

January 2026 Bluegrass Coin Club Newsletter

Happy New Year from the Bluegrass Coin Club! Exciting things are going to happen this year with our club and we will start off with a bang. Twenty plus year club President Mike Sutton and 25 plus year club Treasurer David Tyler are stepping down from their positions and we will be having elections to replace the board of officers in February. Thank you to Mike and David for your hard work, dedication, and leadership for many years to the Bluegrass Coin Club. They will help shadow the new officers to assist with the changing of the guard.

A few words from President Mike Sutton

It's been a pleasure serving as President of the Bluegrass Coin Club for the last 20 plus years. Since I've been President, I've seen our club grow in number of members plus the quality of our meeting formats. Also to include the growth of our club members who are members of the American Numismatic Association. I cannot forget to thank our club sponsors over the years which is down to mainly Mid-American Rare Galleries. We have met at numerous locations over the years and it's been nice to have other club members help our club grow by finding new locations to accommodate our growth. I look forward to electing new officers as this is a great opportunity to help our club to continue to grow in a variety of new leadership.

February Elections

We will be having an election at our February meeting to set a new slate of officers. Positions up for election are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you wish to learn about these positions or nominate someone (including yourself), please attend the January meeting to participate. The existing board members will be around to shadow the new board members to ensure a seamless transition as we move forward if they are not reelected to their current roles.

2026 Dues

Dues for 2026 are due as soon as possible. Dues are \$10 per person or household.

A recap of our December Meeting

We had a wonderful December banquet dinner, meeting, and auction. Ben Costello shared his detailed and intimate knowledge of shipwreck coins, particularly those of the 1715 Fleet off of the east coast of Florida. Here is a sampling of photos from that meeting:



Bluegrass Coin Club Member Highlight

In this edition of the Bluegrass Coin Club Meet and Greet Section, we interviewed Stephen Miller. Thank you, Stephen, for taking the time to answer these questions!

Some responses were lightly edited for formatting and clarity.

Q: What do you collect?

A: I collect a lot of many different coins trying to fill sets from late 1800s to present day in all denominations.

Q: When did you start collecting coins?

A: My mother was a collector and I caught the bug from her. After an absence of about 25 years, I started up again.

Q: What is your favorite part about being a member of BGCC?

A: The best part of the club is making new friends, growing my collection, and being able to introduce my friends and family (specifically my Grandson) to the hobby in a meaningful way as we all learn new things for each of us.



Stephen Miller

Invitation from Jeff Garrett and Mid American Rare Coin Galleries

At our recent coin club meetings, Jeff Garrett extended an offer for individuals to help buy certain product releases from the US Mint for a premium. Please contact Jeff Garrett or Mid American Rare Coin Galleries for more information.

Anyone in the club is welcome to contribute articles or other information to the monthly newsletter. Write a story about a numismatic related topic that interests you, share some pictures of your collection, or brag about a recent coin find at the local grocery store's CoinStar machine. We love to hear from you! Email us at bgcoinclub@gmail.com.