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Newsletter of the
Lower Cape Fear Coin Club
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Host of the NC Azalea Festival Coin Show Every April

MAY 2018

Our Fifty-Sixth Year

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month

CLUB BOOSTERS

Mike Samaskeawicz (4-18), **Bob Doleman** (5-18), **Tom Bromley** (5-18), **Rich Jewell** (2-19), **Franklin Fussell** (4-19), **Bill Snyder** (4-19), **C. J. Lindsey** (2-20), **Stanley Rehder (Life)**, **George Rogers (Life)**, and **Bob Neale (Life)**. To become a Club Booster, please send \$10 or donate an equal or greater amount of usable numismatic material. 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2018 Azalea Festival Coin show is just behind us. A huge credit to O.T. the bourse/show chair for his year-long arranging, following-up, dealer negotiations, equipment and supplies coordinating, publicity hounding, etc. The show may have an acceptable financial outcome; however, the work it took was massive, regardless: O.T. and Frank doing two truckloads of equipment in and back out; Karen seeing to the complete array of kids functions - before, during, and afterwards; Chris and Karen seeing to the exacting raffle ticket sales and reconciliation as well as the purchase of prizes and show needs; and the many member volunteers doing heaps of work from arduous table and room arranging to the many separate and different jobs needing doing. Thank yourselves all around!

The annual picnic is coming up; sign up and be there!

The Christmas party is still up in the air - no popular place chosen yet. If **you** know of a place that can handle 40 to 60 people and serve them (or would allow caterers to come) for a reasonable rental/price, **SPEAK UP, OK?** Bob.

COIN EVENTS COMING UP *

May 5 & 6, Raleigh, NC, Coin Show, Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Boulevard, 919-790-8544.

May 19 & 20, Fayetteville, NC, Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 1944 Cedar Creek Road, 910-497-5445.

June 8-10, Raleigh, NC, Coin Expo, Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Boulevard, 919-987-5935.

June 7-10, Kansas City, MO, International Paper Money Show, Sheraton Kansas City Hotel, Crowne Center, 2345 McGee Street.

July 12-14, Orlando, FL, Coin Show, THE Annual Summer Fun, Orange County Convention Center.

August 14-18, Philadelphia, PA, ANA Summer Convention, Pennsylvania Convention Center.

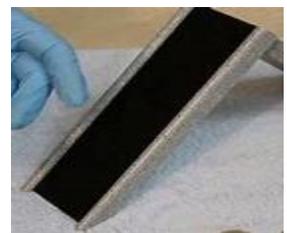
* Please verify coin show dates, times and locations at contact number or email address before going.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next **REGULAR** Club meeting will be held at Carolina BBQ at 1602 South College Road in Wilmington on **May 9, 2018**. The meeting **begins at 6:30 promptly!** The program will be on 'Counterfeit Detection' by C. J. Lindsey. Bring your counterfeit-related items to the meeting.



Metal tester.



Coin slide.

An abbreviated Show report will be given. The 2019 Redbooks have arrived. Those of you who ordered

them may pick them up with any remaining sold on a first come, first served basis.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 15**, at Carolina BBQ, 1602 South College Road at 6:30 PM. ALL members are invited to attend. Results of our coin show will be discussed.

LAST REGULAR MEETING

Our April 11 meeting drew 26 members and guests. **Ken Barlow** won the attendance prize of \$10 and **Fred Whitman** won a record 50/50 raffle. The program was on Civil War Tokens and eloquently presented by David Meisky. **Bill Savage** became our newest member and **Rich Jewell** passed around some Maundy money. An auction of member's spare coins followed the meeting.

LAST BOARD MEETING

The April 17 BM was attended by 77.777777% of board members. Show results were not yet tabulated so the main subjects covered were our upcoming picnic, a request for officer's bios, where to have our Christmas supper, programs, 2019 Coin Show, Club donations, back-up meeting location and our picnic.

OUR AZALEA FESTIVAL COIN SHOW

Our annual North Carolina Azalea Festival Coin Show concluded Sunday, April 15 under sunny skies and warm temperatures. Over 500 unique guests showed up for our two-day Coin Show making ours one of THE largest two-day coin shows in the State.

Our FIRST 'silent auction' raised money for Kid's Korner with several people winning various books at great prices.

