

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

May, 2010

Next Meeting

Our May meeting will be next Tuesday, the 11th at the 127 Senior Center on Highway 127 (Main Street) South of town. A map is at the end of this newsletter.

At the last meeting we discussed having a summer picnic again and it was agreed that we should have one. This month we will start discussing details and hopefully we can find a few volunteers for a committee to organize the details.

We have a DVD from ANA for our education segment. The title is "An Overview of Counterfeit Coinage". It is about 42 minutes long, so we will watch half of it this month and half in June in order to keep the meeting to a reasonable time.

Coin Lore

On Attending the Dalton Coin Show - Dueling Half Cents

At this writing, I've just returned from the Dalton, Georgia show. I was accompanied by Mike S., Baxter and Franc. What with Franc in the car, I didn't have to think about even turning on the radio as he provided more than enough entertainment along the way! Baxter was quite entertaining, too, sharing personal recollections about local history. As for Mike, I could write a book ... We've been buddies for over a generation.

The Dalton show appeared to be quite well attended. The big news on the floor was that gold and silver took something of a plunge due to a large, fraud suit having been filed by the government against one of the big investment houses. Most of the dealers impressed me as being cautiously optimistic about the marketplace though. One with whom I spoke at length said that buyers nowadays seem generally more knowledgeable and commensurately more discriminating in making purchases for their collections. Apparently, the more impulsive buying of years past is on the decline, and more folks are channeling their numismatic pursuits. Sign of the times, I guess.

There were many folks on the floor who were selling things brought in boxes, bags and cases to dealers. I did see a small but steady stream of people buying supplies. The sandwiches and prices at the concession stand were far more palatable than I've seen at other large shows! The parking lot appeared fairly full, but free spaces could be had not too far from the entrance. The greeters and other folks working at the show were quite friendly, yet security was apparent. This show continues to impress me, and it's one that I'd encourage all collectors to attend.

I was able to find a few items to add to my collection; one being a 1787 Massachusetts half cent. That's a colonial era coin that one doesn't see too often. The obverse displays an eagle with wings spread wide, while the central figure on the reverse is an Indian with bow and arrows in hand. It is listed in the Red Book. Coincidentally, Mike bought the same type coin from the same dealer as I. With over a hundred dealers being at the show, what are the odds of that? I'm tempted to say that great minds think alike, but I've known Mike for too many years to flatter him so ... (chuckle).

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On the ride back home from Dalton, Mike said he thought that his half cent was better, more appealing than mine. Of course, I took issue with his observation as I had the earlier option to purchase the one that he now owns, choosing mine, instead. I'm not going to post a picture of mine in this month's newsletter. Instead, I'm going to challenge Mike to submit this to a vote at our May meeting. We can display the two coins, anonymously, and let the members decide. C'mon Mike, whadaya say ... Make my day! Half cents at ten paces!

COINfucious says: *"Pole vault is where Polish numismatists may store their coins."*

Area Coin Shows

- May 20-22, 2010 **Whitman Coin and Collectable Expo** - Nashville Convention Center, 601 Commerce Street, Nashville. See <http://whitmanexpo.com/> for more information.
- May 21-22, 2010 **Gallatin Spring Coin & Currency Show**, Gallatin Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave, Gallatin, TN (PH: 615-868-9456). Email: gallatin.coin.show@earthlink.net.
- May 29, 2010 **Dayton**, Rhea County Welcome Center, 107 Main Street, Dayton, 9:00am to 4:00pm
- June 5, 2010 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378)
- October 30, 2010 **Crossville**, La Quinta Inn, Highway 127 North at I-40 exit 317.

This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1909, 1910 1911	Old Lincoln Trio	F-XF
1931-D	Mercury Dime	Fine
1894	Indian Cent	VG+
1848	Large Cent	VG
1912-D	Liberty Nickel	Fine

The Door Prize will be an uncirculated 1938-S Jefferson Nickel.

Look for These in this Month's Auction

Although I'm sure we'll have an active auction again this month, I didn't receive any listings to include in the newsletter. If you have coins for the auction that you want to have listed in the Newsletter, email the information to mike.vcc@frontier.com no later than ten days before the meeting.

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