

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

November, 2009

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on November 10. We will meet in a room on the first floor of Building #1 at the Tennessee Technology Center on Miller Avenue near 10th Street. I'm not sure which room we will have this month. It will be one of the rooms along the main hallway. As usual, the room will open at 6:00 and the meeting starts at 6:30.

The program this month will be presented by Mike Puhl. It is a history of the developments leading to the Euro currency and a personal experience with the conversion from national currencies to the Euro.

Name the Newsletter

You may have noticed that the newsletter now has a name. The name was chosen by a vote of the members at the October meeting. Bill Snyder, our president, submitted the winning name, "Cumberland Coins". It was a close vote and three rounds of voting were needed to arrive at a winner. Congratulations Bill! His prize is free membership for 2010.

There were fifteen names submitted by nine different members. That's great participation and I appreciate the enthusiasm generated by this exercise. I hope you like the new banner on the newsletter.

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In Memory of Lincoln - by Bill Groom

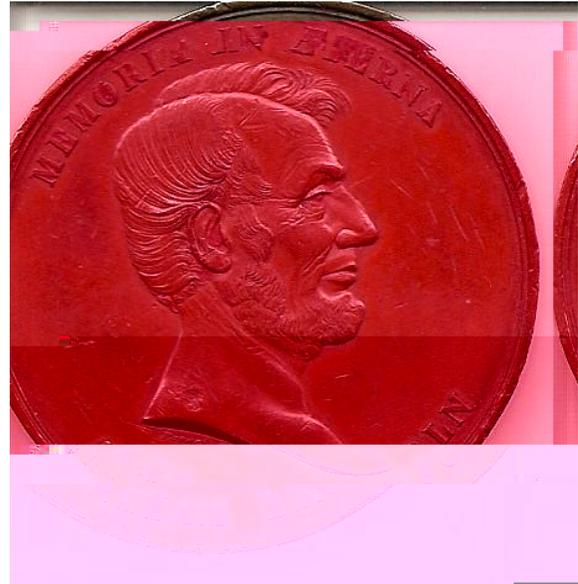
Abraham Lincoln was born 200 years ago. His assassination in 1865 resulted in national mourning. As had countless soldiers, north and south, our 16th President paid the ultimate price for performing his patriotic duty. The pictured medal celebrates Mr. Lincoln's sacrifice and was sold to raise money to provide care for wounded veterans.

The medal was designed by Anthony C. Paquet, a sculptor and engraver who worked for the U.S. Mint, wherein the medal was struck. It measures 57mm in diameter, or the width of three cents in alignment. Made of bronze, this medal is struck on a planchet that is the thickness of two silver dollars.

Paquet's name appears below a well-executed bust of Lincoln that is quite similar to his portrait on our cent. The obverse reads: "MEMORIA IN AETERNA / ABRAHAM LINCOLN" The Latin phrase is the equivalent of "in memory eternal." The reverse legend reads: "NORTH WESTERN SANITARY FAIR / CHICAGO, ILL. / 1865" Lady Liberty is seen in the foreground, carrying the victory flag before warships and encampment tents in the field.

Sanitary fairs were commonplace in the north, both before and after the Civil War ended. Such events were held in many cities. There were military displays, entertainment, and all manner of events that would draw the public to gather and contribute on behalf of the wounded. The sale of medals was but one more means of raising funds.

U.S. Mint records indicate that 1,000 of these medals were ordered, but it is questionable if that many were actually issued and sold. Personally, I've encountered maybe six such medals in the past twenty years; principally, in auctions. They typically sell in the range of \$200-\$400. Designed and issued only a few months after Lincoln's untimely demise, these medals are truly a most artistic tribute to a man who is arguably our most beloved president.



COINfucious says: *"Defensive linebackers likely to collect Russian coins."*

Area Coin Shows

- November 6-8, 2009 **Chattanooga** Tennessee State Numismatics Association Coin and Currency Show. See http://www.tsns.org/tsns_show/events.htm for more information.
- November 7, 2009 **Secret City Coin Show**, Wildcat Den Community Center, 102 Robertsville Rd., Oak Ridge. (The flier says that this show is held the first Saturday of every month.)
- November 21, 2009 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Expo Center, 5441 Clinton, Hwy.
- December 11-12, 2009 **Gallatin Winter Coin & Currency Show**. Gallatin Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave. (PH: 615-868-9456)

This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1852	Large Cent	G-VG
1863	cn Indian Cent	Good
1942	Walking Liberty Half	XF
1854	Half Dime	Good
1931-D	Mercury Dime	G/AG

The door prizes this month are a 1914 Buffalo nickel (Good) and an 1883 nc Liberty Nickel (F-VF).

Look for These in this Month's Auction

		Est. Grade	Min. Bid
10 Different 1926-37 PDS	Buffalo Nickels	F-VF	
1912	Liberty Nickel	Fine	
1920-S	Buffalo Nickel	G-VG	
1864	Two Cent Piece	(error-rotated die)	
1857	Flying Eagle Cent	Good	
Roll of 1863 Cents		G-VG	
Roll of cents all 1890's		G-VG	
Roll of 1909 Indianhead cents		G-VG	
Roll set of cents 1941-1958 PDS		Mostly F-VF	
100 circulated S mint cents			
1776-1976	Quarter, Half & Dollar	BU	\$4.00
1999,2000,2001	1 Euro cent to 2 Euros France (8 coins)	BU	\$5.00

Good detail

Note: 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.