

Reno Cartwheel

December 2015

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 22nd of December 7 PM (4th Tuesdays)
Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave. (at E. McCarran), Sparks

December 22 Minibourse! Bring coins to sell or trade.

January 26 Dinner, Awards and Elections!

The Last Meeting

21 members braved the threat of snow to hear Rusty's presentation of NV's centennial medal set. He had Ken Hopple's set in a NV shaped plaque complete with the platinum coin. Don't see many of those. **I'm officially retired** and have more time to take care of club's business. Snow kept me home this weekend, so do not know if I'll make it to the Panama-Pacific Exposition and missed the historical bourse in SF, **Please consider running for election** to one of the officer seats or one of the two board seats. Nominate yourself or someone at the December meeting. The **Saratoga .25** is in the mail and scheduled to arrive 12-15. I should be able to make up some **2015 S sets** before the meeting. I still have **FREE ANA memberships** with a **free digital subscription** to the *Numismatist* magazine. The ANA is also continuing its **coins for A's**, 3 or more A's earn a coin. **We also offer a small scholarship** for the graduating senior off to college who makes a presentation to the club. **The coin press** will not be up and running until January I hear. **Don't forget to bring something for the Bid Board now every month!**

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Saratoga .25 in mail; 2015 S sets will be made, and NA, Johnson \$1 are here!



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Early Bird Prize was velociraptor copper round won by Rick de Avila.

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Rick De Avila: \$1 silver certificate, foreign currency
Claude Sendon: 2007 proof presidential set, coin holders
Bart Daniels: **mystery box**, .05 1988 proof slabbed, PD Johnson dollars
David Elliott: set 3 steel pennies
Ed Cranch: 1971D unc. Ike, Morgan copper round
Robert Rodriguez: 2015 Red Book
Jerry Breedlove: 1982 50 pesos
Gailen Sendon: coin book, bunch of coin bags
Joe Wozniak: Mint shopping bag
Alacia Sendon: a bunch of blue books

Auction

Jerry Breedlove won silver bicentennial set for \$22, donated by Larry Demangate

Quarter Pot

Ed Hoffman (not present) won the quarter pot.

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January 8-9, East Bay/Concord Coin Show, Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave., Tables: 39, Admit: \$3, Bill Green, 925 351-7605, info@norcalcoinshows.com www.norcalcoinshows.com

January 22-24, San Jose Coin Club Coin Show, Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, Tables: 70, Admit: \$4, Ray Johnson, 408 598-7772 SanJoseCoins@aol.com www.sanjosecoinclub.org

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The Other Coin: The Three Wisemen

The coins for the Three Wisemen have traditionally been: Azes II of the Indo-Scythians, Phraates IV of the Parthians, Gondophares of the Indo-Parthians (St. Thomas is said to have converted to Christianity) or Aretas IV of the Nabataeans. There were several other petty kings of the East that either did not issue coins or were not ruling at the right time.



Azes II, 35bc-4ad
A. II mounted/Athena stands



Phraates IV, 37-2bc
head/ king as archer



Gondophares, 10bc-50ad
bust/Nike stands



Aretas IV 9bc-40ad
wife Shuqailat/ cornucopias

Azes II ruled northern India/Afghanistan being one of descendants of the Indo-Scythian tribes that destroyed Bactria. Phraates IV was a Parthian ruler inheritor of the Persian Empire. Gondophares was a Indo-Parthian ruler having broken away from the Parthian Empire forming a kingdom in northern India. Aretas IV was a Nabataean king, who ruled much of the Arabian peninsula, Syria, and the Sinai with his capitol at Petra. There were other petty kings ruling under Roman or Parthian authority. The Kings of Elam or Elymais and Persis minted coins, but their chronology is still not established.

Jesus was born between 7BC and 4BC to take into account all the people (Herod, Augustus, Quirinius, Roman governor of Syria) mentioned at his birth, which was how time was kept back then e.g. the 7th year of emperor, king, magistrate so and so. Also there are good records of a large comet in 7 BC and 4 BC seen in both China and the Roman Empire, which could have been the Star of Bethlehem that the wise men were following. Our year 0 or 1 was a pretty good medieval guess.

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Besides wisemen candidates, Biblical related coins can be collected by person, place, or event mentioned in the Bible. Jewish kings minted their own coins starting around 140BC with the Lilly of Jerusalem on the coin. Jewish related coins begin with the end of the Babylonian captivity in the 6th century BC with Judah as the name of a province placed on some Persian coins. Of course, coins can be collected from almost all the cities mentioned in the Bible, although not from the same time since coins were first minted in the late 7th century BC and Biblical events began with Abraham in the 17th or 18th century BC and Moses in the 13th century BC.

Popular collecting themes include a coin from each of the cities Paul ministered in or a coin from each city that minted them in the Holy Land, coins showing the history of Jerusalem or the Jewish kings, Roman procurators of Judah including Pilate, Jewish coins of revolt in 70AD and 135 AD. Of course, the Roman emperors minted coins commemorating their victories over the Jews known as Jewish Capta coins, often showing a weeping Jewess under a palm tree. You can also collect coins mentioned by Jesus like the Widow's mite, tribute penny, or one of the 30 pieces of silver (shekels of Tyre) paid to Judas. Most of the cities Jesus ministered in minted coins, often during the time of his ministry. A coin of Pilate is a must, of course, as well as Nero and Caesar Augustus. "The Handbook of Biblical Numismatics" is on-line at amuseum.org/book Also James B. Lovette's inexpensive, Biblical Related Coins (2000) is good. By the way, a very nice Widow's mites can be had for \$10 or less. Almost anything of this nature can be found at www.vcoins.com or on ebay.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Spanish Galleon *San Jose* Found

A wreck off the Columbian coast found some 30 years ago by Sea Search Armada has been identified as the Spanish treasure ship *San Jose*. The manifest lists gold, silver, and emeralds worth \$4-17 billion dollars. It was sunk in 1708 by a British warship about 16 miles off Columbia. Spain and Columbia are reported to be discussing the division of the treasure Maritime law has recently established that war vessels belong to the

country who flagged it. Columbia claims it since it is in its territorial waters and the wealth was stolen from indigenous people. It is unknown when the lawyers will be done or if the salvage company will get a cut and do the salvage. The salvage company feels entitled to half. Below is an image of the cannons that identified the ship.



Numismatic Potpourri

Britain is issuing its first circulation 50 pound coin to commemorate Elizabeth II becoming the longest reigning monarch. 31 grams of .999 silver with a mintage of 100,000. It is selling for face value at the Royal Mint. There is also a **2 ounce silver 100 pound coin** featuring Buckingham palace with a 50,000 limit almost sold out. It is the first coin with the queen's new image. The ANA theme for **2016**



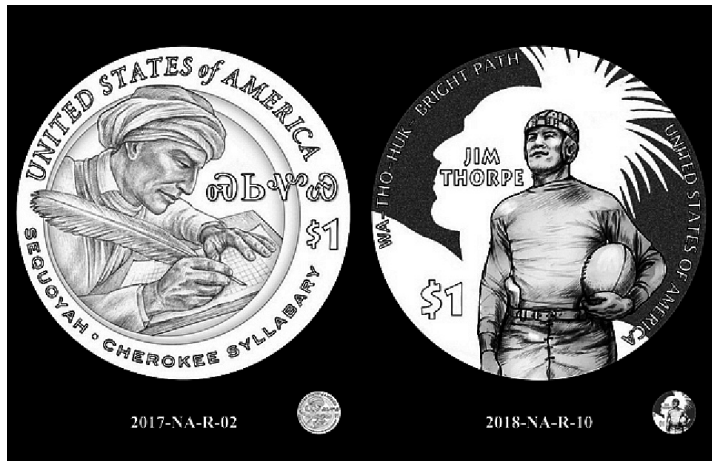
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National Coin Week is "Portraits of Liberty: Icon of Freedom." This will feature images both ancient and modern as well as foreign and the 3 1916 images on the "Mercury" dime, standing Liberty quarter and walking Liberty half dollar. The final designs for the Nixon and Ford dollars have been approved. Reagan dollar design to follow. **2016 Native American**

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dollar will honor the Code Talkers and the Native American dollar is slated to continue with the **2017 and 2018 designs** featuring the Cherokee syllabary and Sac and Fox tribes's Jim Thorpe and his ancestor Chief Black Hawk in silhouette.

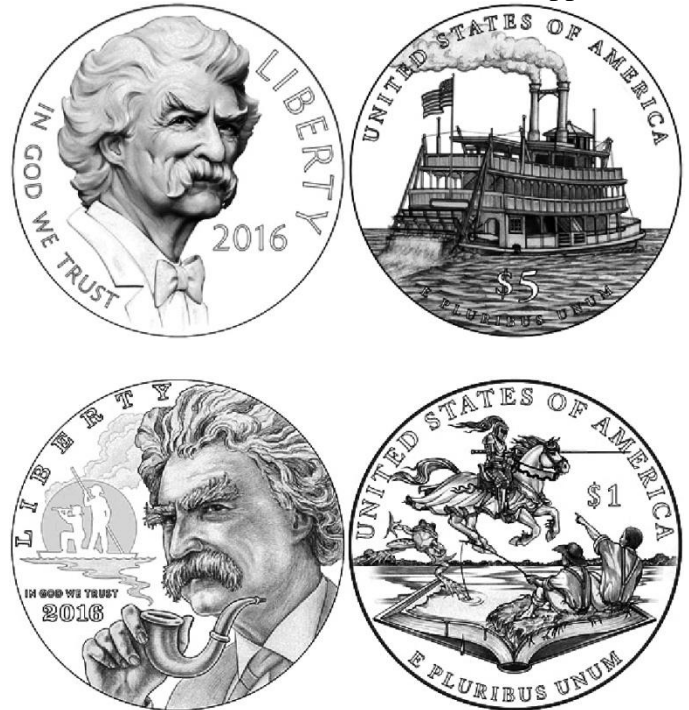


The **2015-W platinum proof** sold out in 7 minutes all 4000 coins at \$1250 each. US Mint gold and silver



bullion coins are selling at record rates with the decline in precious metals. **The International Monetary Fund made the Chinese yuan a reserve currency** at the expense of the euro and pound and to a lesser degree the yen and dollar. The greatest effect is, however, likely to be a conversion of a trillion US dollars into the Chinese yuan devaluing the dollar by about 15%. The change next Fall was pushed and promoted by the Obama administration. Final designs for the gold and

silver 2016 Mark Twain coins have been approved.



Some **4,000 mint state Roman antoniniani** were found in a cherry orchard in Switzerland. Dated from 274-294 AD they were withdrawn from circulation immediately after being struck. Their owner must have had selected the specimens for hoarding, their 5% silver content ensuring a stable value in financially turbulent times. Probably assembled over years, the treasure was buried shortly after AD 294 and include the emperors: Aurelian (270-275), Tacitus (275-276), Probus (276-282), Carinus (283-285), Diocletian (284-305), and Maximianus (286-305). Unlike the Treasure laws in England, the find became the immediate property of the state with no compensation to the land owner or finder.



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The ANA has digitized its entire 125 years of journals, on-line and searchable. The e-library will also include auction catalogs, numismatic e-books, and numismatic dissertations. Just another great reason to join. **Ireland has joined a number of Euro countries to no longer produce the 1 and 2 cent euro coins.** It costs 1.65 cents euro to strike a 1-cent coin, while it costs 1.94 cents euro to produce a 2-cent coin. Ireland will be joining Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, the Netherlands, and Sweden, all of whom have in recent years begun rounding prices to the nearest 5 euro cents while discouraging further circulation of these two lowly value coins. The Smithsonian Institution recently completed a project to **digitize 270,000 Bureau of Engraving and Printing certified proofs of currency, bonds, revenue stamps, and other intaglio products,** and they hope to make all of these images available on-line at high resolution within the next couple of years. Already over 46,000 high-resolution scans of Series of 1875, 1882 and 1902 national bank note images have been uploaded to the Smithsonian website. Certified proofs are printer's proof sheets submitted to officials for approval before full-scale printing proceeds. **A hoard of silver coins, some of which were issued by Mark Antony, have been discovered in a Welsh field.** The 91 coins were issued by Roman rulers spanning 200 years, with the earliest dating back to Mark Antony in 31BC, through to the rule of Emperor Nero between 54 and 68AD and Marcus Aurelius, who headed the Empire from 161AD to 180AD. They were unearthed by two friends out walking in a field near the small village of Wick in South Wales and during the Roman era each coin would have been the equivalent to a day's pay. England's treasure trove law will assign a market value to the coins with museums given the right to buy the coins and have the proceeds divided among the landowner 20%, finder 80%. *And what not to do when you find a hoard of coins:* **Hamas forces seized a chest full of Ottoman-era gold coins** discovered in Gaza. The Turkish coins were uncovered by workers paving a road in the neighborhood of Shujaiyeh. A fight broke out over the coins among residents of the area, which was ended when Hamas-controlled police intervened. The police then confiscated the coins and other

archaeological objects that were dug up. **The final**



coin designs for the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service will be offered in gold, silver, and clad compositions. *The designs are better than first proposed* with Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir on the \$5 gold, the Jazz instruments for New Orleans



were replaced with Yellowstone geyser, but the Mexican dancer remained as a nod to political correctness. The very busy half dollar was reduced to a hiker and a child finding a frog and the dinosaur skeleton was replaced with the Park Service emblem (see July 2015 issue). *A very disappointing set* that could have complemented the national park quarters.

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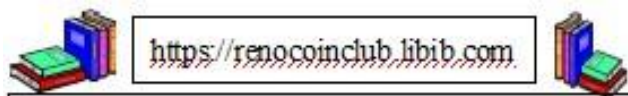
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November 24 Happy Birthday NV! Rusty King

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The Last Meeting

26 members shared a discussion of German coins with Doug Cummings, Ron Jahn, and Doug Larson. I'll bring mine too, since I got them out and all neatly labeled. Got that virus from going to grandkids' Grandparents' Day at their school. I'll also bring the Roman silver book and the Wells Fargo book. **Johnson \$1 and Delaware .25 will be at the November meeting.** The Saratoga .25 is scheduled for release 11-30. **ANA sent me a bunch more free subscriptions and memberships** to the on-line *Numismatist* magazine, so I'll have those with me as well.. I missed going to the museum for Nevada Day as well, so I have a box of **October Numismatists to share.** Perth mint has gone through all the **Star Trek captains and ships**, but the coins are about \$100 each, *too rich for my blood.* **Comic Con November 20-22** at the Reno Convention Center, Adam West, Brent Spinner, and the voice of Goofy are the headliners. Lots of fun last year. **The coin press** will not be up and running until January I hear. Commodity and bullion prices are down, but are we heading for Armageddon or just deflation? Time for a round table from the gurus in club. What else is one your mind as we get the 2016 lecture schedule started? **Don't forget to bring something for the Bid Board, now every month!**



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Duke Morin: copper round
Gary Dahlke: 2002 proof set
Milton Angel: foreign paper money
Leo Rossow: Brass RCC medal, coin book
Rose Moratti: copper round
Thomas Charleton: 50 Mexican pesos coin
Joe Wozniak: **mystery box**, .50 1983 au
Bart Daniels: brass token and coin book

Auction

Jerry Breedlove won a Halloween \$1 for \$10, donor not noted.
Joe Wozniak won 2007 boxed proof dollars for \$24, donor not noted.

