

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

June, 2014

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday June 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.

Since we only have two months until our annual picnic in August, I expect that we will have a report from the planning committee. We will also still accept your 2014 dues if you haven't paid them yet.

There will also be the usual business meeting, show and tell, raffle, member prize drawing and the auction at the meeting.

Coin Lore

The U.S. Two Cent Piece with a Rotated Die

by Bill Groom

Unlike most nineteenth century U.S. coins, the two cent pieces lacked an image of Lady Liberty. The design was quite a change, only to be somewhat mimicked by the Shield Nickel that was issued two years following, in 1866. Yet, the beauty of this design is evidenced in the following photos of a high grade specimen ...



As most coin collectors know, the two cent piece was our first coin to state: "In God We Trust." The motto was symbolically positioned above the obverse U.S. shield. During the first year of issue, 1864, Americans, then actively engaged in the Civil War, were dying on battlefields.

One of this month's prizes is an 1864 two cent piece. While this prize is not uncirculated, there is something unusual about it. The reverse die is rotated a half turn or 180 degrees. This is what's called a medalic alignment. If one holds a coin, by the rim, between the thumb and index finger, and pivots the coin, the reverse/obverse will appear upside down. The 180 degree, rotated die, will show the dies to be in the same orientation as opposed to being upside down when pivoted.

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Coin error specialist, Alan Herbert, wrote that the most common cause of a rotated die was a loose screw that held the die. A variety of older U.S. coins can be found that exhibit this phenomenon. Many of the 1864 two cent pieces illustrate varying degrees of rotation, so there is typically but a modest premium for them in terms of price. That said, a Morgan Dollar with such a major rotation would likely fetch a substantial premium. Regardless, the full 180 degree rotation is a most interesting error coin Talk about having a screw loose!!

Be sure to attend this month's meeting for a chance to win this interesting coin!

COINfucious Says: *"Paper money specialists are noteworthy collectors."*

Area Coin Shows

Not much going on for the next couple months. There is a paper Money show in Memphis June 12-15. Details are at the web site below.

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

August 2 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

November 7-9 **Chattanooga**; Tennessee State Numismatic Society (TSNS). Fall Coin Show.
Camp Jordan Arena, I-75, Exit 1.

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

This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1857	Liberty Seated Quarter	Good
1864	Two Cent Piece (180* rotated die)	Good
1858	sl Flying Eagle Cent (net Good details)	Fine
1938-D	Buffalo Nickel (last year)	VG
1883	nc Liberty Nickel (first year)	XF+

The Door Prize will be 1903 & 1907 Indian Cents (VF & Fine).