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President's Message

Hello Fellow Numismatists!

As I write this, it is Thanksgiving. Wow, this year has certainly gotten away quickly! Not long ago we were complaining about the heat and now we are almost in winter. Time sure flies!

Many of you voted in this past election and for those who took the time to vote, the NCNA, your Board, thanks you. We have a pair of first-time directors on the Board – welcome Sanford Steelman and Wayne Williamson! – and everyone is eager to get to work. We currently have three director spots in need of filling, so if you would like to be part of the NCNA's leadership team, please contact me or any of the other Board members.

On another subject, the recently concluded 59th NCNA Convention and Show in Concord was a successful one. We had great dealer participation with many new dealers. We also had quite a good turnout from the collecting fraternity, which was good to see at a new venue. We have agreed to return to the Cabarrus Arena in 2018 and 2019 and hope to build on 2017's success.

We also held our first-ever auction in conjunction with the Convention; it was powered by CoinZip.com and Alan Stullenbarger. It was successful – I believe all items in the auction sold. The NCNA benefits by having the auction's 10% buyer premium on each lot go to the NCNA fund that supports our YN programs. We plan on another auction in 2018, so I hope you will consider participating and supporting our young collector initiatives.

Speaking of YNs, our YN program at the show was well-received. Turnout on Friday was light as it was a school day, but we had a good crowd of YN's on Saturday and Sunday. Every kid who visited left with a coin prize!

In closing, I want to add that our Board is developing several new programs to generate more members for our organization. If you have enjoyed your membership, please encourage a fellow collector to join the NCNA, it can only benefit all of us. There is strength in numbers and we can always use more members to keep our Association strong!

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The US gold coin with the least amount of gold is the \$1.00 gold coin of 1849 through 1889. The coins contain just 0.04837 ounces of gold – just 2% of the amount in the Pan-Pac \$50.00 coins!

Briann Silliman; Brian's vast knowledge of the subject matter was in clear eveidence and very much appreciated by all students.

The first day of the two-day course was devoted to illustrated presentations on techinques used by counterfeiters, common diagnostics to be on the lookout for and a review of the diagnostic markers associated with many of the more common counterfeits of US coins (e.g., 1909-S VDB Lincoln Cent, 1916-D Winged Liberty ("Mercury") dime, 1937-D 3-Legged Indian Head ("Buffalo") nickel).

Day Two was devoted to the hands-on review of coins from all US series – half cent through \$20 gold. Each grouping had a mix of genuine and counterfeit coins for students to examine and assess which was which.

After hours in a darkened room viewing coins under dedicated lamps and magnification, all attendees had a new-found appreciation for what professional coin graders endure on a daily basis. Students provided very positive feedback on the seminar and appreciated the opportunity to attend such a comprehensive ANA course without having to travel to an ANA Convention.

The RCC would like to extend a special "Thank you!" to Amber Bradish, the ANA Seminar Coordinator, for her efforts before, during and after the seminar. It was a pleasure working with her.

Raleigh CC Elects Officers for 2018

At its November meeting, the Raleigh Coin Club elected its officers for 2018.

President: Dave Provost
Vice-President: James DeShong
Secretary: Ken Tireman
Treasurer: Steve Pladna
Sergeant-at-Arms: Bob Izydore
Director (2020): Ron Turner

Thanks to you all for another year as your President and, as always, I will do my best to help to make us all a stronger NCNA.

Happy Collecting!

Barry Ciociola, NCNA President



About the Cover...Pictured is the 1913 Liberty Head five cent piece that Aubrey Bebee won at auction in 1967 and later donated to the American Numismatic Association. It is commonly referred to as the "McDermott Specimen."

(Image courtesy of the American Numismatic Association.)

Notes from the Editor's Desk

Welcome to the winter issue of the NCNA Journal!

Let me begin by offering my most sincere apologies for the extreme delay in completing this issue of the *NCNA Journal*. It is my fault and my fault alone. I've had some personal issues over the last few months that have slowed me; I also had my computer's hard drive crash while in the midst of preparing the *Journal*. These are not excuses, just explanations. I am working hard to get back on track and hope to maintain the expected publication schedule in 2018.

The content of this delayed issue requires a few words of explanation. For the most part, the delay has not altered the content from what it was to be December; this includes the President's Message. After consulting with Barry, it was decided to present the *Journal's* content "as is" (or maybe, "as was") so as best to represent a record of the Association at the intended moment in time. As such, all content is as it was to be published in December. One exception to this is the Show Calendar, it reflects the current time period.

This issue has another collection of great articles that range from the times of Cleopatra to the present day. Regular contributors Greg Capps, Danny Freeman, Jeff McCauslin and Perry Siegel are all represented as is a father and son team making their debut – welcome Jacob Hoopes and Jeff Hoopes!

A full recap of the 2017 Convention is also included, along with a summary of the annual General Membership Meeting. I attended all three days of the Convention and had a great time! It's always nice to catch up with fellow collectors and dealers that I tend to see only at shows. I encourage all NCNA members to plan on attending our 2018 Convention and enjoying the good times that are ready to be had!

Congratulations to all of the annual NCNA award winners, as well as to this year's exhibit award winners. It is always a pleasure to recognize those who put in the time and effort to improve the hobby and share their passion with others. The details for all of this year's winners can be found in the Convention Recap that begins on page 29.

Until next time, enjoy! - Dave

More information on the club and the future shows can be found on the club web page www.lowcountrycoinclub.com.

Marion Coin Club

Marion CC Changes Meeting Day and Location

The Marion Coin Club has changed its meeting location to the Corpening Memorial YMCA in Marion; the YMCA is located at 348 Grace Corpening Drive.

The club meets the first Monday of the month; the meetings are from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

For more information, contact Jeff Hicks at jeffsh02@hotmail.com or by calling 828.460.7867.

Lower Cape Fear Coin Club

Lower Cape Fear Elects Officers for 2018

The following LCFCC members have stepped forward to serve as club officers for 2018:

President pro tem: Bob Doleman
Vice-President: Chris Vandall
Secretary pro tem: OT Thompson
Treasurer: Karen Foster
Sergeant-at-Arms: Franklin Fussell

Board: Ken Barlow, CJ Lindsey

Raleigh Coin Club

ANA Counterfeit Detection Seminar a Success

Fifteen collectors attended the ANA "Introduction to Counterfeit Detection" seminar hosted by the RCC on October 18 and 19. The course was taught by nationally-recognized grader and autheticator



Front row left to right: John Smith, Jr., Secretary; Richard Smith, Treasurer;
Lowell Knouff, President; Tony Dantzler, Vice-president.

