

# Reno Cartwheel December 2014

## Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 2nd of December 7 PM (NEW TIME)  
**Carrow's Restaurant**  
605 N. Wells Avenue (Wells and 6th), Reno, NV

**December: Minibourse.** Bring something to sell or trade. Also nominations for officers and board.

**January: Memories in Photos of the Club,** Rusty King. Elections and dinner.

**February: Presidential Medals,** Doug Larson

**March: Comstock Mines: NV ideas in silver**

## The Last Meeting

35 members heard Jack Harpster tell us the story of LaVerre Redfield I will bring my laptop with the slides, so you can see them better and we will be getting a new projector. **NEW TIME OF 7PM** as Carrows goes to winter schedule, board meeting at 6PM. If we are back in the back room again we will put the screen on the shelf above the fake fireplace. We'll get this figured out. No update on **Garret Allen** waiting for a bone marrow transplant, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. **Ken Hopple and I made over \$1300** selling club medals and coins at the museum on NV Day! The **remaining numbered silver medals will be available in December.** Clay Mitchell of **Comstock Mines wants ideas for NV related medals in silver.** He's coming in March, but making medals now. If you have an idea, call 707 843-0895, CMitchell@constockmining.com I will be bringing all the coins for sale, including the FL .25 and the 2014S set. I got the quarter pot cards and member list updated. *Please come after 6:30PM if you are not attending the board.*

**Dues are  
Due, \$20  
January 1**



## Everglades .25, 2014S set now here!



SF set of all five 2013-2018S quarters in case \$5  
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**Early Bird Prize** was Velociraptor copper round won by Leo Rossow.

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- Ken Hopple: \$2 bill, chocolate coins, 2011S .05
- Leo Rossow: 2013S quarter set
- Dan Trabke: colored \$2
- Clay Thomas: 2007PD Sacagawea set
- Bill Gregory: unc1971D Ike\$1, 10 peso Peru
- Brent Spreigel: old&new buffalo.05, copper round
- Rick DeAvila: roll 1960.01, unc, 1976 .50, coin holders
- Ed Gscheidle: dated buffalo .05, 50 peso Mexico
- Claude Sendon: RCC copper round
- Gailen Sendon: copper round
- Ed Cranch: 2014 .50 in case
- Ed Scott: coin books

Clayton Brownell: **mystery box**, proof .05 & .01 blanks  
**THANKS TO RUSTY KING WE WILL HAVE  
MORGAN DOLLARS IN NEXT 3 RAFFLES!!!**

## Auctions

No auctions.

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### Upcoming Coin Shows

**Nov. 21-23, Reno Comic Con, 50 artists, 40 celebs.:**Shatner, Kevin Sorbo, Bruce Campbell, Chekhov, Adam West, Billy Dee Williams, 3 days \$85, [www.wizardworld.com/home-reno.html](http://www.wizardworld.com/home-reno.html)

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**December 7, Sacramento Coin Show,** Clarion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Admit \$3, Peter McIntosh, 916 317-9055, [www.mcintoshcoins.com](http://www.mcintoshcoins.com)

**December 12-13, SF Historical Bourse,** Holiday Inn-Golden Gate, 1500 Van ness Ave., Admit:\$10, Bourse: John Jencek, 650 804-4841, [www.sfbourse.com](http://www.sfbourse.com) JHE@ancient-coins.com

**December 12-15, Las Vegas Numismatic Coin Show,** Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. South, CK Shows, 888 330-5188, [www.ckshows.com](http://www.ckshows.com) info@ckshows.com

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### The Other Coin: Vietnamese Coins

The State Department is threatening to create a memorandum of understanding with China and Viet Nam to forbid the import of antiquities including coins into the US. This could end access to ancient coins, but it appears that several new dealers in China and Vietnam have begun selling coins on Ebay with prices remaining under \$10, often under \$5 for coins. Chinese coins began around 600BC, perhaps as early as 1200BC with cowry shells and then a variety of bronze forms with the cash coin becoming the official form of coinage around 250BC. Cash coins were cast in silver and gold and are quite rare, but the bronze, lead, iron, or zinc cash coin can be obtained for as little as \$1. The varying Chinese characters make it easy to identify the coin the emperor belonged to with the drawings in the standard coin catalogs, David Hartill, Cast Chinese Coins or the older Schjoth, Chinese Currency. Either standard reference can be had for \$40 or less and include Korean and Vietnamese coins. There are also many websites devoted to Asian coins.

Vietnamese coins began in 960 AD when Vietnam was unified under Dinh Bo Linh. These coins are not expensive.



Various dynasties ruled Vietnam producing coins until 1400 when China conquered Vietnam, but rebels fighting the Chinese issued coins that are also inexpensive. By 1428 Vietnamese dynasties resumed and continued issuing cash coins until 1945 even under the French as a protectorate Annam. In 1885 France also issued milled coinage for French Indochina, which included Cambodia and parts of

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Vietnam. They issued coins in denominations of 1/4, 1/2, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 cents, 1 piastre, following Spanish weights and denominations.



Although Japan occupied Viet Nam in WWII, the coins in circulation were Vichy French coins with some new issues in zinc and aluminum:



The Communists under Ho Chi Minh took over from the Japanese and issued 4 coins in 1945-1946:



French fought the communists, but lost in 1954, which led to an international division of Viet Nam into South and North. South Viet Nam issued coins from 1953-1975.



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During the war North Vietnam issued a limited number of aluminum coins and after winning issued coins in various metals.



With the war over and the veterans finally getting their due, it is a great time to collect 1000+ years of Vietnam coins while they are still being exported.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

## Rusty King at National Coin Week 2014 at Nevada State Museum



I was very proud this year to be involved with National Coin Week and the Nevada State Museum. We had a very good club turnout for our club's 30th anniversary medals. We also had Ken Hopple, Paul Williams, Dave Elliott, and myself give talks on varied topics such as Kennedy Halves (Paul), Coins of Constantine (Dave), The CC Mint (Ken), and my own talk on Nevada Centennial Medals. Almost 500 people came in to the museum during the Friday and Saturday of National Coin Week. I was also very proud to present the medals Dave Andrews and I made down at the Nevada City Mint in Nevada City California on July 14th 1989. Don Schmitz of the Nevada City Mint made the 5 gold, 125 silver, and 500 Bronze on that mint's press. Don also ran the Nevada State Museum's #1 press until 2001, when our good friend Ken Hopple took over. The museum has an almost complete collection of CC coins and the Club puts on displays of ancient, obsolete US coins, foreign coins for kids, and the coins featured by the ANA for National Coin Week, which was the Kennedy half dollar, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Category Winners for Coin of the Year by World Coin News

Austria won with most artistic, best bimetal, and best gold coin, we won with best circulation, and most innovative was a cut out coin from Mongolia. See all the winners on line.



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March of Dimes Commemorative design has been chosen with FDR and Jor



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### Numismatic Potpourri

The **Heritage Auctions** will be offering the **Donald G. Partrick Collection of US Colonial Coins** beginning in January. There will be rare colonial, pattern, and Confederate coins. **Howard M. Berl** has written **The Numismatourist**, a guide to all the best places to visit in the world with some 175 collections, mints, or places of interest to coin collectors are detailed in 75 different countries. I put that on my Amazon wish list. Canada and Austrailia continue to mint the coolest coins: including dinosaurs, animals, Disney, several Year of the Goat, snow fairy, and Christmas coins. See them in color on-line.

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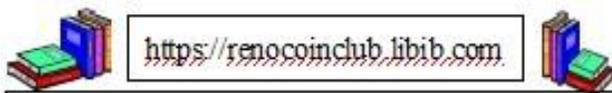
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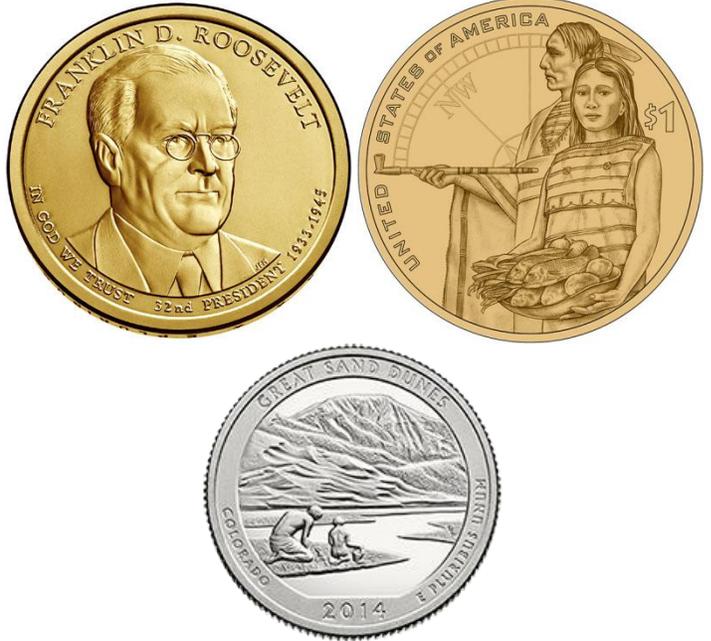
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- Rick DeAvila: 1971D unc. Ike, coin holders
- Glen Fruehen: colored \$2, 50 peso coin
- Ed Scott: last set 2014PD halves, 2 silver dollar books
- Clayton Brownell: 2013S quarter set, **mystery box** 1988 slabbed .05 and planchettes, old & new buffalo .05 (3)
- Don Stamps: copper round, SF city hall medal
- Ken Hopple: chocolate coin, unc. 1976 .50, 1936 .05
- Laurel Hoggan: foreign bills, full date buffalo .05
- David Kasper: copper round
- Leo Rossow: foreign bills
- Bart Daniels: unc. 1995 roll of .01
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**November 14,15, Sunnyvale Coin Show**, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, 34 tables, Admit\$3, Bill Green, 925 351-7605, [www.norcalshows.com](http://www.norcalshows.com)

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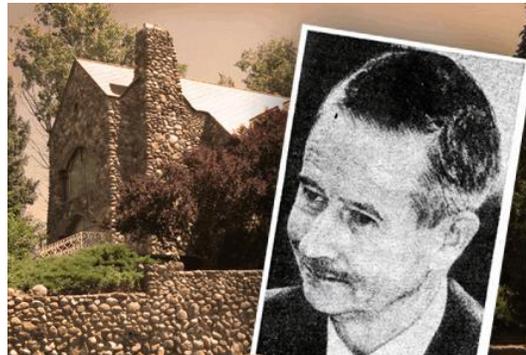
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## Not the Other Coin: LaVere Redfield

*(I do not know where I got the below article, the poem is by John English–David Elliott)*



Listen my friends and you will hear,  
Of the Redfield Hoard and the man named LaVere.  
I've told it before and I'll tell it again,  
For he was among the strangest of men.

He moved into Reno and purchased a farm;  
No one paid attention, he did them no harm.  
But he made a few friends in the banks all around,  
And some tell of seeing him drive into town.  
He would stop at a bank and pick up a bag,  
And would toss it around like an old rotten rag.  
They heard he trucked home alone with his loot,  
Stashed in his basement, thrown right down the chute.

When he finally passed on in seventy-four,  
The government poked around looking for more.  
And what to their wondering eye should appear  
But a great hoard of dollars, from the man named  
LaVere! by John English

The man who would someday become the quint-essential eccentric hoarder was born October 29, 1897 in Ogden, Utah. After moving to Idaho, he performed a variety of odd jobs, including digging potatoes. At the age of 24, he got a job as a clerk in a department store, where he met and then married a co-worker. The couple soon moved to LA, where Redfield became a securities broker. When the Great Depression hit, Redfield not only avoided financial ruin, he prospered. Displaying an uncanny knack for buying and trading oil and purchasing depressed

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stocks, Redfield made his fortune. By the late 1930s, he was a millionaire several times over. A self-made man, Redfield began planning for the future by investing some of his profits in real estate, including the purchase of 51,000 acres of land, 80 square miles, approximating a path from southwest Reno to the shore of Lake Tahoe and, by one account including, the peak of Mt. Rose.

After he moved to Nevada in 1935 to take advantage of the state's low taxes, it soon became apparent that the odd little man had an intense distrust of banks and kept large amounts of cash hidden in his modestly furnished, 15-room stone house. On at least two occasions, he attended real estate auctions with a grocery bag stuffed full of cash. During the day, he was often seen driving around town in an old pickup truck hauling produce for local markets. Though Redfield lived the life of a farmer by day, at night he enjoyed the rattling excitement of the Reno casinos, where he was often seen playing blackjack in the company of many different women. He drank sparingly and didn't smoke. Generous to total strangers, he often gave money to people who were down on their luck. He also gave land to a number of squatters and tenant farmers on his land and asked for nothing in return.

