

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will on Tuesday May 12th 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 continue to meet in the kitchen/dining area since this area fits our needs. Drinks and snacks are allowed there if you want to bring one. We will have the usual business meeting, show and tell, raffle, member prize drawing and the auction at the meeting.

Special Award

Mike S. Wins Scrooge McDuck Trophy

Those who attended the April meeting of our Volunteer Coin Club witnessed the presentation of the first, and likely the last, Scrooge McDuck Award Trophy. It was presented to Mike by club auctioneer, Bill G. In making the presentation, Bill fondly recalled how Mike long ago presented him with a lump of coal one Christmas. Bill noted that the coal didn't cost Mike a cent as it was requisitioned from a NY power plant, wherein Mike worked.

It's truly heartwarming to know that our coin club treasury has such a frugal and conservative, some might say downright cheap, money manager such as Mike. This award serves as recognition to Mike's dedication as a repeat holder of the treasurer's position. He won reelection this year by a landslide or duck slide, as the case may be.



This trophy will serve as a practical desktop holder for Mike's official necessities, like pens and paper clips. Now, whenever Mike gives his trophy a gander, it will serve to remind him of having yet another feather in his cap! All our members agree that Mike does a quack-up job for the club.

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Coin Lore

Mr. High Roller or Too Smart

By Bill Snyder

A dozen years ago, or so, there was a East Coast coin dealer whom we will call Mr. High Roller. Mr. Roller, bankrolled by a number of investors, would go to every major coin show in the US and England. His goal was to purchase major rarities. He had come to know many other dealers, who would notify him when they wanted to “turn over” a newly purchased collection.

On one trip to the United Kingdom, he purchased an amazing collection of English Gothic Florins (two shilling pieces).



It had every date of the 42 year series! Proof or Proof-like, every one!

It also had one odd piece. It did show Queen Victoria (like the other coins), but looked more like a bottle cap than a coin. He dumped it on Ebay, starting bid \$26, calling it a “??????”. There was one bidder.



It was a Die Cap*. Little did Mr. Roller know that it was the highlight of the entire collection. Sometimes, you can be just TOO smart!

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* “What Are Die Caps?

A die cap is caused when a struck coin sticks to the upper hammer die. Once the coin is stuck to the die face, the reverse of the struck coin becomes the new die face. When the next blank is fed into the collar and the strike occurs, the reverse design of the adhered struck coin impresses itself into the new blank. This struck coin is a brockage strike. The coin that adhered to the upper die is known as a die cap. This process repeats itself as more coins are struck by the cap. The greater the number of strikes, the higher the cap metal will be pushed around the upper die shaft. Eventually, the cap breaks away from the die in the shape of a thimble.”

Per - http://www.minterrornews.com/features-1-22-08-what_are_die_caps.html

Area Coin Shows

May 15-16 **Gallatin;** Coin & Currency Show. Gallatin Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave.

June 6 **Knoxville;** Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

August 1 **Knoxville;** Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

November 13 -15 **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

Note that this month's raffle prizes are all first year type coins.

| | | Est. Grade |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1932 | Washington Quarter | Fine |
| 1816 | Large Cent | Good- |
| 1916 | Mercury Dime | Fine |
| 1866 | Shield Nickel (with rays) | Good |
| 1909 VDB | Lincoln Cent | AU-Unc |

The Door Prize is a 1954 Oak Ridge Neutron Irradiated Silver Dime Souvenir (AU).