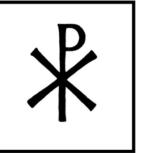
Top row left to right, Board: Frank Harris, Robert Brenner, Alex Gilchrist,
Brian Harriman, Robin Mosley

The club was formed in 1960 when a handful of coin collectors got together and decided to meet regularly. In the 1960s and 1970s, the Charleston metropolitan area had a large military community and many collectors from its ranks came and left as the government moved them around the country.

Today, there is still a sizeable number of the club members who are retired or former servicemen that have made the area their home. With only about a half dozen members of high school age or below, one of the club's primary goals is to reach out and make the younger community aware of the fun of coin collecting.

For as long as most of the present members can remember, the club has held coin shows twice a year - a summer show in August and a winter show in February. Even located on the hurricane prone South Carolina coast, the club has never had to cancel a show because of a hurricane. One show was canceled, however, due to an ice storm which covered most of the state on the weekend the show was scheduled.

The club's 2018 shows will be in the Exhibits Building of the Exchange Park Fairgrounds in Ladson, SC; Ladson is a small community adjacent to North Charleston. The winter show will be held February 2-4, 2018 with the summer show August 3-5, 2018.



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THE ANCIENT GUY



By Perry Siegel

The Fascinating and Complex Cleopatra

As queen of ancient Egypt, Cleopatra VII is one of the most famous female rulers ever. Born in 69 B.C., her name alone evokes the image of a beautiful and exotic queen surrounded by servants, slaves, courtiers and every extravagance that the mind can conjure. Known to history simply as Cleopatra, she is just as intriguing, perhaps even more so. The stories surrounding her tragic life have long been the subject of fascination, having inspired books, works of art, a Shakespeare play and several movies. The Queen of the Nile has been portrayed on the silver screen by the likes of Claudette Colbert and Sophia Loren, but she was most famously played by Elizabeth Taylor in the 1963 epic, "Cleopatra." The film was plagued by production problems and script issues, and its budget eventually soared from \$2 million to \$44 million, including some \$200,000 just to cover the cost of Taylor's costumes! It was the most expensive movie ever made at the time of its release, and nearly bankrupted its studio despite raking in a fortune at the box office. If inflation is taken into account, "Cleopatra" remains one of the priciest movies in history even today!

Cleopatra was a historical figure far more complex and compelling than any fictional creation. She was an astute politician and extremely cultured and intelligent. Cleopatra was a charismatic and capable woman, smart, funny and highly competent, and fluent in at least seven languages. She was also a writer, with many Medieval Arabic texts stating that she wrote a number of scientific books. One of these was a medical treatise, entitled Cosmetics, in which she included several different remedies for hair loss and dandruff (where were they when I

♣ News from the Clubs ♣

Lumber River Coin Club

Lumber River CC Holds Annual Fundraiser

The Lumber River Coin Club (Lumberton, NC) is holding its annual fundraising event. The club is having a drawing for a 1925-D \$2.50 Gold Indian graded MS-63 by NGC with CAC certification. Tickets are \$10 each with a total of only 100 printed.

The coin drawing will be held December 28th during the club's Christmas dinner. The proceeds will be used to augment the club's monthly raffle which generates the funds needed to provide club members with membership in the NCNA and for other numismatic activities.

Four club members recently traveled to Raleigh for the ANA's "Introduction to Counterfeit Detection" seminar hosted by the Raleigh Coin Club. Each of the members was very pleased with the event and reported at the LRCC November meeting that it was a rewarding experience.

The club continues to meet at the Lumberton Regional Airport on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00pm (except for November when it meets the third Thursday).

Low Country Coin Club

LCCC Begins 58th Year

The Low Country Coin Club (LCCC) is set to begin its 58th year of activity with newly-elected officers and board members.

The LCCC has about 60 members who range in age from 12 to beyond 80. The club meets twice monthly on the first and third Wednesday in North Charleston, SC.



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needed them?!). Cleopatra was also brave, resourceful and unflinchingly ruthless when necessary. Her rise to control Egypt was after a bloody dynastic struggle against her own brother and sister, who both met untimely ends.



Figure 1. 80 Drachmae bronze of Cleopatra

Although there are reports of Cleopatra's legendary beauty, her appearance is actually quite unknown. The many sculptures that were created in her honor are based on either Egyptian or Classical styles, and her appearance in each of these is quite different. On the coins minted in Egypt with Cleopatra's face on one side (see Figure 1 above), it is claimed that she chose to be shown with a stronger jaw line and somewhat masculine features, more similar to that of her father's, in order to bring attention to the fact she had the right to rule over Ancient Egypt.

In June of 323 B.C., Alexander the Great died and his vast empire was divided among his generals. One of these generals was Ptolemy I, a fellow Macedonian, who would found the Ptolemaic Dynasty in ancient Egypt. The Ptolemaic line, of Macedonian-Greek ethnicity and Greekspeaking rulers, would continue to rule Egypt until the rise of the Roman Empire nearly three centuries later, and the death of the last Egyptian pharaoh, Cleopatra. She traced her family origins back to Macedonian Greece and Ptolemy I, although she was born in Egypt. Despite not being ethnically Egyptian, Cleopatra embraced many of her country's ancient customs and was the first member of the Ptolemaic line to learn the Egyptian language.