Mr. Redfield died in 1974 with an estate worth about \$100 million. In the basement of his modest home, behind a false wall, was a hoard of over 411,000 silver dollars. Most of the silver dollars were Morgan Dollars, and to a much lesser extent there were Peace Dollars too. Many of them were still in their original Mint bags. Just to give one a concept of 411,000 silver dollars; it is a weight of about 11-tons.

At its height, the Redfield Hoard probably contained more than 600 bags — over 600,000 silver dollars. But a pair of robberies in the 1950s and 1960s reduced the hoard. In 1952, a burglary set up by some of his female gambling friends netted them a jackpot of \$1.5 million. In 1963, the Redfield home was again burglarized. This time a haul of 100 bags — \$100,000 — was taken. The crime was never solved, and it is believed the thieves used the silver dollars in the nearby Reno casinos. That is probably what encouraged him to build a false wall in front of his coal bin. That way, the only thing he had to do was to just drop the bags down the coal chute. Upon the death of Redfield, the IRS seized the opportunity

to audit the estate. While searching the Redfield home, the false wall was discovered and removed. Behind the wall was 400 bags of silver dollars, most of which had been sitting there for decades.

When the coins were put up for auction, there were so many coins the lot could not be properly examined by the potential bidders, and when the hammer fell Steve Markoff of A-Mark Corporation purchased the entire lot for \$7.3 million. It has since been estimated that the wholesale value of the Redfield Hoard of silver dollars was about \$20 million. So as to not flood the Coin Market with this huge number of coins, Markoff utilized a three-year liquidation plan with a well thought out marketing campaign. Several major Coin Dealers handled the retail sales of the Redfield Hoard. The most notable of these was Paramount International Coin Corporation in Ohio. This company packaged the Redfield silver dollars in a hard plastic holder with a cardboard label surrounding the coin reading either "A Silver Dollar from the Redfield Collection," or "US Silver Dollar, Paramount International Coin Corp."

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### **Kennedy Silver Set Available October 28 at 9AM, \$99.95.**

Four half dollars struck in 90% silver with the higher relief sculpted obverse portrait, including a proof version struck at the Philadelphia Mint, a reverse proof version struck at the West Point Mint, an enhanced uncirculated version struck at the San Francisco Mint, and an uncirculated version struck at the Denver Mint. The coins will carry the 2014 date and bear the P, W, S, and D mint marks.



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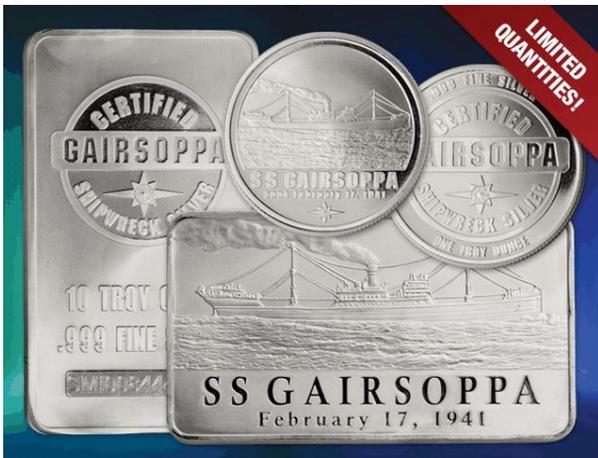
## Designs for Doolittle and Aces Proposed

New designs for Doolittle Tokyo flight and America fighter aces have been proposed for silver and gold. See all the proposals on-line. These are the two I like.



## SS Gairsoppa WWII Silver Minted

The SS Gairsoppa silver bars recovered last year have been minted into one ounce rounds and ten ounce bars. GovMint.com is offering them for \$36.95 and \$329, 1-800-642-9160.



## 1st Spouse Designs Proposed



See all the proposed designs obverse and reverse:

<http://www.coinnews.net/2014/10/10/2015-first-spouse-gold-coins-designs/> This bronze and gold set has had outstanding portraits and reverse designs and are one of the cheapest mint products. These are the four I like best:



## Odyssey Ends Recovery of SS Central America for the Season

Odyssey ended its seasons exploration and recovery at the SS Central America with a complete detailed survey. So far this year, over 15,500 gold and silver coins, 45 gold bars and hundreds of gold nuggets have been recovered from the site which is more than 2,200 meters (7,200 feet) below the surface. Additional items retrieved from the shipwreck include gold dust, jewelry and other artifacts of historical significance. After a review of the survey, they plan to continue recovery in 2015.

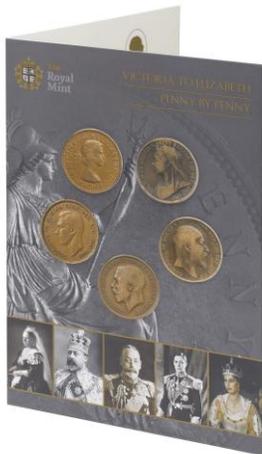


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### Numismatic Potpourri

The **Royal Mint** has produced a set of 5 pennies from Victoria to Elizabeth II for about \$40 with a nice history of the monarchs, Britannia, and the penny.



It appears that **each Indian tribe (25+)** is going to be awarded a **gold medal for the code talkers** that participated in WWII, with silver medals to each survivor or survivor family and bronze replicas available to the public. Here's the favorite **Fond du Lac** tribe's code talker medal:



**Everglades National Park coin is to be released November 3.** I'll have them for the Dec. meeting. **Australian bullion coins for 2015** include the Year of the Goat, rock fishing, orangutan, crocodile, Hades, and super strength in super heroes:



**Thirty-one design candidates for the 2015-W and 2016-W Proof American Platinum Eagle coins** have been unveiled by the United States Mint and reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) and Commission of Fine Arts (CFA). Here are two leading candidates, the rest will be on-line:

The **Nevada Museum of Art Exhibit of Nevada the 36<sup>th</sup> State** was spectacular. Parts of the NV constitution that was telegraphed to DC were there, muster books for the Civil War, an 1860s copy of the **Emancipation Proclamation** (the original will be here for 5 days around Nv Day), letters from the 1<sup>st</sup> governor and Lincoln, original 36 star flags and much more. Better go. The function I attended also had an historian from the **Wells Fargo Museum in SF** open M-F that has pony express mail, a large coin collection and great artifacts. The **old SF Mint building is now open Sundays**. The **San Francisco Historical Bourse of Ancient Coins is scheduled December 12-13** at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway hotel, Fri, Sat. (Same weekend as the **SF Star Trek Convention**) with two evening lectures, 17 dealers.

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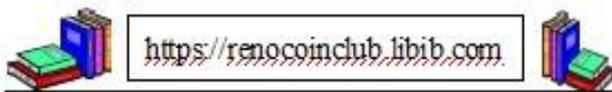
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- Ken Hopple: Silver \$ Encyclopedia, full date buffalo
- Claude Sendon: copper round, club copper medal
- Milton Angel: coin grading book
- Rick DeAvila: full 1941- penny album, 1945S penny, 1976 unc. .50
- Bart Daniels: 2 copper rounds, 2001 MS65 .10, 50 peso coin, 2009 blue book
- Ed Scott: gold coins and great depression

### Auctions

- Doug Cummings donated 1971 CNA medal won by Rick deAvila for \$16
- Rusty King donated 50<sup>th</sup> anniv. Hoover Dam medal won by Clay Thomas for \$15

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**September 26-27, Santa Rosa Coin Show**, Flamingo Resort Hotel, 2777 Fourth St., Admit \$3, 31 tables Bill Green, 925 351-7605, norcalcoinshows.com info@norcalcoinshows.com

**October 3-4, Sacramento Valley Coin Club's Show**, Four Points, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit \$3, 50 tables Bob Shanks, 916 204-5168, www.sacvalcc.org

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Since the beginning of the state quarter series in 1999, the Reno Coin Club has joined Ken Hopple on the last Fridays of the month 5-6 times a year at the Nevada State Museum. Ken runs the coin press most every last Friday. RCC goes down for the August coin show, NV Day, February for President's Day, April National Coin Week, and June. We bring all the newest coins originally getting bricks of quarters from Bank of America, which were exchanged at face value. Since the territorial quarters in 2009, the new coins can only be gotten at the US Mint, so we have tried to keep the prices as low as possible. In addition to the park quarters, territorial quarters, 2009 Lincoln pennies, and presidential and Native American dollars, we have displays of the club, obsolete US coins, NV related coins and medals, animals coins, ancient coins with details of production, change making, hordes, primitive currency, coins of Cleopatra, Alexander the Great, Justinian the Great, Christ coins, Plato, Herod, Pilate, Julius Caesar, and Caesar Augustus. We have steel pennies, Roman coins, planchets, foreign coins and bookmarks to give away to kids and kids at heart. We once gave 43 WWII steel pennies to a WWII vet so he would have one for each grandkid and great grandkid.

Ken makes medals for the gift shop, legislature, our own club medal, and whatever the state dreams up. The Morgan & Orr the steam-powered coining press arrived at the Carson Mint in 1869. On Feb-

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February 11, 1870, this press struck the first coin bearing the soon-to-be-famous CC mintmark. The mint produced coins, from 1870 to 1885 and again from 1889 to 1893. When the press suffered a cracked arch in 1878, it was repaired at the local shop of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad. Proud of their handiwork, V&T machinists replaced the original brass Morgan & Orr plate with one bearing the name of their famous railroad. The Carson City Mint ceased coin operations in 1893 and the press was removed in 1899 to the Philadelphia Mint, where it was remodeled in 1930 to operate with electric power. In 1945, it was transferred to the "new" San Francisco Mint. When coin production was temporarily halted at San Francisco in 1955, the old press was due to be scrapped. Through the efforts of Judge Clark J. Guild, the antique press was purchased by the state of Nevada for \$225 and arrived back in Carson City in 1958. However, when US Mint Director Eva Adams, who was herself a native Nevadan, was faced with a severe coin shortage in 1964, she requested the loan of the venerable press. It was soon trucked to the Denver Mint and placed in operation, striking more than 188 million coins during the next three years. Once again returned to the Carson City museum in 1967, press No. 1 was converted to a much slower electric drive. In 1976, it was used to strike Nevada Bicentennial medals in gold, silver, copper and bronze. Don Schmitz, owner of the Nevada City Mint in California, began operating the press for the state of Nevada on a limited basis from 1977 to 2001. Coin Press No. 1 is currently being operated and maintained by museum volunteers Ken and Karen Hopple for the State Museum. Under their supervision, the press is minting the last Friday of each month.



Above are Rusty King, Doug Larson, Ken Hopple, and David Elliott the designers of this year's coin with an assist from my son-in-law David Ganschow. At the beginning of the article is Ken at the press and David and Trish Elliott winner of the Grand Prize at the Mint Coin Show. Come join us at the press or club table This NV Day, Oct 31 or Nov 1. Free admission and a good time.



David Elliott, Glenn Fruehen, and scouts at a past show, we are usually in the glass walkway now. Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### **Kennedy Silver Set Available October 28 at noon, \$99.95.**

Four half dollars struck in 90% silver with the higher relief sculpted obverse portrait, including a proof version struck at the Philadelphia Mint, a reverse proof version struck at the West Point Mint, an enhanced uncirculated version struck at the San Francisco Mint, and an uncirculated version struck at the Denver Mint. The coins will carry the 2014 date and bear the P, W, S, and D mint marks.

### **Numismatic Potpourri**

Three Congressional Gold Medals were awarded Sept. 10 in Emancipation Hall in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center to honor the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Medals were made for the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and for Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania. Bronze went on sale Sept. 11. The three-inch medals are \$39.95.

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**Too many US coin sets?** There is no longer one annual proof set. We have the 14 coin uncirculated PD sets, the 14-coin clad proof set, the 14-coin silver proof set, the Presidential dollar proof set, the National Park quarter clad proof set and the National Park silver quarter proof set. It's confusing and not selling well, especially the presidential sets. However, the mint stopped production early in 2008 and 2012, so these sell at a premium.

**Wesley Carrington** took his newly bought **metal detector** out into a field near St. Albans in Hertfordshire, England, last October. After finding a spoon and then a half penny, Carrington's machine beeped a third time, and he dug seven inches down to uncover a coin that was gold in color with a Roman figure on it. As it turns out, the gold

coloring was actually gold, the coin was an ancient **Roman solidus**, and there were **158 more buried with it, a hoard with an estimated worth of 100,000 pounds sterling, or \$156,000**, according to *The Daily Mail*. **Four new Superman coins** from the Royal Canadian Mint celebrate iconic Superman comic book covers celebrating DC Comics' seventy-five year history with the fictional hero. Three of the Superman coins are featured in 99.99% pure silver and the other one is struck in 14-karat gold. All four coins offer reverse designs in color



Last week the United States Mint unveiled reverse designs for the **2015 and 2016 Native American \$1 Coins**. For 2015, the chosen design is based on the theme of Mohawk high iron workers, builders of New York City and other skylines (from 1886). It will be followed in 2016 with the theme of Code Talkers from both World War I and World War II.



