

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

April, 2014

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 8th starting at 6:30. The meeting is will be held at the 127 Senior Center on Highway 127 (Main Street) South of town. Doors open at 6:00.

If you haven't paid you dues yet, please bring them to this month's meeting.. They are still \$10 for regular members, \$15.00 for couples and \$5.00 for juniors. Remember, you have to be a member to put items in the auction and to be eligible for the member prize each month.

The new officers will be taking over this month. Our new president is having an operation this week, so he may or may not be there. In any case we will still have the usual business meeting, show and tell, raffle, member prize drawing and the auction at the meeting.

Coin Lore

.... And a Silver Sixpence for Her Shoe

by Bill Groom

Have you ever heard this *olde* English rhyme?

Something old,
something new,
something borrowed,
something blue,
and a silver sixpence in her shoe



The custom was born out of superstition in merry *olde* England, back in the middle ages, it seems. A sixpence coin was given to the bride by the Lord of the manor, her intended; this, as a token of good fortune. It was intended to be a tangible form of good will, a blessing.

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Some years ago, an unknown woman came to my door. She said that she heard from a mutual acquaintance that I was a coin collector. She went on to say that her daughter was getting married, and she was in need of a silver sixpence. I was familiar with the custom and gladly made a donation to the cause of wedded bliss. In retrospect, I can't help but wonder how that marriage has fared? Not that I'm superstitious, mind you ...

Stateside, we have embedded superstition in coins as well! While we don't often see a sixpence here, many of us have, at some time or another, found a lucky penny! The lucky penny phenomenon apparently dates back over a hundred years now. In 1901, the Pan-American Exposition was held in Buffalo, NY. One of the most commonly seen mementos of that expo is an encased Indian Cent.



Coins have been a part of mankind's history for well over two thousand years. Superstition has been with us for much, much longer it seems and will likely outlive the use of coins that circulate among us. But for now, coins and superstition continue to share the stage in the theatre that is our lives.

COINfucious Says: *"Elongated coin collectors most likely to appreciate stretching a dollar."*

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Area Coin Shows

April 5 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

April 11-13 **Dalton, GA**; Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) 50th Annual Coin Show. NW Georgia Trade and Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road.

May 3 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

June 7 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

For more information on some of these shows see <http://www.tsns.org/Tennessee Club Shows.html>

This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1920	Buffalo Nickel	VF
1884 & 1888	Indian Cents	Good
1962	Franklin Half - silver	Proof
1798 & 1822	Large Cents	Fr. & Good
1943 Cent & 1945 Nickel WWII		BU & AU

The Door Prize will be 1905 & 1916 Barber Dimes (Fine +).

P.S. I just noticed that this is issue number 60 of the newsletter. That makes it five years old. It's hard to believe that I've been doing it so long. Many thanks to our contributors of the content that makes it interesting.