

# Cumberland Coins

## The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

November, 2010

### Next Meeting

Our November meeting will be next Tuesday, the 9th at 6:30 pm. We meet at the 127 Senior Center on Highway 127 (Main Street) South of town. Doors open at 6:00.

We will have our normal business meeting, but no formal educational segment. I will ask for comments from those who visited the Tennessee State Fall show being held this weekend in Chattanooga. Everyone is encouraged to bring something new and/or unusual for show and tell. Of course, we'll also have our usual raffle and auction. It's great to see how large our auctions have been getting the last few meetings.

### New Club

Just a reminder that the Cookeville Coin Club meets on the first Thursday of the month. The first regular meeting the first regular meeting is this week on Thursday, November 4 at The Cookeville Coin Shop, 1590 E. Spring Street (on Hwy 70, near Interstate 40 and just east of Highway 111) at 6:30 PM. There will be coin discussions, a raffle, an auction, and buying, selling and trading.

Members of the Crossville Volunteer Coin Club are more than welcome.

This meeting place is a new coin shop. Bill Groom reports: "In addition to coins, Wes has a good stock of supplies, comic books and toys. I've dealt with Wes on a few coins, and in my estimation, he's quite fair in his prices and honest."

### Coin Lore

A Slab O VAM by Bill Groom

The SEGS slabbed dollar pictured below is a "VAM" that is listed among the top 100 varieties of Morgans. It's an overdate, with a trace of a 7 appearing above the second 8 in the date. There's a die gouge, caused by a striking error, left of the reverse wreath. It may have been a clashed die. One census of these lists 172 known specimens to date. While many more may surface in time, that number will never come near the number of 1909-S VDB's that are out there!

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The acronym VAM is short for Van Allen-Mallis. Over four decades ago, Leroy C. Van Allen and A. George Mallis wrote a book, attempting to catalog every known variety of Morgan and Peace Dollar by date and mintmark. Their work parallels that of what Sheldon did with Large Cents and what Larry Briggs has done with the Liberty Seated coins.

There's a nifty website, VAMworld, at <http://www.vamworld.com/VAM> which provides much information that the average collector may seek. Most coin collectors own Morgan Dollars, as that's one of the most popular series of coins. There are likely many rare VAM varieties awaiting discovery,; these, among dealer stock and housed in the collections of uninformed collectors. By investing a bit of time and effort, any collector or dealer may discover one of the many rare and valuable varieties. Happy hunting!

**COINfucious says:** *"In past, numismatists see Liberty seated, standing and walking. Maybe someday, we see her playing Nintendo!?"*

### Area Coin Shows

November 5-7, 2010 **Tennessee State Numismatic Society Annual Fall Convention**,  
Camp Jordan Arena, Chattanooga, TN, I-75, Exit 1.

November 12-13, 2010 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378)

December 10-11, 2010 **Coin & Currency Show**, Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave., Gallatin, TN (PH: 615-868-9456).

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### This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1897	Indian Cent	XF
1915-D & 1917	Lincoln Cents	VF-XF
1819	Large Cent	Good
1902-S	Barber Dime	Good
(6) 1920's	Buffalo Nickels	F-VF

The Door Prize will be 1931 Lincoln Cent (AU).