Bill Gregory turns 90!  
 You're invited to an open house  
 Birthday party, Sunday, Sept.  
 21, noon to 6PM, 830  
 Brookfield Dr. Reno  
 322-5314.

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Tuesday, 2nd of September 7:30 PM

### Carrow's Restaurant

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## Coin Show NV State Museum August 22-23

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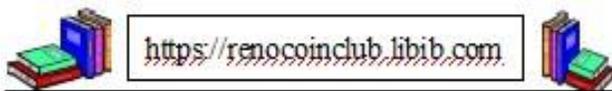
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**December: Minibourse.**

## The Last Meeting

41 people were present for Paul William's presentation of coinage from Eastern Europe collected on his river trip down the Danube. We learned that **Garret Allen is in Oakland Children's hospital** fighting leukemia. We sent a card and club silver medal to him, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. **Does anyone have a phone set up to send the Fred's presentation live to Garret?** I understand he would greatly appreciate that. We will be minting the rest of our medals at the **Carson Mint Coin Show August 22,23**, Friday and Saturday, 9:30-4:30. There will be a coin show across the street and numismatic lectures.

**Admission is half price \$4.** Sales of medals have been brisk and we are back in the black as a club. I will be selling the medals at the coin show and there are just a few of the original run left.



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## Utah Arches .25, Hoover & Native America \$1 here!



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2014PD Kennedy \$1, 1964 silver \$12

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### Raffle prizes winners were:

Claude Sendon: 1971D Ike

Bart Daniels: 2013S .25 set, colored \$2 bill

Rich Young: foreign currency

Ken Hopple: chocolate coins, state .25 book

Brent Speegle: colored \$2 bill, 1987 proof set

Troy Young: Britain's 1<sup>st</sup> decimal coins set, Chinese coins

Don Stamps: WWII .05 set, 2000 MS65 .10

David Elliott: Titanic copper round

Jason Gowins: **mystery box**- proof .05,.01 planchettes

Leo Rossow: 2014PD .50 in case, foreign currency

Bill Gregory: 1976 .50, set of new&old buffalo .05

Clayton Brownell: coin book

Rick DeAvila: Mexico 50 peso coin

Howard Buchler: copper round

Ed Scott: .25 album

Angel Gabwel: copper round

Claude Sendon: coin book

### Auctions

Doug Cummings donated all 2 coins: AR 1975 Calgary Stampede won by Rick De Avila for \$16 and gold 2 peso 1945 won by Clayton Brownell for \$125. Doug Larson donated 1993 Stanley Cup AR dollar won by Laurel Hoggan for \$21

### Quarter Pot

Someone not present won the **quarter pot** about \$7.

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### Upcoming Coin Shows

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**September 19-21, Santa Clara Coins, Stamps, and Collectibles Show**, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Admit \$6, 79 tables Scott Griffin, 415 601-8661, [scottgriff@hotmail.com](mailto:scottgriff@hotmail.com)  
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### The Other Coin: Enemies of Rome

When collecting ancient coins it is always fun to collect “the enemies” coins as well. You want a coin of Persia to go with you Athenian collection, a Muslim coin to go with your Byzantine collection, each from the ruler that spectacularly defeated or lost to your hero. Roman coins are unique in that they portray the enemy in such great detail that much can be learned of their national dress, armor, and arms.

Julius Caesar solidified the trend to proclaim his victories over the Gauls with images of a trophy bearing shields and arms of the enemy along with captives below. Note the horned helmet, spears, long



shields and padded armor over chiton or kilt. The captives below are naked (both men and women fought naked) with long lime covered hair, you can see depicted in the defeated king of the Gauls, Vercingetorix. Julius Caesar also depicts the carnyx



horn of the Celts being trampled by an elephant.

The most famous series of Roman enemy coins is from the war with the Jews, shortly after Jesus’ death. Some people collect the so-called Judea Capta coins that ran from Vespasian and his 2 emperor sons Titus and Domitian. Trophies depict armor not unlike the Romans and either woman or men in national dress, usually under a palm tree. Whereas Celtic coins had wild abstract images copying Greek or Roman coins depicting animals, gods, horses, etc., Jewish

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coins avoided graven images and put vases leaves, pomegranates, etc. on their coins. The Roman coins



showed the arms and dress of the Jews.



The Jewish soldier was bearded, fought with a small round shield, had a pointed helmet sword and fought with some armor and robes.

The most enduring enemy of Rome was the Parthians. The Senate awarded titles under Augustus to those generals and later emperors of the people they defeated. Defeating the Germans would win the title Germanicus. Other titles of Parthicus, Armeni-cus, etc. adorned Roman coins often with the defeated enemy under a trophy in national dress.



So, we see Lucius Verus with a defeated Parthian with bow, arrows and small shield, pointed hat, and light armor as they were the first of the horsemen shooting bows. His brother depicts the personified Armenia with her many tiered tiara and large shield. Septimus Severus depicts two Parthians with their pointed caps bound back to back. Their opponents showed themselves as Persian king of kings with elaborated hairdos and crowns. They are receiving



their diadem from Tyche, goddess of Fortune.

The most common coin depicting fallen foes are found in the coins of Constantius II, the victor among Constantine's sons. He has an elaborate coin depicting a Roman soldier standing over a fallen enemy horseman. In fine grades the horseman is clearly a bearded German or Goth, Parthian, or other Roman opponent.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

## Kennedy Gold Half Sells Out



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Nick Yadgarov, Callie Hohlfeld, Daniel Yadgarov and Rina Maya stood in the blocks-long line outside the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, waiting 12 hours to buy dual-dated 1964-2014 Proof 50th Anniversary Kennedy Half-Dollar Gold Coins at the ANA 2014 Chicago World's Fair of Money from PCGS. Their fortitude paid off as they also enjoyed the windfall of owning the first PCGS-certified Kennedy gold coins. The four accepted an offer of \$20,000 for their coins, plus four more gold half-dollars as replacements for the Kennedy coin bought for \$1,240. If you feel left out of the Kennedy gold rush, be even quicker for the silver rush, which will include **four 90% silver Kennedy halves**: One reverse proof frosty coin from the U.S. Mint at West Point, one proof coin from the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, one enhanced uncirculated coin from the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, and one uncirculated coin from the U.S. Mint at Denver. No date set, but price is \$99.95 from mint.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of Carson City Morgan Dollars Released

The modern-day story of Carson City Morgan dollars starts in 1964, when an official audit of the vaults of the Treasury Building in Washington, D.C., uncovered an astounding three million of the coins from the late 1800s. This book chronicles the amazing history of the California Gold Rush, the birthplace of a mining industry in Carson City, Nevada, where eventually the U.S. Mint would start a branch and the famous "CC" Morgan dollars would be struck. VAM varieties, GSA-slabbed coins, condition census, market notes, enlarged full-color photographs, valuations, mintages, certification data, prooflike and DMPL coins, and more are covered. Coins dealers and published researchers Adam Crum, Selby Ungar, and Jeff Oxman tell the story and present a rich study

of each Carson City Morgan dollar, with detailed analysis for collectors, investors, and historians alike. The fully updated 3rd edition includes new photographs and ongoing research and market information. 130 pages, \$25.

### Numismatic Potpourri

Movement is on to **commemorate WWI** in 1918, when the Armistice was signed. Meanwhile Australia puts out a whole set of bullion coins to honor WWI.



Not sure why it is the news again, but there is a detailed retelling of the **looting of the great coin cabinets of Spain in 1936 by the Communists** not only from the national museum, but also national bank and private collections. The ancient, medieval, and modern coins, some of the finest in the world were melted down in Mexico and lost forever.

<http://www.coinsweekly.com/en/News/4?id=2938>  
August *Numismatic News* has a nice article on the **medals and currency of WWI**. The coins are also inexpensive and often in odd medals like WWII coins. Designs for the **2015 quarters** are out:



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20 people were present for Doug Larson's presentation of 4<sup>th</sup> of July exonumia. I have my baseball silver clad halves and silver dollar. I'll bring them and even take them out of their holders, so you can see the curve. Smyrna coin company had copper rounds on sale so I got Civil War, dinosaurs, military, etc. We will be minting the rest of our medals at the Coin Show in August. Despite my pleas Nevada150.org did not allow the public to suggest designs for the 3rd medal. You can vote for 1. Their Great Basin is not as good as mine:



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Rusty King: 2013S .25 set

Leo Rossow: New Zealand \$1, foreign currency

Dave Andrews: Hunting club medal, New Zealand .50

Rick DeAvila: 1971D Ike unc, 1976 .50, 2014D .50

Laurel Hoggan: foreign currency, copper round

Ken Hopple: chocolate coins

Howard Buchler: elongated .01, 1940D .05

Thomas Charleton: 1960 MS .01

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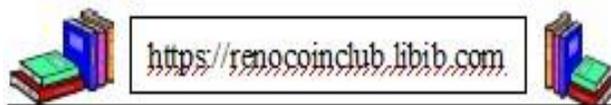
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**Ross Bachtell**  
*passed away*  
**June 14.**  
*We will miss him.*

### The Other Coin: Eastern European Coinage



Eastern European coinage is complex due to modern rather than ancient or medieval history. Except for Bulgaria, the countries of Eastern Europe: Romania, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, Hungary, Albania, Czechoslovakia (Czech and Slovakia), Yugoslavia (now Slovenia, Serbia, Macedonia, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, and Herzegovina), and Western Russia (Moldova, Ukraine, and Belarus) do not have any ancient coinage. Medieval coinage is largely due to city-state, orders of knights, merchant leagues, and ecclesiastical institutions, etc. Ukraine where Russia first existed can claim Greek and Byzantine mints on the northern Black Sea Coast, most notably Cherson, but Bulgaria claims major parts of Thracian, Macedonian coinage, and the Roman mints of Serdica, Sirmium, and Sisica. Medieval Bulgaria minted its own coinage in competition with the Byzantines and minting continued in Sophia under the Ottoman Turks.

It was WWI that created most of modern Eastern European states (Russia liberated Bulgaria in 1876 and Serbia in 1878). The break up of the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian Empire (Holy Roman Empire) created the modern states as we know them only to see them conquered by Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union, then free again after 1989 with a few joining the European Union: Bulgaria, Croatia, Lithuania, Czech, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania,

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Slovakia, and Slovenia with only Slovenia, Slovakia, Latvia, and Estonia adopting the euro so far.

So, if one were to collect coins of Latvia, one would look for The various coins of the city of Riga founded by the Teutonic Knights, a religious order, in 1201. There were soon coins of the city as a free city (self rule independent from the Holy Roman Empire), from the bishop, and from an offshoot the the Teutonic Knights, the Livonian Knights, all issuing coins under the name of each bishop, master knight, and ruler of Riga:



Above top we have the shields of the Teutonic and Livonian knights. In the middle the free city of Riga with its city gates and keys, followed by a bishop with crook and cross. Below is Sigismund, the Polish ruler of Riga, Sweden, Russia, and others also minted coins at Riga and Latvia had periods of independence as Kingdom or Duchy of Livonia as well as Duchy of Courland and Semigallia when coins were minted.

There was both German and Russian Occupation currency of Latvia in WWI, but no coins. After WWI Latvia became independent with its own coinage:



Independence was lost then to Nazi Germany, then the Soviet Union and not regained until 1989 with coins and currency issued in 1993.



Latvia joined the European Union in 2004, but issued their first euro coins this year in 2014.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### Update on the SS Central Republic

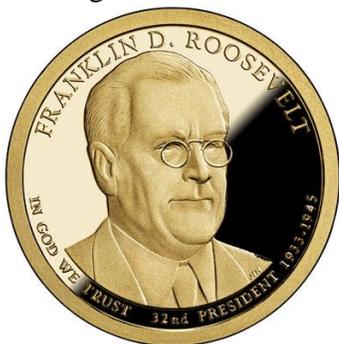
Millions of dollars worth of gold has been recovered from a famous 19th-century shipwreck off South Carolina being fought over in court, the first inventories of the salvaged cargo show. A federal judge in Virginia overseeing the recovery effort from the SS Central America released the mid-April-to-mid-June tallies. AP based the estimated value of the gold coins and bars on treasure that was sold for \$50 million to \$60 million after the shipwreck was found in 1988 by Tommy Thompson of Columbus, Ohio, now a fugitive and the target of lawsuits from jilted investors who bankrolled his expedition. Last week, U.S. District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith settled an ownership dispute and granted salvage rights to Recovery Limited Partnership, which is run by a court-appointed receiver. Tampa-based Odyssey Marine Exploration had been hired to lead the latest operation, which began in April. The inventories show that 43 gold bars, 1,302 \$20 double-eagle gold coins, 37 \$10 eagle gold coins, and 9,053 10-cent silver coins have been brought to the surface. The chief scientist of the recovery told the Dispatch that the quality and variety of the coins, some dating to

1823, were "astonishing." Salvage crews have discovered a trove of personal items, including eyeglasses and glass-plate photographs of at least 60 passengers. The salvager is working on how to safely retrieve the photos, known as ambrotypes.