Quarter Pot

Fred Holabird won the quarter pot.

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December 6, Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Tables: 66, Admit: \$2, Peter McIntosh, 916 317-9055, peter@mcintoshcoins.com www.sacramentocoinshow.com

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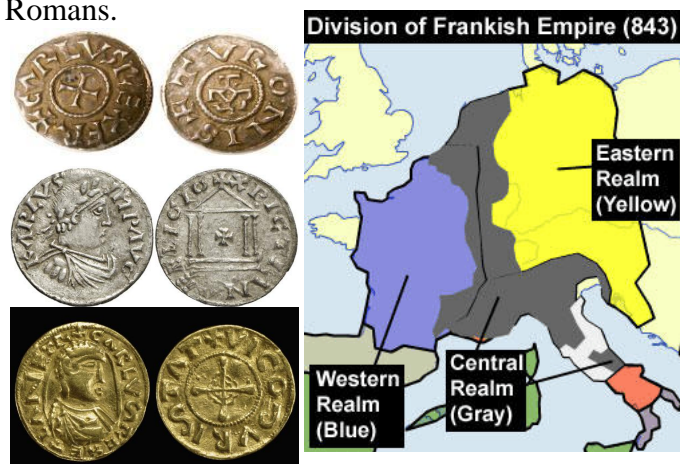
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The Other Coin: Holy Roman Emperors

I scored a couple of Holy Roman Empire (HRE) silver coins last month, leaving only about 6 to go for \$13 and \$20. The 1100 years of the HRE covers all of medieval Europe through WWI. The HRE was an attempt by Charlemagne (800-814) to reconstitute the Western Roman Empire, but when his son, Louis the Pius died the empire was divided up amongst three of Charlemagne's grandsons. West Francia, which would become the Kingdom of France, went to Charles the Bald, East Francia (which later evolved into the core of the Holy Roman Empire) went to Louis the German, and Middle Francia (Italy) went to Lothair, who also inherited the title of Emperor of the Romans.



Coins of Charlemagne are pricey (\$1000+), especially the portrait coins and beyond most budgets. His grandson Lothair can be found easily under \$100 or in lesser grade under \$50. After that the small silver coins usually cost \$20 or so. Charlemagne introduced the thin, nickle sized silver denier (from the Roman denarius, which elsewhere was named penny, pennig, or pfennig) and the gold solidus with a standard of 12 denier to the solidus and 20 solidus to the silver pound. Gold was scarce in Western Europe and silver became the standard coinage with halved and quartered silver coins as small change. However, rulers of the various lands nominally under the realm of the HRE began to issue their own coins and denominations from the late middle ages onwards, and the names and types of these coins are legion.

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The HRE began with the conquest of much of Germany by the Frankish Emperor Charlemagne. His alliance with Pope Leo III resulted in the Pope Leo crowning him Emperor of the Romans in 800 AD. The HRE grew to nominally encompass Germany, Switzerland, Austria, the Czech Republic, Belgium, the Netherlands and parts of Northern Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Poland and France. It was a largely Germanic political entity described by German historians as 'the First Reich'.

Otto I, King of Germany is considered the first true Holy Roman Emperor. Two years after ascending to the German throne, a rich vein of silver was discovered in Saxony in 938 AD. Otto used this new found wealth to expand his empire with the support of Pope John XII, who rewarded Otto by resurrecting the defunct title Emperor of the Romans and conferring it upon him in 962. The Ottonian dynasty died out with Henry II in 1024, and Conrad II, of the Salian Dynasty was elected to the throne by the various princes of the Imperial states, establishing the principle of the title of Emperor being conferred by election of 7 electors (three spiritual: the Archbishop of Mainz, the Archbishop of Trier, and the Archbishop of Cologne and four lay: the King of Bohemia, the Count Palatine of the Rhine, the Duke of Saxony, and the Margrave of Brandenburg).



(deniers of Otto I 962-973 and Otto III 983-1002AD)

The close relationship of Papacy and HRE fell apart when Emperor Henry IV (1050-1106) had his own appointed bishops excommunicate the Pope Gregory VII, who in turn, excommunicated the Emperor. The excommunication was lifted in 1077 when Henry IV performed a humiliating penance standing barefoot in the snow for 3 days. This began the decentralization that would eventually see the authority of the HRE become largely nominal beyond their own estates. After his son Henry V died in 1125, the electors gained control of the title Holy Roman Emperor and granted it to the highest bidder in cash, land, or power until the rise of the Habsburgs in 1279.



(deniers of Henry IV and Henry V)

The Habsburgs contended for the title with the Luxemburgs and Wittelsbachs until 1439. The apogee of Habsburg rule came in the reign of Charles V, who first ruled as Charles I, king of Spain. His world-spanning realms included Spain, the Americas, Netherlands, and much of Italy. He was elected HRE in 1519, largely as a result of massive bribery made possible by the staggering wealth of silver and gold arriving from the Americas.



(denier and ducat of Charles V 1516-1566)

New silver deposits were found in 16th century Tyrol lead to the proto silver dollar first called a *thaler*, *daalder*, or *daler*. The Maria Theresa thaler has continued to be struck since 1780, in the name of the Holy Roman Empress Maria Theresa. This bullion is still used as in some parts of the world, particularly in Africa.



(thalers of Leo the Hogmouth 1640-1705 and Maria Theresa 1740-1780)

By the end of the 30 Years War (1618-1648), fought largely between the Catholic Holy Roman Emperors and their Protestant subjects and allies (including Catholic France), the German states outside Austria

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had gained effective autonomy. The HRE had become a loose amalgam of some 300 entities. The Empire nevertheless struggled on until 1806, when Ferdinand II was forced to abdicate as HRE following a treaty with Napoleon. Ferdinand II reinvented himself as Ferdinand I, Emperor of Austria and declined to resurrect the title of Holy Roman Emperor for himself. The Habsburg Empire carried on as the Austrian and (from 1867) Austro-Hungarian Empire until the final collapse of the Habsburg Empire in 1918. After the loss of World War I, the Austro-Hungarian Empire was broken up into its constituent nations of Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and the various Balkan states. The dream of a united Europe with a single universal Catholic Church was lost without its Holy Roman Emperor. Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

As of Nov. 11, the **price of gold** was at \$1,086 with **silver** at \$14.35. Since Oct. 12, gold is down 7% from \$1,165 while silver has seen a 10% drop from \$15.96. At their lowest points since February of 2010 for gold and August of 2009 for silver. *All commodity prices are down, we seem to be heading to deflation or collapse. What do you think?* **Fake coins**, notably a gold krugerrand, are appearing **in fake NGC holders** good enough to fool experts. Ursula Kampmann reports on the **Coin Conference in Madrid Oct. 21-23** that there is increased demand for coins. Higher denominations are usually bimetallic to make counterfeiting harder and lower denominations are mostly galvanized steel with copper, brass and other coatings. 55 mints are producing \$49 billion worth of coins annually, up from \$42 billion. 62 banknote printers make \$170 billion. He's done it again: **Lost and Found Coin Hoards and Treasures: Illustrated Stories of the Greatest American Troves and Their Discoveries**, by Q. David Bowers. The United States Mint announced that it will strike and issue coins to commemorate the 100th anniversary of three iconic coin designs first issued in 1916: the "Winged Liberty" dime, "Standing Liberty" quarter, and "Walking Liberty" half-dollar. All three coins will be manufactured from .9999 fine, 24-karat gold. The **Coin of the Year category winners** are: Austria for best silver (Berlin



US won best gold coin and most innovative coins for gold and copper-nickel clad baseball coins:



Germany won best historical for the Fahrenheit's thermometer, Latvia won best contemporary for the Baltic Union, Canada for best crown sized coin looking up a maple tree, Britain best circulating for WWI, and Poland for most inspirational for Jan Karski's key that hid evidence of the Holocaust snuck out of Poland in WWII.

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2016 quarter designs have been approved.



President Johnson's Coin and Chronicle set sold out within 4 hours with the reverse proof dollar, silver medal, and 4 stamps. The \$100 dollar deep relief gold coin is also sold out. That took over 4 days at \$1490. Someone was kind enough to bring one in and pass it around at the September meeting..



Evidently there are lots of double dies and rare deep cameo proofs in 1971-1978 Ike dollars if you look through the proof sets. Check you [Cherrypicker's Guide](#). So says *Numismatic News*. The Monument Men of WWII get a medal now, available in gold, 3" bronze for \$40 and 1½" bronze for \$7.



Don't tell Donald Trump that on Oct. 29 the Mint suspended its 104-year-old coin exchange program. The Mint had redeemed more mutilated half dollars from Chinese sources than have ever been minted in the history of the United States. I guess that would be a tip-off that something is wrong.

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31 members had ice-cream and watched a DVD on "Carson City Half Dollars." **The Nevada National Banks Notes** in the **Holabird Auction** sold for thousands each and the **McGil note** went for \$25,000. **Johnson \$1** and **Delaware .25** will be at the **October meeting**. The **Saratoga .25** is scheduled for release 11-30. **Ken Hopple broke the coin press, not really**, but it is down for repairs and he can hopefully give us the details. I made it to the **Wells Fargo Museum** and **Roman silver exhibit at the Legion** (more below) in San Francisco as well as the **Diablo coin show** in Walnut Creek. I plan to attend the **De Young Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915 exhibit**, October 17 to January 10 in December. See <http://www.ppie100.org/events/> **Wells Fargo** did not have anything on the coins and medals of the PPIE, but lots of pictures and even a brief film made at the time. Very cool stage coaches, pony express and stagecoach mail, a history of currency including a complete 1854 coin set, dozens of different gold dust samples from CA rivers, gold coins recovered from the *Brother Johnathan*, wrecked in 1865, gold nuggets and ores, Wells Fargo in history and film. Go when you're in SF. **Don't forget to bring something for the Bid Board.** No historical bourse this Dec.

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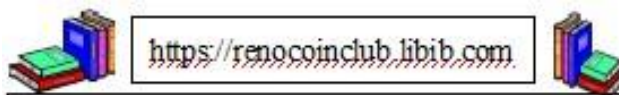
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November 6-7, Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Tables: 66, Admit: \$3, Peter McIntosh, 916 317-9055, peter@mcintoshcoins.com www.sacramentocoinshow.com (Also Dec. 6)

November 7, Visalia Coin Club Show, Sons of Italy Hall, 4211 West Goshen Ave., Admit: FREE, Leo D'Andrea, 559 738-8128, dandrealeolola@yahoo.com <http://www.sacramentocoinshow.com>

November 13-14, Sunnyvale Coin Show, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Tables: 30+, Admit: \$3, Bill Green, 925 351-7605, infor@norcalcoinshows.com www.norcalcoinshows.com

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The Other Coin: German Coins

Germans relied on a barter system well into the 4th century. German currency continued to be women and cattle. They did not even make imitations of Roman coins until the Goths were in Italy in the 4th century AD and the Vandals had overrun North Africa in the 5th century AD.



Vandal King Hilderic,
523-530AD, imitating
Roman coin



Goths, Taman
Peninsula, 3rd-4th AD
crude head left, crude
standing Mars

The first German coins can be considered the various Victor German coins minted by Roman emperors, who defeated various German tribes invading Italy and Gaul. Augustus' grandnephew Drusus (15 BC-19AD) was surnamed Germanicus for repeatedly defeating the Germans from 9AD to 16AD, including those that had destroyed 3 Roman legions in 9AD in the Teutoburg forest. He managed to recover the lost legionary eagles. So fearful was Emperor Tiberius of his popularity that he had Germanicus transferred to Asia, then poisoned. Germanicus Drusus was longed remembered as the perfect Roman. Later coins so detailed the defeated Germans that they are our principle source for the arms and clothing of Germans at the time of the Roman Empire (Gallienus & Domitian for example)



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(Germanicus above left, Gallienus and Domitian with trophy and German captives right)

The Germans finally conquered Rome in 490AD, various German generals, then emperors, minted coins in their own names, imitating Roman coins. After the fall of the Roman Empire, coinage mostly continued as imitation of Roman coins. Roman and Byzantine coins also continued to circulate. Gradually, cities, dioceses, and nobles minted their own coins, most often with crosses, monograms, and crude portraiture.



(The Ostro-Goth Theodoric 493-518 AD left and Hilderic 534-536 AD right)

The rise of Emperor Charlemagne (800-814 AD) brought a flood of new gold and silver coins, still imitating Roman models. Upon his death, he divided his kingdom among his three sons, which resulted in distinctly a German region. Although Germans continued the denarius, often call a denier following Charlemagne, the Germans also produced thin, uniface bracteates in a wide array of designs. Silver coins dominated coinage and ever smaller cut or thinner



(A rare portrait denier of Charlemagne and gold coin augustalis of Friedrich II 1197-1250)



(Various German bracteates)

coins were used for small change. There were scores of mints for each town, bishop, monastery, and nobleman. there was also royal coinage of the Holy Roman Emperor, which became a largely German title, lasting until 1806, when Francis became the Emperor of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Portraiture improved, crests became common, and fanciful designs also appeared to compete with various crosses on coins. Gold became more common as did copper coinage and Roman coppers were still in circulation into the 19th century. Medieval coinage is still relatively cheap to collect, but does not have standard references as do Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and modern coins.



(HRE Otto III 983-1002AD &

HRE Leo the Hogmouth 1640-1705AD)

Up to modern times Germany had many local jurisdictions minting coins with more than 100 minting authorities until unified in 1870.



(German States: Prussia, Brunswick, Hanover, Bavaria, and Sachsen)

Germany had distinctive coinage from WWI and WWII in aluminum, iron, and zinc. After WWI, Germany inflated its currency in order to pay reparations in worthless money, creating hundreds of

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jurisdictions minting “Notgeld,” “not money,” for local change and commerce in coinage then notes. At its worst stamps and paper money (see below) were issued in the 100s of millions of marks (the German dollar). The inflation caused the collapse of the German economy, and was a major reason for the rise of Hitler.



(Notgeld coins and notes)

Hitler produced many coins with the famous swastikas well as coins and notes for occupied territories.



(German occupied Belgium, France, Czechoslovakia, and Netherlands)

After WWII Germany was divided into Allied West Germany (below top) and Communist East Germany (below bottom) both with their own currency. When Germany was reunited in 1991, West Germany currency was used and the East German currency was destroyed. Already part of the European Union, Germany was one of the first states to use the the euro in 1999. Germany continues to mint bullion,



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commemorative coins, and euros.



Finally, it is fun to collect the inflationary currency of Germany in the 1920s and 1930s. You can be an instant billionaire.



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Numismatic Potpourri

The Roman silver exhibit at the Legion of Honor through January 10th not only had the largest and finest horde of Roman silver plate dedicated to a temple of Hermes, but also several gold and jeweled treasures from Louis XIV Cabinet of Medals, including the largest gold and silver plates. Th gold patera has several gold aurei. I will bring the exhibit catalog of this and Wells Fargo Museum.

