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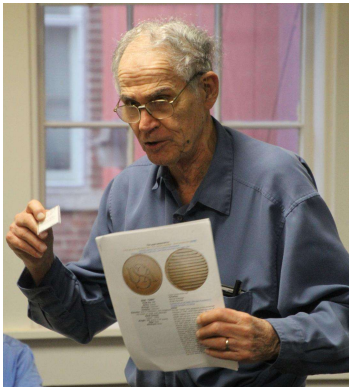
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Club meetings are on the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:00pm (meeting starts at 6:45pm) at the Oh Mie Stelle! Bakery, 969 Pine Log Rd, Aiken, SC

Message from the editor:

Welcome to the latest edition of the SJCSRA Coin Club Newsletter. You will notice that this edition is in a new format. I hope that you find it an easy read. Please contact me with any comments and suggestions.

After more than 20 years, Arno Safran has retired and moved back to PA to be closer to his family. Arno has great enthusiasm for collecting and for sharing his knowledge. I truly enjoy your writings, programs, show & tells, and our conversations. I will miss them. Fare well my friend. I have big shoes to fill to maintain your legacy.



Photos by S. Kuhl

A call for articles. Most collectors like to share (and brag about) their collection. I encourage all members (veterans, newbies, YNs, young or old) to write an article about your favorite numismatic interest and share it. Contact me or any club officer for assistance.

The club has been actively updating our email contact list. Please notify us of all corrections, updates, missing names, new additions, etc.

A reminder that club dues are \$15/year and should be paid by April 1st.

Thank you,

Gene Belair

Queen Victoria

Her Majesty's Portraits on the Tokens and Coins of Canada

(All tokens and coins pictured are from the author's personal collection.)

Her Royal Highness Queen Victoria was born 24 May 1819, christened Alexandrina after her godfather, Tsar Alexander 1 of Russia, and Victoria, after her mother. At her birth, she was 5th in line to accession. She inherited the throne when her father's brothers all died with no legitimate heirs. She ascended to the throne on 20 June 1837 and was coronated on 28 June 1838.

Victoria married her 1st cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha on 10 February 1840. They were both 20 years old. Together they had 8 children who all married into European Royal families (Denmark, various German States, Scotland, Russia, and Prussia). Albert died on 14 December 1861. Victoria entered a state of mourning and wore black, except for

official public duties, until her death on 22 January 1901. At the time of her death she was the longest tenured ruler in history.

Trivia:

1. Victoria was the 1st Royal to wear an all-white wedding gown. Her popularity led to the wearing of white wedding gowns throughout the English-speaking world. A tradition that still stands today.

2. The marriages of her children into the various Royal houses of Europe and their succeeding offspring led to the saying: "Victoria – grandmother of Europe". The marriages also gave a subtitle to the Great War (WWI) as the "War of the Cousins".



c.1838



c.1887

Photos from Wikipedia

Victoria's portraits on the tokens and coins of the Provinces and the Dominion of Canada.

The 1st issues with Queen Victoria's portrait were the half penny and one penny tokens of Nova Scotia in 1840 and 1843. The obverse shows her hair tied by a ribbon. The reverse depicts a Thistle Flower. This series is known as Thistle tokens. Shown is an 1840 One Penny token, mintage of 150,000, Charlton NS-2C, Breton 873. PCGS MS62BN.



In 1843, New Brunswick issued halfpenny and one penny tokens. The obverse shows Victoria wearing a crown while the reverse depicts a three-masted frigate believed to be the *Albion* which was launched in 1834. Shown is an 1843 One Penny token, mintage 498,576, Charlton NB-2A, Breton 909. PCGS AU58.



In 1854, New Brunswick released their 2nd issue of half penny and one penny tokens with a portrait similar to the Nova Scotia issue and changing "token" to "currency" on the reverse. Shown is the 1854 One Penny Currency, mintage of 432,000, Charlton NB-2B, Breton 911. PCGS MS63BN.



Nova Scotia followed in 1856 with half penny and one penny tokens. The obverse depicts Victoria slightly older and wearing a coronet. The reverse depicts the Mayflower plant giving this series the name of Mayflower tokens. Shown is the 1856 Half Penny token, mintage of 720,000, Charlton NS-5A, Breton 876. PCGS AU58.



