

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter May, 2019

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will on Tuesday May 14th starting at 6:30. The meeting will be held at the 127 Senior Center on Highway 127 (Main Street) South of town. Doors open at 6:00.

I don't know of anything special this month. Of course we will have the usual business meeting, show and tell, raffle, member prize drawing, and auction. If you haven't paid your 2019 dues yet, you can pay me at the meeting.

Coin Lore

I Can't Afford an 1804 Dollar, so

by Bill Groom

Much has been written about the legendary 1804 silver dollars, and most coin collectors have heard about them. Struck as presentation pieces, many years later, these dollars now sell for millions of dollars, each! How's that for coins that weren't even struck in the year that they're marked!?

For my money, around \$60, I acquired the below 1804 Spanish eight real piece. This "piece-of-eight" is the size of a U.S. silver dollar. And, just think, matey, it might have once been pirate booty!



For those on a tighter budget than mine, there are non-silver, Chinese counterfeits out there for under \$20. Below is pictured one of the more unusual 1804 counterfeits that I've seen a manufactured error piece, a non-coin.



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Years ago, a collector friend asked to accompany him to assess coins in his friend's safe deposit box. I was told that these coins were, in effect, his retirement account. All were crown-sized counterfeits that included an 1804 "dollar." He had purchased them in China. On the plus side, he paid under a hundred dollars for the lot. It could have been far worse, had he come home with a deed to "The Great Wall!"

Area Coin Shows

- May 4** Knoxville; Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).
- May 17-18** Gallatin; Coin Show, Gallatin Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave.
- June 1** Knoxville; Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).
- July 6** Knoxville; Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1867	Shield Nickel (sharp details, dark color)	XF
1909	Indian Cent	VF
1893	Columbian Commemorative Half Dollar	XF
1909 & 1912-D	Jefferson Nickel (Full Luster)	BU
1837	Hard Times Token (Not One Cent)	VG
	20th Century Cents Type Set (In Capital Plastic Holder)	VF-BU

Door Prize

1874 Ten Cent Fractional
Currency G-VG