

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

November, 2012

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday November 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.

Our annual elections will be coming up in a few months. I intend to get an earlier start on it this year by appointing a nominating committee at this month's meeting. There is no DVD this month, so we'll have a little more time. Please bring anything new and/or interesting you have to share with the rest of the group in the show and tell segment. We will also have our regular business meeting, the raffle, and the auction.

Coin Lore

A Transitional Year for U.S. Coins 1916

By Bill Groom

Throughout the 200+ years of U.S. coins being issued, there are many examples of more than one type appearing in a single year. A type coin is one that usually illustrates a significant change in design. For example, there were Indian and Lincoln cents struck in 1909. Then too, there were both Shield and Liberty Head nickels struck in 1883. Many more examples of this phenomenon exist, and they would make an interesting collection in their own right. The coins pictured below exemplify some of the design changes that occurred in 1916, and these coins are among the prizes that will appear in this month's raffle.



Whereas the production of the Barber or Liberty Head halves ceased in 1915, both the quarter and dime designs were minted in 1916. That year, the so-called Mercury or winged head Liberty dimes and the walking Liberty half dollar design entered circulation.

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At the time these coins entered circulation, America, under the leadership of President Woodrow Wilson, was trying to remain neutral as World War I was raging in Europe; then, since 1914. In 1915, a German submarine, U-boat, sunk the British ocean liner Lusitania, aboard which were over a hundred Americans. Thereafter, Germany agreed to a moratorium on sinking passenger ships; this, given the condition that America would remain neutral. Following Germany's attacks on a number of American merchant ships in early 1917, Congress declared war in April of that year.

The rest is history, and these coins are now, in effect, historic markers of that era ...

COINfucious Says: *"Numismatists need be wary that when wife does laundry, she not wash VDB's along with BVD's!"*

Area Coin Shows

November 24, 2012 **Crossville**, La Quinta Inn, Highway 127 North at I-40 exit 317.

Nov. 24-25, 2012 **Sevierville**, Coin & Collectibles & Holidays Show. Sevierville Civic Center, 200 Gary Wade Blvd.

December 1, 2012 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378)

Dec. 14-15, 2012 **Gallatin**, Gallatin Coin & Currency Shows. Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave.

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

This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1893, 1895, 1909 & 1911	Liberty Nickels	Good - Fine
1917	Walker Half	VG
1916	Barber & Mercury Dimes	Good & Fine
1977-S	Ike Dollar	Proof
	Washington Quarter Quartet	Unc & Proof

The Door Prize will be a 1909 Indian Cent in VG+ condition.