

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

June, 2012

Next Meeting

Our June meeting will be next Tuesday June 13th 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 discuss plans for our August picnic. We will also have our normal business meeting, show and tell, the raffle, and the auction. There is no word at this time whether we will have one of the educational DVD's from the list shown at the last meeting.

Coin Lore

The Year Was 1868 ...

by Bill Groom

Two of this month's raffle prizes are dated 1868. One is a variety of our first nickel coinage, an 1868 Shield Nickel. The other is an 1868 Copper-Nickel Three Cent Piece. If only these coins could talk ... The stories they might tell!



This year, 1868, was the first presidential election, following the Civil War. Can some of the old timers reading this remember who was elected that year? (Answer at bottom of the page.) This was the era of so-called "reconstruction" in the South. The North was booming as industries sprang up, founded upon new inventions.

On June 23, 1868, a new machine called the "typewriter" was patented. Designed by Christopher L. Sholes in 1867, it resembled a small piano. Its letters, painted on the keys in white, were all capitals, and there were other keys for numbers 2 through 9, plus a comma and a period. Sholes coined the name for his invention. To test the "typewriter" for efficiency, his friend, Charles Weller, created the sentence, "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the country."

On May 31, 1868, Dr James Moore (UK) won the first recorded bicycle race, a 2k velocipede race at Parc de St Cloud in Paris. July 20, 1868 saw the first use of tax stamps on cigarettes. Golf's first hole-in-one was recorded on September 14, 1868, noting Tom Morris at Prestwick's 8th hole in Scotland. The trial of Jefferson Davis commenced, and the first blacks served on a jury that year.

Here's hoping that all who can will attend this month's club meeting and perhaps win a historic coin to add to their collection. One family, unnamed, took home no fewer than three prizes last month! Good luck!

Answer: 1868 - Ulysses S. Grant was elected President

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Area Coin Shows

- July 7, 2012 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike
(I-40 exit #378)
- August 4, 2012 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike
(I-40 exit #378)
- September 1, 2012 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike
(I-40 exit #378)

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

This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1853	Half Dime	Fine
1868	Shield Nickel	Good
1868	Three Cent Piece	VG
1931-D	Mercury Dime	Good
1992-S	10c + 25c Silver	Proof

The Door Prize will be an 1876-CC Liberty seated Dime (VG/G).