The legal drama goes on to decide the fate of the **10 1933 \$20 gold coins** in the possession of the family of the late Israel Switt, a Philadelphia jeweler who obtained the coins in the 1930s. A federal appeals court is being asked to reverse the lower court's order to return the coins to the family. The family sent them to the mint in 2005 for authentication and the government



kept them. Three of **2016 quarter designs** have been approved and the other 2 approved with recommended changes. The Ellis Island building is deemed not iconic enough and another building or the island itself was suggested, while the effigy mounds needed to drawn to scale.



The Lions Club get an 100th anniversary medal in 2017. That's the founder Melvin Jones on the obverse. 6 people were arrested in Turkey with dies, planchets, and finished **ISIS coins**. Go to: <https://www.rt.com/news/317931-isis-mint-currency-turkey/> if you want to see the dies and materials. The **2nd installment of the D. Brent Pogue Collection** auction by Stack's Bowers Galleries and Sotheby's brought \$26,120,838 in high bids, surpassing the highest pre-sale estimate of \$20.6425 million. Widely acclaimed as the most valuable group of coins ever assembled by a private collector, the D. Brent Pogue Collection includes over 600 of the finest early American coins in existence, nearly all struck in Philadelphia between 1792 and 1840. After just two of five planned auctions, the D. Brent Pogue Collection has already netted more than \$50 million. The "Lord St. Oswald" specimen of the 1794 dollar, graded MS-66+ (PCGS) and considered the finest circulation strike 1794 dollar in existence realized \$4,993,750. The second highest price was the finest known 1795 \$10 in existence, graded MS-66+ (PCGS). It more than doubled the high estimate of \$1.2 million, receiving a final bid of \$2,585,000. See them on-line.

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 22nd of September **7 PM (4th Tuesdays)**
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September 22 Ice Cream Social and a movie-
"Carson City Half Dollars"

October 27 Oktoberfest. Bring your German coins and medals! Laurel Hoggan

November 24 Happy Birthday NV! Rusty King

December 22 Minibourse! Coins to sell or trade

The Last Meeting

39 members attended Andre Assam's discussion of coins and tokens used in local casinos with good assists from members and a huge bag of chips for sale from Doug Larson, I got a bunch. **Fred Holabird's Nevada national bank notes** made a second appearance, and a Rhyolite note was finally found, going to auction in November (see below). Holabird's auction is September 24-27, go to www.FHWAC.com or call 851-1859 for catalog, also on ebay. **Kennedy \$1 and NC .25 will be at the August meeting.** I should have the **Johnson dollar** as well. **The Bombay Hook .25 will not be issued until September 30**, so not available until October meeting. I should also note the **set of 1st Wives medals that sold out so fast** last year will be available **9AM (noon eastern) on Monday September 21st**. Move fast. Ken Hopple was making **commemorative Morgan dollars** on the coin press and John Frost brought a **complete 20 cent set** with all the varieties, matching a new CC variety to one of the dies dug up a few years ago (more below). San Francisco and all CA are putting on a great tribute to the **Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915**, especially at the De Young Museum, October 17 to January 10 and Wells Fargo Museum until December 4th, but every institution and museum seems to be doing something. See <http://www.ppie100.org/events/>

Bombay Hook .25, NA, Johnson \$1 are here!



SF set of all five 2013-2018S quarters in case \$5
 National Park Quarters PDS .50
 Presidential, Native American D P \$1.25

Early Bird Prize was copper round won by Clayton Brownell.



Raffle prizes winners were:

Art Bonnel: 1971 proof set, 2009 penny **mystery box**
 Clayton Brownell: 2 50 Pesos coins
 Milton Angel: English proof set, Harrah's silver medal, mint bag
 Ed Cranch: 2003 proof set, copper round
 Don Stamps: coin albums
 Ken Hopple: 1976 NV centennial medal, chocolate coins, more chocolate coins
 Thomas Charleston: set steel pennies, 1939S .01
 Joe Wozniak: 1972 proof set
 Laurel Hoggan: token collection
 Mary Long: RCC brass medal
 Jeff Allen: 1908 Barber .05
 Trish Elliott: 1971 D unc. Ike
 Danny Rossow: copper RCC medal

No Auction Quarter Pot

Alan Jackson (not present) won the quarter. Laurel Hoggan won the quarter pot. About \$15.

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September 17-19, Long Beach Coins, Stamp, and Sports Expo, Long Beach convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave., Admit: \$8, Taryn Warrecker, 805 680-0294, TWarrecker@collectors.com www.longbeachexpo.com

September 24-27, Million Dollar Auction Live, Fred Holabird, 775 851-18159, www.FHWAC.com
ebay.com/usr/fhwac (new items daily)

September 26, Northern California Numismatic Association Numismatic Seminar, "Great Collectors and Grand Collections," 734 Marin St., Vallejo, CA, Michael Turrini, 707 246-6327, emperori@juno.com
www.solanocoinclub.com

October 2-3, Sacramento Coin Show, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit: \$3, Tables: 50, Bob Shanks, 916 204-5168, www.sacvalcc.org

October 30-31, Nevada Day at the Nevada State Museum, Ken at the press and Dave at the club table, free admission and a parade on Saturday!

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Not the Other Coin: US 20 Cents



John Frost, co-author of the book Double Dimes – The United States Twenty-cent Piece, brought a complete set of 20 cent coins with all the varieties and die marriages including an 1876 CC to the coin show at the Nevada State Museum. In addition, a new die marriage of the an 1875 CC discovered in January 2015 was matched to the actual die at the museum.

The 20 cent coin was the brainchild of Senator John Jones of Nevada, and was only made from 1875 to 1878 at mints in San Francisco, Philadelphia and Carson City. "The United States 20-cent piece is something that most Americans don't know we ever had," Frost said. "It was actually the single biggest flop in U.S. coin history, even worse than the Susan B. Anthony dollar. Not only was it very similar in size to the quarter, it was also a very similar design, so it was kind of doomed from the start." The second part of the Frost's lecture touches on a pit of old coinage dies found when the Nevada State Museum was expanding in the 1990s. "Four of the dies they found were from 20-cent pieces," said Frost, who later came across a coin that he was able to match exactly to one of the recovered dies. He is loaning it to the museum to be displayed with the die.

Strangely, the idea for a 20-cent coin was not exactly new when the first one appeared in 1875. Thomas Jefferson had suggested the denomination as early as 1783, but the United States was not in a position to make many silver coins of any denomination. The nation as it existed then had no silver and the Spanish Empire did, so it was Spanish silver that circulated. Silver bullion remained scarce and when you had brought silver into the Mint, you could request the coin denomination you would like to

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receive in return. Prior to 1804, the preference was for silver dollars. When dollar production was suspended in 1804 in an attempt to have greater production of other denominations, Senator Uriah Tracy proposed a double dime in 1806, but it failed to pass. With the discovery of silver in Nevada in 1859, a great deal changed. Suddenly, silver supplies were no longer an issue. The silver half dime was eliminated in 1873 that created an interesting situation in the West. Branch mints were not allowed to produce anything but gold and silver coins. For small sums, the West was left high and dry when it came to small change.

It was probably not lost on the silver mining interests that a 20-cent piece would use silver. Lost in the rush to get the new denomination into the hands of the public was the fact that it would be awfully hard for a 20-cent piece to be very different in size from the quarter if both were made of silver. The 20-cent piece weighed five grams and measured 22 millimeters in diameter while the quarter was 6.25 grams and 24.3mm in diameter. The Mint director originally suggested that the 20-cent piece be patterned after the Trade dollar in design. Eventually, however, the design turned into a marriage of sorts between the Christian Gobrecht Seated Liberty obverse, which was still being used on the dime, quarter and half dollar, and William Barber's Trade dollar reverse. Officials only concession was that the edge of the new coin was plain as opposed to reeded on the quarter. The 20-cent was probably doomed due to its similarity in size to the quarter, but the design decision was of no help.

There was a large mintage in 1875 was San Francisco, which produced 1,155,000 pieces, which actually was almost double the 1875 San Francisco quarter output. From that point San Francisco never struck the 20-cent denomination again, which says a great deal about the public reception for the new coin when it reached the streets of the city. In Carson City, 1875 20-cent piece and quarter mintages were almost identical with 133,290 of the smaller coins produced compared to 140,000 of the larger. By 1876 the 20-cent piece was already the subject of repeal legislation. It would take until 1878 for it to make it into law. That explains why 1877 and 1878 20-cent mintages were very low and confined to proofs. The public had completely rejected it. This is probably no surprise to collectors who

experienced the Anthony dollar fiasco.

The 1876-CC coin is a story by itself. Only 10,000 pieces were struck. Obviously with a mintage of 10,000 pieces, the 1876-CC was never going to be common. We know the dies for striking the coins were destroyed Jan. 20, 1876, so clearly the 1876-CC was not produced for very long. Over a year later on March 19, 1877, Mint Director Henry R. Linderman ordered any remaining 20-cent pieces at Carson City melted. The order may well explain why the 1875-CC is tougher than might be expected based on its mintage. It also explains why the 1876-CC hardly survived at all.

An MS-65 that sold in the 1997 Eliasberg sale brought \$148,500, now would sell for over \$350,000. Although the 20-cent piece was gone from regular production, it was struck in 1877 and 1878 as proofs. The audience was small. The 1877 saw 510 sold to collectors and 600 were taken by them in 1878. For John Frost's whole book go to <http://www.doubledimes.com/>



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A National Bank Note From Rhyolite



The previously unknown Rhyolite note will be featured in Lyn Knight Currency Auctions' sale during the PCDA National Coin & Currency Convention, Nov. 19-22, at the Crowne Plaza O'Hare in Rosemont, Ill.

In the summer of 1904 Frank 'Shorty' Harris and Ed Cross, discovered rich gold ore in the vicinity of what would become Rhyolite. People soon flocked in to make their claims in what came to be known as the Bullfrog Mining District, named after Shorty and Ed's original mine. "By 1909 Rhyolite, NV was a substantial town approaching 10,000 in population, third largest city in Nevada and largest railhead in the state, served by three railroads, featuring 45 saloons and dining halls, an electric light plant, four newspapers, several fine hotels, a telephone exchange, water system, and a large, two-story brick school, all supported by three banks, two of which were housed in impressive multi-story stone structures. The mine closed in 1911 and Rhyolite quickly became a ghost town on the edge of Death Valley by 1920.

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The Newman Numismatic Portal has added all the back issues through 2014 of the *Gobrecht Journal*, the journal dedicated to the seated liberty coinage designed by Christian Gobrecht. The goal of the Newman

Numismatic Portal is to create the world's most comprehensive online encyclopedia of American and Colonial coinage, currency, realia, and related correspondence and published literature. Type in Gobrecht in their search box to find all the journals. If you own a **Eisenhower Coin and Chronicles** set where the dollar can grade PF-70 and the medal MS-70, **you can make a huge profit on it** – just not quite as much as the first set or two that were sold. On Aug. 31, an eBay "buy it now" sale for a PCGS graded First Strike PR-70 Eisenhower reverse proof Presidential dollar and MS-70 Eisenhower silver Presidential medal concluded with the set going for \$1,900, almost 33 times issue price. Two Numismatic Guaranty Corporation Early Release PF-70 and MS-70 sets were purchased, one at auction for \$2,001 and the other in a "buy it now" sale for \$1,896 on Aug. 30. These prices are many multiples Mint sales price of \$57.95. Compared to the past release of the Truman Coin and Chronicles set, the Ike set prices are stronger. Graded PF-70 and MS-70 sets of the Truman reverse proof dollar and Presidential medal currently are around \$1,250 to \$1,350. PCGS and NGC graded -69 sets are going for \$200 to \$250 on eBay. Of PCGS coins graded, just 4.8 percent made PF-70. This is similar to the 5.1 percent of a total of 1,583 Truman reverse proof dollars being graded by PCGS as PF-70. Ungraded Ike sets are a different story as premiums since their release dropped from \$250 on Aug. 11 to around \$150 as of Sept. 2. The large quantity of ungraded sets entering the market continues to drive the price downwards. **Perth mint** this month has Captain Janeway set, Pink diamonds set in gold and platinum bars, started the Year of the Monkey coins, has a coin with opal shaped in a bat, wedge-tailed eagle, and Aphrodite. See them all on the on-line edition, just Janeway here.



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Whitman Publishing announces the release of **A Guide Book of Barber Silver Coins**, by Q. David Bowers.

The 384-page book (number 20 in the popular Bowers Series) will be available September 22 for \$29.95. It can also be borrowed for free as a benefit of American Numismatic Association. These handsome silver coins were produced from 1892 into 1916 and they remained in circulation until well after World War II. Bowers provides insightful study by date and mintmark for every issue of the three denominations

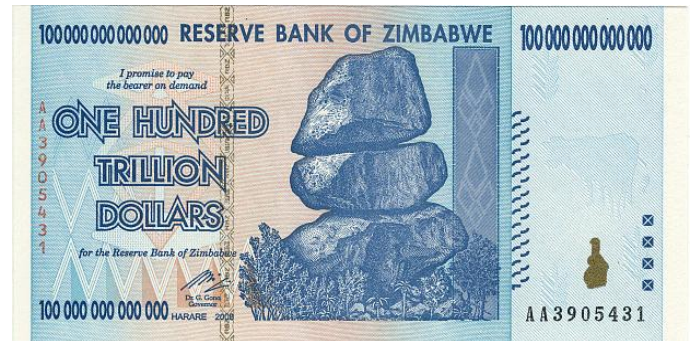
(277 major varieties), rich historical background, and detailed data analysis. The text is illustrated by more than 800 images. Bowers, the “Dean of American Numismatics” and the most prolific numismatic author of all time, tells collectors how to evaluate quality, determine value, understand the market, and make good buys, and takes the reader on a journey through what he calls “the most interesting and evolutionary period in American history.” Also is included a history of Charles Barber’s life; the mints, Mint directors, and Mint superintendents responsible for Barber coinage; the public’s evolving attitudes toward his designs; and Barber silver collecting, along with strategies for building a significant collection of your own.



ISIS released a video showing they have started to mint their own bullion gold, silver, and copper coins.



Collectors.com opened with one billion dollars of links to coins, banknotes, autographs, baseball cards, and stamps. You can search for items over a variety of on-line sights at once. It seems to be dedicated to higher grade and encapsulated coins. **The Zimbabwe dollar has died** and will be converted at 35 quadrillion dollars to 1 US dollar.



After a lapse of seven years, a new, fourth edition of **United States Paper Money Errors**, Fred Bart’s ground-breaking book is now available. The 4th edition is more than just an update to the third recent – Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) errors have been added, nearly all the illustrations have been changed, there is a rarity guide for each note, prices in four grades (EF, AU, Choice CU and Gem CU), and for the first time, there is a section showing some notes in color.

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Aces Baseball got rained out! EXCHANGE
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Blue Ridge .25, NA \$1 are here. Kennedy \$1 are here.



