

# Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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## The President's Corner

Hey Everyone,

Hope everyone is doing well. We had a nice turnout for our September meeting. David Hollander was our guest speaker, and as always, he presents intriguing subjects on Alabama currency. This year was no exception. He talked about various employees from presidents to tellers involved in all types of criminal bank activity in Alabama between 1863 and 1935. Everything from embezzlement to theft. Many of the bank employees served significant time for their crimes. The interesting thing is history has a way of repeating itself with the recent financial crimes committed by Goldman Sachs and Wells Fargo. Putting your money in your mattress may not be a bad idea after all! (j/k) Thanks David!

See you in October!

Doug

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*"Numismatics, like some aspects of astronomy and natural history, remains a branch of learning in which the amateur can still do valuable work, and it is on the great collecting public, or rather on that part of which is interested in the subject at a scientific level, that the progress of numismatic science largely depends."*

Philip Grierson - Professor of Numismatics, University of Cambridge

## **The Channel Islands Copper Tokens of the Nineteenth Century**

### **Part 4: The Jersey, Guernsey and Alderney Penny / Wreath Token**

This is another rare token. The obverse has the familiar inscription "ONE PENNY TOKEN" in three lines with the legend "JERSEY GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY." The reverse has the inscription "ONE PENNY TOKEN" in three lines inside an oak wreath. Various sources do not seem to agree as the engraver of the dies. However there is a small H on the leaf opposite of the N in TOKEN, it would appear that the engraver is Halliday. Unfortunately, it is often difficult to see this tiny H.



Note that the spelling of Guernsey is the English version as opposed to the French Guernesey. The French spelling, Guernesey, was found on their coins from 1830 through 1949.



*The reverse depicts a wreath. (Actual size is 34 mm.)*

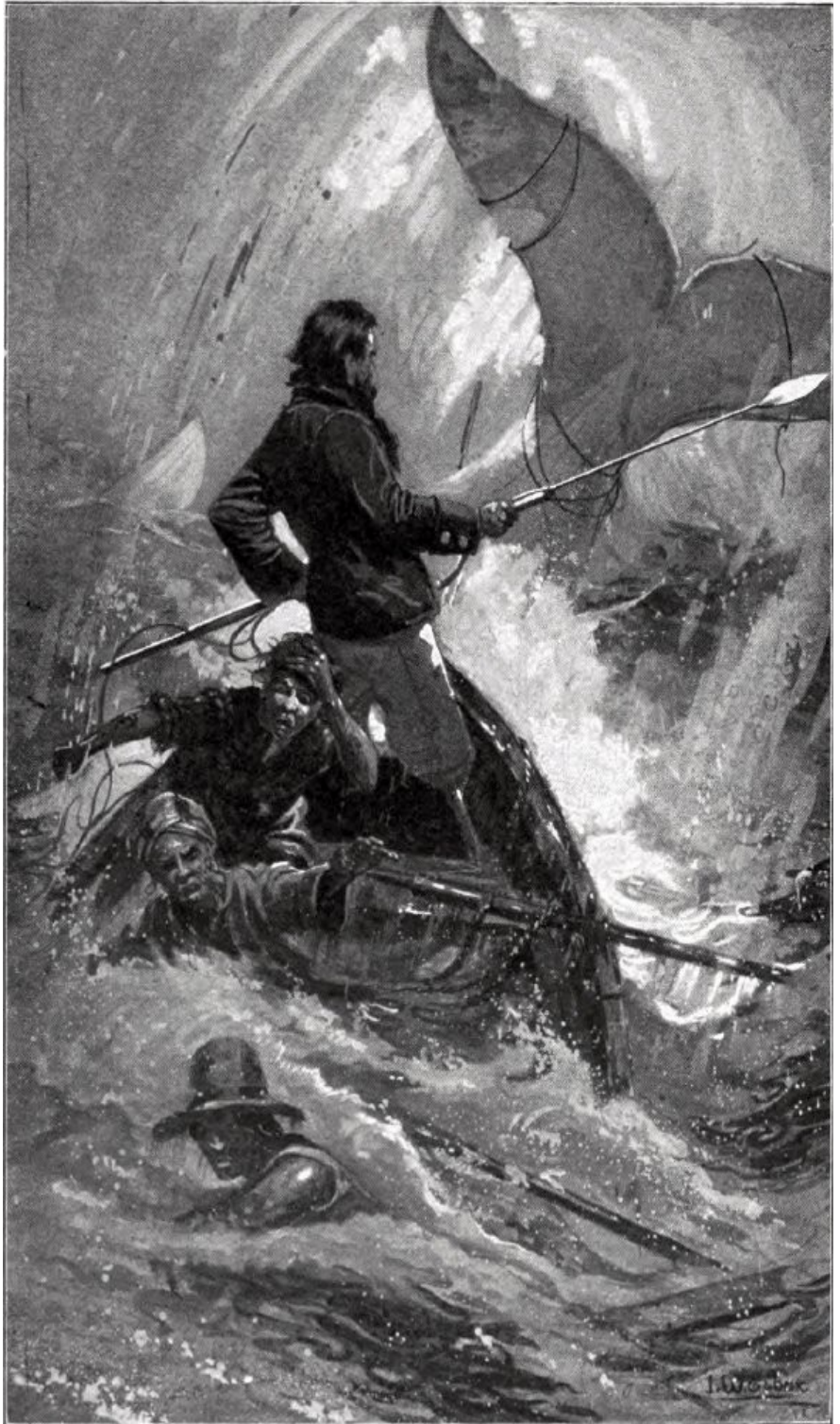
A collection of tokens of this period is usually left to a very discriminating collector who painstakingly will form a collection over a period of many years. A collector of these tokens will need the Paul and Bente Withers book, *British Copper Tokens 1811-1820*, published by Galata Press in 1999. The book is well researched with excellent photos, and realistic rarity ratings, and has done much to revive interest in the series. Unlike many of the British Conder / Provincial tokens of the late 1700s that were made for collectors, this series was meant to circulate. They are from the time of the Industrial Revolution, and many of the pieces pertain to the mining industry, others to merchants, and some to the workhouses. While many of the rarities are truly rare, that does not necessarily translate into expensive. With that said, expect to pay a few hundred dollars for a piece in this condition.