Raffle prizes were won by: **Wayne Hurley** (1/10 ounce gold eagle), **John Balestrine**, **Franklin Fussell (2)**, **Mike McKinnon**, **Bob Neale**, **Calvin Lindsey**, **Mickey Smith**, **Kat Foster** and **Dava Vandall**. Seven members sold a hundred or more raffle tickets entitling them to a silver eagle.

Confederate re-enactor David Meisky entertained us again this year with his talk on Confederate money and related topics. Hourly \$10-coin dealer gift certificates were given out, food trucks graced our entrance and forty-six bourse tables made this a great

show for all. Our Kid's Korner again proved popular with all kids receiving prizes, some quite valuable.

A \$50 discount on our 2019 Coin Show bourse fee was won by dealer Mickey Smith. All dealers who hung around until closing Sunday afternoon were eligible to win with one chance per table.



Our Kid's Korner Kaptain, David Brown, from our sister Coin Club in Jacksonville, poses with a couple of the Azalea Belles, who also helped with our ribbon cutting.



Meanwhile, on a deck in Minnesota, the Norwegians and the Swedes had a blizzard on April 14.

MEMBER NEWS

Mike Samaskeawicz has taken over operations of The Coin Market on Market Street from Stanley Rehder. Let's make him feel welcome by visiting his business. Mike joined our Club while in his teens and has now achieved the 'dream' of numismatists.

U. S. MINT NEWS

On April 24, the 2018 Silver Proof Set was released at \$49.95. On May 10 the 2018 Gold American One Ounce Buffalo will be released at a price TBD. The long-awaited 2018 Mint set comes out on May 14 at \$21.95 and on May 24 the 2018 Uncirculated Silver Eagle arrives at a price TBD.

Go to their website www.usmint.gov for more info.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Soon to come... 'Bitcoins & Digital Currency', 'Safe Deposit Box Tips', 'Mint By-products', 'Grading Services and Slabbing or NOT Slabbing Your Coins', 'Security at Home, On the Internet and On the Road', 'Mel Wacks Coins', 'Autographed Currency'. Let someone know what you want to see in a program and it will happen.

FUN NEWS

The Florida United Numismatists are now getting ready for their Twelfth Annual Summer FUN Convention at the Orange County Convention Center on July 12-14.

ANA NEWS

The ANA Convention this summer is in Philadelphia on August 14-18. Make your plans now.

2018 MEETING DATES

Please mark your 2018 calendar now so you won't forget our meetings. They're all on the second Wednesday and begin at 6:30 PM. May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8 Picnic, September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12 Christmas dinner. The board (Business) meeting will be held on the **Tuesday** AFTER the regular meeting except in August and December. All members are invited.

INTERESTING PHOTO



Felix Schlag's gravestone.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE MONTH

It's time for the current officers of our Club to tell us all a little something about themselves. We'll begin with our President Pro Tem, Bob Doleman.



President Bob Doleman

Born into a "greatest generation" Army family (father an Army infantry lieutenant then) I grew up at several posts and towns; went to MIT, got an ROTC commission, entered active duty in 1960, got married and having two children, was sent to Germany, Vietnam, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and several US states, and retired in Hawaii. Began a civil service career at Ft. Shafter in Honolulu, married an Army Nurse in 1998, retired from civil service and since went to Texas, Germany and Oklahoma until JoAnn retired in 2011 and we moved to Wilmington where a few grandkids live. Our favorite pastime is travelling, especially to do "Volksmarches" around the world (38 states so far and 10 countries). I joined LCFCC to learn something about coins, but, I will never be a serious numismatist.

(Bob graciously took the leadership role in our Club when no one else would. His 'low key' method of running our meetings has given more opportunities for new ideas and suggestions to be heard while the meetings still move along semi-efficiently.)

There IS room for one more board member. Come to the next board meeting for a taste.

COIN/S OF THE MONTH



A PCGS Registry set of 1907-1932 St. Gaudens gold double eagles recently was bid up to over six-million dollars on eBay recently. The reserve was not met.



Worst known 1925 Norse American medal?