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MS66, Mexico & Peru coins, Marines copper round
Fred Holabird: 1971D unc. Ike, chocolate coins
Art Bonnel: 2004 State .25 set
Ed Scott: Washington half, Rcc copper medal
Donald Stamps: 50 state .25
Cole Allen: 1976 NV Bicentennial medal
Ken Hopple: 2013S .25 set,
Danny Rossow: copper round, 2 French coins
Fay Allen: mint bag, N. Caroline state .25

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dstevenson@nevada.culture.org
www.nevadaculture.org

August 22, N. CA Educational Symposium,
American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Ave., San Jose,
Admit: Free, lunch \$10, Displays and speakers, Sally
Johnson,408 598-7772, sanjosecoins@aol.com
www.sanjosecoinclub.org

August 28-30, Santa Clara Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Fairgrounds, 344Tully Road,
San Jose, Admit: \$3, Tables:79, Scott Griffin,415 601-
8661, scottgriff@hotmail.com www.griffincoin.com

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The Other Coin: Coins of Persis, Elymais, and Parthia Hit the Market

Coins of Persis, Elymais, Parthia, and Sassania have come to the market in large quantities and affordable prices underscoring the discovery of large hoards by metal detectorists. These ancient Middle East kingdoms were usually hard to find and expensive, but can now be bought for under \$40 in silver and under \$20 in bronze in very fine condition. They are not coming from ISIS controlled areas.



Parthian Kingdom was established by Scythians from the South Russian plains in 247BC when they consolidated their invasion of northern Persia, then part of the Seleucid Empire founded by General Seleucus of Alexander the Great's army. Coinage continued from 247BC to their defeat in 224 AD by the Sassanian Empire. The coins bore the portrait of the king, a kneeling archer on the reverse and were all dated. Inscription were in Greek, then also in Pehlvi by 1st century AD.



Fig. 2

Fig. 3

Fig. 4

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Elymais or Elam is the oldest of the Persian gulf states known from the 3rd millennium BC. It became part of the Persian empire in 6th century BC by conquest and the Parthian Empire in the 3rd century BC. The Parthian Empire weakened by Rome and Armenia let Elymais assert its independence and mint coins from 180BC until 227AD when it was conquered by Persis. Elymais coins have portraits of the king with reverses with simple dashes of figures of queens or gods. They were small coins, first silver, then debased silver, then bronze. Inscriptions are in Greek.



Persis is a 8th century BC kingdom that was the homeland of Cyrus the Great (549-530 BC), who defeated the Medes and ruled greater Iran, giving the name of Persia to the country that ruled from India to Egypt and Greece until Alexander the Great. Persis maintained its autonomy as the homeland of the Persians and the Zoroastrian religion of Ahura Mazda, spreading the worship and light and fire against the darkness, not unlike the “force” of Star Wars. They struck coins from 180 BC to 226AD, when their last ruler Ardeshir V founded the Sassanian Empire. The coins have portraits of the kings and the reverses usually the fire altar and attendants or other religious symbols. Inscriptions are in Persian.



The Sassanian Empire rose defeating Armenia, Rome and the Kushans and lasted until defeated by Islam in 651AD. Their coinage continued the iconography of Persis with the portrait of the ruler and fire altar attended by 2 attendants on the reverse. However, they abandoned Greek for Persian and no longer minted on the Greek standard of drachms and tetradrachms coins instead minted very thin silver coins (thin as manilla files) about the size of a half dollar with smaller denominations.



These visages from ancient lost kingdoms of the Middle East have always fascinated me and I scarf them up when they become available. Now they have become cheap.

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The Eisenhower Coin and Chronicles set went on sale Aug. 11 to a **quick sellout** and website issues. The biggest draw in the set is the Eisenhower reverse proof dollar, exclusive to the set. Limited to 17,000 sets, the United States Mint dropped the household order limit from five sets to two after the quick sellout of the Truman set on June 30. The order limit change did little to prevent a buying frenzy as the Mint reports the Ike set sold out in 16 minutes. In response to the quick sell out of 2015 Chronicles sets, the Mint announced Aug. 12 that it would increase the production limit on the Johnson set, on sale in October, from 17,000 sets to 25,000 sets. The Mint previously changed the Kennedy set, available Sept. 16, to 50,000 sets, up from 25,000 sets. On eBay, prices of the set, initially priced by the Mint at \$57.95, quadrupled. A day after they went on sale from the Mint, individual sets were being purchased for around \$215 to \$250. Sealed boxes of two sets were trading in the \$400 to \$500 range. **The \$100 high relief gold coin did not sell out at \$1,490.**

Some 8,000 remained in August.



There is **another bill is another bill to replace the dollar bill** with the dollar coin working its way through Congress in a period of 4 years. It also removes the Susan B. Anthony from circulation. **A hoard of 518 Roman coins** dated from 260-290 AD were found by **metal detectorists** in Herefordshire, England. In Idaho **a hoard of CC coins was found by a metal detectorist** valued at \$10,000. **Irish pennies dated 1601 and 1602 have been found in the Jamestown dig.** Evidently, one of the colonists was the son of the head of the royal mint and brought the coins over to be used. The Irish had rejected them. They were not much larger than are current penny.



HOLABIRD WESTERN AMERICANA AUCTION SEPTEMBER 2015



Holabird Western Americana Collections, LLC has an auction Sept. 24 to Sept. 27 that includes 58 national bank notes issued in Nevada, including 18 rare large size notes. Nevada national bank notes are rare because there were relatively few banks and most of those banks were small. Nevada had only 16 issuing banks, for instance, while California had 509. The single most valuable appears to be a large, uncirculated \$10 note from Nevada's McGill National Bank. "It might be worth \$50,000 today. The bidders will tell us," Holabird said. There is a large \$10 First National Bank of Winnemucca note Holabird described as a gem. There are also two large \$50 notes and two \$5, two \$10 and a \$20 small notes. The First National Bank of Winnemucca was reportedly robbed by Butch Cassidy but that was never proven, Holabird said. For the First National Bank of Ely there is one \$5 in a large note, two \$10 and one \$20. Ely and neighboring McGill were one of America's largest copper mining camps that produced about \$400 million in metals before World War II. In large notes for the Reno Farmers and Merchants Bank, there is a \$10 and a \$20. For the Reno National

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Bank there are three \$50 and a \$100, some signed by Nevada mining financier and historical figure George Wingfield. In the last of the large notes, there are three \$10 First National Bank of Elko notes, all with different signatures, and two \$20, also with different signatures. In smaller notes, there are \$5 and \$10 notes. In smaller notes, for the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Eureka, there are two \$10 notes, one type 1 and one type 2, and three \$20, all type 1, all with low serial numbers. Eureka was a silver mining camp, producing about \$65 million before World War II. For Lovelock there were two \$10, one type 1 and one type 2, and a type 1 \$20. Lovelock was the commercial center for mines in the mountains north of town that included Seven Troughs and Mazuma. For the First National Bank of Tonopah, there was one \$10 and one \$20. Tonopah was another major Nevada mining camp with about \$150 million in gold and silver production before World War II. The low estimate for the sale is \$1 million to \$2 million, Holabird said. Other items being auctioned include: One of the best collections ever assembled of western Mechanics Fair and Agricultural Medals, highlighted by a Gold Mechanics Institute medal for replica of a steamship. California fractional gold pieces. About 100 from several collections, including some rarities. These are very small pieces with a face value of 25 cents, 50 cents and a dollar. More than 100 other numismatic collectibles, including American coin rarities set in sterling silver made by San Francisco silversmith George Schreve, including a rare 1891 Carson City dollar set into a small tray.

Numismatic Potpourri (continued)

A new book on Lincoln numismata has just been published *Lincoln's Metallic Imagery - A Catalog and Price Guide of Lincoln Coins, Tokens, Medals and Plaques* by Paul Cunningham, 37 chapters, starting with his 1860 campaign medals. Wonder if he got our coin club medals in there? Eric Schmitt, a treasure hunter has recovered about **\$1 million in Spanish coins, jewels and other items from the legendary 1715 Fleet shipwreck off the coast of Florida.** Schmitt, using a prop wash deflector and an underwater metal detector, discovered 51 gold coins and an additional 40 feet of gold chains while diving 15 feet down and 150 feet offshore near Fort Pierce. The coins include a

unique presentation piece called a “royal”, made for Philip V of Spain. Only six examples of the type are known to exist, and this one is in especially good condition. Nicknamed the **“Tricentennial Royal”** since the coin is dated 1715 the value of the royal alone is around half a million dollars. The 11 ships of the ill-fated 1715 Fleet carried a total cargo estimated to be worth about \$400 million in today's money. So far almost \$175 million worth of that cargo from six of the 11 ships has been recovered.



Australia and Canada also seem to make the coolest coins. **Australia this month has coins** of Bruce Lee and Spock, mother of pearl and turquoise, the Koala bear and wedge-tailed eagle.



We're up to 60 double die Homestead P .25, my bag is still unsearched. **Germany is about to join the nations making it illegal to own coins** of cultural or archeological significance unless you can prove their provenance for the last 20 years. A petition against the bill in English and German can be signed until the end of the month at <https://www.openpetition.de/petition/online/fuer-den-erhalt-des-privaten-sammelns>

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 28th of July 7 PM (4th Tuesdays now)
Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave. (at E. McCarran), Sparks

Aces Baseball got rained out! EXCHANGE
your tickets for any game at the Aces Box office.

July 28 Bicentennial Coins and Medals Rusty King

August 25 Coins and Medals for Gambling
Andre Assam

September 22 Ice Cream social and a movie

October 27 Oktoberfest. Bring your German coins and medals! Laurel Hoggan

November 24 Happy Birthday NV! Rusty King

The Last Meeting

28 members attended My Favorite Coin night with a Continental Dollar (see more below), an obsolete bank note signed by Henry Clay, a portrait coin of Pompeii the Great, pillar dollars and more. **We were rained out** and it had stopped raining (they were afraid of lightning). **Aces baseball tickets can be exchanged** for any home game at the Aces box office open during business hours M-F. Kennedy \$1 and NC .25 will be at the July meeting. **Hold it! The Kennedy dollars arrived badly scratched and stained** all through the one roll I opened and all rolls both P and D as if they had gotten wet. I had to return them and it will take weeks to get replacements, refund, or an exchange. We received a very nice thank you note for the contribution to **the Allen Family** and the great attendance at the celebration of life for Garrett. We have a fund for a junior member to attend ANA Summer School and we also award a small **Al Blythe scholarship** for HS seniors or juniors that apply and make a presentation to the club. **The board meeting will be at Denny's 6:30PM before the regular meeting.**

Blue Ridge .25, NA \$1 are here. Kennedy \$1 returned.



SF set of all five 2013-2018S quarters in case \$5
National Park Quarters PDS .50
Presidential, Native American D P \$1.25

Early Bird Prize was St. Gauden's \$20 copper round won by Thomas Charleton.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Fay Allen: Buffalo .05 roll
Leo Rossow: **mystery box** PCGS 2005 .05 Proof, 3 old Canadian coins, 2 baseball tickets
Kirk Yeager: 50 pesos Mexico, 10 pesos Peru, square coin containers
Laurel Hoggan: British 1st decimal set, 3 steel pennies
Thomas Charleton: 2000 proof .25 set
Bart Daniel: 2007 proof presidential \$1 set, 2013 .25 set, T-rex copper round
Rick DeAvila: 1988 proof set, 2 French coins, 2 baseball tickets
Claude Sendon: \$7 silver Harrah's token, copper RCC medal
Ed Cranch: 1971D unc. Ike, copper round, old and new buffalo .05, .25 mint bag
Joe Wozniak: baseball ticket

Auction

Larry Demangate donated a 1989 silver eagle won by Rick DeAvila for \$24.

Quarter Pot

David Elliott won the quarter of \$26.75. (It had to happen sometime, I guess.)

THANKS EVERYONE WHO DONATES TO THE RAFFLE! (especially Laurel for the Aces tickets)

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Upcoming Coin Shows

July 25-26, Fremont Coin Club Show, Elk's Lodge
38991 Farwell Dr., Admit: FREE, Tables:45, Vince
LaCariere,510 792-1511, CoinVince@aol.com
www.fremontcoinclub.org

July 31-Aug 2, Las Vegas Coins, Currency, Stamp Show, Orleans Hotel, Israel Bick, 818 997-6496,
iibick@sbcglobal.net

August 22, N. CA Educational Symposium,
American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Ave., San Jose,
Admit: Free, lunch \$10, Displays and speakers, Sally
Johnson,408 598-7772, sanjosecoins@aol.com
www.sanjosecoinclub.org

August 22-23, Carson City Mint Coin Show, NV
State Museum, 600 N. Carson St., Admit: \$4,
Tables:40, Deborah Stevenson,775 687-4810 ext. 237,
dstevenson@nevada culture.org www.nevadaculture.org

August 28-30, Santa Clara Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Fairgrounds, 344Tully Road,
San Jose, Admit: \$3, Tables:79, Scott Griffin,415 601-
8661, scottgriff@hotmail.com www.griffincoin.com

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Denny's at **6:30 PM**. *Everyone is invited to attend.*

The Other Coin: Roman Coins in India and Vietnam

I was surprised by my friend Marc Breitsprecher of AncientImports.com with an offering of coins I thought I would never own. He came into possession of a hoard of coins from Sri Lanka from the 5th century AD that were imitations of Roman coins. Contemporary imitative bronzes of the late Roman period are not uncommon and are found over most of Europe, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Count-less imitative bronzes of Tetricus, Claudius II, and Constantine and his sons are found from Britain to Antioch. Small change for daily market purchases made by local artisans were welcomed by the Romans to add to the coinage and can often be attributed to Goths, Vandals, Celts, or local Asia Minor celators.

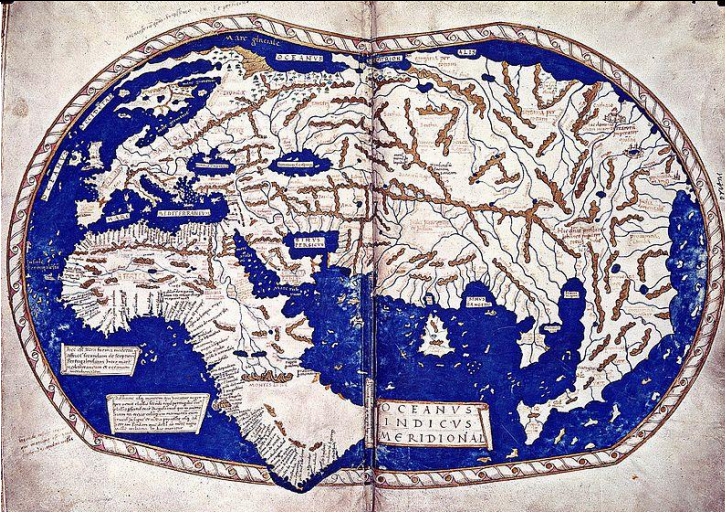


This hoard from Sri Lanka was much rarer. These tiny, thin bronzes with an average size of 14mm and average weight of 1 gram imitate the coinages dating from approximately 364-423 AD or the reigns of Valentinian through Honorius and hail from the island of Sri Lanka off the southernmost tip of India. This collection of coins was acquired in Sri Lanka early in the twentieth century by a German traveler. These coins compliment any Roman collection as the historical proof of Roman trade with India and the globalism that existed in the first centuries AD.

