

# Cumberland Coins

## The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

March, 2018

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will on Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

We discussed the need for club officers for 2018 at the last meeting. Some nominees stepped up. Ken Gates agreed to President, Chuck Landess will run for Vice President, Sandy Swanson can remain Secretary, and Mike Puhl will run for Treasurer. If there is anyone who would like to run for one of these offices you may still speak up at the meeting.

Your 2018 dues should also be paid at this meeting if you haven't already done so.

We will have our usual business meeting, show and tell, raffle, member prize drawing, and auction.

### Coin Lore

#### A Tennessee State Prison Token

*by Bill Groom*

Having never been to the Tennessee State Prison, inside or outside, I had to consult *Wikipedia* on this subject. Judging from the style of the below trade token, slightly smaller than a cent, it probably dates between the 1940-70's. Another specimen was recently sold on eBay for about \$13, postage included. I expect that it was only good within the confines of the prison.



The Tennessee State Prison is a former correctional facility, located near downtown Nashville. It opened in 1898 and was closed in 1992. It was the location for a number of films, including *Nashville*, *Marie*, *Ernest Goes to Jail*, *Against the Wall*, *The Green Mile*, *The Last Castle* and even a few music videos.

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This fortress-like structure was modeled after the state penitentiary in Auburn, NY. It contained 800 small cells, each designed to house a single inmate. In addition, there was an administration building. There were a number of smaller buildings that served as office space, warehouses and factories. The exterior wall stood twenty feet high and was three feet thick. There was a working farm beyond the prison wall. Younger offenders were isolated from older, hardened criminals. To find out more about the interesting history of this institution, visit *Wikipedia* online.

### Area Coin Shows

- March 10      **Knoxville;** Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).
- April 7        **Knoxville;** Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).
- April 13-15    **Dalton, GA;** 54th Anniversary Georgia Numismatic Association, Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center, Dalton, GA, I-75, Exit 333.
- April 20-21   **Franklin;** 1st Annual Coin Stamp & Collectible Show & Convention, Williamson County Agricultural Expo Park, 4215 Long Lane (Peytonville Rd, Exit I-65) Franklin.  
This is a New Show this year. There is a maximum of 41 tables.

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

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### This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1934	Peace Dollar	XF/VF
1863	Civil War Token (Our Country)	VF+
1908	Liberty Nickel	Fine
1908-D	Barber Quarter	VG
1950-D	Washington Quarter (looks like a gem!)	BU+
1899	Barber Dime	VG

### Door Prize

1916 P&S Mercury  
Dimes  
(silver, first year) ... A/C