

Cumberland Coins

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

June, 2019

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will on Tuesday June 11th 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.

Summer is here and things have slowed down in the coin world. Not many shows are coming up. If you want to get your coin fix, come to the meeting and bring something interesting for show and tell or the auction. We will have the usual business meeting, show and tell, raffle, member prize drawing, and auction.

Coin Lore

The Denver Mint

by Bill Groom

The Denver Mint, newly reconstructed in 1906, produced its first, regular issue coinage that year. It was originally authorized and built during the Civil War, over forty years prior. It began as an assay office for Pike's Peak gold and evolved to status as a private mint, producing gold coins for mining companies. This venture saved the shipping of gold dust to mints that produced government coinage. The Denver facility then became an official branch mint.



The 1906-D Barber or Liberty Head half dollar, pictured above, was among the first, official coins struck that year. Westward expansion, what with territories evolving into states, was fueled by this additional coinage which facilitated capitalist ventures and promoted free trade. During its first year, the Denver Mint produced 167 million gold and silver coins of different denominations. Interestingly, 1906 was the year that the San Francisco earthquake occurred but, that's another story.

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Area Coin Shows

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

August 3 Knoxville; Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

August 23 – 25 Dalton, GA, 2019 BRNA Annual Convention, Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center, I-75, Exit 333.

This Month's Raffle Prizes

		Est. Grade
1866	Shield Nickel (1st year - Rays Type Coin)	G/AG
1875	Indian Cent	Good
1926-S	Mercury Dime (semi-key, cleaned)	VG
1900	Barber Half	Good
1924	Peace Dollar (original luster)	AU+
1922-D	Lincoln Cent (semi-key)	Good

Door Prize

1909 Indian Cent
(last year type) VF