The Province of Canada (later the Confederation of Canada) used the following portrait for their large cents of 1858-1859; the 5 and 10 cents of 1858 thru 1901; and the 20 cents of 1858. New Brunswick used this portrait for their issues of 5, 10, and 20 cents silver of 1862 and 1864 and Newfoundland on their issues of 5, 10 and 20 cents silver of 1865 thru 1900 and on their \$2 gold from 1865 to 1888. It shows a younger portrait of Victoria wearing a Laurel wreath and braided hair below the ear. Shown is the 1859 Canada large cent, mintage of 9,579,000. PCGS MS65RB.



Nova Scotia (1861, 1862, 1864) and New Brunswick (1862, 1864) issued half cents and large cents followed by Newfoundland (1865 thru 1896) large cents with a portrait wearing a Laurel wreath and extending to her shoulder / bust. Shown is a Nova Scotia 1861 large cent, mintage 1,800,000. PCGS MS64RD.



Newfoundland used yet a different portrait for their 50 cent silver issues from 1870 to 1900. This portrait shows a much older Queen wearing a Laurel wreath and a large braid below the ear. Shown is the 1900 issue, mintage 150,000. PCGS AU53.



Canada issued 25 cents and 50 cents silver from 1870 to 1901 and large cents from 1876 thru 1901 with this older portrait of Victoria. Prince Edward Island also used this portrait for their only coin issue, the 1871 large cent. She is wearing a crown with her hair tied back by a ribbon. Shown is the 1901 Canada 25 cents, mintage 640,000. PCGS MS63.



Some merchants also used Her Majesty's portrait on their store card tokens. The portrait depicts a young Victoria with her hair tied up with a ribbon. Shown is a c.1863 R. Sharpley, Watchmaker, Montreal token, mintage 2,880. PCGS AU50.



And below is a token issued by Devins & Bolton, Druggists, Montreal, c.1867, mintage of 8,000. These were confiscated and destroyed by Canadian Customs because they looked like the large cents of 1858 and 1859, but a few escaped. Approx. 100 exist, all in high grade. PCGS MS64RB.



All of the coins and tokens shown above are readily available in circulated grades and can be purchased from a few dollars (the copper cents) to a few hundred dollars (the \$2 gold). In UNC conditions, values range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars.

References and suggested websites:

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- Illustrated History of the Coins and Tokens Relating to Canada, P. Napoleon Breton, 1983 reprint R. Paul Nadin-Davis
- Coins of New Brunswick, Richard W. Bird, 1993

Gene Belair

Life member #369 of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA)

Member of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors (CATC)

Member of the Canadian Centennial Collectors Club (CCCC)

Member of the SJCSRA Coin Club

Member of the Augusta Coin Club

SJCSRA Club Meeting Notes from April 2, 2026

President Kelly Nordeen called the regular meeting of the coin club to order at 6:45 p.m. in the Oh Mie Stelle Bakery on Pine Log Road. There were 20 members and 1 visitor attending.

Jim Sproull announced upcoming coin shows in the region.

JJ Engel made a motion which Willie Simon seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the March Meeting Minutes will be on file with the other club records and the Minutes are also reported in the Club newsletter.

Old Business:

Steve Kuhl reported preliminary numbers for our club's show last month. The expenses for the show were kept low by the generosity of several members who donated items or provided them at substantial discounts. We sold 28 tables to 16 dealers, including five first-time dealers for our show. This helped off-set the absence of several of our regular dealers who couldn't attend due to a competing show in Chattanooga. The show logged 338 attendees, and the dealers generally indicated that they had a good show. Thanks to Steve and all the club members who helped make the show a success.

New Business:

Gene Belair and JJ Engel agreed to perform the annual audit of the club's books.

Steve Kuhl reported that Wayne Damron, former owner of Clein's Coins in Augusta, had passed away.

The club is creating a subcommittee to design items (e.g., challenge coin. Fantasy banknote) for the club's 25th anniversary this year. Email the club account or contact any officer if you are interested in being on the subcommittee.