## The Ecuadorian 8 Escudos or the Moby Dick Coin

The Ecuadorian 8 Escudos, minted in Quito, Ecuador, between 1838 and 1843, is the gold "sixteen dollar piece" Captain Ahab nails to the mast of the *Pequod*, promising it to the first man who "raises" Moby-Dick. The coin is first mentioned in Herman Melville's 1851 novel *Moby-Dick*, in Chapter 36 "The Quarter Deck" and later at length in Chapter 99 "The Doubloon". Although the captain calls the coin an "ounce", it is actually around 8/10 of an ounce of gold.

As the captain and several other characters observe the "doubloon," the coin nailed to the mainmast and promised to the man who first sights Moby Dick, each reflects on the meaning of the coin's decorations in a way that reveals their own character. Only Ahab sees *himself* in the coin. Ahab sees himself in the "three peaks as proud as Lucifer" on the coin's face. For him, the tower is Ahab: firm and resolute. The volcano is Ahab: seething, powerful. The rooster is Ahab: courageous, undaunted,



victorious. He thinks that the coin is "like a magician's glass, to each and every man in turn but mirrors back his own mysterious self."

Others see things they value as they peruse the coin, but they don't see themselves. The first mate, Starbuck, sees the Trinity. Stubb sees temporary wealth and mystery. Flask reveals his inability with simple math as he miscalculates how many of his beloved cigars he could buy with the coin. The coin reminds Queequeg of his tattoos and homeland. Fedallah bows to the sun that he worships. Little Pip speaks in metaphors but seems to notice a universal human longing in the coin's images. Now, what do you see?





In chapter 99, we read:



Now those noble golden coins of South America are as medals of the sun and tropic token-pieces. Here palms, alpacas, and volcanoes; sun's disks and stars, ecliptics, horns-of-plenty, and rich banners waving, are in luxuriant profusion stamped; so that the precious gold seems almost to derive an added preciousness and enhancing glories, by passing through those fancy mints, so Spanishly poetic. It so chanced that the doubloon of the Pequod was a most wealthy example of these things. On its round border it bore the letters, Republica del Ecuador: Quito. So this bright coin came from a country planted in the middle of the world, and beneath the great equator, and named after it; and it had been cast midway up the Andes, in the unwaning clime that knows no autumn. Zoned by those letters you saw the likeness of three Andes' summits; from one a flame; a tower on another; on the third a crowing cock; while arching over all was a segment of the partitioned zodiac, the signs all marked with their usual cabalistics, and the keystone sun entering the equinoctial point at



Libra.— Moby-Dick



## Notes from our Last Meeting



Doug Glandon (R), Club President, presents guest speaker David Hollander with an ANA Educational Award for his presentation on “Criminal Alabama Bank Officers” at the 21SEP21 Madison County Coin Club meeting. Wayne Koger