Figure 2. Bronze of Cleopatra as Aphrodite holding winged bust of Caesarion as Eros

Cleopatra knew how to make an entrance. She believed herself to be a living goddess, and she often used clever stagecraft to woo potential allies and reinforce her divine status. A famous example of her flair for the dramatic came in 48 B.C., when Julius Caesar arrived in Alexandria during Cleopatra's feud with her brother Ptolemy XIII. Knowing Ptolemy's forces would thwart her attempts to meet with the Roman general, Cleopatra had herself wrapped in a carpet and smuggled into his personal quarters. Caesar was dazzled by the sight of the young queen in her royal garb, and the two soon became allies and lovers. In 47 B.C., Cleopatra gave birth to Caesar's son, Caesarion. To honor the event, she had a coin minted showing her as Aphrodite nursing Eros (see Figure 2 above). Cleopatra joined Julius Caesar in Rome beginning in 46 B.C., and her presence seems to have caused quite a stir, triggering a fad for anything associated with Egypt. Many women adopted Cleopatra's "melon" hairstyle (rows of tight braids gathered in a low bun). She was forced to flee Rome after Caesar was stabbed to death in the Roman Senate in 44 B.C., but by then she had made her mark on the city.

Cleopatra later employed a similar bit of theater in her 41 B.C. encounter with Mark Antony. When summoned to meet the Roman general in Tarsus, she is said to have arrived on a golden barge adorned with purple sails and rowed by oars made of silver. Cleopatra had been made up to look like the goddess Aphrodite, and she sat beneath a gilded canopy while attendants dressed as cupids fanned her and burned sweetsmelling incense. Antony, who considered himself the embodiment of





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of acceptance.

Section 4 Nominations shall close sixty (60) days prior to the opening date of the annual convention.

Section 5 Immediately following the closing date of nominations, the names of all nominees who have accepted the nomination shall be entered on a printed official ballot. Copies of this ballot shall be mailed to each member of the NCNA in good standing, together with an envelope marked "Official Ballot," and a return-addressed envelope to the attention of the secretary.

Proposed Revision to Section 5

- Section 5 Immediately following the closing date of nominations, the names of all nominees who have accepted their nomination shall be entered on an official ballot.
 - (a) If all positions on the ballot are uncontested, a single vote for the entire ballot will be cast by a current Director who is not up for reelection. The vote will be cast at the General Membership Meeting held at the Association's annual Convention. If the Meeting is not held in a given year, the designated Director shall cast the vote in writing using either postal mail or email; the vote shall be sent to the current secretary within 30 days of the ballot being finalized.
 - (b) If the election is contested, copies of the ballot shall be mailed to each eligible member of the NCNA in good standing in an envelope marked "Official Ballot." Each ballot shall be accompanied by an envelope that is preaddressed to the attention of the secretary.
 - (c) All classes of membership, with the exception of Courtesy members, are eligible to vote in an Association election. Family memberships and Club memberships shall receive one ballot. Junior members must be 14 years of age or older on July 1 of an election year to receive a ballot.

the Greek god Dionysus, was instantly enchanted. Thus, they began their legendary love affair. Their relationship had a political component. Cleopatra needed Antony to protect her crown and maintain Egypt's independence, while Antony needed access to Egypt's riches and resources. But they were also famously fond of each others' company. According to ancient sources, they spent the winter of 41-40 B.C. living a life of leisure and excess in Egypt, and even formed their own drinking society known as the "Inimitable Livers." The group engaged in nightly feasts and wine-binges, and its members occasionally took part in elaborate games and contests. One of Antony and Cleopatra's favorite activities supposedly involved wandering the streets of Alexandria in disguise and playing pranks on its residents!



Figure 3. Famous silver denarius of Marc Antony and Cleopatra

After years of tension between the Roman leader Octavian and Cleopatra, Octavian finally declared war against Cleopatra, and therefore Antony, in 31 B.C. Their fleets clashed at the famous Battle of Actium, off the western coast of Greece. Octavian won a decisive victory, but before their forces suffered final defeat, Antony and Cleopatra broke though the enemy lines and fled to Egypt. In the aftermath of the battle, Cleopatra took refuge in the mausoleum she had had built for herself. Antony, informed that Cleopatra was dead, stabbed himself with his sword. Before he died, another messenger arrived, saying Cleopatra still lived. Antony was carried to Cleopatra's retreat, where he died in her arms after bidding her to make her peace with Octavian. When the triumphant Roman arrived, she attempted to seduce him as she had both Julius Caesar and Marc Antony, but he resisted her charms. Instead, it

became apparent that she would be taken to Rome and paraded as a sort of war trophy, a fate she found intolerable.

Cleopatra chose an honorable and dignified death, ultimately committing suicide on August 12th, 30 B.C., possibly by means of an asp, a poisonous Egyptian serpent and symbol of divine royalty.

During more than two decades as Egypt's last independent pharaoh, Cleopatra engaged in ruthless power struggles with her siblings, battled the future Roman emperor and engaged in military alliances, and passionate affairs, with Julius Caesar and Mark Antony. She's remembered as one of the most brilliant and alluring figures of antiquity.

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www.facebook.com/NCCollector

Did you know?

The copper-plated zinc cents (97.5% zinc / 2.5% copper) currently in circulation are ~20% lighter, by weight, than the 95% copper / 5% zinc cents that came before them. The current cents weigh 2.5 grams while their predecessors weigh 3.11 grams.

The compositional changeover was made in 1982; cents of both compositions were issued that year.

Proposed Bylaws Change

The NCNA Board has approved the following proposed amendment to the Association's bylaws in an effort to reduce costs to the Association for elections that are uncontested in all positions. The amendment would allow for a single vote to be cast for an uncontested ballot by a current Director of the Association vs. mailing ballots to the entire membership. A savings of between \$250 and \$300 would be realized per uncontested election. This new provision **would only be activated for uncontested elections**. The change will be put to vote of the membership at the NCNA meeting to be held June 9, 2018 at the Raleigh Money ExpoTM.

The affected area of the bylaws is Article VI – Section 5 (Election of Officers and Directors). For ease of reference, the current version of Article VI (Sections 1 through 5) is presented along with the proposed revision to Section 5; only section 5 of Article VI would be subject to change. *Note: Section 5 is italicized for emphasis in each version*.