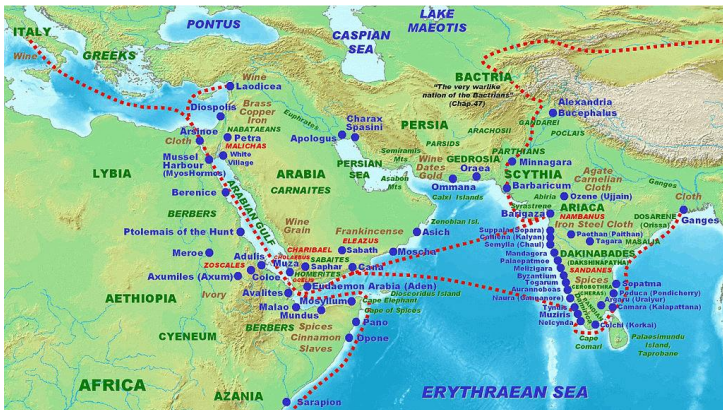
In 2nd century AD Egypt, the legendary Greco-Roman scientist Claudius Ptolemy put the extent of the known world onto paper. From his home in Alexandria, he gathered reports from sailors who had made perilous journeys to India and beyond. Roman traders likely went as far as China and the Malay Peninsula, seeking silk, spices and gems. Roman

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sailed the southern trade route via the Red Sea and monsoons which starting around the beginning of Augustus' reign and his conquest of Egypt in 30 BC.



The route so helped enhance trade between the ancient Roman Empire and the Indian subcontinent that Roman politicians and historians are on record decrying the loss of silver and gold to buy silk and spices to pamper Roman wives, and the southern route grew to eclipse and then totally supplant the overland trade route. Roman and Greek traders frequented the ancient Tamil country, present day Southern India and Sri Lanka. Trade with South Asia by the Greco-Roman world was extensive since the time of the Ptolemaic dynasty and remained long after the fall of the Western Roman Empire. As recorded by Strabo, Emperor Augustus of Rome received at Antioch an ambassador from a South Indian king called Pandyan of Dramira. Roman coins are found across India all the way to the Malay Peninsula in Viet Nam and locals copied them readily.

Though details were sparse, a voyager named Alexander described a distant port called Kattigara on the Sinus Magna (Great Gulf) to the east of the Golden Chersonese peninsula – widely considered to be mainland Malaysia. Overseas trade continued until Byzantium's loss of the ports of Egypt and the Red Sea under the pressure of the Muslim conquests (639-645AD).




A denarius of Augustus found in India, an Indian imitation and a Kushan Roman imitation.


Below gold coins of Claudius and Justinian the Great found in India.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott



<https://renocoinclub.libib.com>



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The Continental Dollar

Robert Rodriguez brought in the coolest coin for my favorite coin night, a Continental dollar. His amazing collection can be found at <https://coins.www.collectors-society.com/wcm/CoinCustomSetView.aspx?s=17828>

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Robert says of his collection: *It was fun, extremely challenging and opportunistic in being able to acquire these historically significant pieces of US history. I was able to combine the best of both the Newman and Par-trick collections. Additionally, a new pewter variety was discovered last December, a 1-A, for the first new one in over sixty years. Because that now resides in the Resolute Collection, this makes it the finest and most complete in history. Rarely does one ever get an opportunity to accomplish something like this. Enjoy.*



The Continental Dollar was the first pattern struck for the United States of America. Most specimens were minted in pewter, but also known are three in silver and a dozen or so in brass. It is thought that the distinctive designs were suggested by Benjamin Franklin. The reverse design, featuring linked rings, was a plea for insurgent unity, something that the philosopher-scientist constantly brought to people's attention. The obverse sundial motif with its Latin motto ("Fugio") is also characteristic of Franklin. The design is a rebus, and its component parts may be read as "time flies, so mind your business." This and other pewter specimens were apparently struck for the inspection of members of Congress, who would have to pass enabling legislation before the coinage could proceed. Elisha Gallaudet, a New York engraver, was the person responsible for translating Franklin's concepts into metal. It is thought that he struck the coins at a makeshift private mint in Freehold, New Jersey. Earlier issues of Continental currency had included a bill worth a dollar. This practice was suspended in the spring of 1776, apparently because the Congress intended for a new, one-dollar coin to take its place. Based on the Spanish-American piece of eight, the new Continental dollar was to serve as the linchpin of the entire monetary arrangement. The plan failed. The patriots were unable to obtain

sufficient silver for the coinage; and, by the time the enabling legislation had been passed, the value of Continental currency had begun its descent, emerging as almost worthless a few years later. Tying a coin to a depreciating currency would be a mistake.

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The Mint has run out of silver eagles again after selling nearly 25 million in June followed by about 2.4 million in the first week of July. **Palau**, best known for mermaids and sea creatures is doing a series of architectural treasures with **Tiffany glass**. Dresden's Zwinger Palace below. Around \$660



Coin of the Year: Celebrating Three Decades of the Best in Coin Design and Craftsmanship by Donald Scarinci featuring the obverse and reverse images of winning coins from the past thirty years, as well as invaluable collector information and back story, **Coin of the Year** provides a complete and impressive tribute to the finest modern commemorative coins in the world. \$28 from Krause. **The Top Morgan Dollar Varieties, An Advancement of Knowledge**, by Kevin Flynn is now available. The book is 6 by 9, 190 pages. The book presents an advancement of knowledge of many of the top Morgan Dollar die varieties. Not just that the die varieties exist, but how and why they were created, and what factors contributed to their creation. Price for the softcover is \$24.95. To order, send a check or money order to Kevin Flynn, P.O. Box 396, Lumberton, NJ 08048. Please include \$5 for media shipping or \$10 for first class shipping. Please email him at kevinjflynn88@yahoo.com to reserve a copy. **American Liberty 2015 High Relief Gold Coin on Sale July 30.** Collectors can expect a release date of

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July 30 for the highly anticipated 2015-W \$100 American Liberty High Relief Gold Coin. A 50,000 mintage limit has been established. Depending on the price of gold July 29, the coin should retail a little over \$1500. **In just 15 minutes, the U.S. Mint reported it had sold out of the Harry S. Truman Coin and Chronicles set on June 30**, despite the Mint's 5-sets-per-household order limit. The set contains a reverse proof Truman Presidential dollar and silver Presidential inaugural medal. The set had a product limit of 17,000. It contains the first ever reverse proof Presidential dollar, a 2015-P, a Truman Presidential medal and a 1973 8-cent Truman stamp. The high appeal of the set was conferred by the reverse proof dollar in it, which is the 10th reverse proof U.S. coin ever produced, and first in the Presidential dollar series. Price of the set was \$57.95. The Mint was caught unawares by the quick sellout. On the day afterwards, it issued a statement explaining how it arrived at a 17,000 maximum mintage. It said that the prior offer for Franklin D. Roosevelt had not even reached sales of 14,000 in six months. The coins designs for the **100th anniversary of the National Parks Service** have been approved without much enthusiasm. The \$5 gold will feature Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir.



The dollar coin has a Mexican dancer on the front and a trumpet and banjo neck symbolizing New Orleans jazz. *Yeh, I don't get it either.*



The half dollar is busy, but has a dinosaur skeleton, so *I like it.* That's the Brooklyn Bridge on the obverse. *Design by committee obviously.*



I guess there's no limit to Congressional gold medals. The next one is for the **Selma March for voting rights**. Will everyone in the march, 50,000, get one?



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June 23 My Favorite Coin and Bourse Bring your favorite coin to share and any coins you want to sell or change.

July 6 7:05 PM RCC at Aces Baseball Buy your tickets now from the Treasurer Jerry Breedlove for only \$15, under the eave in the shade. **Selling fast, available at next meeting or by mail or at game.**

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August 25 Coins and Medals for Gambling
Andre Assam

September 22 Ice Cream social and a movie

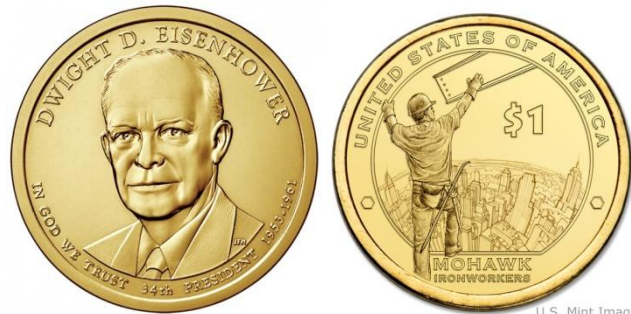
October 27 Oktoberfest. Bring your German coins and medals! Laurel Hoggan

November 24 Happy Birthday NV! Rusty King

The Last Meeting

30 members attended the first meeting at our new digs **thanks to Larry Demangate** finding **Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave**, an actual meeting room! Fred Holabird was presented a lifetime membership award for all his contributions and started a scholarship memorial award in the name of Garret Allen with \$1000 (club members donated another \$600). I presented "The Coins of Constantine" with a power point on the flat screen TV and got to use the microphone (need more practice with that). We've sold 30+ of 50 **Aces baseball tickets** for Monday July 6 at 7:05PM in section 102 on the third base line, under the eave, so no wind, sun or rain. You save a dollar at \$15 each. Tickets available **at next meeting** or call Gerry Breedlove 425-2967 to have them mailed or reserved. Kennedy \$1 and NC .25 out late this month, so will not be available until July meeting. **The board meeting will be at Denny's 6:30PM before the regular meeting.**

Louisiana .25 and Eisenhower NA \$1 are here.



SF set of all five 2013-2018S quarters in case \$5

National Park Quarters PDS .50

Presidential, Native American D P \$1.25

Early Bird Prize was Civil War copper round won by Jeff Allen.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Claude Sendon: 2001 proof .25 set

Bart Daniel: Columbus medal, 2014S .25 set, foreign coins, **mystery box** PCGS 1969 .05 Proof 69

Ed Scott: 1986 proof silver set, copper round

Rick DeAvila: bag of wheaties, King George pennies, unc. Ike, old & new buffalo .05, Franklin mint Christmas coin, coin collecting book

Leo Rossow: RCC medal, Italian coins, French coins

Ken Hopple: chocolate coins, Mexico 50 pesos

Ed Cranch: Sandoval medal, copper round, .50 key chain

Thomas Charleton Monroe \$1, 2006P NV.25, Peru 10 Ps

Jeff Allen: 2006P NV .25

Laurel Hoggan: set of blue albums

Auction

Rusty King donated a 1926S Peace \$1 won by Rick DeAvila for \$29.

Quarter Pot

Someone not present won the quarter. About \$20.

THANKS FOR DONATING TO THE RAFFLE!

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Upcoming Coin Shows

June 26-27, Concord Coin Show, Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave., Admit:\$3, Tables:39, Bill Green,925 351- 7605, norcalcoinshows.com
info@norcalcoinshows.com

July 25-26, Fremont Coin Club Show, Elk's Lodge 38991 Farwell Dr., Admit: FREE, Tables:45, Vince LaCariere,510 792-1511, CoinVince@aol.com
www.fremontcoinclub.org

August 22, N. CA Educational Symposium, American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Ave., San Jose, Admit: Free, lunch \$10, Displays and speakers, Sally Johnson,408 598-7772, sanjosecoins@aol.com
www.sanjosecoinclub.org

August 22-23, Carson City Mint Coin Show, NV State Museum, 600 N. Carson St., Admit: \$4, Tables:40, Deborah Stevenson,775 687-4810 ext. 237, dstevenson@nevadaculture.org www.nevadaculture.org

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Not the Other Coin: Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

I want to give a tip of my hat to The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC). They have consistently improved American coins and medals by opening the design process to the public and choosing among the submissions. The CCAC was established in 2003 by Congress under Public Law 108-15 to advise the Secretary of the Treasury on the themes and designs of all US coins and medals. The CCAC serves as an informed, experienced and impartial resource to the Secretary of the Treasury and represents the interests of American citizens and collectors. In addition to the circulating coins Native American dollars, National Park quarters, and presidential dollars, they decide on the designs for the bullion coins, 2 yearly commemorative, and the congressional gold medals that are issued to the public as 3 inch and 1 ½ inch bronze medals. They also decide on the designs for the first spouse gold and bronze medals, presidential inaugural medals, centennial and bicentennial medals and various other historical medals including the 35+ Code Talker series honoring every Native American tribe that contributed Native American speakers to the war effort.

I featured the Doolittle medal last month and now they are making medal for Air Force Aces:



Shown on the obverse (heads side) of the medal are four pilots representing service in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Bronze reproductions of the medal are available from the United States Mint. 3-inch medals are \$39.95 and 1.5-inch medals are \$6.95. Approximately 1,500

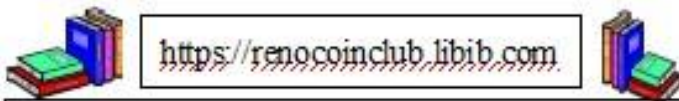
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U.S. fighter pilots have the distinction of being called an American Fighter Ace, owing to their distinguished service in a war or conflict in which American armed forces have participated. To qualify, they must have shot down at least five enemy aircraft in aerial combat. Other medals include: 2014 Civil Air Patrol Bronze Medal, the 2011 Fallen Heroes of 9/11 Bronze Medals, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, Native American Code Talkers, 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing Victims, Arnold Palmer, The New Frontier (Apollo 11 astronauts), The Nisei Soldiers of World War II, The Women Air Force Service Pilots, Sen. Edward William Brooke III, Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, M.D., Dalai Lama, Tuskegee Airmen. We will be getting new Liberty designs on bullion and circulating coins in the next few years as well as new eagles. The CCAC wants to bring new designs to our coinage on a regular basis, which will inspire coin collecting among the young and old. You can go to their website: www.ccac.gov and see their designs, what they're looking for in new submissions, and get on the mailing list for dates for submissions. *Coin News* always provides this information as well.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott



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Fred Holabird Wins RCC Life Member Award



Fred Holabird won our lifetime achievement award. He has consistently been the most exciting presenter to the club for many years as well as many donations of his time and treasure. He houses our library and began the Garrett Allen Fund to send a junior member to the ANA summer School. The club also award a small scholarship to college of seniors presenting a program of their choice to the club. Fred has been active in the mining industry for more than 25 years. He began his career as a mineral exploration geologist, and quickly moved into a position as Mine Geologist at a producing gold mine. Always interested in the historical side of the mining business, Holabird has invested in mining related documents and books for many years. At one point, he headed a large-scale business dealing in collectible Americana, culminating with the marketing of the Atocha treasure at Caesar's Palace. Fred is well published in both technical as well as hobby related mining and western publications. He has been responsible for discovery and production at two Nevada gold mines, also overseeing their operations. Recently, he consulted for the Treasure of the SS Central America, a ship that sunk in 1857 with tons of gold on board. Congratulations Fred.

