

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 12th 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 will probably have a short discussion about the state coin show in Chattanooga. You're encouraged to bring you new items or special acquisitions from the show for show and tell. Of course, anything else you want to share with the group is welcome as well. We will also have the usual business meeting, raffle, and the auction at the meeting.

Coin Lore

When is a Hard Times Token Not a Hard Times Token?

By Bill Groom

At first glance, the token pictured below surely looks like an often seen Hard Times token. The bust of Andrew Jackson is clearly portrayed, as is the running boar that represented the national banks. Also, the token appears to be a well circulated relic of bygone days.



Appearances can certainly be deceiving though. Students of the Hard Times token series are well aware that the era is generally regarded as being from 1832 to 1844. The subject token is clearly dated 1824; this, being eight years before Jackson was elected president and challenged the banking system. This token of sorts is actually a replica that was made in the 1960-70's. It was produced from a set of crudely cast dies that give it a deceptive appearance of age. The grainy surface is similar to that on coins and tokens that have been resurrected from the ground.

Over the years, I've seen a number of these replicas being offered on eBay. Oftentimes, the piece offered will have a tiny "R" counterstamped on the surface, indicating that it's a Replica. However, that's not always the case. On the plus side, it usually doesn't take much convincing on my part for a seller to remove the listing. Legitimate sellers do try to avoid problem sales.

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Ultimately, all buyers should seek to educate themselves when making purchases, and the problems that replica coins and tokens present is ever ongoing in today's market.

COINfucious Says: *"So-called fantasy pieces are nothing more than coincoctions ..."*

Area Coin Shows

November 9 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

November 23-24 **Sevierville Civic Center**, Coin & Collectibles & Holidays Show. 200 Gary Wade Blvd.

December 7 **Knoxville Coin Show**, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

December 13-14 **Gallatin Coin & Currency Show** Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave.

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

This Month's Raffle Prizes

1955 PDS BU Lincoln cents

1937 PDS BU Lincoln cents

1919 P & S rolls Good or better

1997D, 2005P & 2007D Jefferson nickel error coins

1965 BU Jefferson roll

Adams and Lincoln Presidential Dollar

The Door Prize will be 1959-64 Lincoln cent Proofs