Current Version (Sections 1 - 5)

Article VI: Election of Officers and Directors

- Section 1 Each year the president will call for nominations of officers and directors, and such notice will be made public. Nominations may be made by any NCNA member in good standing and any person so nominated must likewise be a member in good standing. Also, he/she must meet the "length of membership" requirement of Article V. Section 1.
- Section 2 Nominations shall be made for all offices, including vacancies for three directors. For a nominee to be accepted as a candidate he/she must receive a minimum of two separate nominations; no "self-nominations" are allowed.
- Section 3 Nominations shall be in writing and shall be sent to the secretary, who will promptly contact the qualifying nominees, notifying them of their nomination and requesting their acceptance in writing. Also, the secretary will promptly notify the nominating committee of all qualifying nominees and their status

Secretary's Report

Election Results

A total of 310 election ballots were mailed to eligible members of the NCNA. Of these, 113 were returned prior to the voting deadline (either by mail or at the 2017 Convention); seven ballots were received via the mail after the close of the election and were not counted.

The results of the 2017 North Carolina Numismatic Association (NCNA) election of officers and directors are as follows:

President	Barry Ciociola Write-in	108 votes
1st Vice-President	Perry Siegel	104
2 nd Vice-President	Greg Cheek	104
Secretary	Dave Provost	107
Treasurer	Halbert Carmichael	105
Directors	Wayne Williamson Dot Hendrick Sanford Steelman Write-in (7 different names)	103 102 95 9

Note: The top three vote getters were elected.

The elected officers and directors were installed into office during the Association's General Membership Meeting held at its annual Convention and Show in Charlotte, NC on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

Officers were elected to serve one-year terms; directors to three-year terms.

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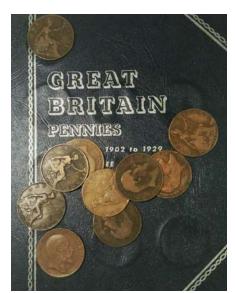
Dispatches from a Far Western Outpost

By Greg Capps

Budget-Minded

Nobody appreciates a bargain more than "Yours Truly." Heck, my favorite store is Dollar General. At coin shows, I always check the junk boxes first. I try not to be a total skinflint but I'm a pretty frugal collector nonetheless.

So maybe, like me, you are disheartened when you notice prices for US Large Cents going beyond the financial comfort zone. What is a collector to do? Perhaps give up and merely enjoy the hobby vicariously through images in auction catalogs? Never!



You must remember, dear collector, that if it is large inexpensive copper you seek then you must look abroad. Britain has issued Large Pennies for some time now. The emission of 1797 with her very broad rims is a must-have. You will also be pleased to know that a decent example will still find change coming back from a c-note.

Heads of Victoria, Edward VII, George V, George VI, and Elizabeth II are mostly available and often show up in lots where the breakdown cost is under a

dollar per coin. I feel this is a steal when compared to U.S. copper and putting an almost complete run of dates from the mid-nineteenth century and up is not prohibitive at all. However, examples from 1950 and 1951 will prove elusive for the average collector.

Next on the agenda was the installation of the Association's newlyelected officers for 2018; immediate Past-President Jim Neely presided over the brief ceremony. The Board welcomed its newest members: Sanford Steelman and Wayne Williamson.



NCNA Officers for 2018 taking oath of office.

BC then called for topics from the floor. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.



appealed to the dealers present to support the Association through an ad placement.

DP also reported on the NCNA web site. He noted that in its current configuration, updates and additions to the site have become cumbersome and time-consuming with many delays; this was reinforced by Jeff Hicks in terms of the delays he had experienced in getting updated club information posted. As a result, a decision had been made to redevelop the site using a different underlying content management system (WordPress). Alan Stullenbarger has volunteered to develop the new site in conjunction with several volunteer content managers. The new site is expected to be launched in Q1 2018.

GC then provided an update on the NCNA Facebook page. Greg reported that the page remains active with frequent updates and that he always welcomes submissions of news and information items from the membership. Jeff Hicks commented on the success he has had using Facebook to promote the clubs in which he is involved and noted its effectiveness in bringing attention to the coin shows of the clubs.

BC then turned the meeting's attention to the annual NCNA awards.

- First to be presented was the *Young Numismatist of the Year* award; it was presented to Camden Jones of the Raleigh Coin Club.
- The Forrest & Tessie Michael Volunteer Service Award was presented to Karen Foster of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club.
- Dave Provost was the recipient of the *Bason Literary Award*.
- The *Ted Hendrick Memorial Dealer Award*, jointly sponsored by the Raleigh Coin Club and the NCNA, was presented to Danny Freeman.
- A special *President's Award* was given to Chris Emanuel and to David Crenshaw of ICTA.
- Two winners were announced for the NCNA's *John Jay Pittman Award* (aka, "Numismatist of the Year").
 - o Danny Freeman
 - o Mitch Hyatt

Editor's Note: More complete details of the awards and their presentation can be found beginning on page 30.

But just a minute, let's not forget our neighbors to the north. Canada also issued Large Cents. My experience has been that most early twentieth century dates are obtainable in high grade. As a bonus, many come with gorgeous toning for which the US collector is accustomed to paying a nice premium. And if "woodgrain" is a look you go for in your coppers, this series has it!

So, don't confine yourself simply to United States minted copper. You will be doing yourself a favor by opening up your numismatic borders.

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A BLAST FROM THE PAST ...

By Daniel Freeman, NCNA LM#113

My "numismatic friend" Greg Capps and I look out for each other. Greg is very fond of early US Coppers and I of Feuchtwanger tokens. So, if we come across an item on eBay, a quick email will be sent. If we acquire auction catalogs that contain what we like, we save and give them to each other. Earlier this year, at a show, Greg gave me a "grab bag" of different books and catalogs. Included in this assortment was a small catalog titled 1965 Annual Supply Catalogue. It was from Bebee's, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska. This item caught my attention because Aubrey Bebee is a name you don't hear very much anymore but, for decades, he and his wife Adeline were giants in the numismatic business.

Aubrey was born in 1906 in Huntington, Arkansas. After finishing high school, he moved to Chicago, where he held several jobs. While working as an accountant for the telephone company, he met a telephone operator named Adeline. They got married on November 8th, 1930 and were true partners in every sense for the rest of their lives.

During the Great Depression, they put their savings into a lease on an apartment complex; they operated this for the next six years. Aubrey began selling stamps as a sideline, since stamp collecting was very popular. He soon added coins to the mix and this became very profitable for him. Coins would become his main focus from then on.