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At the 21SEP21 Madison County Coin Club meeting, Doug Glandon (R), Club President, presents long-time Club Newsletter Editor Harold Fears with the 2021 ANA Award for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Outstanding Electronic Numismatic Publication. This is one of *many* recognitions that the Club Newsletter has received with Harold as Editor. Wayne Koger

**Why not invite a friend to our next meeting?**

## Counterfeit Barber Dimes

*by Doug Glandon*

A couple of years ago, I briefly discussed counterfeit Barber Dimes during my dime presentation. As with most counterfeit coins, they were created to deceive merchants, not coin collectors. Most were created during the time in which they were in circulation. Below are two contemporary examples made from different metal compositions.



*Cast in Base Metal from Damaged Forms  
Images from the John Frost Collection*



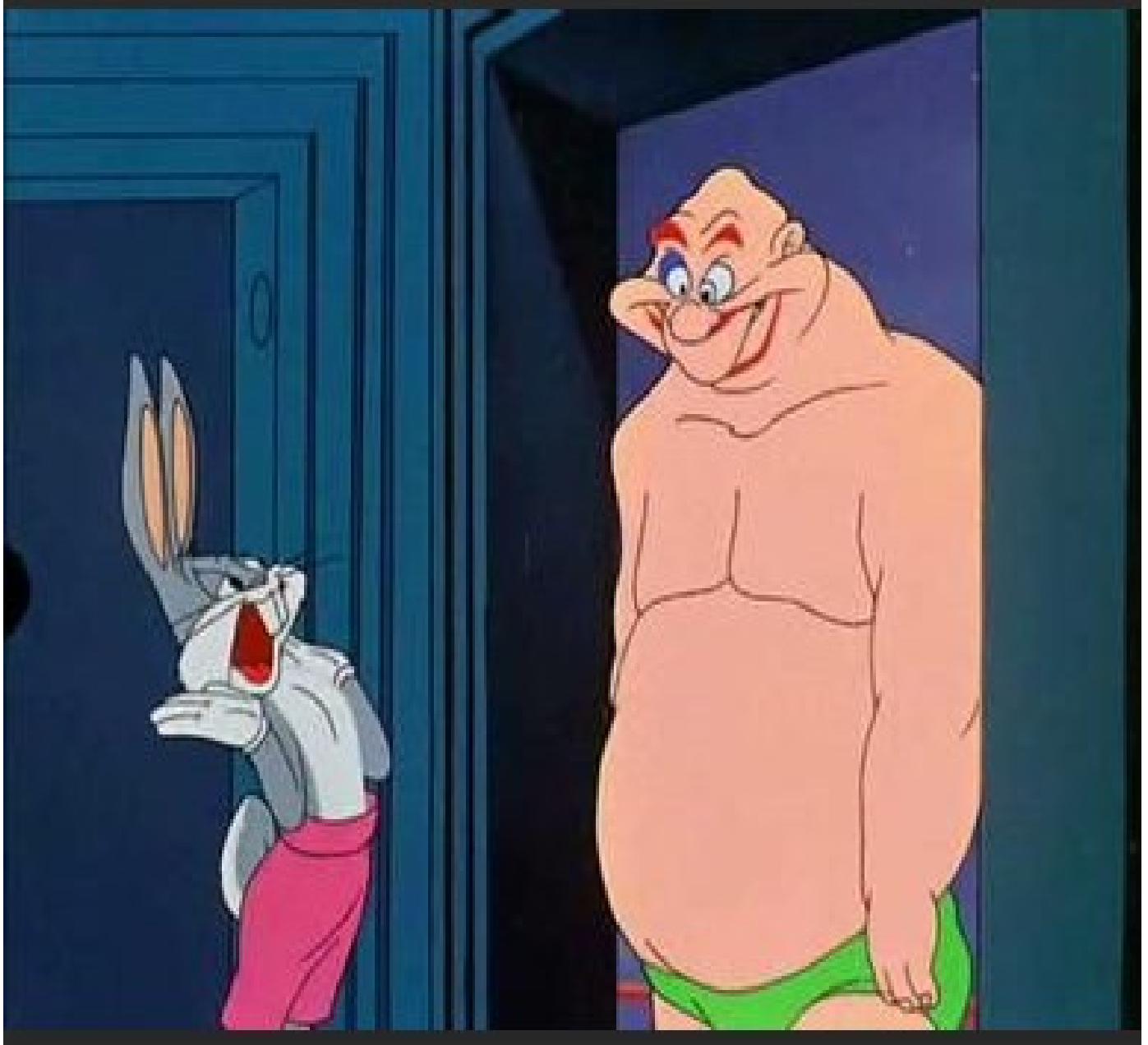


*Die Struck in Copper  
Images from Jim Carr Collection*

As I was reviewing coins on eBay recently, I discovered two additional counterfeit Barber dime examples. The example depicted below was such a "crude" copy, it made me laugh when I found it! Lady Liberty looked like Crusher's mother from Bugs Bunny fame!



