

The Augusta Coin Club Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at Be My Guest

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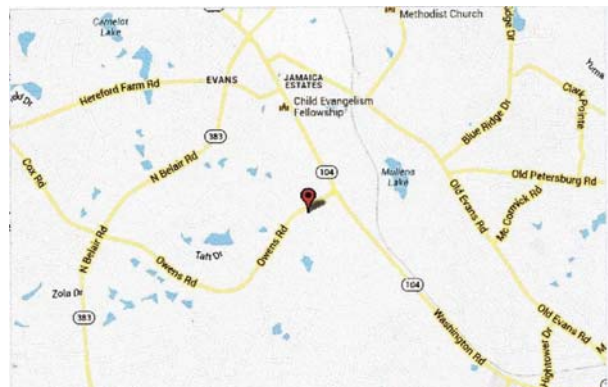
Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17 from 6:30 to 9:30 PM

**Club to Relocate at “Be My Guest” Caterers in Evans Across  
from Mullins Crossing Shopping Center on Washington Road**

### Club Meeting Calendar for 2013

|         |         |               |
|---------|---------|---------------|
| Jan. 17 | May 16  | Sep. 19       |
| Feb. 21 | June 20 | Oct. 17       |
| Mar. 21 | July 18 | Nov. 21       |
| Apr. 18 | Aug. 15 | Fri., Dec. 20 |

**America’s Best Value Inn is Closed  
Club to Meet at “Be My Guest” on Oct. 17**



A map of the overall area showing the various main arteries surrounding and leading to Mullin’s crossing Shopping Center  
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### Interpretation of the map

The lower right portion of the map shows Washington Road (AKA GA Rte. 104) moving from the southeast towards the northwest along the RR track beyond the Bobby Jones Expressway intersection, (not shown on map). The Mullins Crossing Shopping Center, although not specified on the map is on the right side of Washington Road directly across from the red arrow icon indicating the location of Be My Guest.



**Interior meeting and dining room of Be My Guest**  
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For ten years our club has been meeting at America’s Best Value Inn located on Washington Road just northwest of the I-20 intersection. With no warning whatsoever, it was revealed over local TV that the Inn had closed for an indefinite period in order to undergo a complete renovation. The news of the closure was relayed to the members of the Board on Monday, Oct. 7. President Steven Nix, Show Chair David Chism and board Member Arno Safran checked out various facilities in the general area of the Inn and found virtually all were either too small or priced far too high for the club to consider. President Steven Nix called an emergency meeting of the Board which was held on Oct 10. Other options were discussed and the Board unanimously agreed to temporarily hold our meetings for the remainder of the year at “Be my Guest” caterers located at 4216 Washington Road in Evans next to Academy Sports directly across the street from the Mullins Crossing Shopping Center.

### Directions to new club Location

From America's Best Value Inn as a starting point, continue on Washington Road in a northwesterly direction past Bobby Jones Expressway, Flowing Wells Road and the Club Car light to the Owens Road traffic light at Mullins Crossing Shopping Center. Make a left there. After the Sun Trust Bank, take your very next left into the Academy Sports shopping complex. If you come to Legion Road on your left, you've already gone too far.

If you are coming from South Augusta or Fort Gordon, take Jimmy Dyess P'ky into North Belair. Continue past Columbia Road to the Owens and Cox Roads intersection, staying on the right lane. Rinehart's Seafood Restaurant is on the right at Owens Rd. Make a right there and just after Legion Road before the Washington Road light, take another right into the Academy Sports parking area. If you see Sun Trust Bank on right, you've gone too far.

If you are driving from points west such as Thomson, take I-20 eastbound to Exit 194, then N. Belair past Columbia Road to Owens/ Cox roads intersection and follow directions given directly above.

From the photographs on page 1 the reader can see that the new site is attractive both outside and inside as well as being spacious. We will also be holding our November 21 club dinner meeting at the same site catered by our new hosts. In December, we will meet on **Friday, December 20** instead of our usually third Thursday because "Be my Guest" had been previously booked for the third Thursday that month. If the club decides to continue to use this facility in 2014 we will be able to meet on the third Thursday of the month for the entire year.