The New York-bound mail steamship sank during a hurricane in 1857, killing 425 people and sending tons of California Gold Rush fortune to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, about 160 miles off South Carolina. The lost cargo caused a financial panic.

### Two Offerings from the US mint

There are various sets, silver clad and gold coins of the Kennedy half, but the most interesting set is to be offered this fall with 4 **silver Kennedy halves one each from the S, P, D, and W mints**. The set is priced at \$99.95. A great opportunity to get a W mint coin. **Last chance to get a baseball coin** may be the silver clad half dollar in a commemorative trifold for the National Baseball Hall of Fame geared to kids, On sale Monday July 28<sup>th</sup> for \$24.95. **Hold the presses!** They just took off the limit for the silver clad half. **The Great Sand Dunes quarter (CO)** can be ordered **8-25** and the **Roosevelt dollar 8-28**, so I'll have them for the October meeting.



### Worst Morgan Set



I'm not sure why this tickles me, except that I collect lower grade bronze ancients and have a website for lower grade Byzantine bronzes to help identify them. The PCGS is displaying the lowest graded basic set of Morgans at the American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money Aug. 5-9. "The appropriately named 'End of the Trail' Morgan dollar collection has a Poor weighted grade point average of only 1.130. It is the worst-of-the-worst basic Morgan dollar set in the Low Ball category," said Don Willis, PCGS president. The set's owner is collector Mike Hoyman of Alaska. Hoyman's number one favorite is an 1878 eight tail feathers variety that is missing more than 99 percent of the obverse (above). It is graded PCGS PO-1. The entire End of the Trail VIII Collection can be viewed online at [www.pcgs.com/setregistry/alltimeset.aspx?s=82663](http://www.pcgs.com/setregistry/alltimeset.aspx?s=82663)

### Numismatic Potpourri

New Zealand continues its Disney series with Donald Duck (Mickey mouse was 1<sup>st</sup>)



Curved coins are making a comeback. Not since the Byzantine trachy has there been so many curved coins. It all began with the issuance in 2009 of two French coins that honored the International Year of Astronomy and the 40th anniversary of American moon landing. The next coins with that shape were the ones issued by the Royal Australian Mint for the Southern Sky star constellations starting with the 2012 Southern Crux coin. The three newest coins in the curved series include French coins for the 2014 FIFA World Cup soccer tournament held in Brazil. A coin issued by the Congo to mark the 450th anniversary of Galileo Galilei. The third new convex issue is from the Cook Islands and is the first issue in a new "Wonderful Mosaics" series depicting the interior of a famous 13th century church in Rome (see mailer).

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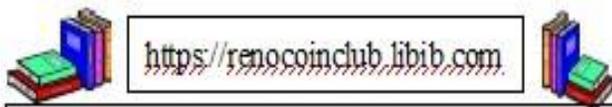
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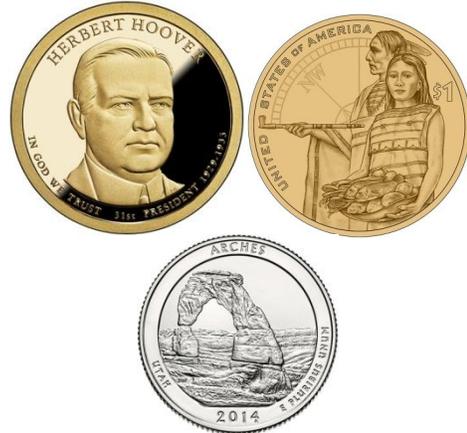
### The Last Meeting

32 people were present for finger foods and favorite coins: 1<sup>st</sup> spouse medals, Washoe County silver rounds, inflationary Notgeld coins, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> NV sesquicentennial medal hot off the press (see below). My wife's surgery date was changed to 7-1, so I'll miss the next meeting. Rusty King will lead the meeting. I will be sitting on the Arches quarter and Hoover dollar until the August meeting. If you can't wait, you know where I live. I also got the first of the baseball half dollars ordered in March with 3 days delivery. Hopefully the other half and silver dollar will be here by August also. We're having trouble getting copper planchettes for our medal, no date when we'll have those done yet. Mark you calendars for the NV Museum Coin Show, minting and numismatic lectures Fri Sat Aug 22-23 .



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*Utah Arches .25, NA \$1 here! Hoover on the way.*



SF set of all five 2013 quarters in case \$4  
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**Early Bird Prize** was cased \$2 painted Yellowstone bill won by Fay Allen.

### Raffle prizes winners were:

- Joe Drapula: 2 cased Kennedy halves, buffalo .05
- Rick DeAvila: 3 .25 folders, one filled; foreign coins
- Howard Buchler: 2009 dollar coin set
- Leo Rossow: **mystery box**-penny planchettes, case proof 2009 .05
- Bill Gregory: 1976D unc. Half, candy coins
- Milton Angel: 1937 buffalo .05, foreign currency, Gold coins of World book, US copper cents book, .25 mint bag, 3 beginners coin books
- David Elliott: Grand Canyon painted \$2
- Bart Daniels: 2 new and 1 old buffalo .05, 1945 .10, foreign currency
- Ken Hopple: old and new buffalo .05
- Thomas Charleton: Coin binder
- Ed Scott: 1960 small date .01, mint bag

### Auctions

July 4 Reno Aces tickets (2) donated by David Elliott won for \$26 by Rick DeAvila.  
 Doug Larson won the #1 Club silver medal for \$125.

### Quarter Pot

Dr. Myles (deceased) won the **quarter pot** about \$7.

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### Upcoming Coin Shows

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**July 12-13, CA State Numismatic Assoc. Coin Show**, 420 Callaghan Lane., Vallejo, Admit FREE, Fred van den Haak, 650 380-4191, 40+ tables www.solanocoinclub.com fredvdh@gmail.com

**July 26-27, Fremont Coin Club Coin Show**, Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Admit FREE, Vince LaCariere, 510 792-1511, 45 tables CoinVince@aol.com www.fremontcoinclub.org

**August 10, Fairfield Coin Club Coin Show**, 1000 Kentucky St., Admit \$1, Bob Belleau, 707 567-6938, 25 tables, www.solanocoinclub.org fccjoin@yahoo.com

**August 22-23, Carson City mint Coin Show**, 600 N. Carson St., Admit \$8, Deborah Stevenson, 775 687-4810 ext 237, 25+ tables, lecture, press running, raffle dstevenson@nevadaculture.org

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### The Other Coin: Ancient Cast Coinage

Two centuries after the Greek world had spread coins in silver, gold, and bronze through the Mediterranean and Persian Empire, the Romans remained a primitive and rural people. They used livestock (*pecus*) and crude bronze bars and lumps (*aes rude*) as media of exchange. Latin preserved the memory of this period in its word to designate money, *pecunia* (from *pecus*). A similar system was used by other peoples in Italy, because there were no deposits of silver and gold there. Only the Greek



colonies of southern Italy minted coins of gold and silver following the common practice in their mother cities. All transactions with these rough bronze pieces involved the use of a scale. Hence, the goddess Moneta always appear with scales. Only at the start



of the third century BC, Rome began to standardize the form of bronze bars by introducing the use of cast ingots. The purpose of this change was probably to achieve a more uniform set of weights and to facilitate trade. The new bars were marked with various motifs, and this is why they are commonly known today as *aes signatum*. The oldest bars had a motive only on one side, but the Romans began soon to decorate both major faces. The motifs served, probably, as a certification of the characteristics of

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the piece. By covering also the entire length of the block, they allowed to recognize if it was intact or if a portion had been removed. Change was made by breaking the bars into pieces and smaller cast bronzes were made from molds using scallop shells, seed grains, axe heads, etc. These were called *Aes formatum* as they took the form of various objects. I recently scored a rare scallop shell *Aes formatum*.



*Aes grave* (heavy bronze) is a term in numismatics indicating bronze cast round coins used in central Italy during the later 3rd century BC, whose value was generally indicated by signs: **I** for the as, **S** for semis and pellets for unciae. Standard weights for the Roman pound or As as were 272, 327, or 341 grams, depending upon the issuing authority: Janus with **I** for As, Jupiter and **S** for semis (1/2 As), Minerva for triens, four pellets, 1/3 of an As, Hercules, 3 pellets, quadrans, 1/4 of an As, Mercury 2 pellets, sextans 1/6 of an As, Bellona or Roma, one pellet, unica, 1/12 of an As. In practice there are dozens of designs as coinage was issued by whomever choose to do so. It wasn't until the Punic Wars (264BC) with Carthage that Roman conquest of Sicily and defeat of Carthage brought in silver and gold, which in turn was used to pay soldiers and build fleets that Rome issued silver, gold, and bronze coinage by minting the coins.



Of course, cast coinage was used throughout the Greek world with Olbia using arrowheads and dolphins for small change, the Celts using rings, beads, bells, and wheels, as well as cast *potins*, rather small thick nickel size coins. China used cast coins

first replacing the cowry shell with bone then cast bronze, then having various knife and hoe shapes cast bronze until finally settling on the square holed cash coin cast bronze that continued into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### Four Designs for NV's 150<sup>th</sup>



Three designs are out in silver the NV 150<sup>th</sup>. The silver 1 oz. cost \$100.50 and copper \$15. The 3<sup>rd</sup> design with the Reno Arch will be out in September in copper. The final and fourth design will be drawn

from submissions from the public and produced in the Fall. The details are supposed to come out the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Watch [www.nevada150.org](http://www.nevada150.org) I'm going to submit my Great Basin design.

### Dr. Robert K. Myles In Memoriam



Dr. Myles died May 24<sup>th</sup>. A long time member, who frequently had award winning displays at the ANA shows, his display of coins and currency from leper colony was his most prestigious display and was donated to a leper's museum in Louisiana. A Stanford educated medical doctor, he moved to Reno in 1958, working as an internist.

He was on Washoe Medical Center's board of directors from 1975 and became medical director in 1990. He was 87. He was a great Scotsman.

### Numismatic Potpourri



The **Kennedy commemoratives** will be first available at the ANA World's Fair of Money Aug. 5 in Rosemont, Ill. The gold half dollar will be dual-dated 1964-2014. It will be struck in .9999 fine gold.

Weighing in at three-quarters of an ounce of gold, the coin will be the same size as the original 1964 Kennedy half dollar. The reverse design, with the presidential seal, will be shrunk slightly to place the .9999 fine gold inscription. The coin will feature the "W" mint mark for

West Point. Also marking the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy half dollar, the Mint has announced plans to issue a two-coin clad set to be released on July 24 and a four-coin silver set to be released later. The silver half dollar set will be comprised of a proof from Philadelphia, a reverse proof from West Point, an enhanced uncirculated from San Francisco and an uncirculated coin from Denver. There is movement in Congress to make **US coinage steel-based**, but it seems the copper plated steel penny will still cost more than a penny to make.

It currently costs the U.S. Mint 1.8 cents to strike a cent and 9.4 cents for each nickel. Stainless steel and zinc are being considered. The final report with costs of the new metals will come out in December. **Thirty U.S. pattern coins from the historic Bass Collection** will cross the auction block in Heritage's Platinum Night sale, held Aug. 7, during the ANA World's Fair of Money in Rosemont, Illinois. U.S. pattern coins are experimental strikes that are typically produced in small quantities to test new designs, techniques and compositions. **New products from the Perth Mint** include: Poseidon from Gods of Olympus series, four numismatic-grade koala precious metal issues. The Perth Mint unveils the one ounce 2014 Transformers 4 Silver Proof Lenticular Coins. Lenticular designs that change appearance as the coin is shifted.



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**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, 3rd of June 7:30 PM

**Carrow's Restaurant**

605 N. Wells Avenue (Wells and 6th), Reno, NV

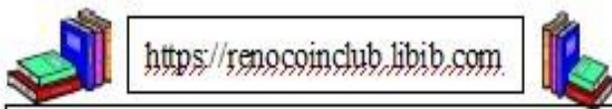
**June: My Favorite Coin and Auction** Bring your current favorite coin and coins to auction. 10% to club. Finger foods, drink and tip on you own.

**July: Something Patriotic** by Doug Larson. We can expect something cool from his collection from colonial times to the present.

**August Modern East European Coinage** Paul Williams will discuss the coinage he came across on his recent trip.

**The Last Meeting**

35 people were present for Paul William's talk on Kennedy and his half dollar, the last silver half. Our money has declined in value since then. Every one seemed to remember where they were when Kennedy was shot. **Our new medal** is out in silver (\$65) and bronze (\$10), copper coming soon. All with the state seal on the reverse. Bring coins to show, for the bid board, and to auction (10% of sale price to club) at the next meeting. We will have finger foods, tip and drink on you own. Gary Dahlke won the CC boxed dollar auctioned at the museum. Some 400 people showed up for NCW at the museum with the best attendance Friday ever. This will be an annual event. Join us for the **August 22-23 Coin Show** at the museum.