In 1941, the Bebees gave up the apartment complex and opened a coin shop. They not only stocked rare coins, they also carried a nice selection of paper money, books and other numismatic supplies. The coin shop was a great success. One ad they ran in the May 1947 issue of *Popular Science* magazine listed the following: Stone Mountain Half Dollars, \$1.25...20 different Indian Head Cents, \$1.00...1914-D Lincoln, \$2.25...and a 1909-S VDB Lincoln, \$10.00! Their mail order business was starting to grow.

that the ANA team is a great resource for the hobby. He concluded his remarks by stating that he was available to help any clubs in the region and looked forward to hearing from any and all.

BC called upon HC to give a brief Treasurer's Report. Halbert reported an income of \$24,506 for the period January 1 through September 27, 2017 and a current balance across all accounts of \$23,420. He also noted that while not all of the income and expenses for the Convention had been logged (more of each was expected), it did appear as if the show would return to profitability in 2017.

DP then provided a Membership Update. He reported that the Association had 345 members at the start of the Convention and that the renewal rate for 2017 was a solid 87%; it was also reported that NCNA membership had grown by 5% vs. 2016 and by 10% vs. 2015. In noting the Association's continuing growth, Dave commented that it nice to see the NCNA bucking the trend of membership decline seen by many organizations.

JMc was then asked to provide an update on the Association YN programs. He reported he was pleased that new Junior membership applications continue to be received and that he was continuing to send all new Junior members a "Welcome!" kit with coins and supplies. Jeff also reported on his activities regarding programs for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; he noted that he has done several for the Raleigh Coin Club and that he is looking into the possibility of conducting a merit badge program at a future NCNA Convention. He also stated that he is willing to share his thoughts on and experiences with scout programs to youth leaders at NCNA member clubs if they are considering a Scouts event. Jeff concluded his remarks by thanking the dealers in attendance for their donations and support of the Convention's YN area – many great coin and supply prizes had been provided.

DP then gave a brief report on the NCNA *Journal*. He reported that the *Journal* had recently been awarded Third Place in the ANA's Outstanding Club Publication – Regional category. Dave noted that it was the first time the *Journal* had been recognized by the ANA in its annual competition. He thanked the authors who had contributed their time and talents to the *Journal* and promised to continue looking for ways to improve the publication going forward. He concluded by reporting that the *Journal* was in need of additional advertisers and

for October 4-7. Barry noted his belief that a solid foundation was being laid in 2017 for the future Conventions and that public attendance would continue to build.

BC then discussed the recent approval of North Carolina's sales tax exemption on coin, currency and bullion. Mitch Hyatt was recognized for his contributions in support of the successful effort, with BC noting the time and financial support that Mitch provided; Barry thanked him on behalf of the NCNA and dealers and collectors throughout the state.

The \$5.00 parking fee being charged by the Cabarrus Arena was raised as an issue that could potentially negatively impact public attendance going forward. Dealer Tom Wood raised the possibility of dealers reimbursing collectors for the parking fee based on purchases made. Dot Hendrick raised the possibility of increasing bourse fees to cover a blanket payment to the facility to cover all parking fees. BC stated that the discussion of the issue would continue within the Board, with the goal of a workable solution being in place for next year's Convention.

ANA Governor Col. Steve Ellsworth was in attendance and requested an opportunity to address the group. He began by thanking all of the volunteers who had helped stage the NCNA Convention. He then reported that the ANA currently had over 25,000 members and was continuing to explore ways of recruiting new members. He noted that the ANA was working hard to remain at the forefront of numismatic education and reported that the ANA's 2017 Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, CO had welcomed over 300 attendees over the two-week session. Col. Ellsworth also announced that all 125+ years of the ANA's *Numismatist* magazine were now available online at the ANA's web site (www.money.org) and discussed the tremendous value of having such a comprehensive resource available to ANA members. He concluded his remarks by recognizing Gary Adkins, the newly-elected ANA President, and stating that he was a good choice for the organization and that he looked forward to working with him.

Danny Freeman (DF) followed Col. Ellsworth and introduced himself as the ANA Representative for North and South Carolina. He noted that the ANA is supportive of local efforts and is willing to help wherever possible. DF noted, however, that much of the ANA staff is part-time and/or volunteer and that things don't always move at the fast pace to which most have become accustomed. That said, Danny noted

At the time, Adeline's mother and sisters lived in Omaha, Nebraska. While on vacation there in 1952, the Bebees learned that a bank building downtown was for sale. They bought it and moved their operation from Chicago. It was in Omaha that their concept of a "mail order business only" took off. They specialized in US paper money which had become Aubrey's personal passion. They also promoted US commemorative coins and all types of numismatic books and supplies. "Bebee's" became a major dealer and a household name among collectors.

A few of the supplies listed in Bebee's 1965 catalog were: Dansco Deluxe Album for Franklin Half Dollars, 60 cents...Library of Coins Album for the Franklins, \$2.95...Whitman Coin Folders, 35 cents...folding pocket magnifying glass, 49 cents... 14K solid gold bezel for a \$5 Liberty, \$7.50. You get the picture. Stuff was cheap back then.

Aubrey was very active within the dealer community and was one of the major organizers of the Professional Numismatists Guild, becoming charter member number one in 1955. Active in politics, he would use his influence to promote the coin hobby. He and his wife both were named as members of the US Assay Commission. Over the years Aubrey and Adeline would be showered with awards from the ANA for their hard work for the hobby.

Probably the most recognition the Bebees received in their life was when they purchased a 1913 Liberty Head Nickel in 1967 at the ANA Convention in Miami Beach. The coin was hammered at \$46,000. Not a lot of money now, but in 1967 that was the most ever paid for a single US coin. It made headlines around the world and is given credit for being the impetus of the rare coin boom that would follow.

For the next twenty years, the Bebees would continue to add to their personal collection with other rarities such as the 1804 silver dollar and countless examples of pristine paper. In 1987 and 1988, Aubrey and Adeline would donate many items in their collection to the American Numismatic Association Museum in Colorado Springs. Their donations included over 800 paper notes and many coins, including the 1913 nickel and the 1804 silver dollar.

Aubrey Bebee died in 1992, and Adeline followed in 1998. They will always be remembered for their leadership and guidance for the numismatic community. We all owe the Bebees a great deal of gratitude

for their tireless efforts in numismatics.

Until next time...

