

The Volunteer Coin Club Newsletter March, 2015

Note:

The February meeting was cancelled due to the weather and a shortage of officers. As a consequence, I'm going to semi-recycle the last issue of this newsletter. Some things will be the same, such as the prize list, and others will just be updated like the show list. Finally, I'll replace the old article in the Coin Lore section with a short introduction to an interesting gentleman from Virginia. --- Editor

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will on Tuesday March 8th 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.

The current officers agreed to continue in the same roles for another year at the last meeting. If you would interested in becoming an officer and helping us run the group please let us know at this meeting. We can also use backups for the officers when they cannot attend. It would give you a chance to learn more about what we do and possibly become an officer in the future.

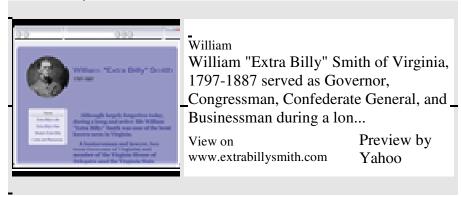
We will have the usual business meeting, show and tell, raffle, member prize drawing and auction.

Coin Lore

A few months ago I received and somewhat lengthy article on the subject of Confederate coins from O.T. Thompson of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club in Wilmington NC. O.T. and I have been exchanging newsletters and information for two or three years now. It is interesting to compare the LCFCC, which is over 50 years old and has bylaws, board meetings, an annual show, etc., with our rather loosely organized ten year old club.

The article is longer than normally presented in this space and I was wondering how to fit it in. The presentation of Bill's article in serial form over the past two issues helped me decide to do the same with the Confederate coins article. It will start next month.

The author is David Meisky of Virginia. He is a well-known Confederate re-enactor who portrays General William 'Extra Billy' Smith. His website is William and he can be contacted at extrabillysmith@hotmail.com.





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O.T. tells me that "Mr. Meisky loves to attend coin club meetings and puts on an excellent hour program on Confederate money. I'm sure he would like to give a talk to your club and all we need to give him is a place to stay at one of our club member's homes and a few dollars for gas from his home in Virginia. If there are ANY Civil War buffs in your area or Civil War Round Table meetings, I'm sure he would like to do both on the same trip. He is very well versed in the Civil War and has appeared in many re-enactments."

If you find his article as interesting as I did, we can discuss inviting him to talk to our club. In the mean time, if you know anyone involved in Civil War reenactments or round tables please let me know so we can discuss coordinating a visit.

p.s. Check out the website at the link above. It has a wealth of information on the war and Mr. Meisky's character, Extra Billy.

Area Coin Shows

March 4-6 **Chattanooga**; Tennessee State Numismatic Society (TSNS). Spring Coin Show. Camp Jordan Arena, I-75, Exit 1.

March 12 **Knoxville;** Coin Show, Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike (I-40 exit #378).

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

April 15-17 **Dalton, GA;** 52nd Anniversary Georgia Numismatic Association, Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center, I-75, Exit 333.

May 21 **Cookeville;** First annual Upper Cumberland Coin Show, Hyder-Burkes Pavilion, 2390 Gainesboro Grade, Cookeville.

For more information on some of these shows see http://www.tsns.org/Tennessee Club Shows.html
Many other east coast shows from Florida to North Carolina are at the BRNA site - BRNA Show Calendar

This Month's Raffle Prizes

Est. Grade

| 1919-D | Walking Liberty Half Dollar | Good |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| 1867 | Two Cent Piece | VG/F |
| 1934, '35, '36 & '37 | Buffalo Nickels (Full Horns) | VF-XF |
| 1894 | Barber Quarter | Good |
| 1918 | Mercury Dime | Fine |

The door prize is 1910 Barber Dime (Fine).