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*Shenandoah .25, NA \$1 are here! Coolidge made it.*



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- Ed Scott: cased 2014 ½, Set of Kennedy coin albums
- George Wells: set 2009 \$1, 1986 proof ½
- Milton Angel: 1964 ½, foreign paper money, Chinese coin 1736, US Coin Encyclopedia
- Clay Thomas: 2013 quarter set, 1971 Ike, foreign coins, buffalo .05
- William Gregory: cased 2014 ½, 1941S .05
- Dan Dalhke: Copper round
- Ken Hopple: 2014PD halves
- Brent Speegle: 2014 Kennedy ½
- Bart Daniels: Andrew Johnson \$1, old & new buffalos .Al
- Judson: 1976 ½
- Laurel Hoggan: Proof 1983 ½, mint bag
- Jerry Breedlove: 1976 proof .05, **mystery box**, 2014 roll and planchettes
- Thomas Charleton: 1890 penny
- William Gscheidle 1960 MS .01
- Rick DeAvila: bag of coin tubes, etc., 2003S proof .10
- Joe Wozniak: foreign currency
- Leo Rossow: ANA grading book, chocolate coins
- Dan Trabke: 1962 .05

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### Upcoming Coin Shows

**May 31-June 1: Pyramid Coin and Collectible Show**, San Jose, Doubletree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, Admit: \$4, Ray Johson, 408 598-7772  
PyramidShows@aol.com 80+ tables

**June 1, Sacramento Coin Show**, Clarion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Admit \$3, Peter McIntosh, 916 317-9055  
www.mcintoshcoins.com 66 tables

**June 5-7, Long Beach Coin Show**, LB Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave, Admit \$8, Taryn Warrecker, 805 680-0294 [TWarrecker@collectors.com](mailto:TWarrecker@collectors.com)  
<http://www.longbeachexpo.com> Huge show

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### Not the Other Coin: World War II Coins

Doug Larson has an incredible collection of militaria and other things, so we are in for a treat next month. He has brought Civil War, WWII medals, and presidential medals. One of the fun collections I put together several years ago was a collection of World War II coins. I included a coin from each warring country minted at the time, focusing on the odd metals of iron, zinc, aluminum, and our own steel penny and

penny and silver nickel. I also got a war time pre-occupation, then same type or denomination during occupation. I still add to it from time to time, and Joel Anderson Coins features these as well as other odd coins, euros, unrecognized and micro nations, etc. I recently got German occupied Serbia set and Japan occupied China coins (one made of red fiber).



You can get a complete set of US coins from WWII or just stick to a pre-war copper, 1943 steel, and shell casing penny 1944-46, along with a 1941 Jefferson nickel nickel and a 1942-1946 silver nickel.



Japan used a lot of aluminum and Germany used zinc for coinage to leave other metals for the war effort. They both minted special coins when they occupied countries as did Italy (Albania) and Germany (Vichy France), which also used aluminum.



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I have always thought King Vittorio Emanuele looked like a mustached Snoopy in his helmet on Italian occupied Albania.. Italy used Roman images on coins during WWII and Germany reached back to the Aryan invasion of India and Europe, taking the swastika from India where it was and still is a good luck symbol.



Note the swastika on the upper corner of the square Shilaharas bronze 9th-12th AD on the left and the swastika on the middle left on the Kuninda Kingdom coin of the 3rd-2nd BC.

The winner for WWII coins is far and away Russia that makes coins every 5 years, sets of coins for each battle, every region and city that fought or produced war material. It is a wonderful detailed collection of dozens of coins.



There is an even greater variety of paper currency for WWII with occupation currency and special military currency for most countries. You are probably familiar with the special notes we printed with Hawaii in bold letters on the back in case we lost it to Japan and could then demonetize the bills. We also printed military currency in countries we occupied.



The nice things about WWII coins are that none of them are pricey. For a dime or a quarter you can get a nice example of all these coins and currencies. Even the Russian commemoratives should be under \$5. Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### Numismatic Potpourri

Marine Odyssey recovered nearly 1,000 ounces of gold from the **SS Central America** in April on its first exploratory dive. Recovered gold included five gold ingots and two \$20 Double Eagle coins (one 1857 minted in San Francisco and one 1850 minted in Philadelphia). The gold ingots were stamped with assayer's marks and weights that range from 96.5 to 313.5 troy ounces. I'm still waiting for my **Baseball coins** ordered on the first day of issue. I called and they said I should be receiving one clad end of May the proof clad in June, and the proof silver in July all on their 3 day delivery guarantee. Grrrr! The price to buy them from secondary market in PCGS cases is 4-5 times the original price. I'll bring them in as I get them. **Gold medals** are being designed as Congressional Medals of Honor for **September 11 victims**

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of Flight 93, the Pentagon, and the new NY museum and monument. It is unclear if these are to be awarded to the victims or sold at the various memorials or both. You can see the proposed designs at:

<http://www.coinnews.net/2014/05/15/fallen-heroes-of-911-medals-designs-for-ny-flight-93-and-pentagon-2/> Also online is the **American Israel Numismatic Association** collection of articles and magazine since the 1960s all in pdf format. I got it book marked:

<https://googledrive.com/host/0B68uBERW6rHYdVgydDBiLUxDbTA/> The New Zealand mint is doing a series of **Disney theme coins** starting with Steamboat Willy.

They're going fast.



I don't think I have mentioned the **Dr. Who** series by Australia, who also offer the bullion coins below. **Canada's doing a bald eagle series** this year in gold, silver, and platinum (image on website).



In ancient coins news, **custom agents are seizing coins** from more and more countries (e.g. China, Cyprus, Italy, Bulgaria, etc.), so overseas dealers are no longer selling to Americans. You have to prove the coins were "acquired with due care and attention" to the wishes of the putative country of origin with no definition of what this actually requires, so that all

ancient coins (before 1750AD now) are subject to and being confiscated in transit. In other words, every collector who attracts the attention of a state because that state has its eye on his collection seems to have to prove, after confiscation, that the objects were purchased with "due care and attention." Good news: the *Journal of Ancient Numismatics* is online for free. <http://coinproject.com/jan/> **The Saddle Ridge Hoard goes on sale May 27.** One coin will be auctioned to benefit the restoration of the San Francisco mint building and the rest at fixed price at [www.Amazon.com/treasure](http://www.Amazon.com/treasure) and [www.kagins.com](http://www.kagins.com) Cheapest coins start at \$3000, MS at \$5000. Too rich for me. **A record \$3,290,000 was paid for an Fr. 379b 1890 \$1,000 Treasury Note** as part of Heritage Auctions' Florida United Numismatists Currency Signature Auction.



Doug Winter of Rare Gold Coins says that **prices for most CC double eagles have risen between 10 and 50% in the last five years.** "I used to be able to buy quantities of nice EF coins for less than \$2,000; today, these same coins cost me closer to \$3,000." Commemorative medals approved for congress include a **medal honoring special forces in WWII and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Services.** Reissue of the 1915 Panama Expedition gold and silver coins including the octagonal one are proposed. A surcharge on the coin would go to restore the Old San Francisco Mint Building. Only 2 coins are allowed a year, so the Panama coins would be dated 1917. Also a medal honoring the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment is proposed.

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## Next Meeting:

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Tuesday, 6th of May 7:30 PM

### Carrow's Restaurant

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## April 25,26: Nat'l Coin Week at NV Museum

Minting our new medal, lectures, new coins. Help us "celebrate civic service" and the 50<sup>th</sup> of the Ken-nedy half, 30<sup>th</sup> of the club, and 150<sup>th</sup> of the State.

## May: Kennedy, His Call to Service, and the Half Dollar

A round table to reminisce about Kennedy. The 1964 and 2014 half dollars will be up for bid, and we will look at the ANA Coin Week material.

**June: My Favorite Coin and Auction** Bring your current favorite coin and coins to auction. !0% to club. Probably have finger foods again.

## July Open

**August Modern East European Coinage** Paul Williams

## The Last Meeting

39 people were present to listen to Jeff Shevlin tell us about so-called dollars: souvenir tokens, world fairs, city and state anniversaries, American battles, completion of public works medals, excluding advertising, political, and military medals. An expert in the field, he is helping produce a new two volume catalog of the medals up to 1964. We will be making **our new medal** at the **Nevada State Museum April 25, 26**, joins us, watch your medal made. There's room for more coins. Bring one coin at a time. 10% of sale price to club.



*Shenandoah quarter , Native America \$1 are here! Coolidge should be here, also 2014 and 1964 Kennedy halves with several choices of holders.*



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Ken Hopple:2013 S quarter set,new & old buffalo .05

Bart Daniels: PCGS 1995, proof .05

Quint Aninao: Cambridge coin binder

Clayton Brownell: 2088 dollar set, Coin book

David Elliott: 1976 half unc, Roosevelt dime.

Rick DeAvila: roll Canadian pennies

Dan Trabke: Coin Encyclopedia

Jerry Breedlove: chocolate coins

Clay Thomas: 1941 .05

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club, and 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State.

**April 25-27: Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, Collectibles Show**, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Admit:\$6, Scott Griffin 415-601-8661 [www.griffincoin.com](http://www.griffincoin.com) , [scottgriff@hotmail.com](mailto:scottgriff@hotmail.com)

**May 2,3: Sacramento Valley Coin Show**, four Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit:\$3, Bob Shanks 916-204-5168  
[www.sacvalcc.orgmailto:info@ckshows.com](http://www.sacvalcc.orgmailto:info@ckshows.com)

**May 4: Vallejo Numismatic Society’s Coin Show**, Veteran’s Memorial Bldg., 420 Callaghan Ln., Ed Hoffmark 707-642-8754 [www.solanocoinclub.com](http://www.solanocoinclub.com)  
<mailto:info@ckshows.com>

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### Not the Other Coin: Kennedy Halves



Few moments in the 20th Century have been examined and probed in greater detail than the events that occurred in Dallas, Texas, on the morning of November 22, 1963. When three shots were fired in rapid succession from an open sixth floor window above Dealey Plaza, the course of our Nation’s history was irrevocably changed. The youthful and eloquent President of the United States, the standard bearer of a new and passionate generation, was dead. In the terrible sadness of the days and weeks that followed the sudden, tragic death of President John F. Kennedy officials at the United States Mint received numerous letters and telegrams suggesting a coin of the United States be struck in honor of our late President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. President Lyndon Johnson quickly acknowledged the importance of honoring the life of his predecessor with a new United States coin. A White House Press Release from Press Secretary Pierre Salinger dated December 10, 1963, conveyed a statement from President Lyndon Johnson to the Congress of the United States proposing the coinage of 50-cent pieces with the likeness of the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy. The final vote count in the House of Representatives was overwhelmingly in favor of producing the new Kennedy half-dollar; 352-6. With little opposition, the legislation passed through Congress becoming Public Law 88-256, signed into law by President Johnson on December 30, 1963. Simultaneous striking ceremonies were held in Philadelphia and Denver on February 11, 1964, beginning the production of what Mint Director Eva Adams stated would be 90 million of the new half-dollars in 1964. Public demand for the new coin was unprecedented

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and the actual total mintage was much higher, with nearly 430 million coins carrying a 1964 date. It should be noted, though, that more than half of these were actually struck in 1965 and 1966. The last days of 1963 required the Chief Engraver to accompany Mint Director Adams and Treasury Secretary C. Douglas Dillon as the trial strikes were examined by Mrs. Kennedy and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in Washington on December 17, 1963. Roberts' recollection of this meeting also reveals that both Mrs. Kennedy as well as the Attorney General had in mind a design showing a full figure or half figure of the late President for the coin's obverse. Lacking the time necessary to prepare new designs and models, Roberts strongly advocated the simplicity and directness of a profile portrait as being the best possible arrangement for a handsome, outstanding coin whose beauty would endure and there could be no doubt as to the identity of the subject. Mint engraver Frank Gasparro notes the only modification made in adapting the Presidential Seal for the reverse design of the new Kennedy half-dollar; The E Pluribus Unum was greatly enlarged in comparison to the official Presidential Seal so that it could be easily read by the naked eye. Since its debut, the Kennedy half-dollar has been a favorite among collectors. Since its debut in 1964, more than 4.1 billion have been struck by the artisans of the United States Mint. The only significant change to the original design came as a result of our Nation's Bicentennial celebration in 1976 when an image of Philadelphia's Independence Hall temporarily replaced the Seal of the President on the coin's reverse, and a dual date (1776-1976) was placed under the portrait of President Kennedy on the obverse. Each of these coins are a tangible piece of American history, igniting the memories of a frozen moment for millions of people and, with each new year of mintage, carrying the promise of that moment into the future. The legacy of President John F. Kennedy lives in this coin, and the history of this coin lives at the United States Mint. We are pleased to be part of National Coin Week's celebration of President Kennedy's call to civil service and the half dollar that honored him. Hope you can come to the Nevada State Museum to see our medal

made, the Kennedy display, and celebrate the 150th anniversary of the State of Nevada.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott



### Numismatic Potpourri

**The baseball coin sold out on the first day of issue in gold, and now silver is unavailable as well.** Still some silver clad half dollars, although those won't ship until July and the clad in June. They have also shut down for a week to do inventory, so the Coolidge coin might not make it. **Home Land Security has expanded its war on American ancient coin collectors** by announcing new import restrictions on all Celtic, Greek, Roman Provincial, Bulgarian, and Byzantine Imperial and Ottoman coins minted in Bulgaria at any time through 1750. Along with Cyprus, Italy, Egypt, China, Spain and Turkey the growing list of import restrictions and seizures apply only to Americans. The Golden Age of ancient coin collecting may be lost.

