



Raleigh Coin Club

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Raleigh Coin Club Hosts Successful “Road Show” for National Coin Week

As part of its National Coin Week activities, the Raleigh Coin Club (RCC) hosted a “Coin & Currency Road Show” event at the Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh, NC on Friday, April 21st. It was the fourth consecutive year that the club set up at the mall for an all-day Q&A session with collectors and non-collectors alike.

The event was designed to promote coin and currency collecting and to support the local community by answering coin-related questions from collectors and non-collectors alike. The club routinely fielded questions such as “What is this?” “Is it rare?” “How much is it worth?” “What is the best way to sell it?” and answered all to the best of its abilities in a friendly “no pressure” setting. The club was thanked repeatedly for the advice and suggestions it provided.

The club enjoyed a steady stream of visitors throughout the day and engaged with just under 100 who had specific questions or items for inspection; many had hoped the club would be back the next day so that they could come back with items they had been wondering about.

As in past years, several bags and boxes of inherited coins were brought to the RCC tables for examination and guidance on their current value. The club examined everything from collections of traditional US coins such as Morgan and Peace dollars, Walking Liberty, Franklin and Kennedy half dollars and Lincoln cents to collections of world coins and notes. Quite a number of “random accumulations” were also looked through to help their owners identify potentially valuable coins.

The “almost” thrill of the day occurred when a self-described “casual collector” brought in a 1955 Doubled Die Lincoln cent for inspection. Unfortunately for him, the coin was confidently judged to be a fake. As he only had its face value invested in it, however, he was not terribly disappointed. He planned to keep it in his collection as a novelty piece and sure-fire conversation starter.

As part of its display, the club set up five cases of numismatic items; the cases featured a diverse mix of coins, notes, tokens and medals. From ancient to modern, from rare and valuable to commonplace, the displays were designed to present items not typically encountered and to elicit questions from those who viewed them. They were a constant source of Q&A and generated strong interest.

The event was judged to be a complete success by the club and has encouraged the RCC to plan additional “road show” events for later in the year.

The RCC wishes to extend its thanks and appreciation to the mall management staff at the Crabtree Valley Mall for providing the complimentary space and for helping to promote the event on their web site and in-mall promotional displays.

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The Raleigh Coin Club is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to collect and study money and related items; it was organized in 1954. The club meets at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month at the Ridge Road Baptist Church on Ridge Road in Raleigh.