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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

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Our Fifty-Sixth 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), **Bob Doleman** (8-19), **C. J. Lindsey** (2-20), **George Rogers** (2-30), **Bob Neale** (2-30), **Mike Samaskeawicz** (2-30) and **Stanley Rehder** (2-30).

To become a Club Booster, please send \$10 or donate an equal or greater amount of usable numismatic material. All Booster's names will be placed near the top of our monthly newsletter followed by the month your booster contribution expires. Thank you ALL for your support.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Grand tasty picnic! Valued prizes for all! Major 'Thanks' due to **Karen, John, C. J., Chris**, etc. for making it happen. We'll probably hear the details on the Christmas party at our regular meeting 12 SEP. Also, on that agenda will be the preparations and uncovered needs for our Spring Azalea Coin Show.

We're still hoping for a few of you to step up and: Give ideas and plans for meeting programs; and: Show up at board meetings to be enticed to join it-we still have vacancies (more hands mean less work?)

Having dinner at Carolina BBQ helps the Club maintain a good relationship with management and staff; bring a friend too. Mahalo, Bob

COIN EVENTS COMING UP *

September 15 & 16, Jacksonville, NC, Coin Show, Hilton Garden Inn, 1016 Jacksonville Parkway, 919-790-8544.

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

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 or email address before going.

AUGUST PICNIC

The weather was beautiful, the comradery was pleasant and the food was great at our annual 'Summer Picnic'. Thanks to **John Balestrine, Karen Foster, C. J. Lindsey** and **Chris Vandall** for making this annual event another successful one. Approximately thirty-seven members came for some great food and all won a numismatic prize or a tape measure.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next **REGULAR** meeting will be on **September 12** at Carolina BBQ on South College Road. Come early to eat, gab and look at coins before the meeting. The meeting begins at 6:30 sharp with the drawing of the attendance prize.

The program this month is titled, '**Franklin's Half-dollars**' by a very shy Club member. You're asked to bring anything related to Franklin Half-dollars to the meeting and share anything you know about the subject with the rest of us.

Please be thinking about a program YOU can do on a numismatic interest of your own. Our hobby has a hundred branches.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next BM will be held on **Tuesday, September 18** at Carolina BBQ at 6:30. ALL members are

welcome to attend. Plans for our April 2019 Azalea Festival Coin Show will be discussed plus anything else of interest to the Club.

LAST BOARD MEETING

There was no board meeting in August but that doesn't mean we weren't sharing emails.

MEMBER NEWS

Steve Costner, Rich Jewell, C. J. Lindsey, Roger Persichilli, Chris Vandall and **O. T. Thompson** were some of our Club members who were spotted at the August ANA Convention held in Philadelphia.

New member, **Don Foose** passed away recently. Our condolences go out to his family.

A few of our LCFCC members make the trek up to Jacksonville for their monthly Coin Club meeting. We leave from the Big Lots store in Ogden promptly at 3:30 on the second Thursday of every month. If you want to go, call O. T. at 910-395-5950 as we usually have an open seat.



The Jacksonville/Camp LeJeune Coin Club meets at the USO every second Thursday.

COIN OF THE MONTH



2018 Tuvalu \$2 silver 'Evolution of Industry' coin.

U. S. MINT NEWS

The 2018 proof American Eagle was released on August 14. The Cumberland Island quarter comes out on August 30.

ANA NEWS

Several LCFCC members attended the August ANA Convention in Philadelphia. The following re-cap is based on actual events.

It was a dark and humid Tuesday morning when the journey began. I-95 is not the place to be nowadays but it is the fastest and most direct route to Philadelphia from our little corner of the world. **C. J.** and I had planned this trip for months and, at the last minute, **Chris Vandall** joined in. This would be **C. J.'s** and **Chris's** first ANA. After an uneventful, but fast nine-hour trip, we checked in to the Courtyard Hotel near the Philadelphia Convention Center. After being advised that parking was \$55 a night, plus tax, we decided to park in a \$20 per night garage a block away. We arrived early enough to register for the Convention and hit the bourse floor for a while. The auction food was 'fair' and we saw a few million-dollar coins sell during the week. I was able to get in on a ground-floor tour of the Philadelphia Mint, talk at length to a few coin sculptors, hold a freshly struck Cumberland Island silver piece and even make a coin die. (Photos below) More on the ANA trip next month.





Loading a blank die into a die making machine.

Pawn Stars very own Rick Harrison made himself available for photos and autographs.



“The best I can do is a dollar and I’ll be risking it.”



This 1854-S half eagle brought \$2.16 million.



LCFCC members (L-R) **Chris Vandall, O. T. Thompson, Steve Costner, Rich Jewell, C. J. Lindsey** and **Roger Persichilli** (Not in photo) were at the ANA in Philly.



In the photo above, both the Director of the BEP, Leonard Olijar (L), and the Director of the U. S. Mint, David Ryder (R), want a piece of a dollar bill stamped with a Viking ship.



Two other rarities that sold at the ANA auction. The coin on the left is a gold pattern allegedly once owned and carried by George Washington. It sold for \$1.74 million the 1913 nickel brought \$4.56 mill.

Below are the THREE 1933 gold double eagles on display at the Mint exhibit.



LCFCC member **Steve Costner** is seen in the next photo with David Bowers, one of the hobby's most prolific authors. **Steve** had his picture taken with several numismatic notables during the Convention



FUN NEWS

The Florida United Numismatist organization picked up a very prestigious award at the recent ANA Convention. Cindy Wibker received the highest honor bestowed by the ANA, the Farren Zerbe Award, for her work over the last twenty-five years making the January FUN Show THE premier coin show in the world!

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 on September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12 is our annual Christmas dinner. The board (Business) meeting will be held on the **Tuesday** AFTER the regular meeting except in August and December.

'BIG MAC' TOKEN UPDATE

Last month, the McDonald's corporation released five different, half-dollar sized brass tokens, one for each decade, commemorating the Big Mac's fiftieth anniversary. A set of three sold for \$99 on eBay a few days later. They are only worth about \$3 each so, if you **MUST** have these, wait a few days.



If anyone has one like the one pictured, please bring it to the September meeting. The 1998-2008 is the only one I need (unopened) to complete the set. If you put it up for auction, you may be surprised at what it will bring. O. T.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

Ever wonder what the 'melt value' of your silver coins is? Now, you can view an up-to-date chart at: <https://www.ngccoin.com/price-guide/coin-melt-values.aspx> .

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