A Carson City cancelled die used as a door stop by a Virginia City family was sold for \$18,975 in a December 2003 Holabird Americana Auction to David Sundman, President of the Littleton Coin Company and Treasurer of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society. David Sundman asked David Bowers to authenticate the die: The Carson City half dollar die is the same die that was used to mint 1870-CC half dollars. It is not currently known to have been used to coin any half dollars in another year.



**American Gold Eagles are produced in 1 oz., 1/2 oz., 1/4 oz. and 1/10 oz. sizes that are denominated in \$50, \$25, \$10 and \$5.** Minted for collectors and unlike the bullion Gold Eagles that launched on Jan. 2, these proof coins carry the W mint mark from the West Point Mint and feature frosted images on mirror-like backgrounds. There will also be 15,000 four coin sets, opening at \$2,982.50. 20,000 1oz.(\$1610), 10,000 1/2 oz. (\$820), 10,000 1/4 oz. (\$422.50) and 20,000 1/10 oz.(\$180).



**A new Morgan variety book is out.** The book sells for \$25 and can be purchased from Franklin directly by email at wowvams@msn.com. The book is also available at [www.vamsandmore.com](http://www.vamsandmore.com) The book lists a group of sixty varieties of Morgan dollars that were originally put together for the beginning collector and contains coins that are easily identified. Exposed by a recent tsunami, a hoard of gold coins were found scattered near a rural village in Sumatra. *The Bali Post* reported it is not yet known exactly how many gold coins that was in the box. Some residents suspect there are hundreds adding that the find was gold coins the size of shirt buttons (about 1 centimeter in diameter) The coins were struck between 1200 and 1600 AD.



Whitman Publishing has recently published an updated and revised **third edition of Carson City Morgan Dollars**, by Adam Crum, Selby Ungar, and Jeff Oxman. Full color, hardcover, 6 x 9 inches. ISBN 079484227-5. 136 pages. Retail \$24.95. The third edition has been updated with new historical photographs; revisions from on-going research; current coin values and certified-coin populations; and fresh market commentary. A new appendix gives current certification populations of Carson City Morgan dollars as graded by NGC. This gives the collector and investor a real-world snapshot of the relative rarities of different dates and more than a dozen VAM varieties, said co-author Adam Crum.

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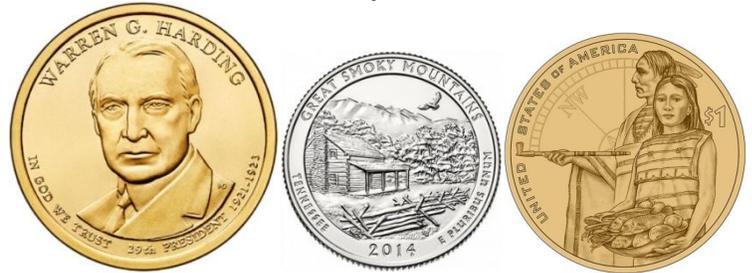
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**June: My Favorite Coin and Auction** Bring your current favorite coin and coins to auction. !0% tp club. Probably have finger foods again.

### The Last Meeting

47 people were present to listen to Fred Holabird and associates on how they determined the contents and passenger list of the SS Republic in 10 days. Maritime and Navy archives, newspaper accounts, rescue ships account were elusive and often absent. The crack team of computer people, researchers, and government experts were able to assemble a pretty complete list. One of the 4 lifeboats that held about 30 people was evidently commandeered by 4 military paymasters to protect their payroll. Most of the people on the makeshift raft died . Some 200 ships went down in the hurricane that sank the SS Republic. Our first bid board went well. There's room for more coins. Bring one coin at a time. 10% of sale price to club.

*Shenandoah quarter , Native America \$1 are here! Coolidge should be here, also 2014 and 1964 Kennedy halves with several choices of holders.*



SF set of all five 2013 quarters in case \$4

National Park Quarters PDS .50

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**Early Bird Prize** was 2013 S quarter set won by Martha Judson.

### Raffle prizes winners were:

Howard Buchler:filled penny album, 2009 dollar set

Ed Scott: 1971 unc. Ike \$, .50 coin album

Dan Trabke: 1989S .05 proof, and 2009 pennies

Laurel Hoggan:2007D Jefferson\$1, Mint bag

Jerry Breedlove: 2013 S quarter set, buffalo .05

Ken Hopple: 2013 S quarter set, chocolate coins, 1993D MS65 .10

Leo Rossow: counterfeit coins book, grading coins book, unc. 2005 .05

Tom Benjamin: buffalo .05

Joe: roll 1995 pennies

Garrett Allen: copper round

Cole Allen 1939S buffalo .05

Bill Gregory: unc. 1976 half

Brent Speegle: paper money book

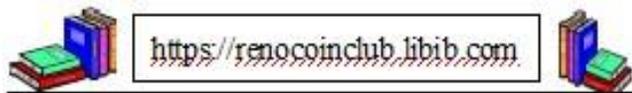
### Auctions

Morgan Dollar Money Clip donated by Larry Demangate won for \$23 by Paul Williams

### Quarter Pot

Pete Plath (left early) won the **quarter pot** about \$40.

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# Reno Cartwheel

## April 2014

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www.ckshows.com , info@ckshows.com

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**April 25-27: Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, Collectibles Show**, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Admit:\$6, Scott Griffin 415-601-8661 www.griffincoin.com , scottgriff@hotmail.com

**May 2,3: Sacramento Valley Coin Show**, four Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit:\$3, Bob Shanks 916-204-5168 www.sacvalcc.org

**May 4: Vallejo Numismatic Society’s Coin Show**, Veteran’s Memorial Bldg., 420 Callaghan Ln., Ed Hoffmark 707-642-8754 www.solanocoinclub.com

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### Not the Other Coin: So-Called Dollars

I didn’t know anything about so-called dollars, until I looked them up. They are generally souvenir tokens and commemorative medals that are about the size of a silver dollar. They commemorate world fairs, city and state anniversaries, American battles, completion of public works and exclude advertising, political, and military medals. They also include silver medals minted in the 1800s as monetary bullion. The standard catalog of the medals: Harold Hibbler and Charles Kappen’s So Called Dollars was first published in 1963, so only coins before 1962 are generally included. There have been two reprints and the book is on-line at www.so-calleddollars.com .The website has additional medals up to 1962. The is in progress a new catalog, which will bring the so-called dollars up to date. Jeff Shevlin and William Hyder have a detailed book on the 1939 Golden Gate Expositions medals at www.so-calleddollar.com. Another website www.socalleddollar.com Jeff seems to have contributed to all the various websites and is an expert on the so-called dollars.



**1825 Eire Canal Opening**



**Columbian Exposition 1893**

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## April 2014



1945 Victory Medal

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

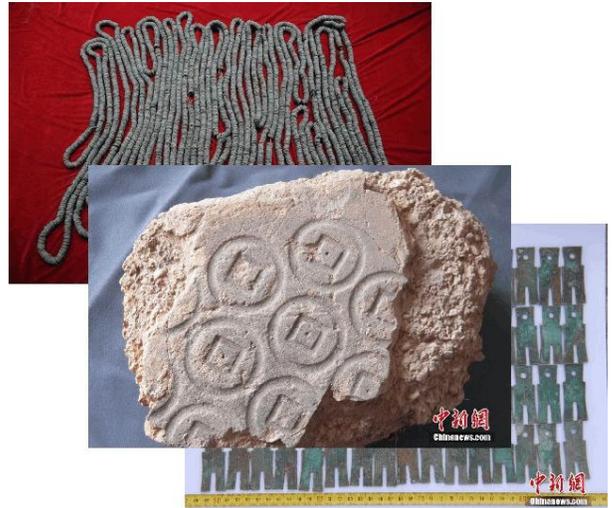
### Numismatic Potpourri



The big news was the discovery of some 1427 gold coins in a can by a Northern California couple with \$27,980 in face value and ten million in auction value. **The Saddle Ridge Hoard**, as it is called, is the most valuable treasure find in the US. The hoard consisted of 1400 \$20 gold, 50 \$10 gold, and 4 \$5 gold pieces dated from 1847-1894. Mostly from San Francisco mint, but including A Georgian \$5. The hoarder chose coins in uncirculated condition which make the 1866 S No motto, 1877S and 1888S, 1889S, and 1894S some of the finest known. The coins have been slabbed by PCGS and Kagin will be selling them on Amazon soon. An unlikely suggestion that the coins were from a San Francisco mint heist was discounted both by the observation that the mint would not have such a range of dates and by the mint that stated there would be no way to prove the coins had come from the mint.

Another **Chinese hoard of some 1.4 million cash and hoe coins** dating from the Western Han Dynasty

(206BC-24AD) was unearthed last October complete with molds and strings of coins.



The **curved baseball coins** for the National Baseball Hall of Fame are being released March 27. The silver proof and uncirculated coins with the highest dome are \$51.95 and \$47.95. They come in at just under 27 grams, 90% silver. The silver clad nickel with only a third of the dome of the silver are proof \$19.95 and uncirculated "18.95. The proofs are being made in SF and uncirculated coins in Denver. The gold coins' prices are still to be determined, but are being minted at West Point at 8.359 grams 90% gold. I'm getting the clad for sure, maybe the silver.



The **US Mint says it wants it 1974D aluminum cent back** and has filed suit. A little strange since the 1974 P aluminum cent has been around since 2005 and there has been no move to get that one back. **Odyssey Marine Exploration** has come to an agreement to bring up the **rest of the treasure from the SS Central America**. Their experts (like those we just heard from on the SS Republic) estimate that the shipwreck still has a commercial shipment of

gold that was valued at approximately \$93,000 in 1857, as well as a substantial amount of passenger gold valued in 1857 between \$250,000 and \$1,280,000. The expert we retained to analyze the extensive collection of records and contemporary accounts of the shipwreck places the most likely 1857 face value of the total remaining passenger and commercial gold at \$760,000. **Presidential portraits for the remaining dollar coins** have been selected. Ending at Ford in 2016 unless Jimmy Carter dies. (Where's my voodoo doll? *Must have Reagan dollar*)



The last 2 Native American dollar coins will be honoring the Mohawk iron workers and the WWII code talkers. Two of the proposed designs are below. All of them will be on the website.



Stacks is sorting through a **30 ton hoard of US coins**. The hoard, which contains over a million coins, ranges from bags of large copper cents and Capped Bust half dollars, to Morgan and other silver dollars. Other coins include Washington quarters, Franklin half dollars, bags of Flying Eagle and Indian Head cents, nearly 10,000 1909 V.D.B cents, and more. Most are in circulated

in circulated grades, and will appeal to collectors seeking coins that are both historical and affordable. The market value is estimated to be well into eight figures, with initial estimates ranging from \$15 to \$20 million. They will be auctioned off in the next few years. Heritage has a nice article on **6 pennies worth four and half million dollars they are:** 1) 1792 silver plugged experiment 1.15 million; 2) 1793 chain cent 1.38 million; 3) 1795 reeded edge cent \$646,250; 4) 1794 starred reverse cent \$632,500, 5) 1944S steel penny \$373,750; 6) 1936 Canadian dot cent \$402,500

### Australian bullion coin releases for March



Paul Williams has secured 20 1964 silver **Kennedy Halves**, and I will get 20 each of PD 2014 Kennedy halves, so we can make up 50 year sets. **\$3.29 million** was paid for an 1890 \$1000 Treasury note.



### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 4th of March 7:30 PM  
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Nearly 40 people were present to see Robert Nysten's presentation of the Lincoln Penny and Lincoln's importance for NV. Some of the 2009 Lincoln medals are still available at the Museum gift shop. The new members on the board are already making changes. The board meeting will now be at 6 PM before the regular meeting. Come and have dinner with us. We will add an auction with 10% going to the club to June's My Favorite Coin. Joe Wozniak and Paul Williams are going to reintroduce the **bid board**. Everyone is invited to bring a coin or two for the bid board with a silent auction bidding before, at break, and after the coin meeting. 10% of sale will go to club. Look through your duplicates and bring in. No more than 3 bids per person.

*Smoky Mountain quarter and Harding \$1 are here!  
Native American \$1, March 20.*



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**Early Bird Prize** was unc roll of 1999 pennies won by Mark Gregory.