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An Australian medalist has managed to win in the first year of the **American Medal of the Year (AMY)** competition sponsored by the American Medallic Sculpture Association. Out of 29 medals entered, only two were not created by Americans – and one of those won – “Sic Transit Gloria Mundi (Thus passes the glory of the world)” by the venerable Australian medalist Michael Meszaros: “Having studied architecture in Melbourne, I am familiar with how many regimes over the centuries have tried to cement their political futures with overblown neoclassical architecture. Most of them have collapsed or are much reduced. Using the Romans own saying for the title shows that even they realized that nothing is forever.” **Q. David Bowers’** masterwork, **The History of United States Coinage as Illustrated by the Garrett Collection** (over 500 pages) is often considered **the best history of U.S. Coinage**. It’s nine books rolled into one: a history of American numismatics; the story of the U.S. Mint; the recounting of how two generations of Baltimore’s Garrett family built a superb coin collection; the saga of colonial and state coinage; the history of Washington pieces; the story of federal coinage; the skinny on territorial/pioneer gold; a “you-are-there” account of the California Gold Rush; and a guide down the byways of numismatic Americana. And then add three appendixes on the behind-the-scenes deal making that enabled the Garretts to build their incredible coin collection! **Demand for U.S. circulating coins is increasing**, and the United States Mint is expanding operations as a result to 3 shifts. Coin production figures have jumped above at least 1.2 billion each month this year, and most recently hit 1.69 billion new coins in April. That’s the most in a month than any since 2007. **With an almost**

1.5 billion monthly average, the agency is on pace to strike over 17.7 billion coins in 2015. Based on orders and forecasts from the Federal Reserve, the Mint said that it expects to produce more than 14 billion new coins this year — the most since 2007



when 14.4 billion coins were made. **2015 March of Dimes set** with a proof silver dollar, a silver proof dime from West Point and a silver reverse proof dime from Philadelphia, were unavailable on May 12. Many original purchasers have yet to receive their back-ordered sets. The Mint stated the back ordered sets would not be ready to ship until August. Sealed boxes of five sets, originally priced at \$61.95 a set by the Mint, started trading around \$450 to \$470 on May 13. By May 26, five auctions concluded with boxes selling for \$545 to \$575. **This is an increase of 85.6 percent from issue price and 22.3 percent from secondary market trading May 13.** Even opened, single sets are seeing price increases, going from \$90 in mid-May to anywhere between \$100 and \$110 by May 27. This is a jump of 22.2 percent. PCGS and NGC graded Prf-70 sets have paid off well for themselves as several auctions show collectors willing to pay \$335 to own one. Other sellers and companies have priced Prf-70 sets higher, so a true market value has yet to be determined. **The Royal Mint in London** has several interesting exhibits on-line. They have a wonderful set of presentations on making coin from ancient to modern times, a history of English money, and now a fascination illustrated program of the 80 different countries the Royal Mint has minted coins for. Check it out: <http://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/coins/overseas-coins/around-the-world-80-coins/index.html> Not to be outdone. **The Money Museum in Zurich** has put its whole collection on line as a video tour and hundreds of topics (ripe for snagging). They currently have detailed exhibits on the **Bitcoin and**

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Roman Republican Coins. The site is in German and English, if you land on the German, look for the DE on the blue bar under the yellow banner and click and change it to EN. Lots and lots of power points. Check it out: <http://sunflower.ch/en/moneymuseum/exhibitions>



The Perth Mint in Australia continues with coins for WWI, Australian animals and dinosaurs, Star Trek, Greek gods, Disney, and much more. They also make those giant kilogram silver and gold coins. You can get on their e-mail or website to see what's new. **Coins in the Philippines are being hoarded** as the 1, 5, 10 and 25 centavos coins not only cost more to produce than their face value, but also are more valuable as tokens for games, drinks, and phones. Candy is being used for small change, which the government is trying to make illegal as well as pass a law against hoarding. The coins are copper or brass plated steel. Cool article on Roman coins depicting the **nine Muses** (if you like that sort of thing: <http://www.coinweek.com/ancient-coins/nine-ladies-dancing-muses-ancient-coins/>)

Fred Holabird is teaching a Summer ANA class: An Introduction to the Numismatics of Mining with David Schenkman. Numismatic items have been used by mining companies since the early 1800s. An over-

view of this collecting specialty, which includes medals, tokens, paper scrip, and stock certificates. Among the topics is a state-by-state discussion of mining history and the types of tokens and scrip used. Rarities, values, and numismatic references will also be discussed. Included is a field trip to the Molly Kathleen Gold Mine, where students can witness what life was like for the 1890s gold miners of Cripple Creek. **A ship sunk in World War II on a voyage from Bombay to England has been recovered along with 100 tons of silver** worth about \$50 million. Sunken treasure included silver rupees. The S.S. City of Cairo salvage operation was completed in September 2013, but the British government made the company keep it secret until mid-April this year. The coins were melted and the silver sold. The ship was on a voyage from Bombay to England, via Cape Town and Recife, Brazil, in late 1942. She carried 296 people of which 136 were passengers and a mixed cargo including some 100 tons of silver coins belonging to the UK Treasury. She was spotted by U-68 on the Nov. 6, 1942, and torpedoed. In all 104 people died, 79 crew, three gunners and 22 passengers. This was a difficult search as the depth would exceed 5,000 meters. More at:

http://www.numismaticnews.net/article/salvagers-recover-over-100-tons-of-silver-coins?et_mid=752259&rid=238079728#sthash.GXk2BMtc.dpuf



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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 26th of May **7 PM (4th Tuesdays now)**
Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave. (at E. McCarran), Sparks

May 26 Coins of Constantine David Elliott

June 23 My Favorite Coin and Bourse Bring your favorite coin to share and any coins your ready to sell.

July 6 7:05 PM RCC at Aces Baseball Buy your tickets now from the Treasurer Jerry Breedlove for only \$15, under the eave in the shade.

The Last Meeting 25 members attended the hastily arranged meeting at **Lakeside Bar and Grill** to hear Jeff Shevlin detailed the coinage of the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. We got to use a new club projector and 100 foot screen. He and a colleague are writing a book on the subject of all the West Coast Expositions and he had a 100 year commemorative medals of the 1915 Exposition to sell that he had made. The food and staff at the bar were wonderful and we thank them for accepting us at short notice, but it was dark and noisy as many called me to note, so **thanks to Larry Demangate we will be moving to Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave**, an actual meeting room! (See flier). 75 people, about half kids, attended the inaugural NW Library Coin Week celebration (**Thanks Laurel**) that continued the following Friday and Saturday at the State Museum. The Eisenhower dollar and Louisiana wild turkey quarter are here along with the NA Mohawk dollar. We ordered 50 **Aces baseball tickets** for Monday July 6 at 7:05PM in section 102 on the third base line, under the eave, so no wind, sun or rain. You save a dollar at \$15 each. Please buy them early. **Paul Williams** came back from the ANA show in Portland with a lot of great raffle prizes. ***The board meeting will be at Lakeside Bar and Grill 6PM, May 5. Please join us.***

Early Bird Prize Civil War copper won by Kirk Yaeger.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Kirk Yaeger: 50 Ps Mexico & 10 ps Peru, set of FDR & Truman \$1, baseball tickets, RCC medal, 2 French coins

Ken Hopple: chocolate coins

Milton Angel: 1971 proof set, blue & red books, UAE coins

David Elliott: Bower's Coin book

Claude Sendon: copper round

Joe Wozniak: **mystery box** PCGS 1994S .05 & penny planchets

Rick DeAvila: .05 collection gold and platinum plated, bag of wheaties, Barber .05, .05 set

Andre Azzam: dinosaur copper round

Robert Rodriguez: Navy copper round, unc. 1971D Ike

Don Stamps: RCC brass medal

Danny Rossow: , US mint bag

Ed Cranch: Presentation wooden box

(OK, I'm missing 5 or 6 prizes, remember to tel Andre what you won.)

No Auctions

Quarter Pot

Bill Amunson (not present) won the quarter. About \$11.

I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO DONATES TO THE RAFFLE! (Especially Paul Williams and Laurel Hoggan)

Louisiana .25 and Eisenhower NA \$1 are here.



SF set of all five 2013, 2014 quarters in case \$5

National Park Quarters PDS .50

Presidential, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

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Upcoming Coin Shows

May 1-2, Sacramento Coin Club Show, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit: \$3, Tables: 50, Bob Shanks, 916 204-5168, www.sacvalcc.org

May 17, Vallejo Numismatic Society Show, Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador, Admit: FREE, Tables: 40+, Ed Hoffmark, 707 642-8754, www.solanocoinclub.com Paper4Coin@yahoo.com

May 29-31, Las Vegas Coin, Jewelry, Stamp Show, Orleans Hotel, Admit: ?, Tables: ?, Israel Bick, 818 9976496, iibick@sbcglobal.net

June 4-6, Long Beach Coin Show, Long Beach Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave. Admit: \$8, Tables: huge, T Warrecker, 805 680-0294, www.longbeachexpo.com Twarrecker@collectors.com

June 26-27, Concord Coin Show, Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave., Admit: \$3, Tables: 39, Bill Green, 925 351-7605, norcalcoinshows.com info@norcalcoinshows.com

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**The Other Coin: Shapur I and Sparadokos**

I scored a coin of Shapur I, 242-272 AD, the second Sassanian King of Persia continued his father's wars with Rome. In 256 he took advantage of the internal chaos within the Roman Empire and invaded Syria, Anatolia, and Armenia; he sacked Antioch but was repulsed by the emperor Valerian. In 260, however, Shapur not only defeated Valerian at Edessa, but captured him and kept him a prisoner for the rest of his life. The capture of Valerian was a favorite subject of Sasanian rock carvings. The



captives from Antioch were forced to build the city of Gondashapur, later famous as a centre of learning. Using the same captives, who excelled the Persians in technical skill, he built the dam at Shushtar. Shapur styled himself "king of kings of Iran and non-Iran" that is, of non-Persian territories as well. He appears to have tried to find a religion suitable for all of the empire, showing marked favor to Manichaeism. He also founded Zoroastrian fire temples and sought to broaden the base of the newly revived Zoroastrian religion.



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His coin above shows him with an elaborate crown and hairdo, and on the reverse a Zoroastrian fire altar with 2 attendants.

The Odrysian kingdom of Thrace emerged at the end of the 6th or the beginning of the 5th century BC. Athenian historian Thucydides reports that their kingdom was the biggest and the most powerful one in Europe between the Adriatic and the Black Seas. Herodotus writes about the Thracians that they would have been unbeatable if they had been united. According to their oral Orphic faith, the ruler was the son of the Great Mother-Goddess and of her son- the Sun. Power in the dynastic families was conferred according to the ancient rule of the best among equals reaching the top, creating a never ending scramble for the throne and power. Teres I (c. 540 – 448 BC) was not the first dynast, but he was the most powerful recorded, and he built a kingdom over most of the lands to the south of the Istros (Danube) River. Teres I had sons, two of whom ruled after him: Sparadokos and Sitalkes. There is indirect evidence that Sparadokos reigned after the death of Teres I and before Sitalkes and may have been a co-ruler with his father. Sparadokos was the first to strike silver coins, reigning from c. 464-444 BC. The diobol is only 10mm, a penny is 19mm. Note the detail of the horse and eagle with snake in its mouth and even the Greek lettering. I love these little coins.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott



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Numismatic Potpourri

A spectacular **commemorative for Doolittle 's raid** was issued in gold for the 4 surviving airmen and also in 3" bronze for \$40 and 1" for \$7. The 3" appears sold already. The other big news is 2 dimes



being minted in a special set with a proof march of dimes commemorative. **Only 75,000 of the proof silver W dime and reverse proof P silver dime** are to be minted. Scheduled for release May 4th, if you want these new instant rarities call or go on line at 9AM. \$62.



The good guys won a couple. Little more than a week after a federal judge in California sided against the Federal Government in its efforts to seize an experimental **1974-D aluminum cent pattern coin**, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit dealt a blow to the government's case that it had the right to seize **10 1933 double eagle \$20 gold coins** belonging to the Langbord family. **Tommy Thompson of SS Central America fame** had enough money to hire great lawyers that got him a plea deal of giving up the ½ million he was found with and fully and honestly list his assets, so that the investors can finally get their fair share of the treasure. How come when you steal a lot of money and get caught all you

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have to do is give some of it back? **Zimbabwe** is trying a second time to issue coins and currency after its own currency was driven from the market due to inflation. \$50 million was deposited in South African banks as surety for the same amount of coinage called bond coinage due to the surety bond. The coinage is not being accepted as no one trusts the government. Along the same lines, **Goldman Sachs**



wrote in a research note that the world has about **20 years of minable reserves of gold, diamonds and zinc** and only about 40 years of reserves left of platinum, copper, and nickel. Like over population and global warming these predictions are made every decade or two, but as we know from the recent oil glut, reserves will rise and demand lower every time prices rise. We are not running out of food or water (CA refuses to build dams, water pipelines, or desalination plants). It looks like **the penny is heading to become copper plated steel** and the nickel, nickel plated steel. Several countries do that now. **The Queens Maundy service** coins include 1, 2, 3, 4, pence silver coins as well as coins featuring Churchill and the Battle of Britain. They were awarded to seniors for their service to others in 89 pence bags for the Queen's 89th birthday.



Steve Atwood of Florida found **five new doubled-die reverse varieties of the recently released 2015-P Homestead** (Nebraska) America the Beautiful quarters. At least one of the varieties falls into the category of major while a second variety can be classified as borderline-major, strong enough to find its way into the Cherrypickers' Guide To Rare Die Varieties by Bill Fivaz and J.T. Stanton. The doubling on his top two finds involves the water pump located in the foreground of the design superimposed over the Freeman schoolhouse. The doubling of the strongest variety shows as an extra, fully separated, upper curve of the pump handle wide northeast within the frame of a window in the school house.

Atwood's 2nd best find also involves a portion of the upper pump handle doubled up to the north-west but not as separated as the more major variety. *First person that asks may go through the bag of Ps I have.* **Canada has a real nice set of coins with colored song bird**, it won't show up well here, so see it on line.



Russia will complete its 41 coin set commemorating every town that participated in **WWII along with 18 coin set of memorials**. I will bring the 2nd in.



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Next Meeting:

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

April: The Medals of the Panama Pacific International Exposition 1915 Jeff Shevlin

April 18, 24, 25: National Coin Week We will be at NW Library on Saturday the 18th and State Museum on Friday and Saturday 24th, 25th with displays, new coins, and lectures.

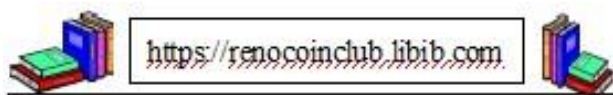
May Coins of Constantine David Elliott

June My Favorite Coin

July 6 7:05PM RCC at Aces Baseball

The Last Meeting

24 attended Clay Mitchell's story of producing a coin from Comstock silver as well as Zombucks. The Truman dollar and Homestead are here and Mohawk NA dollar was ordered March 19. We ordered 50 **Aces baseball tickets** for Monday July 6 at 7:05PM in section 102 on the third base line, under the eave, so no wind, sun or rain. You save a dollar at \$15 each. Please buy them early. **We are thinking about moving to 160 West Plumb St., Hamdog Restaurant.** Full bar, larger room, TV, menu is above and beyond hamburgers and hotdogs, it is also quieter with a separate room. Check it out and let us know what you think. I received goodies, button and bookmarks from the ANA for our National coin week extravaganza. **Please come after 6:30PM if you are not attending the board.**



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Homestead .25 and Truman \$1 here, 2015 NA on way



SF set of all five 2013-2018S quarters in case \$5
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Early Bird Prize was Civil War copper round won by Bill Redman

Raffle prizes winners were:

Claude Sendon: RCC copper
 Leo Rossow: **mystery box** PCGS Adams \$1, 2013S .25 set, 1986 .50 Liberty comm, NV 2006P .25
 Clay Thomas: 1971D unc Ike\$1, 2014S .25 set,
 Stegosaurus copper round, US military copper round
 Rick DeAvila: 1841 Montreal Bank penny, Christmas medal, 50 Peso Mexico and 10 peso Peru
 Laurel Hogan: copper ingot, 2 French coins
 Ken Hopple: chocolate coins
 Milton Angel: set of numismatist books, buffalo .05, foreign coins
 Ed Cranch: old and new buffalo .05
 Bart Daniels: painted Delaware .25
 Rob Rodriguez: 1971D unc Ike, Nv State .25 unc.P,
 Ed Scott: mint bag

Auctions

Larry Demangate donate a 1995 AU Eagle won by Rick DeAvila for \$23.