A COIN STORY by O. T. Thompson

It was a cool and crisp morning when my coin show travelling buddy, David Porter, and I set out for the January 1999 FUN Convention in Orlando. The trip was uneventful until we arrived at a 7-11 near our motel. We stopped to get a drink and received in change a shiny new Delaware quarter which had JUST been released that day! Porter, being Porter, asked the clerk if he could buy a few more of them. As the clerk was counting out a few, Porter asked if he could get a roll of them. The clerk agreed. Then Porter asked if he could get five rolls. Again, the clerk agreed. We left the store with ten rolls of the first State Quarter available in the series.

The next day was the opening of the FUN Show so we were first in line. (Porter was one of the original 'photo bombers.) We had a habit of going to the U. S. Mint area to renew our acquaintances with the Mint's 'roadshow gang' as these guys were always a 'hoot' to talk to and, sometimes, would let us in on a Mint secret or two. On this day, they had a sign out

publicizing the new Delaware quarter. One sign said they were giving a new quarter to everyone who stopped by.

Naturally, we asked for a new quarter and were met with a blank stare and a comment from one of the Mint guys, "Our shipment has not yet arrived, but we hope to get them in this afternoon."

Porter, always being alert said, "Wanna buy some?" as he had his rolls with him. (Our original plan was to have the Post Office booth cancel the bank-wrapped rolls with their postmark, proving we had extremely 'early' releases.)

At first the Mint employees thought he was kidding but, when Porter pulled a few rolls from his briefcase, they knew better and readily agreed. I think Porter saw the excitement in their eyes (He was a vest-pocket coin dealer after all.) when he said, "For every roll I let you have, you'll have to re-pay me with two rolls when they arrive." They agreed!

By then, the crowds were forming for 'free money' when one Mint guy asked us if we had any more. I had left my rolls at our nearby motel, so I offered to get them too. They happily agreed.

True to their word, that afternoon, we collected twice as many Delaware quarters than we started with! We saved these coins as souvenirs and, today, they are already worth about 62% of their 1999 value! Yes, I STILL have mine, in a small bag, waiting for them to appreciate...I AM a 'collector' after all!

NUMISMATIC 'RULES OF ETTIQUETTE'

We've all been to coin shows here we see rude acts that could cause unnecessary problems for dealers and collectors alike. Listed below are a few tips gathered from various sources that we **should** be aware of at coin shows **and** Club meetings.

1. **ALWAYS** ask **permission** to handle someone else's coin or to remove it from its holder.
2. **ALWAYS** keep the coin and your hands in the owner's **view** when handling.
3. **ALWAYS** make sure the owner **knows** you have given the coin back to him.
4. **ALWAYS** use gloves when **touching** a raw coin and hold coins (and slabs) on their edge.
5. **ALWAYS** handle a coin over a soft **surface** or hold over other hand.

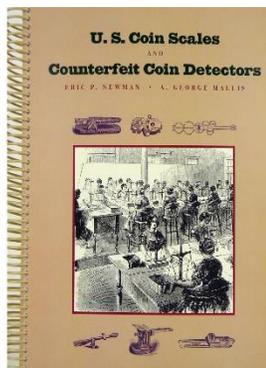
6. **ALWAYS** be **polite** in your transactions.
7. **ALWAYS** keep bags, purses and other containers **away** from dealer tables.
8. **ALWAYS** have your own **magnifying glass** with you, preferably on a lanyard.
9. **NEVER** ask how much anyone **paid** for a coin. He'll tell you IF and WHEN he's good and ready.
10. **NEVER** handle a coin near **food** or liquids.
11. **NEVER** belittle or **criticize** another person's coins or area of interest.
12. **NEVER** talk, cough, sneeze or even **breathe** over a coin. Moisture droplets make spots.
13. **NEVER** **interrupt** a coin transaction between a seller and a buyer.
14. **NEVER** cover, block or place food, drinks or anything else on a dealer's **display case**.
15. **NEVER** 'flash' a **price guide** when buying a coin.
16. **NEVER** **transact** business on the bourse floor with anyone other than a dealer who has purchased a table.
17. **NEVER** go behind a dealer's table without his permission and **don't take their chair!**

For more detailed information on this subject, read A GUIDE BOOK OF NUMISMATIC ETTIQUETTE by Morgan Dahler.

INTERESTING ITEMS



Early 'counterfeit coin' detectors.



For those of you who have read this far, a huge supply of original, BU rolls of state quarters will be sold at the next regular meeting at face value. Come early for best selection.

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