### Raffle prizes winners were:

- Jerry Breedlove: 1 gram silver bar, roll of Great Basin .25
- Brent: filled nickel album, buffalo .05
- Garrett Allen: Framed British coin set, US mint bag
- Bill Gregory: unc 1971D Ike \$, chocolate coins, bicentennial half
- Al Judson: 2001S proof .10
- Rick DeAvila: filled penny album
- Bart Daniels: 2009 roll of pennies & planchets in **mystery box**, 1968S nickel proof
- Thomas Charleton: 2011 proof .05, 1988P .10 MS65
- Ed Scott: bag of coin holders
- Claude Sendon: copper round, 1940 buffal .05
- Gailen Sendon: Sacagawea \$1 2000
- Andre: Coin Grading Book
- Ken Hopple: buffalo nickel, stamp bag
- David Ganschow: 1983 VF20 nickel
- Jeff Allen: 1960 penny

### Auctions

1999 Silver Eagle donated by Larry Demangate won for \$31 by Rick De Avila

### Quarter Pot

Ralph Doucette (not present) won the **quarter pot** about \$40.

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**March 1: Visalia Coin Club Show**, 4211 West Goshen Ave (Sons of Italy Hall), Leo D'Andrea 559 738-8128 [dandreaeolola@yahoo.com](mailto:dandreaeolola@yahoo.com)

**March 9: Livermore Coin Club Show**, 940 Larkspur Drive (Elk's Lodge), Steve Kramer 925 422-3794 [kramer5@llnl.gov](mailto:kramer5@llnl.gov)

**March 21-22: Sacramento Coin**, Clarion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Peter McIntosh 916 317-9055

**Western Token Jamboree** same time, same place & 23 Merle Avila 707 585-3711 [merle@avilaarchitects.com](mailto:merle@avilaarchitects.com)

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### The Other Coin: A Rare Coin with Leto



One of the common collections to attempt with ancient coins is a collection of the 12 Olympian gods: Zeus, Hera, Apollo, Athena, Aphrodite, Ares, Hermes, Hephaestus, Poseidon, Demeter, Hermes, Artemis, Hestia. Hades, Hecate, and Demeter are considered underworld gods. Hebe the cupbearer of the gods married Heracles when he became an Olympian god with Ganymede taking her place.

Even including Roman coins and god equivalents some of the gods are hard to secure. Hestia appears only on one Roman coin, and is usually represented by the Roman Vesta with the veiled goddess of Rome, her temple, or one of her virgins. Hebe and Ganymede are even rarer with Hebe on no coins and Ganymede only on a couple Roman provincial coins. A good substitute is the Roman god Juventas, goddess of young men coming of age to wear the toga for the first time. Several sons of Roman emperors are depicted in a toga when elevated to caesar as the Principi Iuventas—the best or highest youth.

Equally rare is the Olympian Leto. Like Hestia she was one of the Titans swallowed by Kronos and rescued by Zeus. She was his first lover and pregnant when he married Hera. The jealous Hera forbade any land and the goddess of childbirth Eileithyia to aid Leto. Pregnant with the twins Artemis and Apollo, Leto wandered in labor for nine days until she came to the floating islands—Delos and Ogygia (this is thought to be a dim memory of when the Aegean Sea was land, before the Great Flood around 6200 BC when glacial lakes burst the dam separating England from France, drowning the Northlands, opening Gibraltar and flooding the Mediterranean and Black Sea). Her twin babes, both skilled archers, helped her to defeat the great snake or Dragon Python at Delos and the giant Tithys, who wanted to rape the beautiful Leto. With their aid she assumed a place in Olympia despite Hera's protest.

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## March 2014



The 31mm coin is a bronze of Aurelian (270-275AD), one of the last of provincial Roman coins. Minted in Cremna, Pisidia in Asia Minor, now Turkey, it probably depicts a lost cult statue of Leto fleeing Hera's wrath bearing her two twins Artemis and Apollo. There are erotes or cupids at her feet. The reverse inscription Lato Col Cremna refers to a Roman colony at Cremna founded by Augustus. Aurelian was the last to mint coins there,



Numismatically yours,  
David Elliott

### The Treasure of the SS Republic

The SS Republic was a Civil War-era side wheel steamship that sank in 1865 while carrying a large cargo of silver and gold coins and a stunning variety of everyday wares essential to life in mid-19th century America. It was discovered by Marine Odyssey Exploration in 2003. En route from New York to New Orleans with passengers and commercial cargo, the SS Republic was lost in a violent hurricane on October 25, 1865. The passengers and crew escaped from the sinking ship, yet a fortune in coins and much needed

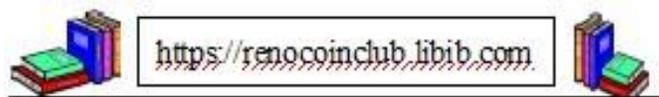
cargo to help rebuild New Orleans' post-Civil War economy sank to the bottom of the Atlantic seabed 1,700 feet (518 meters) deep. Nearly 140 years later, Odyssey discovered the shipwreck of the *Republic* approximately 100 miles off the Georgia coast. The archaeological excavation conducted during the 2003-2004 excavation seasons was accomplished entirely through the use of advanced robotics and cutting-edge technologies and was the first of its kind ever performed at such depths.



It will be fascinating to get details of all the treasure coins and artifacts from Fred Holabird March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Numismatic Potpourri

When gold **medals** are handed out at the 2014 **Winter Olympics in Sochi**, Russia, in February, athletes will receive silver medals plated with gold and a piece of the meteorite that struck the Russian city of Chelyabinsk a year earlier, injuring 1,600 people. The last time the Olympic Games awarded solid gold medals was more than a century ago at the 1912 Summer Games in Stockholm, Sweden. This year's silver medals, produced by Russian jeweler Adamas, are sterling silver while the bronze is made of an alloy of copper and zinc. This year's Olympic



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## March 2014



gold medals weigh one pound each while the silver and bronze awards are slightly heavier. The gold medal contains 525 grams of silver and 6 grams of gold. The 2014 silver medal is made of 525 grams of silver. Each award is 0.4 inches thick and 4 inches in diameter. They're the largest and heaviest Olympic medals ever produced. Jewelers used nearly seven pounds of gold to plate the mostly-silver gold medals.

The offerings of the **Australian bullion coins** are once again spectacular, beginning the 2 oz silver Olympian series with Zeus, a colored koala, 1 oz gold and 5 oz silver year of the horse coins, colored lioness coin, the Tasmanian devil opal coin. 1 oz silver, colored, and 1/4 oz gold rush coins. and a brass coin honoring the



Just days before the Long Beach Expo, Goldberg's sold the finest ever assembled collection of **half cents** where **228 coins brought \$18 million** and a second session of other issues realized nearly \$8 million. The

face value was one-half cent, but a 1794 Liberty Cap variety sold at auction Jan. 26 for \$1,150,000. And an 1811 half cent brought \$1,121,250. Rarities are bringing higher and higher prices. Think about that \$1.14 in face value bringing \$18 million. The coins were part of the Missouri Cabinet Collection, which contained every variety of half cent struck from 1793-1857.



The first known example of a **1974-D aluminum cent** will go on the auction block during the Central States Numismatic Society convention April 23-27, 2014. "This is an amazing discovery and we estimate the 1974-D aluminum cent will bring a quarter million dollars or more," said Todd Imhoff of Heritage Auctions. Long rumored to exist in private hands, the example going on sale traces back to Harry Edmond Lawrence, deputy superintendent of the Denver Mint. The rarity passed to his son after he died in 1980 and Heritage relates that he did not know what he had. Aluminum cents were mass produced in 1974 on the expectation that Congress would approve them for use. Examples were given out to elected officials as they deliberated. Congress did not approve them and the Mint requested the patterns be returned. Most were, but an estimated 5 to 14 were not. According to a Feb. 21, 1976 story in Numismatic News, the United States government closed its investigation of any missing 1974 aluminum cents having found, in the government's own words "no evidence of criminal intent" by anyone possessing any of the coins.

**Reno Cartwheel**  
February 2014

## Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 5th of January 7:30 PM

### Carrow's Restaurant

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### February: Lincoln and the Lincoln Penny

Robert Nysten, history curator will present Lincoln

### February 28: Presidents' Day at the NV State

**Museum** Ken Hopple will be running the press, David Elliott will have the latest dollars & quarters.

**March: Something cool he has been working on that we will really like (?)** Fred Holabird will present in "something cool."

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### The Last Meeting

Congratulations to Paul Williams, Shannon Holmes, and Joe Wozniak, who have won seats on the board. And a special thanks to Ken Hopple and Doug Larson our new life members for their contributions of time, treasure, and knowledge to the club. Thanks to Rusty King for filling in for me, and auctioning enough stuff to pay for our die.

There were 26 members at the regular club meeting where Laurel Hoggan showed us euro coins and notes with the new \$5 euro note. No commemoratives though. I guess no one has them.



*Smoky Mountain quarter January 27; Harding \$1 February 6, Native American \$1, March 20.*



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Rusty King: 2008 set presidential dollars

Joe Drapula: 1971D Ike dollar

Clayton Brownell: Euro chocolate bars, \$1 silver certificate, silver nickle

Dan Trabke: 2009 roll of pennies & planchettes in

**mystery box**, silver nickle, buffalo nickle, British Olympic coin

Bart Daniels: 2013 S quarters set, 1976 .50, MS65 1992 .10

David Elliott: 1 gm silver bar

Ken Hopple: Great Basin .25 roll, chocolate coins, holders & tubes

Leo Russo a Barber quarter, Dansco album

Joe Wozniak: roll of Canadian pennies

Ron Jahn: a copper round, 1907 penny

Thomas Charleton: 1981 proof set, 1976 1/2

Ed Scott: Morgan dollar book, 1 oz. Copper round

Quint Aninao: mint quarter bag

### Auctions

1986 unc. Rool .25 won for \$20 by Jerry Breedlove

Oct. 1944 San Diego paper for \$30 by Leo Russow

We also sold off the rolls of Eisenhower dollars

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Milton Angel (not present) won the **quarter pot** about \$30.

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**Feb 14-15: Redwood Empire Coin Club Show**, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road. Info: Merle Avila 707 824-4811, 707 585-3711 (days)

**Feb 16: Cupertino Coin Show**, 770 Montague Expy, San Jose, 45 tables Info: Bruce Braga, 408 839-1883, brucebraga1@aim.com

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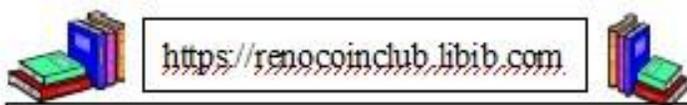
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### Not the Other Coin: The Lincoln Penny

The **Lincoln cent** has been struck by the United States Mint since 1909, the centennial of Lincoln's birth. Victor David Brenner, as was the original designer. The coin has seen several reverse, or tails, designs and now bears one by Lyndall Bass depicting a Union shield. Brenner's initials (VDB), on the reverse at its base, were deemed too prominent once the coins were issued in 1909 and were removed within days of the release. The initials were restored, this time smaller, on Lincoln's shoulder, in 1918. Brenner's reverse was replaced in 1959 by a depiction of the Lincoln Memorial designed by Frank Gasparro, for the sesquicentennial of his birth year. The Lincoln Memorial reverse was itself replaced in 2009 by commemorative designs marking the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth. Beginning in 2010, Bass's shield design was coined. Originally struck in 95% copper, the penny coin was changed for one year to steel in 1943 as copper was needed to aid in the war effort. The mint then reverted to 95% copper until 1982, when inflation made copper too expensive and the composition was changed to zinc with an outer copper layer.



There was intense public interest in the new cents, especially since the Mint had not permitted images of the new coin to be printed in the newspapers. The Lincoln craze sparked by the centennial had not yet subsided, and there was widespread speculation about the coin's design. The Mint decided to plan for a simultaneous release of the coin across the United States on August 2, and Treasury Department branches were sent what were thought to be adequate supplies. The public lined up to buy Lincoln cents outside the Sub-Treasury building, New York City, August 2, 1909. The Philadelphia Mint struck 20 million of the new coin. Dies for the San Francisco

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Mint, prepared at Philadelphia, were ready for shipment to San Francisco on June 22. Some early applicants were able to obtain all the coins they wanted, but soon the pieces were rationed: applicants at the New York Sub-Treasury were allowed 100 pieces per person; those who sought the coins at the Philadelphia Mint were allowed only two each. Coins passed on the secondary market outside the Philadelphia Mint for a quarter each until prices settled down to five cents per new penny.