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Educational Programs

The Convention's educational seminar series was presented on Saturday afternoon, with three programs offered.

The series kicked off at 1:00pm with Greg Capps presenting "Everything You (N)ever Wanted to Know about the Jernegan Cistern Medal." The engaging program included hands-on inspection of one of the silver medal lottery "tickets" created to raise money to pay for the 500+ pound cistern.

Gold was the subject of the next two programs. At 2:00pm, Dave Provost offered "American Arts Gold Medallions: The First US Gold Bullion Program" and at 3:00pm Jerry Sajbel followed with "Gold as Money" a fast-paced survey of the history of gold's use in coinage.

General Membership Meeting Minutes: September 2017

The NCNA held its 2017 General Membership Meeting at its Convention on Saturday, September 30. The meeting was called to order at 8:40am by President Barry Ciociola.

Board members present: President Barry Ciociola (BC), 1st Vice President Perry Siegel (PS), 2nd Vice President Greg Cheek (GCh), Secretary Dave Provost (DP), Treasurer Halbert Carmichael (HC), Directors Greg Capps (GC), Danny Freeman (DF), Dot Hendrick (DH), Jeff Hicks (JH) and Mickey Smith (MS) and Past President Jim Neely (JN). NCNA Youth Programs Coordinator Jeff McCauslin (JMc) was also in attendance.

In addition to the members of the Board, 38 NCNA members and guests were present.

BC opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and briefly recapping the first day of the Convention. He stated that no major issues among the dealers had been reported in the new facility and that, overall, dealers seemed to support the move to Cabarrus. Day 1 attendance was reported as 300+ and sales for the gold coin raffle were listed as over \$400.

BC also announced that the NCNA Convention would be returning to the Cabarrus Arena in 2018 and 2019, with the 2018 dates being set

A special *President's Award* was given to Chris Emanuel and to David Crenshaw of the Industry Council for Tangible Assets (ICTA) for their significant efforts in helping to gain a NC sales tax exemption for coins, currency and bullion.

Exhibits

The 2017 Convention featured 12 exhibits that filled 32 display cases; eight NCNA members mounted exhibits.

The exhibits:

- Bank of Commerce at New Bern
- Bank of Lexington
- Commemorative Half Dollars of the Carolinas
- Fractional Currency, Emergency Money
- History of Small Cents in the United States
- Life of Theodore Roosevelt and His Influence on Numismatics
- A North Carolina Fantasy Note
- Remembering September 11, 2001
- Rule Britannia, Britannia Rules the Waves
- The Story Behind the Note
- Striking a High-Relief Medal
- US History and the Capped Bust Half Dollar

The Junior "Best of Show" was awarded to Ethan Kolmus for *History of Small Cents in the United States*; the exhibit presented a type set of small cents from 1858 to the present day. Greg Cheek was the winner of the Senior "Best of Show" award for *US History and the Capped Bust Half Dollar*; Greg is a repeat winner of the award. Greg's display presented a date set of Capped Bust half dollars (1807-1836) and highlighted elements of US history for each year.

The "People's Choice Award" (voted on by attendees of the show) was won by Jim Kolmus for his *Life of Theodore Roosevelt and His Influence on Numismatics* display. The exhibit presented a selection of coins, medals and medallions related to Roosevelt at multiple stages of his life; the interesting display was both informative and attractive.

Each of the winners was awarded a 2017 American Silver Eagle in a presentation box.

Sales Tax Tokens

By Jacob Hoopes and Jeff Hoopes

Editor's Note: I am particularly pleased to include this article by Jacob and his father, Jeff. It's a wonderful example of how a father and son can share their interest in numismatics!

Imagine you are in West Virginia and you want to buy some soap. The soap stand is charging 50 cents. With a sales tax rate of 1%, you must pay 50.5¢. What are you to do? If you lived in 1830, you could use a half cent coin, minted in the United States in between 1793 and 1857. The problem is, in between 1793 and 1857, there was no sales tax in West Virginia, and, there was no West Virginia. Instead, the year is 1925. No half cent coin is in circulation. You could just round up and pay 51¢. But, half a cent was nothing to throw away in 1925. A laundry worker made, on average, only 44 cents an hour (Bureau of Labor Statistics 1925) – at that rate, every half cent counted. The solution was to use a sales tax token.

Sales tax tokens were made in twelve different states to solve the problem of when a state tax rate multiplied by the value of a sale does not equal a number precisely payable in dollars and cents. Different states minted sales tax tokens that allowed residents to pay sales taxes, sometimes down to the accuracy of one tenth of a cent (a "mill").

Money is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as "something generally accepted as a medium of exchange, a measure of value or a means of payment." Sales tax tokens were generally accepted as a medium of exchange and were even minted under the authority of state governments. While not generally recognized as *real money*, sales tax tokens may still be of interest to coin collectors.

In the pictures below, examples of sales tax tokens from eleven of the twelve states that issued sales tax tokens are presented. From these pictures we can see how varied these tokens are. There are tokens of at least three different kinds of metal; there is a plastic token and a cardboard token. There are square-shaped tokens and circular tokens. Some have holes in the middle (round, cross-shaped and square holes), and others do not.



Figure 1. Sales tax tokens from Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, New Mexico and Utah.

Some tokens carry the denomination on them (the cardboard token from Oklahoma says "1", while the bottom-most token from Colorado says "2"), while other states merely minted one type of token, all worth one "mill" $(1/10^{th})$ of cent).

meeting, but her award was accepted by fellow LCFCC member OT Thompson on her behalf.

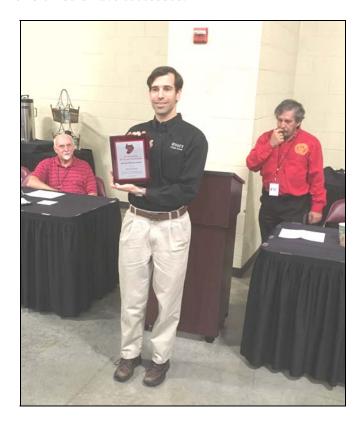


Camden Jones receiving Young Numismatist of the Year award from NCNA President Barry Ciociola.

Dave Provost was the recipient of the *Bason Literary Award* for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of the NCNA *Journal* and his educational articles for multiple publications.

