

# Cumberland Coins

## The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter

July, 2017

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will on Tuesday July 11<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.

Next month we will have our annual family picnic instead of the normal meeting. It will be on August 8 the day of the normal meeting. Last month we decided that the club will supply all of the food this year rather than just the meat. Just bring whatever you want to drink. We will need a count of the number to expect so there will be a signup sheet at this month's meeting. If you are not able to be at the meeting send an email reply to this newsletter delivery saying how many will be at the picnic.

Back to this month, in addition to the picnic discussion, we will have our usual business meeting, show and tell, raffle, member prize drawing, and auction.

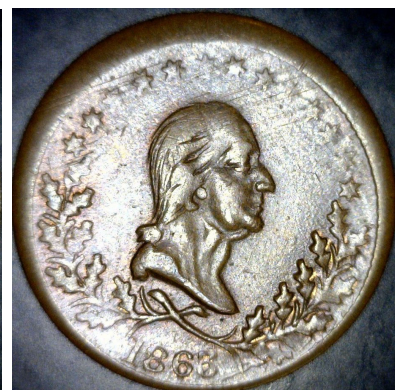
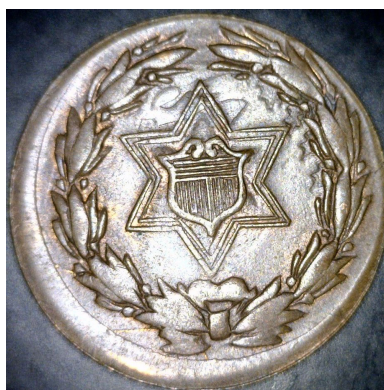
### Coin Lore

#### **Clashed Dies**

*by Bill Groom*

Coins and tokens that exhibit a *clashed die* effect fall under the general category of errors. These error pieces are the result of two dies, obverse and reverse, clashing or striking one the other without there being a blank planchet between them. When this occurs, the dies clash with such force that a partial impression of one die is embedded in the other. Subsequent coins struck by these clashed dies will then produce coins that exhibit varying degrees of alteration in the design.

Here's a striking example (pun intended) of the clashed die effect on an 1863 patriotic Civil War token (Fuld # 119/398). Note that the reverse image of the lower portion of the bust of Washington, flanks the top point on the reverse star ....



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As errors go, clashed dies are a relatively common phenomenon. At times, the resulting error coins or tokens can display rather dramatic consequences. Here's an 1863 Civil War merchant token from Buffalo (Fuld # NY 105 A-1a). Note that the entire outline of the Indian appears on the obverse (merchant side) of this token ....



Clashed die errors appear on a great many U.S. coins, too. There are early ones, like the below 1813 Bust Half which displays a mirror image portion of "E Pluribus Unum" just below the obverse bust of Lady Liberty. Another interesting die clash can sometimes be found on 1853 quarters, whereupon the points of the sunrays that surround the reverse eagle can be seen above the date.



Give a die clash an interesting name, and it will become instantly popular among coin collectors. Below are pics of a 1914 Buffalo Nickel that shows a clash (a mirror image portion of *Pluribus*) below the Indian's chin. This one's fondly deemed the *Whiskers' Variety*; and, one that can be found on other date Buffalo nickels, too. Another popular die clash variety is termed the *Bugs Bunny Half*. It's a 1955 Franklin Half, whereupon old Ben appears to be buck-toothed .... Looks more like Count Dracula's fangs to me!

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Many Morgan Dollars illustrate die clashes that variety collectors actively seek. There are Flying Eagle Cents that display clash marks from contemporary half dollars and even gold pieces! Collectors who invest in coin books to educate themselves on errors and rare varieties in general, are constantly cherry-picking and relishing the rewards that their finds bring .... So, what's in your coin library??

### Area Coin Shows

August 5      **Knoxville;** Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike  
(I-40 exit #378).

August 18-20   **Dolton, GA;** Blue Ridge Numismatic Association (BRNA) 57th Anniversary Annual  
Convention. Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd.  
I-75, Exit 333.

September 7   **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>

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### This Month's Raffle Prizes

|                      |                                         | Est. Grade |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| 1955                 | Franklin Half<br>(Bugs Bunny die clash) | Good       |
| 1922                 | Peace Dollar                            | XF-AU      |
| 1905                 | Barber Half                             | VG         |
| 1950-D &<br>1942-P   | Flying Eagle Cent                       | VF & BU    |
| 1909 VDB &<br>1913-D | Lincoln Cents                           | XF & VG    |
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### **Door Prize**

1862 cn Indian cent ...  
Fine