

Spreading News about Carson City Coins in South Carolina and Georgia

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In January 2013, I accepted a job in Aiken, South Carolina. Aiken is a sister city to Augusta, Georgia and the public emphasis is on golf. Behind the scenes, Aiken is a thriving equestrian community.

While window shopping in downtown Aiken one night, I came across a coin shop. The posted business hours indicated it was open *only* on Saturday and Sunday. I don't know about you, but in my version of heaven, coin shops are open on Sunday.

The next weekend, I stopped in and met the proprietor, Pat James. I learned that Mrs. James is an attorney in town and her late husband, Stephen James, was the original proprietor of the coin shop. I also learned Mrs. James is the Programs Chair for the Stephen James Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) Coin Club. I mentioned I was a member of the CCCCOA and we discussed the Carson City coin club, *Curry's Chronicle*, and Carson City coins in general. Mrs. James then invited me to present a program on my 1880-CC silver dollars at a future coin club meeting.

I prepared a PowerPoint presentation on the 1880-CC overdates and appeared at the April 4 meeting, bringing along a copy of *The Mint on Carson Street* and several copies of *Curry's Chronicle*. Part of my presentation was an introduction to the C4OA and all the great articles on the club's discussion board, particularly the Coin of the Week feature, unique to all of numismatics. The presentation was so well received, I was asked to present it at the Augusta, Georgia coin club meeting two weeks later. In the end,



Garry Naples receiving a certificate of appreciation from Pat James for his lecture on 1880-CC Morgan dollars at the CSRA meeting.

I presented the CSRA Coin Club with a complimentary one-year C4OA membership and subscription to *Curry's Chronicle*.

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