The *Ted Hendrick Memorial Dealer Award*, jointly sponsored by the Raleigh Coin Club and the NCNA, was presented to Danny Freeman. Danny was recognized for his fair and ethical treatment of his customers as well as for his work with the ANA, coin clubs in North and South Carolina and his continuing contributions to the NCNA *Journal* and other numismatic publications.

exemption in NC for coins, currency and bullion. Mitch also provided exceptional financial support for the effort; without Mitch's constant and generous support, it is unlikely the effort would have succeeded.



Mitch Hyatt with John Jay Pittman Award.

The Young Numismatist of the Year award was presented to Camden Jones of the Raleigh Coin Club. Camden was in attendance and was truly surprised by the award. Camden was recognized for his active participation in the RCC's Coin Hawks program for YNs, his general enthusiasm for the hobby and for his overall contributions to the club.

The Forrest & Tessie Michael Volunteer Service Award was presented to Karen Foster of the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club. Karen was recognized for her tireless efforts on behalf of the club's youth programs, annual show and general club promotion. She was unable to attend the



Figure 2. Sales tax tokens from Arizona, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Washington.

The sizes are very different. It is clear that the minting is not done with the precision of US Federal coins of the same time period, with some of the holes off-center and some tokens altogether minted somewhat off-center. Some coins merely note that they are sales tax tokens, while others more specifically note that they are for "emergency school tax on purchase of five cents" or "for old age assistance," a practice of making well-known the reason for a tax called "optical

taxation." The variety of sales tax tokens make them an interesting item to learn about and collect.

Other than being an interesting collector's piece, what of broader importance can we learn from sales tax tokens today? Sales tax tokens are a symbol of people wanting precision in their monetary transactions – such precision that some states paid to have these tokens minted to allow people to pay with ten times the precision that coins of the US government provided. At a time when many favor the elimination of the one-cent piece altogether (Appelbaum 2016; McGinty 2014; Safire 2004; Timiraos 2015), Canada having already eliminated their cent piece and considering the elimination of the nickel (Curren 2014) and when the US Government won't allow some stocks to be traded in anything less than five cent increments (Securities and Exchange Commission 2016), it's worth pondering how precise we want to be in our monetary transactions, which was what sales tax tokens were all about.

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NCNA President Barry Ciociola presided over the awards ceremony with assistance from Dave Provost and Jeff McCauslin.

Two winners were announced for the *John Jay Pittman Award* (aka, "Numismatist of the Year"), the Association's top honor.

 One was awarded to Danny Freeman for his ongoing service to the NCNA and to collectors throughout the state. He was visibly moved by the award and very gracious in his comments upon its acceptance; he noted how special the award was considering in how high of a regard he held Mr. Pittman.



Danny Freeman with John Jay Pittman Award and Ted Hendrick Memorial Award.

 The other was presented to Mitch Hyatt for the many hours he devoted to spearheading the initiative to secure a sales tax

Everyone who visited the area received free coins, plus had the chance to participate in games, quizzes and contests to earn additional prizes; all prizes were donated by bourse dealers and NCNA members.

YNs were also able to search through a container of wheat cents to see how many holes they could fill in their cent albums (albums were provided if the kids did not have one). Jeff McCauslin, the YN chair reported that he was impressed with the number of YNs that completed almost every activity, with some YNs staying in the area for several hours.



A group of young collectors having fun searching for coins!

Jeff also offered his thanks to the many dealers and members who donated numismatic material, "Your generous donations meant that every YN left the area with a nice prize."

Annual Awards

Several of North Carolina's outstanding numismatists were honored for their ongoing contributions to the hobby on Saturday, September 30 during the Association's annual General Membership Meeting.

Announcing NCNA Notes – The Association's New eBulletin

In October, the first edition of *NCNA Notes* was delivered via email to all NCNA members who have a current email address on file with the Association.

The electronic publication is meant to bridge the time between the quarterly issues of the NCNA *Journal*, and provide Association updates, current news items, brief articles and event updates of potential interest to the NCNA membership.

Attention club leaders: Brief news items from NCNA member coin clubs are especially welcome – make sure to send in your show notices, meeting information updates, special events, etc. to maximize your publicity efforts among Association members!

If you did not receive the inaugural issue of *NCNA Notes*, it means that the NCNA member database does not have a current email address for you. It's easy to get on the distribution list for future issues, however, just send your name via email to the NCNA Secretary, Dave Provost, via uscommems@gmail.com.



New Collector Connection

By Jeff McCauslin

I was at a Christian Sports Banquet with my son many years ago where several sports personalities spoke. One speaker's theme was "How many souls have you brought to the kingdom?" His point was that if you are active in an organization then you should be out there recruiting more members. The same goes for coin collecting. The senior members among us need to be trying to bring in new members, young or old and get them involved. And new or young members can help by bringing their friends. Two areas that have defined programs in which your knowledge might be of use in this endeavor are the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

The Boy Scouts offer a Coin Collecting merit badge. Boy Scouts can contact their Scout Master to find out who the registered Merit Badge Counselors are in their area. To offer the badge you need to become a registered merit badge counselor in the Boy Scout Council you reside in. While a minimum of 2 leaders are required to conduct a program, for safety's sake, only one person must be registered. The assistants do not have to be registered. There are a couple forms to fill out and a couple video training sessions to complete but since all the training is now online, it is fairly easy to get registered and trained.

The registration and training are free. The council will then put you on a list available to all troops and then you hope you get a call. Or, you can be more proactive and contact troops directly and offer your services. Another source is www.meritbadge.info which lists merit badge events throughout the nation. The site also lists the requirements for the badge and provides a work sheet scouts can use to complete the requirements. Recently, your editor and I participated in one of these events in Raleigh. In two sessions we had over 17 Scouts earn the Coin Collecting MB. How many future coin collectors that translates into is anybody's guess but at least they have been exposed to our great hobby.

The Girl Scouts offer a Fun with Money badge. I have a sample outline I can offer if you contact me, but the Girl Scouts are more flexible about the requirements than the Boy Scouts are. The Girl Scout program can pretty much be what you and the troop leader agree on.

Convention Recap

Bourse

The 2017 NCNA Convention was held at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center in Concord, NC from September 29 thru October 1; the Arena is about 25 miles northeast of Charlotte. The Association has a contract to continue hosting the annual convention at the facility in 2018 and 2019.

