

# Cumberland Coins

## The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

February, 2013

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

We will be getting a report from the nominating committee on the candidates for officers. The election will be next month with the new officers taking office after that. If you want to be a candidate for any of the offices contact Dick Deweese at 456-8002.

We will also have our regular business meeting, show and tell for anything you want to bring in, the raffle, and the auction.

### Coin Lore

#### Looking Back at Lincoln

*by Bill Groom*

I recently went to see the new movie, Lincoln, and I highly recommend it. It centers upon a relatively short span in Lincoln's presidency, January of 1865, and tells of the struggle to pass the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution, dealing with slavery. With the end of the Civil War then approaching, Lincoln feared that the federal courts might eventually undermine emancipation in ensuing years.

Watching the movie, I was reminded of a token, a political medalet, issued during the 1860 election when Lincoln ran for his first term. It was the then recently founded Republican party which championed freedom for slaves. Lincoln had to tread lightly on this issue though so as to succeed in his bid for the presidency. It was not until 1863 that Lincoln delivered his famous speech and delivered the Emancipation Proclamation.



Historians have long debated the causes of the Civil War. As a child, I recall teachers telling me that freeing the slaves was not a principal cause for the war. The conflict was more about states' rights, differing political sentiments and opposing economic and social ways of life, agricultural versus industrial. Now an adult, I no longer believe everything that the teachers and school books presented to me. The Lincoln movie and the above medalet tell me otherwise. The war was about freedom and enforcing the principles of a true republic. As the movie so well portrayed, Lincoln had to tread through a political minefield in order to take a giant step toward making all men equal.

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### Area Coin Shows

March 1-3, 2013      **Chattanooga;** Tennessee State Numismatic Society (TSNS). Spring Coin Show.  
Camp Jordan Arena, I-75, Exit 1.

April 19-21, 2013      **Dalton;** Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show NW GA Trade & Convention  
Ctr. I-75 exit 333

May 4, 2012      **Knoxville Coin Show,** Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit  
#378).

May 18-19, 2013      **Gallatin Coin Show,** Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Rd., Gallatin, TN 37066

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

### This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1850	Half Dime	Fine
1909 VDB	Lincoln Cent	AU+ (Part Red)
1930	Standing Lib. Quarter	VF
1909	Indian Cent	Fine
1892-O & 1916	Barber Dimes	Good & Fine

The Door Prize will be a Buffalo Nickel Quartet (1916, '23-S, '25 & '27-S).