### Other Club News

At our September 19 meeting, President Steven Nix reported the club Treasury balance at \$8,855.44. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Glenn Sanders reported on the upcoming shows for the month Secretary John Attaway read the minutes of the August, 2013 meeting which were approved as written. Thanks, Glenn and John.. There were four **Show & Tells**. Based on a short article appearing in a recent edition of Numismatic News, David Chism related an interesting story about a collector named Harry Gramm he knew over 42 years ago when he belonged to the same club in Mississippi. At various meetings Gramm would proudly display his complete date set of large cents (1793-1857). The article in NumiNews reported that the set had been recently sold buy Mr. Gramm's heirs for a considerable sum from a dealer to another dealer who specialized in early American coppers, proving the point that a focused collector's acquisitions may often lead to a shrewd investment. In other Show & Tells, Jim Barry brought in an ancient *tetradrachm* struck by Ptolemy V. One of our YNs received a \$2.00 bill in change and President Nix displayed the recently released Five Star General commemorative set. For **the program**, Arno Safran conducted a new Grading Bee via PowerPoint. **The prizewinners** at the Sept. 19 meeting were Len Sienkiewicz, (1999 Yellowstone silver \$1.00), Albrey Blevins (1951-D Franklin 50c) and Sylvia Clark, the 50/50 - (\$60.00.). Congratulations go out to our three winners.

### Our Upcoming Show

Not to be overlooked during the ongoing club crisis is our club show which will be held Friday & Saturday, Nov. 8 & 9 at Patriot's Park Gymnasium, 545 Columbia Road. We will need volunteers to help with the set-up before the show, to serve for an hour at the, welcoming desk during the show and help with the break-down after the show which ends at 5:00 PM on Saturday, Nov. 9. As with past shows, there will be five raffle drawings including a gold coin as the first prize. Raffle donation tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 and due at the Show before \$3.00 Sat., Nov. 9 with the cash, name and phone number on the stub. For those interested in taking tables, please contact David Chism, Show Chairman at [dcchism@comcast.net](mailto:dcchism@comcast.net).

### More Club News

It is with great sadness that we report on the passing of one of our club members. Dr. Sam Harvey was fatally injured in an automobile accident that occurred Saturday evening Oct. 5 around 7:00 in the evening. Apparently he was driving out of the Evans Circle K gas station when he was broadsided by another car. For years, Columbia County officials have been trying to widen our main roads in order to allow for the addition of a safety center lane. Since Washington Road is also known as GA Rte. 104, improvements of all state routes must first be approved by the state transportation authority in Atlanta. The club offers its condolences to member Sam Harvey's family and hope his son Charles will continue to find a way to attend as one of more talented young numismatists.

## SCNA 41<sup>st</sup> Numismatic Convention in Greenville, SC Fri.-Sun, Oct. 25-27, 2013

When was the last time you attended a major regional show? If it has been a while or never, members of the Augusta Coin Club should seriously consider spending a day or two at the upcoming 41st South Carolina Numismatic Association Convention, which will be held Fri., Sat. & Sun. Oct. 25, 26 and 27 at the TD Convention Center (*formerly Carolina First Center*) located at 1 Exposition Drive in Greenville, SC. Around 100 to 110 tables have been sold for this major numismatic event. The hours of the show are 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Fri. & Sat. and 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sun. The estimated drive time from Augusta is around 2 hours and 15 minutes allowing one to make a round trip the same day if need be.


Over the years, SCNA has been in the forefront of encouraging and guiding young collectors by featuring a number of YN exhibits at their conventions, many of which have been outstanding. SCNA has also provided numismatic programs based on a wide range of topics. At the upcoming SCNA show, Tony Chibbaro--who has given a number of programs at our meetings over the years--will present a PP presentation on "Pre 1900 South Carolina Trade tokens" beginning at 12:00 noon on Sat. Oct. 26. This will be followed at 1:00 by a special YN meeting. At 3:00, there will be a program on Hobo Nickels--an extremely popular collectible series for the young and old alike--by collector Doc Yancho. These will all take place at Exhibit Hall 2 in the Convention center.

For those so inclined to attend, there are a number of routes to consider: From Thomson, Augusta or Aiken, take I-20 to I-26 northbound to I-385 to Exit 40B. The convention center is less than a mile south on Rte. 291.

From Evans, take Fury's Ferry Road (Rte. 28) across the Savannah River to McCormick, SC; then northeast on US Rte. 221 to Greenwood, then north on to US Rte. 25 northbound towards Greenville.

Just before I-85, the driver has a choice of taking Rte. 291 all the way to the convention center (although one will drive through city streets with a number of traffic lights) or take Rte. 291 on to I-85 north to, I-385 north, exiting I-385 at Interchange 40B. It sounds complicated but it is actually a smooth drive especially after Greenwood where the road is a four lane highway all the way up. Estimated drive time is also around 2 hours and 15 minutes. The editor has attended this show since 2002 and has never been disappointed. The Greenville area is attractive with many fine restaurants including a refurbished downtown featuring the famed Peace Center .

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