

# Cumberland Coins

## The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

December, 2012

### Next Meeting

The Advisory Committee decided to have a dinner and gift exchange party at Ryan's Family Steakhouse. Instead of a Christmas gift, the club will refund \$10.00 toward the cost of the member's dinner. We encourage you to bring the family as well. Pay as you come in. We will be in one of the private rooms at the back of the restaurant. Plan to arrive between 6:00 and 6:30, when we will have a brief meeting and then have dinner.

After dinner we will have a "fun" gift exchange among the members. Please bring a wrapped coin or coin related item for the exchange. This can be some sort of fun item, but should not be more than \$5.00 in value. The club will put the items that usually go into the raffle and attendance prizes in with the gifts so there will be some more valuable items in the mix.

Ryan's is at 2854 N. Main St. This is the corner with the first stop light north of WalMart.

### Coin Lore

#### Overdates on Large Cents

by Bill Groom

There are ever so many ways to collect U.S. Large Cents, dated from 1793-1857. One way is to buy an album and try to fill every hole. That approach can be an expensive proposition as many of the early dates and varieties can be quite costly; particularly so, the 1793's, 1799 and 1804. There are many collectors who collect these by type, being one of each major design change. By eliminating the pre-1796 types, this is an affordable set of four basic coins: Draped Bust (1796-1807); Classic Head (1808-1814); Coronet Head (1816-1839); and, Braided Hair (1816-1857).

Some large cent collectors focus on but a single year, collecting any number of subtle varieties from that one year. Other collectors focus on early, middle or late dates in general. Personally, I tend to look for counterstamped large cents and those that are otherwise unusual ... another story, that!

Many collectors of modern coins have heard of the 1942/1 Mercury Dime, the 1918/7-D Buffalo Nickel and the 1918/7-S Standing Liberty Quarter. Yet, there are ever so many nineteenth century coins that are equally scarce, population-wise, and sell for a fraction of the cost of their twentieth century counterparts.

Here's a list of overdates in the large cent series: 1798/7; 1799/8\*\*; 1800/79; 1807/6; 1810/09; 1811/10; 1819/8; 1820/19; 1823/2; 1824/2; 1826/5; 1833/2; 1839/6\*\*; 1844/81; and, 1851/81. With the exception of the two, starred dates, any one of these overdates can be had for under \$100; this, given the necessary compromises in condition for the scarcer, early coins.

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At first glance, many collectors may miss the overdate below. It's an 1810/09 large cent.



Here's a close-up look at the date. A "0" is clearly visible, below the second "1" in the date. Also, the lower portion of a "9" can be barely seen just below the "0" in the date.



Mint employees, working long hours in the old days could easily grab the wrong numeral punches or dies and then have to correct their error. Individual number punches were then used to apply the dates.

For those interested in seeing more of these early mint errors, I'll bring an assortment of these overdates to the December meeting.

**COINfucious Says:** *"Those who whiz coins tend to rub numismatists the wrong way!"*

### Area Coin Shows

- February 1-2, 2012    **Knoxville;** 49th Annual Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).
- Dec. 14-15, 2013    **Gallatin;** Gallatin Coin & Currency Shows. Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave.
- March 1-3, 2013    **Chattanooga;** Tennessee State Numismatic Society (TSNS). Spring 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

The raffle and attendance prizes are included in the gift exchange. Good luck.