

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

December, 2010

Next Meeting

Our December meeting will be next Tuesday, the 14th at 6:30 pm. We meet at the 127 Senior Center on Highway 127 (Main Street) South of town. Doors open at 6:00. One item for discussion will be what the members would like to have the club do in 2011. We will also have our normal business meeting, show and tell, raffle and auction.

Coin Lore

A YEAR SET - 1898 by Bill Groom

One of the many ways to collect coins is by forming year sets. Instead of seeking coins from every mint, a year set collector looks for one coin of each denomination. Of course, some years will prove more difficult to acquire than others. The year 1921 is a difficult year to assemble, primarily due to the scarcity and cost of the quarters; and, the two types of dollars produced that year. A year set for 1931 would consist of but three coins: cent, nickel and dime. A 1933 year set simply requires a Philadelphia or Denver cent and a San Francisco half dollar; maybe even a 1933 \$20 gold coin - if one can be found!



One of this month's prizes is an 1898 year set of minor coins. All coins are in good condition, having full separation of the lettering from the rims. Of course, an 1898 silver dollar would round out the set, and some gold coins would certainly spice up the year set. It all depends upon a collector's interest; and, the factor of affordability.

History contributes to much of the allure that old coins have for collectors. So, what was happening in 1898? Well, a cigar or a beer could generally be purchased for a nickel back then. On January 1, NY City annexed surrounding land, forming the five boroughs: Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island and Brooklyn. The first automobile fatality on a public highway occurred in England on an electric car! War was declared against Spain, and Annie Oakley wrote a letter to President McKinley, offering a company of fifty women sharpshooters to help in the cause! The U.S. annexed the Hawaiian Islands. Marie and Pierre discovered a substance they called radium. Coins can be monuments to history, it seems

COINfucious says: *"U.S. Mint has drawn and quartered every state!"*

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Alert

Bill Groom pointed out that there is a short article on the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association web site about a dealer that was robbed after attending a show. You can read it at <http://www.brna.org/> or on the Tennessee State Numismatic Society web site at <http://www.tsns.org/>. It is a good reminder that we all need to be careful when we are carrying our coins and when attending shows and club meetings.

Area Coin Shows

- January 29, 2011 **Dayton**, Rhea County Welcome Center, 107 Main Street, Dayton, 9:00am to 4:00pm
- February 4-5, 2011 **Knoxville Annual Coin Show**, Rothchild Center, 8807 Kingston Pike
(I-40 exit #378)
- March 5-7, 2011 **Tennessee State Numismatic Society Annual Spring Coin Show**
Camp Jordan Arena, Chattanooga, TN, I-75, Exit 1.
- April 30, 2011 **Crossville**, La Quinta Inn, Highway 127 North at I-40 exit 317.

This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1898	Year Set	Good
1919-D&S	Lincoln cents	XF
1974-D	Mint set coins	UNC
1981	U.S. Proof Set	Proof
1864	Two Cent Piece	Good

The Door Prize will be 1927-S & 1929-D Buffalo Nickels (G/F).