Quarter Pot

Thomas Ratcliff (not present) won the quarter. About \$7.

THANKS FOR DONATING TO THE RAFFLE!

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Upcoming Coin Shows

April 3-5, West Token's Jamboree, Clarion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, **Sacramento** Admit:?,Tables:25, Merle Avila, 707 585-3711 merle@avilaarchitects.com

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April 3-4, Sacramento Coin Show, Clarion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Admit:\$3,Tables:66, Peter McIntosh, 916 317-9055 mcintoshcoin@yahoo.com

April 17-19, Santa Clara Coin,Stamp, Collectibles Show, 5001 Great America Parkway, Admit: \$6, Tables:79, Scott Griffin, 415 601-8661, www.griffincoin.com scottgriff@hotmail.com

April 18, National Coin Week at NW Library, 2325 Robb Drive, Free. Lectures, new coins, and displays. Please join us. David Elliott : 775 815-8625

April 24, 25, National Coin Week at NV State Museum, 600 N. Carson St., Admit:\$8, under 17 free. Ken coining, lectures, and displays. Please join us.

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Not the Other Coin: Reagan Dollar is Coming!!

I've put away my Carter Voodoo dolls. For years the US Mint has been saying the dollar program would end with Gerald Ford and no Reagan dollar would be made unless Carter died. I no longer have to pray that he gets hit by a bus. Of 16 designs, the one below is favored.



The Ronald Reagan Presidential dollar coin and Nancy Reagan First Spouse gold \$10 coin will be struck and issued by the U.S. Mint for 2016. Nancy Reagan would be the first living person to appear on a U.S. coin since commemorative 1995 Special Olympics Silver Dollars depicted Eunice Kennedy Shriver. This outcome supersedes the less than popular previous Mint statements that the programs would end in 2016 with the production of the Gerald Ford Presidential dollar and Elizabeth "Betty" Ford First Spouse gold coin. Rep. William P. Huizenga, R-Mich., chairman of the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, sent a letter Feb. 11 to Richard A. Peterson, deputy director of the U.S. Mint for Manufacturing and Quality, arguing that the statute does provide for the issuance of the Ronald Reagan dollar and Nancy Reagan First Spouse gold coin. In his Feb. 12 written response to Huizenga, Peterson states the U.S. Mint's interpretation of the statute agrees with that of Huizenga. Peterson writes that the U.S. Mint has already begun preliminary design work on the two Reagan coins. ***Who says the new Congress can't get anything done?!*** Now we'll see if they go back to the original Sacagawea or start coins for the other 400 some odd tribes.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

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ANA's Trivia Contest

Here is the trivia contest, please send me your answers, I'll send them to the ANA and if we win we will auction off the prize to members. Answer the 20 questions below about world's fairs and expositions for an array of prizes.

1st Prize: **1915-S Panama-Pacific Exposition half \$1**

2nd Prize: **2015 American Eagle one-tenth ounce gold \$5 proof coin**

3rd Prize: **2015 U.S. Mint silver proof set and regular proof set** **Other prizes will be awarded.*

Answers must be received by May 4. Good Luck!

1. The first "World Exposition" was held in London in 1851 at the famous Crystal Palace. In what year was a 5-pound coin featuring Queen Victoria and the Crystal Palace released, and what did the coin commemorate?

2. What unfinished depiction of Liberty was on display at the 1878 Exposition Universelle in Paris?

3. Visitors to the 1889 Exposition Universelle in Paris were able to purchase a medal commemorating their ascent to the top of the newly constructed Eiffel Tower. What famous American structure was featured on the medal's obverse?

4. Augustus Saint-Gaudens' original reverse design for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition official award medals was refused and replaced with one by which Mint designer?

A. George Morgan

B. Charles Barber

C. James B. Longacre

D. Christian Gobrecht

5. American sculptor Hermon Atkins MacNeil showcased his work at several world's fairs and designed a medal for the 1901 Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo. He is best-known for designing what US coin?

6. The 1904 Summer Olympics was a part of the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis. What other Olympic Games was held as part of a world's fair, and how many gold medals were awarded at those games?

7. The official souvenir medals of the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis feature the busts of which two historical figures?

A. Meriwether Lewis & William Clark

B. James Monroe & Thomas Jefferson

C. Napoleon Bonaparte & Thomas Jefferson

D. Thomas Jefferson & William McKinley

8. In 1904 & 1905, \$1 gold coins were made to commemorate which exposition held in Portland, OR?

A. Panama-Pacific

B. Lewis & Clark

C. Trans-Mississippi

D. World's Columbian

9. The official medals for the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition were designed by whom?

A. Augustus Saint-Gaudens

B. Adolph A. Weinman

C. James Earle Fraser

D. Robert I. Aiken

10. Which commemorative coin features the man who was President during the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia?

11. Which living President appeared on the commemorative half dollar that celebrated the Sesquicentennial Exposition in Philadelphia?

12. Which exposition featured a coin that was struck under authority of the Recoinage Act of May 6, 1936, and where was the coin minted?

13. What exposition's 50th anniversary was honored with a 100 Euro coin?

14. Who appears on the commemorative coin that celebrated the 1936-37 Great Lakes Exposition?

15. The 1962 Century 21 Exhibition in Seattle, WA included a numismatic exhibit which weighed more than 30 tons. What type of coin was featured in this exhibit?

16. Which structure from the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, all featured on the fair's official medal, does not still stand today?

A. The Sunsphere

B. The Tennessee Amphitheater

C. The United States Pavilion

17. This commemorative coin honoring an exposition featured the first woman on a United States coin who was not an allegorical figure.

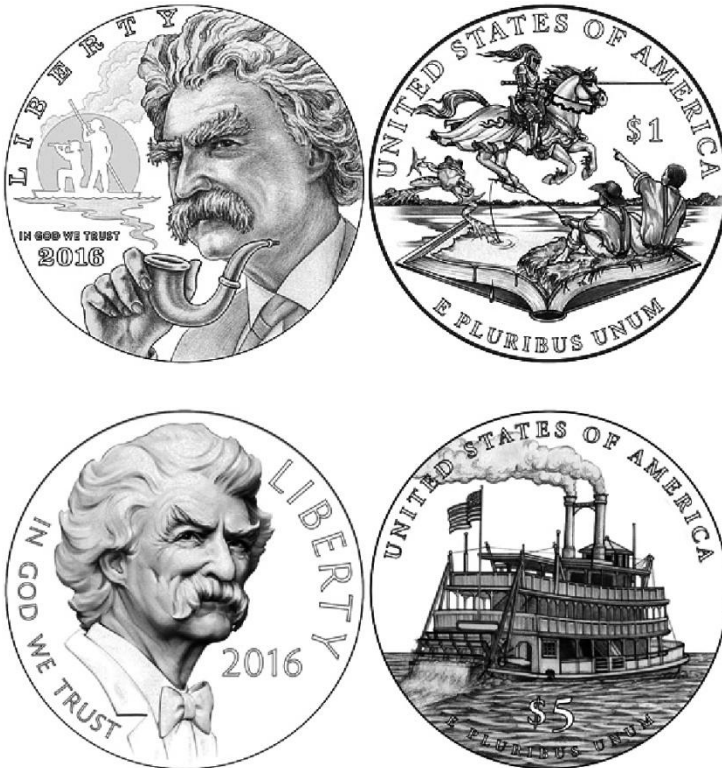
18. What exposition's commemorative coins were the first U.S. commemoratives to feature a mint mark?

19. What numismatic organization is producing the official coin and medal program of Expo 2015 in Milan, and what is the theme of the exposition?

20. What city has hosted the most world's fairs and expositions?

I realize we have a ringer in the club, **Jeff Shevlin**, who could send us the answers, and we could finally win. Club's answers by e-mail at ncw@money.org, fax at 719-634-4085 or mail at ANA, c/o NCW, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO, 80903.

2016 Mark Twain Medal Designs



The 2016 Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Program that will feature a \$5 gold coin and silver dollar. The obverse for the dollar features a portrait of Twain, author of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. For the \$5 gold a pleasing image of Twain was chosen that was not overly complex and would work well on the smaller \$5 gold coin. For the reverse, it recommended reverse an image of a river boat was a fitting tribute to Twain's early years spent on the Mississippi River.

Numismatic Potpourri

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) unanimously adopted a resolution at its March 5 meeting calling for Congress to authorize an **American Liberty**

Coinage Program beginning in 2017. **The proposal is to keep Washington on the quarter and Roosevelt on the dime, but to mint additional circulating coinage of each denomination alongside them containing new images of Liberty.** The CCAC was clear that it wants minting of the Roosevelt dime and Washington quarter to continue during the new Liberty coin program. "Each president on a coin has a constituency," Marks said, "and any effort to take them off goes nowhere quickly." So the plan is to mint a new Liberty dime, as well as the Roosevelt dime, in 2017. It would be a one year Liberty issue, retired at the end of 2017. In 2018, a new Liberty quarter would be minted, as well as the Washington America the Beautiful quarters. It also would be a one-year issue, retired at the end of 2018. Then in 2019, a dime with a new Liberty design would be minted along with the Roosevelt dime of that year, and the following year a newly designed Liberty quarter would be put in circulation besides the 2020 Washington ATB coins. The Liberty series would continue to alternate between the dime and quarter for a total of 10 years. During that time, five different Liberty dimes and five different Liberty quarters would be produced. Also proposed is a **new Liberty half dollar** series issued as a numismatic product. The half dollar Liberty design would change every 10 years. It was almost 50 years ago when man first stepped foot on the moon. The CCAC would like to see that accomplishment recognized with a commemorative coin program. It unanimously supported a **2019 Apollo 11 Moon Landing 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coinage Program** when it met March 5 in Portland, OR. The recommended program would include a \$5 gold coin, \$1 silver coin and half dollar clad coin. "I think this is a no-brainer," said CCAC Chairman Gary Marks. The final designs for the **2015 First Spouse** coins have also been chosen and can be seen below. They will be in gold and bronze and the bronze sold out almost immediately. You better buy them on day of issue if you want them. I buy the bronze set in December and will let you know if you want me to add your order on to mine. The **Royal Mint has revealed that the iconic figure of Britannia will return to rule over the United Kingdom's circulating coins this year** along side the new coinage portrait of Her Majesty the Queen. It will be the first time that newly minted UK

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circulating coins have featured the patriotic emblem of Great Britain since she was replaced by the 'Royal shield of arms design' on the 50p in 2008, having been an ever present on our coins since 1672.



about money and takes the reader on a global quest to uncover a deeper understanding of the relationship between money and humankind. More than a mere history of its subject, *Coined* probes the conceptual origins and evolution of money through the multiple disciplines as varied as biology, psychology, anthropology, and theology. *I put it on my Amazon wish list, it is already in paperback for \$13.* The **University of Buffalo Library** rediscovered a collection of **ancient Greek and Roman coins** **donated in 1935** and promptly forgotten. Highlights include some 40 extra fine silver tetradrachms and a 12 Caesars gold aureus set. The coins are easily worth a million dollars. **A third date for the Roosevelt dime has been found with prominent doubling on Roosevelt's lips.** The latest report is of a 1955-S dime reported by Calvin Goddard of California. Goddard also found a 1953-S "Hot Lips" dime that was featured in the Feb. 10 issue of *Numismatic News Express*. The 1964-D "Hot Lips" appeared in the Jan. 6 issue of *Numismatic News*.



Ok, I got my \$20 microscope on my smart phone, and I'll start looking at my dimes. Sometime in the mid-1890s, **a boxcar laden with gold bullion stolen from the Confederacy** at the end of the Civil War was allegedly pushed off a ferry into the roiling waters of Lake Michigan during a storm. Today, it awaits discovery on the lake bottom. As far as treasure stories go, it's a doozy. But is it believable? The search is on.

Reno Cartwheel

March 2015

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 3rd of March **7 PM (NEW TIME)**
Carrow's Restaurant 605 N. Wells Avenue
(Wells and 6th), Reno, NV

February 27: Coin Exchange at the NV State Museum: Ken Hopple and I will be running the old coin press (Ichthyosaurus medal) and have the new coins (Truman \$1) at the museum

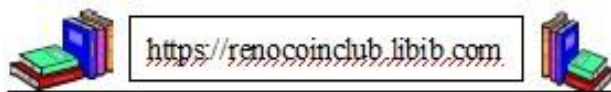
March: Comstock Mines: NV Ideas in Silver
Clay Mitchell

April: The Medals of the Panama Pacific International Exposition 1915 Jeff Shevlin

April 18, 24, 25: National Coin Week We will be at NW Library on the 18th and State Museum on 24th, 25th with displays and lectures.

The Last Meeting

25 attended the Doug Larson's display of presidential inaugural medals. I have the Truman dollar in hand and the Homestead .25 will be ordered February 24. The NA dollar comes out March 19. We ordered 50 **Aces baseball tickets** for Monday July 6 at 7:05PM in section 102 on the third base line, under the eave, so no wind, sun or rain. You save a dollar at \$15 each. Please by them early. **We are thinking about moving to 160 West Plumb St.,** Hamdog Restaurant:. Full bar, larger room, TV, menu is above and beyond hamburgers and hotdogs, it is also quieter with a separate room. Check it out and let us know what you think. ***Please come after 6:30PM if you are not.***



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Homestead .25 soon, Truman \$1 here, 2015 NA March



U.S. Mint Image



SF set of all five 2013-2018S quarters in case \$5
National Park Quarters PDS .50
Presidential, Native American D P \$1.25

Early Bird Prize was Civil War copper round won by Clay Mitchell

Raffle prizes winners were:

Bart Daniel: **mystery box** 1974 S slabbed Ike & penny planchets, set Thai coins, RCC copper round
Rob Rodriguez: 1971D unc Ike, Nv State .25 unc.P,
Rick DeAvila: 1900 Morgan \$1, 3 steel pennies, 2013S .25 set
Clay Thomas: unc. 1976 .50, RCC club medal, air force copper round
Clayton Brownell: 2014S .25 set
Ed Scott: foreign coins
David Elliott: dinosaur copper round
Laurel Hogan: Old & New buffalos
Ed Cranch: NY state colored quarter
Gerald Breedlove: dated buffalo .05
Ken Hopple: chocolate coins
Danny Clifton: 50 Peso Mexico and 10 peso Peru

No Auctions

Quarter Pot

Mike Murphy (not present) won the quarter. About \$5.

THANKS FOR DONATING TO THE RAFFLE!

