

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

April, 2018

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will on Tuesday April 10th 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 2018 dues yet please bring them to the meeting.

This month will be a regular meeting with our usual business meeting, show and tell, raffle, member prize drawing, and auction.

Coin Lore

The Best Little Coin Shop in Livingston

by Bill Groom

Last month, fellow club member, Wes, took me on a day trip to visit some of his haunts. The sun was out, and we moseyed along country roads atop the plateau, enjoying good conversation and scenery. Wes introduced me to some kindly old-timers who sell old stuff, a.k.a. antiques, and we bought a few non-coin items (Wes found a bean spoon!).

The highlight of the day for me was when Wes took me into a huge furniture store at 1125 West Main Street in Livingston. Called *Puckett's Furniture, Appliances & Gifts*, the rear portion of the store contains *Puckett's Pawn Shop*. Wes introduced me to the owner, L.G. Puckett, pictured below.



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Although labeled a pawn shop, there were more collector coins in a number of display cases than I've seen in many a coin shop. A wide assortment of coin supplies is also on hand. Obviously, this isn't what I'd call an average pawn shop by any means!

In chatting with "L.G.", as he prefers to be called, I learned that he started collecting coins at age seven. He's been buying gold and silver for over forty years and became a licensed pawn broker about seven years ago. In 2004, he was certified by the A.N.A. to authenticate and grade coins. I could see that L.G. really enjoys talking coins, and his business involves a good measure of pleasure, helping collectors and dealers, alike.



Above is pictured one of the coins I acquired from L.G. It's a 1787 New Jersey (Nova Caesarea) colonial cent, dated the year that the U.S. Constitution was signed. Granted that it evidences commonly seen micro-porosity, as well as a moderately annoying "scrub" on the reverse, the uniform detail appears very fine. In general, colonial coins come extremely well worn and or damaged, nowadays. So, when's the last time you spotted a coin like this in a pawn shop?

The colonial cent wasn't my only purchase, and I anticipate writing about a few of the interesting tokens that were also acquired from L.G. He has a fine assortment of paper money, too. Any serious collector in our region would do well to pay him a visit. One word of caution though If you bring your wife, be prepared to spend more money than you may have anticipated. L.G.'s furniture and appliance sections are *very* well stocked!

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Area Coin Shows

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

April 13-15 **Dalton, GA**; 54th Anniversary Georgia Numismatic Association, Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center, Dalton, GA, I-75, Exit 333.

April 20-21 **Franklin**; 1st Annual Coin Stamp & Collectible Show & Convention, Williamson County Agricultural Expo Park, 4215 Long Lane (Peytonsville Rd, Exit I-65) Franklin.

This is a New Show this year. There is a maximum of 41 tables.

May 5 **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
1879	Morgan Dollar	XF
1863	Civil War Token	VF+
1868	Shield Nickel	Good
1895-O & 1908-O	Barber Quarters	Good
1869	CN Three Cent Piece	VF

1883 NC Liberty Nickel (first year type coin) ... VF+