

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

April, 2017

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will on Tuesday April 11th 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 your 2017 dues yet, please remember to do so the next time you attend.

This month we will have our usual business meeting, show and tell, raffle, member prize drawing, and auction.

Coin Lore

Making Sense of Rolled Cents

by Bill Groom

Name four things that can be rolled balls, barrels, tobacco and coins, of course. Many collectors seek to assemble roll sets of coins, and the most popular issues tend to be more affordable Lincoln Cents. Without breaking the bank, a collector can piece together an uncirculated set of Memorial Cents, lacking the mint errors, the rare varieties like overdates. Rolls of wheat back cents, dated 1934-58, are far more affordable in circulated grades.

For *exonumia* collectors, those who collect coin-related items like tokens and medals, there's another form of rolled cent. These were/are typically produced on a rolling machine at fairs and other events. Whether sold or given to attendees, these rolled cents are collectible as mementos. They would often promote a product, an event or even a political candidate. Here are three such examples ...



The first rolled cent on the left displays a pictorial of the 1933 Chicago Fair. The center cent was made for members of the "Toilet City Coin Club" located in Flushing, NY. Whoever said that coin collecting was a dull hobby never saw the likes of this one. Thirdly, there's a rolled cent, promoting McGovern for President in 1972. He lost. Perhaps, the laughing jackass logo wasn't such a good idea, after all

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For the record, cents aren't the only coins that have been subjected to a rolling press. The practice seems to have started at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1892. Nickels, dimes, quarters, halves and even dollars have been rolled and stamped in the process. Generally speaking, the higher the denomination and the more interesting the stamp, the higher the price. Try and find some ...

Area Coin Shows

April 21-23 **Dalton, GA;** 53rd Anniversary Georgia Numismatic Association, Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center, Dalton, GA, I-75, Exit 333.

May 6 **Knoxville;** 53rd Annual Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

May 19-20 **Gallatin;** Coin & Currency Show. Gallatin Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave.

June 3 **Knoxville;** 53rd Annual 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
1923	Peace Dollar	Unc
1921-D	Morgan Dollar (only D mint in series)	Good
1899	Barber Half	Good
1943-S	Jefferson Nickel (silver war issue)	BU+
1866	Shield Nickel (1st U.S. nickel coin)	Good

Door Prize

1937 Buffalo Nickel
(sharp type coin)
(AU-UNC)