Brenner objected to the removal of his initials, but his protests were to no avail. The cents without Brenner's initials were in production by August 12, 1909. During the halt, owners of vending and slot machines complained that the new pennies were too thick to fit in their machines, but vending and slot machine manufacturers ended up modifying their machines to suit the new cent, rather than the other way around. By the end of 1909, supply of the new cents was finally up to demand. The 1909-S with Brenner's initials (commonly called the 1909-S VDB) is the rarest Lincoln cent by date and mintmark, with only 484,000 released for circulation. In 1916, Barber modified the design, causing Lincoln's cheek and coat to appear less wrinkled. This modification was done to extend die life. In December 1943, the Treasury Department announced that the steel cent would be discontinued after 1943, to be replaced with coins containing 95% copper and 5% zinc (pre-1943 cents contained the same percentage of copper but might also contain tin in place of some of the zinc). Only one 1943-D cent in bronze is known; it sold in 2010 for \$1.7 million. One of the four known 1943-S cents in bronze was sold for \$1 million. There are less than 10 1944D steel pennies known and the last one sold in 2012 for over \$58,000..

President Eisenhower's press secretary, James Hagerty announced a new reverse design for the cent would begin production on January 2, 1959. The new design by Frank Gasparro had been developed by the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission. The new design featured the Lincoln Memorial. The redesign came as a complete surprise, as word of the proposal had not been leaked. The coin was officially released on February 12, 1959, the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. In 1964, a rise in the price of silver led to silver coins being hoarded by the public. With change short, hoarding extended to the cent, which also became scarce in

circulation. Mint Director Eva Adams felt that part of the reason for the shortage was coin collectors taking pieces from circulation, and Adams ordered that mint marks no longer appear on coins. Coins continued to be dated 1964 until the end of 1965, and almost all 1965 cents were actually struck in 1966. Although coinage had been stopped at San Francisco after 1955, the California facility began to issue cents again, though without mint marks. In 1968, mint marks were restored to the cent. San Francisco began minting a limited number of circulation strikes, which it would cease to do after 1974 and began striking proof coins. In 1981, faced with another rise in the price of copper, the Mint decided to change the composition of the cent to copper-covered zinc. After contract difficulties and production delays, the first such cents were struck at the West Point Mint (without mint mark) on January 7, 1982. A few pennies were struck by error in brass dated 1983 and are extremely rare.



The Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005 required the cent's reverse be redesigned for 2009 with four different designs for the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial be issued. The coins were to be emblematic of Lincoln's early life in Kentucky and in Indiana, of his professional life in Illinois, and of his presidency. As a part of the release ceremony for the last of the 2009 cents on November 12, 2009, the design for the 2010 cent was announced to be the Union shield.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

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The **2014 proof sets** are out with the designs for the quarters and dollars.



Designs are being asked for 2017 National Purple Heart Hall of Honor medal. All the coins will be minted at West Point. The hall in New Windsor, New York, collects stories and video interviews of all purple heart winners. Write you congressman and senator to support the bill HR3867.

The **Brasher Doubloon** just sold for \$4.6 million, a ten fold increase in its 1979 sale price. The 1787 gold coin is one of 7 known, privately struck in New York by Ephraim Brasher, the first U”S gold coin. The **Bank of England** will be making **polymer notes** in 2016, with 5 pound note featuring he queen and Winston Churchill and the 10 pound note with Jane Austen. The notes will last 2-3 times longer and be even more difficult to counterfeit. The **Zimbabwe 100 trillion dollar note**, once selling for a buck or two has rocketed to \$15 to \$30 on e-bay. Hope you bought some.



**Other commemorative US coin proposed** are: Pro Football Hall of Fame Coins, Korean Immigration Coins, Breast Cancer Awareness Coins, Coast Guard Coins, Boys Town Centennial Coins, Thirteenth Amendment Coins, National Park Service 100th Anniversary Coins, Mother’s Day Centennial Coins, World War I American Veterans Centennial Coins, and Panama Canal and Pan-Pacific Exhibition Centennial Celebration Coins. Congressman Amodei sent me an e-mail saying new laws allow only two commemoratives a year (by Congress?) and that they can no longer be state specific. Evidently, **Congress** was spending more than 30% of its time arguing over coins and there is now a severe limitation on coin issues from Congress. They still cannot come to any agreement on the dollar coin, bill, or metal composition of the penny, nickel and dime yet either.

Every one but us appears to be making **Year of the Horse** coins. Tokelau

went first, followed by Canada, Niue, Australia, New Zealand, China, Fiji, Macoa, Laos, Russia, France, etc. The largely bullion coins range from 1/10 ounce to 10 kilos with lots of different designs. Singapore even has the first of kind puzzle coin set of the whole lunar calendar.



### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 5th of January 7:30 PM  
**Carrow's Restaurant**  
605 N. Wells Avenue (Wells and 6th), Reno, NV

**January 7: Euro Coins** Laurel Hoggan presents the Euro coins old and new, their past, and future.

**January 21: Annual Dinner Elections**, dinner, a raffle, probably a movie. See you there.

**February: Lincoln and the Lincoln Penny**  
Robert Nysten, history curator will present Lincoln (tentative).

**March: California's First Engraver** Fred Holabird will present in NCNA lecture (tentative).

### The Last Meeting

The snow and cold did not scare 19 members and five bourse sellers. I got an 1802 penny for \$4, lots of silver dollars and rounds traded hands. We will likely have another bourse with My Favorite Coin in June. The final artist design for our 30th/150th medal was passed around (see below). Suggestions to cancel the meeting are not possible, since I can not call everybody, and anyway the snow stopped. Please come if you can in bad weather, but don't take any risks.



*Smoky Mountain .25 in Jan; Harding \$1 in Feb.*



SF set of all five 2013 quarters in case \$4

National Park Quarters PDS .50

Great Basin roll \$17, PD

Presidential, Native American 2013 D P \$1.25

**Early Bird Prize** was 1983 cameo half won by Bart Daniels.

**Raffle prizes** winners were:

Kindra Amunson: 1979 proof set, 2 filled penny albums

Bill Amunson: 1972 PD unc. set, 1971 unc. Ike, old and silver Canadian coins

Laurel Hoggan: Winston Churchill crown

Gerald Breedlove: 2013 S .25 set, 1902 .01

Bart Daniels: roll of Canadian pennies, blue book

Jeff Allen: 1976 .50 unc.,

Ed Scott: new .25 albu, 1 oz. Copper round

David Elliott: 1969S proof penny, soap money

Cole Allen: 1936 buffalo .05, 1 oz. Copper round

Ken Hopple coin candies, chocolate bar, shopping bag

Fay Allen: Us mint bag

Joseph Wozniak: 2007S proof .05

### Quarter Pot

Rick De Avila (not present) won the **quarter pot** about \$25.

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### Upcoming Coin Shows

**Jan 10-12: Las Vegas, Coin, Stamp, Currency, Jewelry, & Postcards Show**, Circus Circus. Info: [www.bickinternational.com](http://www.bickinternational.com)

**Jan 24-26: San Jose Coin & Collectibles Show**, 2050 Gateway Place, 70 tables Info: Ray Johnson, 408 598-7772, [www.sanjosecoinclub.org](http://www.sanjosecoinclub.org) [sanjosecoins@aol.com](mailto:sanjosecoins@aol.com)

**Feb 14-15: Redwood Empire Coin Club Show**, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road. Info: Merle Avila 707 824-4811, 707 585-3711 (days)

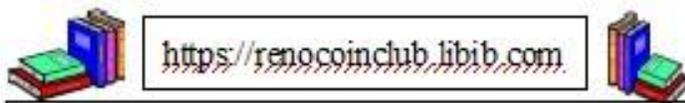
**Feb 16: Cupertino Coin Show**, 770 Montague Expy, San Jose, 45 tables Info: Bruce Braga, 408 839-1883, [brucebraga1@aim.com](mailto:brucebraga1@aim.com)

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The RCC Board meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at Carrow's at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

*If there is a topic you would like to see please let a board member know. Someone in the club knows all*



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### The Other Coin: The Euro

The euro is the single currency shared by (currently) 17 of the European Union's Member States. The introduction of the euro in 1999 was a major step in European integration: around 330 million EU citizens now use it as their currency. When the euro was launched on 1 January 1999, it became the new official currency of 12 Member States: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain, replacing the old national currencies – such as the Deutschmark and the French franc – in two stages. First the euro was introduced as an accounting currency for cash-less payments and accounting purposes, while the old currencies continued to be used for cash payments. Since 1 January 2002 the euro has been circulating in physical form, as banknotes and coins. The euro is not the currency of all EU Member States. Two countries (Denmark and the United Kingdom) have ‘opt-out’ clauses in the Treaty exempting them from participation, while the remainder (Cyprus, Estonia, Malta, Slovakia, and Slovenia) have met the conditions for minting coins and currency. The currency is also used in a further five European countries (England, Sweden, Poland Czech Republic, Hungary) and micro states (Andorra (2014), Monaco, Vatican City, San Marino). The micro states are allowed a limited mintage of coins, but no banknotes. Additionally, 210 million people worldwide as of 2013—including 182 million people in Africa—use currencies pegged to the euro. The coins have a common reverse and individual reverse.



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(Note: I put the common obverses on the front page and even nicer ones on the website) From 2004 to May 2013, countries were only allowed mint one coin per year, afterwards 2 coins per year. Only these €2 coins are legal tender and there is a limit on the number that can be issued. The coin must show the normal design criteria, such as the twelve stars, the year and the issuing country. Greece was the first country to issue a 2 euro coin, and was followed by all but Cyprus, Estonia, and Ireland. However, in 2007 every eurozone state issued a coin of similar design to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Rome, the only difference being the name of the issuing country and the language of the text. This was repeated in 2009 in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the Economic and Monetary Union. The design was selected by electronic voting by EU citizens. The most recent common commemorative coin was issued in 2012 to commemorate 10 years from the introduction of the euro. In 2006, Germany began issuing the German Bundesländer series, showing each of the states of Germany on its coins; this will last until 2021. Spain started a coin series UNESCO World Heritage in 2010, commemorating all of Spain's UNESCO World Heritage Sites, which could continue until 2050. Malta will issue a series of five €2 commemorative coins, all related to the Maltese constitutional history. The first coin was released in 2011 and the last coin will be minted in 2015.



A legacy of old national practice is the minting of silver and gold commemorative coins. Unlike normal issues, these coins are not legal tender throughout the eurozone, but **only** in the country where they are issued (e.g. a €10 Finnish commemorative coin cannot be used in Portugal). However, these gold, silver, copper, and palladium coins are intended for collectors as their bullion value vastly exceeds their face value. Some silver coins, such as the German €10 commemoratives, are often available at banks and some retailers at face value. These coins, however, generally do not circulate but are kept by collectors.



My favorites are the Austrian silver bullion coins featuring Roman town scenes and the founding emperor:



The first banknote series has been in circulation since 2002. They are issued by the National Central Banks of the Eurosystem or the European Central Bank. Denominations of the notes range from €5 to €500, and unlike euro coins, the design is identical across the whole of the Eurozone, although they are issued and printed in various member states. The euro banknotes are pure cotton fibre, which improves their durability as well as giving the banknotes a distinctive feel. The euro notes contain many complex security features such as watermarks, invisible ink, holograms and microprinting that document their authenticity. According to European

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Central Bank estimates, in December 2012, there were approximately 15,687,189,000 banknotes in circulation around the Eurozone. That is about €912,593,020,200 worth of banknotes. On November 2012, the European Central Bank announced the first series of notes will be replaced, starting with the 5 euro note on 2 May 2013. Europa will feature in the new series.



### Numismatic Potpourri

The **Baseball Hall of Fame curved coin** does not have a scheduled month yet. The **Presidential wives** for 2013 in gold and bronze are out. The bronze set of 5 is only \$16.95. I'm going to get a set. Another neat



offering is the **Teddy Roosevelt set**. At \$57.95, the Coin and Chronicles Set contains: a clad 2013-S Proof Theodore Roosevelt Presidential \$1 Coin, a 1.5-inch Bald Eagle Bronze Medal, a one-ounce, 99.9% pure Theodore Roosevelt Silver Medal, a 4x6 print honoring his military service, and a booklet about Roosevelt's life and legacy.

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France won the 2014 coin of the year award with this 10 euro silver coin featuring an artist and one of his ugly abstract paintings. I thought the glow in the dark dinosaur from Canada should have won.



The **Whydah shipwreck** first discovered off the coast of Cape Cod in 1984 is a pirate ship. Gold and silver coins were on board when the ship sank in a storm in 1717. The former slave ship was commanded by "Black Sam" Bellamy at the time of the ship's demise. Since 1984 Barry Clifford, who discovered the wreck, has retrieved more than 10,000 coins plus additional artifacts from the Whydah. "This is the only documented **pirate treasure** that's ever been discovered." Historian Ken Kinkor suggests there could have been as many as 400,000 coins at the shipwreck site. To date the site has yielded 60 cannons and 400 pieces of Akan gold jewelry in addition to the coins appear to be primarily Spanish colonial American silver cob coins. Many of the recovered items are on display at the Whydah Pirate Shipwreck

