

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

August, 2014

Next Meeting

We will not have our regular meeting this month. We are having our annual family picnic at Centennial Park. The date is next Tuesday, August 12. Social time starts at 5:00 and dinner will be at 5:30. The club will supply the meat and each member will bring a side dish to share. Also bring your own drinks. If you haven't signed up yet, please call Betty Harris at 931-484-9152 so we know how many will attend.

There will be a raffle, but no auction or business meeting.

Coin Lore

Teaching Kids About Coins

by Bill Groom

Have you ever taken a kid to a coin show or coin club meeting? If not, do consider having a go at it. In addition to being a fine way to bond with your child or grandchild, the experience can be a fine way for kids to learn.

The so-called "Mercury Dime" is a perennial favorite with most collectors. Let's see what can be learned from that series



Who's that pictured on the obverse? Why does Lady Liberty have wings attached to her head? What's with that "AW" (A atop W) in the field between the date and the "Y" in LIBERTY? How did "In God We Trust" happen to get on our coins?

Looking at the reverse ... What's that "fasces" on the reverse, and what does that symbol represent? What does "E PLURIBUS UNUM" mean? What's a mintmark?

Once the elements of a coin have been discussed, a conversation about the coin's metal content could take place. Why is silver a "precious" metal, and what else besides coins has it been used for? Then, a bit of history could follow. What years were these dimes issued? What inspired this coin's design? Why was it discontinued and replaced with the Roosevelt dime?

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In addition to its' being an artistic design, the dime is more of a kid-sized coin. Its' silver content tends to make it a treasured "keeper" for years ahead ... a coin that Grandpa gave me. If a young person shows enough interest, a year collection could be assembled over time. While there are albums or folders for year sets, those pesky, empty holes can be distracting. After some different years are acquired, a checklist can be started. Then, a vinyl page can be used to organize the 2x2's. Perhaps, given sufficient interest, that more expensive, 1921 dime and a "Red Book" would make a nice Christmas present?

Coin collecting can become a life-long hobby. It can bring with it the excitement of making great finds, travel, history, economics, science, math, research, you name it! Then too, there are the friendships and fond memories to be had ... Share & enjoy!

COINfucious Says: *"To bite a coin is to put money where mouth is ..."*

Area Coin Shows

August 15-17 **BRNA Annual Convention**, Trade & Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA

August 30 **Dayton Coin Show**, Visitor Center, 107 Main St., Dayton, TN

September 6 **Cookeville Coin Show**, Hyder Burks Pavilion, 2390 Gainesboro Grade, Cookeville, TN

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

November 7-9 **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

		Est. Grade
1899	Barber Quarter	Good
1944-D	Jefferson Nickel (Silver)	BU
1938 P&S	Washington Quarters (Silver)	VG+VF
1938-D	Buffalo Nickel	AU+
1856	Large Cent	Fine

The Door Prize will be an 1812 Canadian Halfpenny Colonial Token (F-VF).