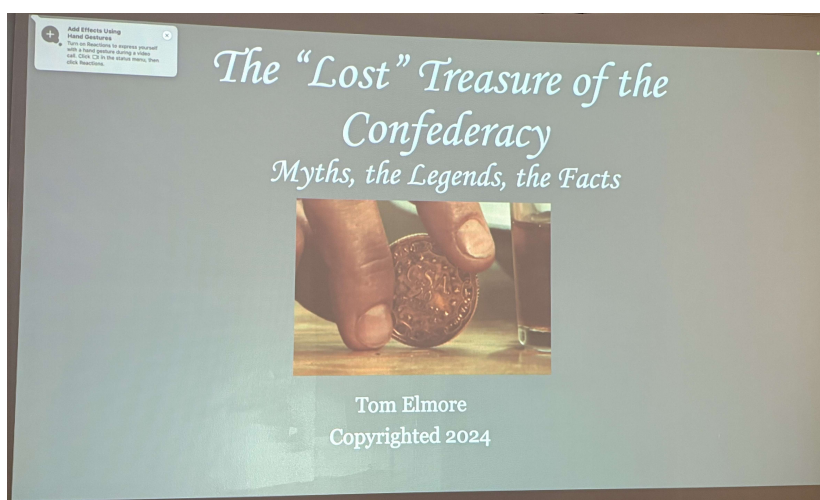
All members are welcome to present programs in future meetings. Help is available in photographing items or creating slideshows for presentations. VP Typhany Nordeen coordinates our club programs.

Show & Tell:

Gene Belair presented three Hudson Bay Company tokens from the 1850s and an aluminum token issued during World War II in Labrador. The company was created 1670. It announced in 2025 that it would be closing all operations. It sold its last assets in January 2026 ending a 335 year run as North America's oldest corporation. An excellent story of the company can be found here: [Hudson's Bay Company - Wikipedia](#)

Program:

April's program was presented by Tom Elmore of Columbia, SC. The program was on "The 'Lost' Treasure of the Confederacy – Myths, the Legends, the Facts". Tom did an excellent job grounding the myths surrounding this supposedly lost treasure with historical facts and accounting. He pointed out that the actual amount in the Confederate treasury when Richmond fell was likely around \$9.6 million dollars in today's currency, consisting of gold and silver coins, ingots, and bars. Tom described the events leading up to the fall of Richmond, Lee's surrender, and the route that Jefferson Davis and his cabinet took from Richmond, Virginia to Danville, Georgia. The club enjoyed the presentation of this colorful part of southern history and thanked Tom for sharing his perspective with the club.



Photos by S. Kuhl

Jim Sproull, assisted by Jim Mullaney, conducted the monthly club auction.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Mullaney, Secretary

Calendar of Events

MONTH	DATES	SHOW	LOCATION
May	22 & 23	Augusta Coin Club (SCNA MEMBER CLUB)	Columbia County Exhibition Center 212 Partnership Dr., Grovetown, GA Contact: Steven Nix (706) 267-9602 fleetwoodcoins@hotmail.com
July	07/31 to 08/02	Low Country Coin Show (SCNA LIFE MEMBER CLUB)	Exchange Park Fairgrounds 9860 Hwy 78, Ladson, SC Contact: Randy Clark (843) 367-0141 TwoBuckRandy@yahoo.com www.lowcountrycoinclub.com
Aug	28 & 29	Sumter Coin Club (SCNA MEMBER CLUB)	Saint Mark Banquet and Conference Center 2320 Four Bridges Road, Sumter, SC Contact: sumtercoinclub@gmail.com
Sep	18 & 19	Camden Coin Club, Camden SC (SCNA MEMBER CLUB)	Camden City Arena 420 Broad Street Camden, SC Contact: (803) 713-5311 camdencoinclub.com ; camdencoinclub@gmail.com
Oct	2 to 4	68th Annual NCNA Convention & Coin Show	Cabarrus Arena & Events Center 4751 Highway 49 North, Concord, NC 28025 Contact: Perry Siegel (704) 488-4787; herakles@herakles-inc.com
Oct	10	PEE DEE Area Coin Club Show (SCNA MEMBER CLUB)	SiMT Building Florence-Darlington Technical College 1951 Pisgah Road, Florence, SC 29501 Contact: Pat Patton (803) 403-5607 or (843) 413-9373 http://peedeereareacoinclub.com/
Oct	29 to 31	SC Numismatic Association's 54th Annual Convention & Coin Show and AUCTION!	TD Convention Center 1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC 29607 Contact: Marc Kosanovich (864) 275-3204 mkosan5173@aol.com

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