*Contemporary Counterfeit Found on eBay (2021)*



*Crusher & Bugs Bunny*

This is most likely another contemporary counterfeit. I informed the seller who was oblivious and immediately removed it from eBay. About two months later, I found a second counterfeit Barber dime on eBay. This particular example appears to be a modern copy, most likely, made in China. The owner of this particular counterfeit swore that it was “real”. He stated that the weight was correct and that it tested positive for containing silver. I informed him that did not matter because the details of the coin were inaccurate.





*“Modern” Counterfiet Found on eBay (2021)*

For this counterfiet, many of the details are incorrect. The letters in “LIBERTY” are not the correct shape and size. Secondly, all of Liberty’s facial features look “masculine” from the eyes to the lips. In addition, the width of the numbers in the date are too small. As for the reverse, its details looked “dull” and “cartoonish”. Still, a better copy than the first example.

Fortunately, the seller was able to return the coin for a refund. It has become an adventure to not only find “genuine” Barber dimes on the market, but to “identify” counterfiets along the way!

Happy Coin Hunting!

# **Celebrating 20 Years of the Madison County Coin Club (Part 9)- Club Meeting Schedule List**

*By  
Richard Jozefiak*

The club's first meeting was on Monday, March 26, 2001 at the Huntsville Senior Center. Since that first meeting, the club has met over 200 times. The club has been fortunate that in twenty years, the club has had only two meeting locations. Both locations, the Huntsville Senior Center and the Sandra Moon Community Complex, have provided the club a great meeting location and room.

The table below is a listing compiled by me from reviewing the MCCC Secretary's notes and the MCCC Newsletter for the meeting number, meeting dates, location, and reasons for changes.



*Huntsville Senior Center*  
(Photo by Richard Jozefiak)



	CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE											
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June <sup>(1)</sup>	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov <sup>(2)</sup>	Dec <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>2001</b>			Monday <sup>(3)</sup> 26th #001	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #002	No Meeting	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #003	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #004	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #005	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #006	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #007	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #007	No Meeting
<b>2002</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #008	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #009	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #010	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #011	No Meeting	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #012	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #013	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #014	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #015	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #016	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #017	No Meeting
<b>2003</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #018	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #019	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #020	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #021	No Meeting	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #022	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #023	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #024	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #025	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #026	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #027	No Meeting
<b>2004</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #028	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #029	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #030	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #031	No Meeting	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #032	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #033	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #034	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #035	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #036	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #037	No Meeting
<b>2005</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #038	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #039	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #040	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #041	No Meeting	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #042	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #043	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #044	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #045	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #046	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #047	No Meeting
<b>2006</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #048	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #049	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> (4) #050	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #051	No Meeting	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #052	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #053	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #054	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #055	Monday 23 <sup>th</sup> #056	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #057	No Meeting
<b>2007</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #058	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #059	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #060	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #061	No Meeting	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #062	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #063	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #064	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #065	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #066	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #067	No Meeting

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<b>2008</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #068	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #069	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #070	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #071	No Meeting	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #072	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #073	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #074	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #075	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #076	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #077	No Meeting
<b>2009</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #078	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #079	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #080	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #081	No Meeting	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #082	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #083	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #084	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #085	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #086	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #087	No Meeting
<b>2010</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #088	Monday 22 <sup>th</sup> #089	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #090	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #091	No Meeting	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #092	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #093	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #094	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #095	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #096	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #097	No Meeting
<b>2011</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #098	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> #099	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #100	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #101 <sup>(5)</sup>	No Meeting	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #102	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #103	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #104	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #105	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #106	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #106	No Meeting
<b>2012</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #107	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #108	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> #109	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #110	No Meeting	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #111	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #112	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> #113	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> #114	Monday 22 <sup>th</sup> #115	No <sup>(6)</sup> Meeting	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <sup>(6)</sup> #116
<b>2013</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> #117	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #118	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #119	Tuesday <sup>(7)</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> #120	No Meeting	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> #121	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #122	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> #123	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> #124	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #125	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> #126	No Meeting
<b>2014</b>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> #127	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> #128	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> #129	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #130	No Meeting	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> #131	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #132	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> #133	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #134	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> #135	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> #136	No Meeting



