

Meeting Notice

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President's Message

Hello and welcome to March! From snow to 60 degrees in just 3 days! The dollar is at an all-time low against the Euro and the British Pound, and coin shows are roaring ahead! So, you might be asking, "How does this all relate to numismatics?" Well, pour your favorite drink and let me tell you.

Numismatically speaking, February and the beginning of March was mixed for me. I was taking a cross-country business trip, so I brought some coins with me in the hope that I would have some time to do some work on them. To my horror, my laptop computer committed silent suicide. Nice coins, no way to record me work...foiled again!

I did have quite a pleasant experience with some coins that I packaged up immediately before heading to California. I sent them to a British coin dealer (ancients) who recently started offering a consignment program. My initial thoughts when I heard about the program was that it would certainly be a way of selling some coins via a healthy retail channel. (More on this later!)

To round out my numismatic activities, I dropped by Dot Hendrick's coin show over at the Holshouser Building. I was glad to see that there was a healthy flow of foot traffic, although I had expected "teeming swarms" based on the huge amount of cars parked around the building. As always, I found a few delightful coins to add to my collection and, as a bonus, I even sold a scarcer piece.

In terms of club business, we had three or four new faces last meeting and I hope to see some of

those faces back again. David Boitnott indicated he would look into a different medallic art company for our 50th anniversary commemorative medal. also had put out a sign-up sheet to find out if we had sufficient volunteers to man an information table at the flea market at the fairgrounds. I will sheepishly admit, however, that I have not done anything further. I will propose some explicit dates this time around so that we can decide on at least one day during which we can spread the numismatic word!

Gold!! This ain't no Internet scam! There will be gold at the next Raleigh Coin Club meeting! Yup, **gold**. There will be an American gold coin as a raffle prize. So buy those raffle tickets early and often!!

As always, share some recent acquisitions or even just some interesting items in your collection for our monthly "Show 'n' Tell."

See you at the meeting!!

March Numismatic Events

March 3

1835 An Act of Congress authorizes the Charlotte (North Carolina), Dahlonega (Georgia) and New Orleans (Louisiana) branch mints.

March 28

1838 The first "branch mint" coinage was produced at the Charlotte Mint; gold half eagles were struck.

March 31

1988 The West Point Bullion Depository becomes the first new branch mint since 1862.

Meeting Date: March 11, 2004
2004 RCC Membership Dues Now Due!