

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter September, 2018

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will on Tuesday September 11th 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.

After a very nice picnic last month, we are back to regular meetings this month. This meeting will have our business meeting, show and tell, raffle, member prize drawing, and auction.

Coin Lore

Attributing Old Tokens *by Bill Groom*

Attributing coins, be they U.S. or world coins, is a relatively simple task as there are coin catalogs galore. But, what does one do when presented with an old token? Can it be attributed as to who, when and where it was issued? Of course, there are many, specialized books about tokens, but libraries and local coin dealers rarely have many of these books, Thanks to a website known as *Token Catalog*, any collector can quickly and easily research a token online. Simply google “Token Catalog” (the use of quotation marks simplifies and narrows internet search results) or else visit www.tokencatalog.com.

Here's an apparent maverick token that I was able to quickly attribute, aided by this online resource. While I suspected that the Montana Saloon was located in that state, it wasn't an absolute, and no town is provided on the token. The pick-ax pictorial suggested a mining town. The 12 ½ cent denomination (equivalent of one real or eighth of a dollar) suggested a western state; this, as Spanish coins commonly circulated out west into the early twentieth century. This token is slightly larger than a quarter.



Upon entering the website, I simply entered “Montana Saloon” in the *search* window. I was presented with a number of Montana saloon tokens. Scrolling the page, I spotted mine, catalog # TC-168754. These were attributed to Miles City and Butte, Montana in the Anaconda Copper Mines region.

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The *Token Catalog* presently boasts over a half million listings, many with pictures. Listings are being constantly added and updated by registered users. There are no fees, and the website operates by virtue of donations. This is a mammoth work in progress, supported by dedicated token collectors, properly called *exonumists*. It's a tremendous resource for collectors and dealers, alike. Then too, anyone who's interested in American history, be it national or local, will find *Token Catalog* to be informative.

So, what tokens are listed from your home town? Have a look-see!

Area Coin Shows

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

November 10 **Knoxville;** Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

November 2-4 **Chattanooga;** Tennessee State Numismatic Society (TSNS). Fall Coin Show. Camp Jordan Arena, I-75, Exit 1.

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

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

This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1921	Morgan Dollar (Luster!)	AU-Unc
1953-S	Washington Quarter	BU+
1855	Liberty Seated Dime (Arrows at Date)	Good
1863	U.S.S. Monitor Civil War Token	VF+
1917	Buffalo Nickel	Fine

Door Prize

1941 Mercury Dime
BU