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<b>2015</b>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> #137	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> #138	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> #139	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> #140	No Meeting	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #141	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> #142	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> #143	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #144	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> #145	No <sup>(8)</sup> Meeting	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> <sup>(8)</sup> #146
<b>2016</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> #147	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #148	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #149 <sup>(9)</sup>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> #150	No Meeting	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> #151	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> #152	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #153	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> #154	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> #155	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #156	No Meeting
<b>2017</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> #157	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> #158	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> #159	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> #160	No Meeting	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> #161	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> #162	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #163	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> #164	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> #165	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> #166	No Meeting
<b>2018</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #167	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> #168	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> #169	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> #170	No Meeting	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> #171	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> #172	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> #173	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> #174	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #175	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> #176	No Meeting
<b>2019</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #177	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> #178	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> #179	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #180	No Meeting	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> #181	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #182	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> #183	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> #184	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #185	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> #186	No Meeting
<b>2020</b>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> #187	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> #188	Cancelled <b>(10)</b>	Cancelled <b>(10)</b>	No Meeting	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #189 <sup>(11)</sup>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> #190 <sup>(12)</sup>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> #191 <sup>(13)</sup>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #192 <sup>(13)</sup>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> #193 <sup>(13)</sup>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> #194 <sup>(13)</sup>	No Meeting
<b>2021</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> #195 <sup>(13)</sup>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #196 <sup>(13)</sup>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> #197 <sup>(13)</sup>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> #198 <sup>(13)</sup>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> #199 <sup>(13)</sup>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> #200 <sup>(14)</sup> , (15)	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> #201 <sup>(16)</sup>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> #202 <sup>(17)</sup>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> #203	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> #204	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> #205	No Meeting

## **Notes:**

1. June meetings are the annual 4th of July pot luck dinner and auction night.
2. The last meeting of the year (November or December) is the annual Holiday pot luck dinner and auction night.
3. Club meetings were held on the 4th Monday of every month, except in May and December. Meetings were not held in May and December due to the Huntsville Senior Center being closed for holidays.
4. 5th Anniversary of club was held at the March 2006 meeting
5. 10th Anniversary of club and 100th meeting was held at the April 2011 meeting
6. Huntsville Senior Center was closed on November 26th due to the holiday, and club meeting was moved to Monday, December 3.
7. The Huntsville- Madison County Senior Center changed in April 2013 the night the center would be open from Monday night to Tuesday night. The club changed its meeting day to Tuesday.
8. Huntsville Senior Center was closed last week of November due to the holiday, and club meeting was moved to Monday, December 1.
9. 15th Anniversary and 150th meeting was held on March 2016.
10. Huntsville Senior Center closed due to coronavirus (COVID-19). Meeting cancelled.
11. First club virtual meeting (via ZOOM) since Huntsville Senior Center is closed. Julian Olander presented his program on "Balboa Coinage".
12. Second club virtual meeting (via ZOOM) since Huntsville Senior Center is closed. Harold Fears presented his program "New Zealand Half Crowns".
13. Virtual club meeting via ZOOM videoconference
14. The Huntsville Senior Center notified the club that upon reopening for activities in June 2021, there would no longer be evening hours for activities.



MCCC lost its meeting location since the club needed to meet in the evening. MCCC had to find a new meeting location for June 2021. February 25, 2020 was the last in-person MCCC meeting held at the Huntsville Senior Center. Due to COVID-19, in-person meetings did not start again until June 2021.

15. The club's new meeting location: Sandra Moon Community Complex, 7901 Bailey Cove Road, Huntsville, AL 35802. The first meeting held there was on June 22, 2021, and it was the first in-person (no virtual) club meeting since February 2020. The club kept the same meeting day and time. MCCC member Stan Benedict gave the first presentation (The (mostly) Unsung Heroes, Not Just Code Talkers) at the new location.

16. The 20th Anniversary/200th Meeting Celebration was held at the July 27, 2021 meeting. Guest Speaker Richard Jozefiak presented "20th Anniversary & 200th Meeting Highlights". He currently lives in Gainesville, GA.

17. The club meeting day was changed from the fourth Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month beginning with the August 17, 2021 meeting. The change was due because of a meeting conflict with another group at the new meeting location.

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