The bourse featured 70 dealers from throughout the southeast. The show also drew from outside the region, attracting dealers from Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio and Texas. Over 130 tables were occupied by dealers, making for a full and varied bourse floor.

Many positive comments were offered by dealers who were pleased with the new facility and the Association's handling of move-in/move-out logistics.

Attendance

Attendance for the three-day Convention topped 750, an increase of more than 20% over the 2016 Convention. As the show was in a new location that does not have a history of hosting coin shows, the public turnout was viewed as a positive first attempt and a solid foundation upon which to grow in future years.

Raffle

Raffle Chairman Greg Cheeks reported a successful raffle with a total of 1,043 raffle tickets sold (1,000 at the Convention, 43 prior). The drawing for the five 1/10th ounce gold coins was held on Sunday afternoon. Club members from the Charlotte CC, Morganton CC, Rowan CC and Statesville CC volunteered their time to staff the raffle table and make it the success it was.

"Kid's Connection" Area

More than 40 young collectors visited the YN area between the Saturday and Sunday sessions.

NCNA Membership Benefits

The NCNA was established to bring together those interested in numismatics and to foster a sharing of numismatic knowledge through its publications, its annual Convention and its support of local coin clubs. NCNA membership is open to collectors, dealers and clubs.

Why Join the NCNA?

- **Fellowship:** Become part of a numismatic community that stretches from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Outer Banks!
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- Annual Convention: The NCNA hosts one of the larger coin and currency shows in North Carolina each year, featuring local and regional dealers.
 - NCNA members are able to enter the Convention bourse 30 minutes before the general public. (Valid NCNA membership card must be shown.)
- Local Clubs: The NCNA can assist with the organization of a new club or the ongoing support of an existing club. Contact us if you need assistance!
- Club Liaison Program: A program that brings together club representatives from across the state to exchange ideas and collaborate on improving the club experience for all members.
- Annual Awards: Each year the NCNA presents awards to those who have contributed to the advancement of the hobby through their support of the organization and/or the sharing of their expertise with other collectors.

Young Collector Program

The NCNA offers an educational program specifically designed for young collectors. The program was created to help develop the next generation of collectors by encouraging today's youth to become active in coin and paper money collecting.

Again, the Girl Scout councils maintain a list of people who will do a program which is given to each leader but currently no registration or training is required. Our local council even allowed me to put a flyer in their monthly newsletter to advertise. I have done several programs with the Girl Scouts and they were a lot of fun.

Many schools and community centers offer after school programs for those kids whose parents do not want them coming home to an empty house. They might welcome you offering to do a program perhaps even over several weeks. Perhaps you know a history teacher who might enjoy a presentation to their class on the history of our money, or how our money changed during the civil war. The topics and possibilities are endless, you just need to look for them.

I hope you will consider "bringing some souls to the kingdom" for the sake of the future of coin collecting.

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Coin Show Calendar Apr - Jul

APR

	Greenville, NC	
7	Greenville Spring Show	
	Greenville Masonic Temple	
Sa: 10a-5p	1104 Charles Street	
	Contact: Michael Johnson – 252.702.4876	
14 – 15	5 Wilmington, NC	
11. 10	Annual Azalea Festival Coin Show	
Sa: 10a-5p	Elks Lodge	
Su: 10a-3p	5102 Oleander Drive	
ван тоа ор	Contact: OT Thompson – 910.520.8405	
	Marion, NC	
21	Marion Coin Club Show	
	Marion Community Building	
Sa: 9a-4p	191 North Main Street	
	Contact: Jeff Hicks – 828.460.7867	

MAY

5 – 6	Fletcher, NC	
3-0	Buncombe County Coin Club Annual Show	
Sa. 10a 5n	Western NC AG Center	
Sa: 10a-5p	1301 Fanning Bridge Road	
Su: 10a-4p	Contact: Roger Gumm – 828.768.2200	
5 6	Raleigh, NC	
5 – 6	Rare Coins of Raleigh Coin & Currency Show	
Sa. 10a 6n	NC State Fairgrounds, Martin Building	
Sa: 10a-6p Su: 10a-4p	1025 Blue Ridge Road	
	Contact: Shanna Mills – 919.790.8544	
	Lexington, NC	
19	Eagle Coin Club Annual Coin Show	
	J. Smith Young YMCA	
Sa: 9a-5p	119 W. 3 rd Avenue	
_	Contact: Leon Little – 336.850.2245	

Note: It is always best to confirm show details before making a long trip.

MAY

19 – 20	Salem, VA
Sa: 9:30a-	Salem / Roanoke Valley Coin Show
5:30p	American Legion Hall
Su: 9:30a-	710 Apperson Drive
3:30p	Contact: Will Camp – 540.943.2267

JUN

8 – 10	Raleigh, NC
	Raleigh Money Expo TM (Raleigh Coin Club)
Fr : 10a-6p	NC State Fairgrounds, Exposition Center
Sa: 10a-6p	1025 Blue Ridge Road
Su: 10a-4p	Contact: Dave Provost – uscommems@gmail.com
14 - 16	Concord, NC
	Carolina Coin, Stamp & Postcard Show
Th: 1p-6p	Cabarrus Arena and Events Center
Fr: 10a-6p	4751 Highway 49 North
Sa: 10a-4p	Contact: Dot Hendrick – 919.828.9450

JUL

21 – 22	Rocky Mount, NC
	Rare Coins of Raleigh Coin & Currency Show
Sa: 10a-6p Su: 10a-4p	Elks Lodge
	2750 N. Church Street
	Contact: Shanna Mills – 919.790.8544
8 – 9	Salisbury, NC
0-9	Rowan County Coin Club Pre-Christmas Show
Sa. 0a 5n	Salisbury Civic Center
Sa: 9a-5p Su: 9a-4p	315 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
	Contact: Don Harris – 704.640.6640
16 – 17	Greenville, NC
10-17	Rare Coins of Raleigh Coin & Currency Show
Sa: 10a-6p	American Legion Post 39
Su: 10a-0p Su: 10a-4p	403 St. Andrews Drive
	Contact: Shanna Mills – 919.790.8544

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