Show.

1998: Numismatist of Year Award, LCFCC. First place award exhibitor, LCFCC, Azalea Festival Coin Show.

1997 and before: Member and/or guest speaker at various coin clubs, i.e.: Fayetteville Coin Club, (NC), Cape Fear Coin Club (Fayetteville, NC), Beaufort Coin Club (NC) and Camp LeJeune Jacksonville Coin Club (NC)

Additional: have completed five courses of Study at ANA Seminars at Colorado College and published dozens of numismatic articles in state, regional and national journals and magazines.

Retired Social Studies Coordinator – Used unusual world currency in Classroom, supported students with numismatic interests.

Maybe he should run for an ANA office!

COIN CLUB TIP OF THE MONTH

Something new beginning this month could benefit all clubs, regardless of their specialty. This topic has been on the back burner for some time but, what was just a thought a few years ago, became a reality with this month's newsletter based on an email exchange with **David Holland** of the Ancient City Coin Club in St. Augustine, FL.

David suggests that coin clubs could benefit with a page on Facebook. This page would be shared by a few club members with their friends who, in turn, would share with their friends. I guess Facebook is the premier tool of social media and anyone can do it! Now, if one of our members would step up and make it happen, we'll be all set.

MY FAVORITE COINS

The photos on the next page show a rare piece of history as the U. S. Mint didn't offer these cancelled dies for long. It seems that someone used a cancelled die to strike an already struck coin on the edge, making the host coin look double struck. Later, someone else struck a three-coin set with a cancelled die and began selling the sets until the U. S. Mint advised the seller that the design was copyrighted, and his strikes were illegal. Very few sets were made. O. T.

If YOU have a favorite numismatic that you want to show off in this newsletter, simply contact the editor. A photo or two is helpful but not necessary. Your name is not required.



Cancelled 1995 Olympic die and 'Track' coin.



Medals struck by cancelled die.

BUY, SELL, TRADE

FOR SALE: Canadian Large cent collection 1858-1920, including two key 1858 F and VF. Many of the 1859 varieties, one of which is valued at ~\$120.00. And all the 1891 varieties. Also, a complete Canadian small penny collection, 1920-2012 including all of the obverse types. Both sets, not to be broken up. Contact Uffda28411@yahoo.com or 910-395-5950.

WANTED: U. S. Mint 2014 spouse medals of Presidents Roosevelt, Hoover, Coolidge and Harding. Contact KJLong4@gmail.com. NOT the gold ones.

WHO WAS HAYM SOLOMON?

Do your children know this? – Do their teachers? – Do you? Who Was Haym Solomon? Read this fascinating history of the \$1 bill all the way to the bottom to know about Haym Solomon. You may be in for quite a surprise! (Printed as received.)



On the rear of the One Dollar bill, you'll see two circles. Together, they comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left-hand circle, you'll see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We hadn't begun to explore the west or decide what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we weren't even close to being finished. Inside the Capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776 (MDCCLXXVI). If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you'll learn that it's on every National Cemetery in the United States. It's also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments. Slightly modified, it's the seal of the President of the United States, and it's always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean. The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he isn't afraid of a storm; he's strong, and he's smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of the shield there's a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM" meaning, "from many – one." Above the

Eagle, we have the thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

An (untrue) old-fashioned belief says that the number 13 is an unlucky number which is almost a worldwide belief. You'll almost never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this: America, which relies on God (not a number) to direct and lead, boldly chose: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the pyramid, 13 letters in "Annuit Coeptis," 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum," 13 stars above the eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And finally, notice the arrangement of the 13 stars in the right-hand circle. You'll see that they are arranged as a Star of David. This was ordered by George Washington who, when he asked Haym Solomon, a wealthy Philadelphia Jew, what he would like as a personal reward for his services to the Continental Army. Solomon said he wanted nothing for himself, but he would like something for his people. The Star of David was the result. Few people know it was Solomon who saved the Army through his financial contributions, then died a pauper. Haym Solomon gave \$25 million to save the Continental Army, money that was sorely needed to help realize America's and our freedom and independence from England. Therein lies America's Judeo-Christian beginning.

Most American children do NOT know any of this. They aren't taught because their history teachers do NOT know this. (They were not taught!) On America's Freedom: Too many veterans gave up too much to let the meaning fade. Many veterans came home to an America that did not care. Too many veterans never came home at all. They served, they died for you and for me. I hope you will share this page with many so they can learn about the UNITED STATES DOLLAR BILL, and what it stands for. It is God in whom we put our trust!

PHOTOS OF THE MONTH

The internet has provided us with a great opportunity to share just about anything. These are a couple of photos of 'coin tricks' that could win a bar bet for you, or not. Supposedly, these are actual photos and are not photoshopped. The first one is a Japanese 1 Yen coin is so light that it doesn't break the surface tension of water. Apparently, it's made of 100% Aluminum. The second one looks like it would be a little more difficult...and a mess if you failed. Let us know if you succeed.



EDDIE FINE 1942-2019

Just heard that one of the long-time coin dealers who attended our coin show passed away. Eddie and his wife, Carolyn had been a regular at our show for several years. Our condolences go out to the family. His obituary can be seen at <https://www.mcalister-smith.com/obituaries/Joseph-Eddie-Fine?obId=4441841>

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