Reno Cartwheel

March 2015

Upcoming Coin Shows

February 27, Coin Exchange at NV State Museum, 600 N. Carson St., Admit:\$8, under 17 free. Ken will be making the Ichthyosaurus medal, I'll have the Truman dollar. Please join us.

March 1, Livermore Coin Club Show, Elk's Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Admit:FREE, Tables:32, 925 980-9307 stamp_man99@yahoo.com

March 5-7, ANA National Money Show, Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther king Blvd., Portland, Admit:\$6, Tables:100s, 800 367-9723 www.NationalMoney Show.com

March 7, Visalia Coin Club Show, Sons of Italy Hall, 4211 W, Goshen Ave., Admit: FREE, 559 738-8128 dandrealeolola@yahoo.com

April 3-5, West Token's Jamboree, Clarion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, **Sacramento** Admit:?, Tables:25, Merle Avila, 707 585-3711AM merle@avilaarchitects.com
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April 3-4, Sacramento Coin Show, Clarion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Admit:\$3, Tables:66, Peter McIntosh, 916 317-9055 mcintoshcoin@yahoo.com

May 1-2, Sacramento Coin Club Show, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit: \$3, Tables: 50, Bob Shanks, 916 204-5168, www.sacvalcc.org

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The Other Coin: A Richard III Penny

I finally got a Richard III penny, tougher than a 1909S VBD to get. OK it's a half a one, but a whole



one costs thousands, usually around \$5,0000 and even a half a one cost \$400-800, so I reluctantly waited 20 some years for a beat up half a one, appearing on e-bay England from a reputable dealer.



The \$3-4,000 one above shows better the key and T mint marks unique to Richard III, minted by the Archbishop of York. R3's coins are rare as he ruled only from 1483-1485 after killing his nephews. He was the last medieval Plantagenet king made famous as one of Shakespeare's greatest villains. His body was found recently under a parking lot and is to be re-interred at the end of the month.

English coinage began with Celtic imitations of Philip II (father of Alexander the Great) coins and has the Picasso-like quality of most Celtic coins.



Reno Cartwheel

March 2015

The Roman invasion of England began with Julius Caesar, and Roman troops often carried much earlier Roman coins from as far as the Near East. Claudius was the first emperor to specifically mint coins commemorating his conquering of Britain followed by Hadrian, Antonius Pius, Commodus, Septimus Severus, Caracalla, and Geta.



Domitianus Domitainus declared himself ruler of England for a few weeks around 270 AD before he was executed for treason. A lucky metal detectorist found a second coin of his recently confirming he existed. Carausius (286-293) was more successful declaring himself an independent ruler of Britain and set up his own mints, his treasurer Allectus murdered him, ruling until 296 AD when he too was defeated by Constantius, father of Constantine the Great. Carausius and Allectus are often considered the first kings of England and their coins are easy to come by. Constantius Chlorus minted official Roman coins in England. The London mint continued until Magnus Maximus in the late 4th century.



(Domitianus, I'm not even trying to get a half a one)



Carausius with Pax
Allectus w/galley



Constantine/Mars London mint (PLN)

The Goths overran Britain, at least the eastern half in the 6th century and minted coins imitating both Roman and Celtic coins. Independent English kings and bishops in York and Canterbury also minted coins. English or later "English" kings continued minting coins with crosses, crude heads and Latin titles until the Norman invasion of 1066. Silver coinage predominates with some gold. Small change was created by halving or quartering silver coins.



Eadwald of
Kent
620-625 AD

Eric (Viking)
943-952 AD



English coinage since the Normans was dominated

by the silver penny with crude portrait, title, cross and mint on reverse. The silver penny, 4 penny groat, and half penny with some occasional gold with different designs make up English coinage until Elizabeth I.



Under Queen Elizabeth(1558-1603) the screw press was introduced and James the First(1603-1625) introduced copper coinage minted by private contractors. England also began minting colonial coins for America in the 18th century and many of their colonies around the world including India, Africa, and Hong Kong. The British monarch still adorns numerous nations such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Bermuda. The royal mint has long minted coins for more than a hundred foreign countries as well as England's own colonies. British commemoratives, bullion coins, along with colonial and foreign coin production make the Royal mint the largest and most varied mint in the world.



Numismatic Potpourri

Two large gold coin finds this week, The largest was 1000s of **Fatimid coins** off the coast of Israel from the late 909-1171AD. Lost tax or military payroll, or even lost Crusader loot.



A smaller, but more valuable hoard of 5,000 coins was found by metal detectorist in England. **Anglo-**



Saxon gold and silver coins of Ethelred the Unready (978-1016) and Cnut (1016-1035) worth \$2 million. Likely to appear next year are 2016-dated gold coins to commemorate the 100th anniversaries of the 1916 Walking Liberty half-dollar, the 1916 Standing Liberty quarter, and the 1916 Mercury dime. The Kennedy gold half sold so well they are going to try these too.



Reno Cartwheel

March 2015

The winning designs for a new **Liberty and Eagle** for the high relief gold and silver coins to be minted in 2015 are:



The Perth Mint of Australia just released **Star Trek Coins**, a series that will include the captain and ship of each Star Trek series. At \$80 a piece I am going to have to decline, but it's hard.



World Coin News Coin of the Year went to this Austrian Coin:



Wells Fargo History Museum Robbed of its Gold Nuggets in San Francisco

Thieves in an SUV smashed through the glass doors of the **Wells Fargo History Museum** in downtown San Francisco and made off with gold nuggets dating back to California's Gold Rush that were on display. One man held a security guard at gunpoint while two others took items from a display case. Officials The 'crash-and-grab' job occurred at 2:30 a.m. The suspects reportedly ditched the SUV and fled in a silver car. The museum was closed three weeks for repairs following the Jan. 27 gold heist. Now, banners are posted encouraging people to "party like it's 1915," in reference to the museum's new exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition and Wells Fargo's role in it. The exposition showcased silent movies, electrical gadgets, coast-to-coast phone calls and other innovations of the day. More importantly, the 1915 exposition showcased San Francisco's comeback. "A century ago, San Francisco rose from the rubble of the 1906 earthquake and fires to stake its claim as a city on the move," Wells Fargo said. "The forum was the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition — a world's fair celebrating not only the city's rebirth but also completion of the Panama Canal the year before." The gold nuggets worth an estimated \$10,000 that were stolen last month remained missing when the museum reopened. said the nuggets have not been recovered and no arrests have been made.

Comstock's Mines Sesquicentennial medal:



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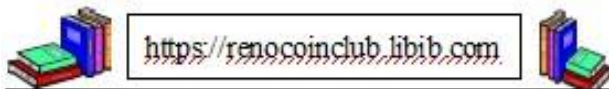
February: Presidential Medals, Doug Larson

March: Comstock Mines: NV ideas in silver

April: Coins of Constantine David Elliott

The Last Meeting

Only about 25 attended the dinner! You missed out on prime rib and a Morgan dollar in the raffle. Rusty showed us pictures of past members and current members with hair not grey or white. I'll get them on the website eventually. **Garret Allen** got his bone marrow transplant. It seems to have taken, but he's staying in the hospital in SF. He thanks everyone for all the support. We begin the bimonthly **BID BOARD** in February! Everyone who brings in a item will get **3 FREE raffle tickets** and we are **no longer taking 10% for the club.** (*Donations accepted*). The Truman dollar is coming out the Feb. 5, the first quarter Feb. 24 and the Native American dollar in March. I am seeing adds for the **2015 silver eagle for \$18.95**, has silver fallen that low? We're thinking about a **Reno Coin Club Aces baseball day**, probably on a Sunday, we can get a block of tickets, get recognized on the big screen, and maybe give away a half dollar baseball coin. Laurel Hoggah's idea. Rusty and Laurel are working on starting **National Coin Week in Reno** at the Northwest library on Saturday April 18th with lectures and displays. Please let us know about any ideas or things you would like to see. We will be at the museum as usual on the 24th and 25th. All the officers and board members were re-elected by acclamation, except the treasurer who voted against himself.. Winter meeting time 7PM, board meeting 6PM. **Please come after 6:30PM if you are not attending the board.**



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Early Bird Prize was 1968SW Conference medals won by not noted. (**The early bird winner needs to check in with Andre**)

Raffle prizes winners were:

Bart Daniel: last colored \$2, Civil War copper round
 Clay Thomas: Morgan Dollar
 Ed Cranch: **mystery box** 1976 S slabbed Ike & planches, old & new buffalo .05, Christmas medal
 Rick DeAvila: 3 au steel cents
 Gil Cerruti: 1971D unc. Ike, unc. NV 2004P .25
 David Elliott: dinosaur copper round, mint bag
 Howard Buchler: set 2013S .25, presidential \$1
 Mike Carolan: 2014S .25 set, Redfield book, Ron Paul book on gold, Mexico 50 peso coin
 Brent Speigle: unc. 1976 .50, brass coin club medal
 Ken Hopple: chocolate coins, copper RCC medal
 Leo Rossow: Navy copper round, 10 pesos Pero coin

Auctions

No auctions

Quarter Pot

Ron Jahn won the quarter. About \$5.

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Reno Cartwheel

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January 29-31, Long Beach Coin Show, Long Beach Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave., Admit:\$8, Tables: 400+ Chair: Taryn Warrecker, 805 680-0294, www.longbeachexpo.com TWarrecker@collectors.com

February 13-14, Redwood Empire Coin Club Coin Show, E.L. Finely Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Rd., Santa Rosa, Admit: \$2, Tables: 60 Chair: Merle Avila, 707 824-4811

February 15, Cupertino Coin Club Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, Admit:\$2, Tables: 35 Chair: Bruce Braga, 408 893-1883, BruceBraga1@aim.com

February 21-22, San Francisco Coin & Collectibles Show, S. SF Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd., Admit:\$5, Tables: 35 Chair: Scott Griffin, 415 601-8661 www.griffincoin.com scott@griffincoin.com

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The Other Coin: Pompeii Magnus



I recently scored the long sought portrait coin of Gnaeus Pompeii Magnus (106-48 BC). He was the greatest general of late Republican Rome and the balance of power between the *optimates* (the best, the nobles) and *populares* (the people, the masses). His father sided with Marius the populares general even though the family was “new men” wealthy non-Latin citizens from Picenum. Pompeii fought dutifully at his father’s side, but switched to Sulla, the optimates leader upon his father’s death, bringing not only victory to Sulla, but slaughtering the Marian opposition even after they surrendered. Refusing to disband his army, he gained a triumph and the title Great, then went on to defeat an uprising in Spain, the pirates of the Mediterranean, Spartacus, and Mithradates VI. He made the Mediterranean and Black Sea, Roman pond, setting up client kings in Armenia, Jerusalem, Egypt, Cilicia, and a dozen more (I have collected coins from each of his client kings-Tarkondimotos of Cilicia and Juba I of Mauretania below).



Reno Cartwheel

February 2015

Senatorial politics that brought down the Roman Republic are eerily much like our own. The wealthy establishment (wealthy from insider government favors) divided between the populares that offered more and more welfare to the urban populace of Rome finally bankrupting the government and the optimates that financed their own armies and campaigns from inherited or self-made riches, bankrupting the government with military adventures to enhance their wealth and power. Both sought a military dictatorship with themselves as emperor for life. (Even the enemies of Rome came from the same part of the world-N. Africa, Middle East, Asia Minor, although neither Arabs nor Muslims.)

One of Pompeii's junior officers and eventual allies was Julius Caesar, who married Pompeii's daughter. Just as Pompeii had married Sulla's daughter in an alliance that fell apart into civil war, so Julius Caesar fought a civil war against Pompeii. Defeated, Pompeii fled to Ptolemy XIII, the teenage brother/husband of Cleopatra VII, whom he was battling. Siding with the recent victor, Ptolemy had Pompeii executed under a flag of friendship and his head sent to Julius Caesar, who was so enraged that he sided with Cleopatra in the war against her brother. (*Handel wrote an opera*)



Ptolemy XIII left no portrait coin; he put Ptolemy I on his silver coins. The bronze and silver coins are dated and we know when he was sole ruler in Cyprus. The above Cyprus coin is dated to his rule with Zeus Ammon on the obverse, 2 eagles, Isis headdress)

Pompeii followed Roman law and did not put his portrait on any coin he produced. His sons continued the fight against Julius Caesar and then Octavian and minted several coins with his portrait in Sicily and could chose no better reverse than the Catanaean (from Catana, Sicily) brothers carrying their parents on their shoulders, saving them from an eruption of Mount Aetna. They were the supreme example of filial piety.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

The cool **US Marshall coins** are being offered 1-29 and will be about \$5 cheaper the first 30 days of sales. The silver dollar proof will be \$46.95, unc. \$43.94 and clad half proof \$14.95 and unc. \$13.95. Gold price for \$5 not set yet. They will be available at the upcoming Long Beach show first.



(Gold, silver, clad designs of US Marshall coins.)
Winston Churchill 20 pound silver coin is selling for face value and will sell out quickly. They can be bought at www.royalmint.com There will also be the circulating 5 pound coin to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his death.



Reno Cartwheel

February 2015

Bernard von NotHaus of Liberty Dollar fame had his verdict of 15 years of prison, \$250,000, and confiscation of all his gold and silver bullion worth about \$7 million reduced to 3 years probation. The US intended to make an example of the 'domestic terrorist' (statement by the FBI). The 70-year-old von NotHaus wanted to make a philosophical point with his Liberty Dollar in support of hard silver and gold currency. However, after the judge determined he was not a terrorist, he stressed that the private currency was strictly illegal. Von NotHaus was now sentenced to six months of home detention, to run concurrently with three years of probation. *Evidently the government was scared of a few million dollars of real money. Whatever happened to all the communist East German currency, you ask?* 2014 was the last year to turn it in for euros and the largely aluminum coins were melted down for car parts. The notes were stacked in an old mine where they will quickly rot. Wouldn't have happened to silver and gold. The **time capsule in Massachusetts** was in coin news, but none of the museum announcements of contents included the exact nature of the coins found along with the newspapers and silver commemorative plaque by Paul Revere. **In 1795, then-Massachusetts Gov. Samuel Adams, famed patriot Paul Revere and Col. William Scollay** buried a time capsule under the Massachusetts State House cornerstone in Boston. It was opened in 1855 during renovations, and two sets of 1855 coins half penny to dollar were placed in the time capsule along with several 1855 newspapers. Of the dozen earlier coins only the 1652 pine shilling coin and George Washington medal are detailed, although mention of a half-cent, one-cent, half-dime, 10-cent and 25-cent coins probably refer to US currency and many copper coins to various state or unofficial coinage.. Hopefully, someone from *Coin World* will go look before it is all reburied. Two US coins topped \$2 million at the FUN Show in Florida. They were led by a **1793 Chain Cent, graded MS66** brown by PCGS with a CAC sticker. In its first public auction appearance since 1980, the Chain cent "drew gasps and applause" when it **realized \$2.35 million**. Nearly as spectacular was the sale of a **1907 \$20 Ultra High Relief \$20 gold dollar, graded PR68** by PCGS. This rarity was offered for

the first time ever at auction and quickly **realized \$2.115 million**.



Canada begins a 5 year commemoration of WWI with coins of leave taking. The 2014 offerings:



The US Mint set out high resolution images and dates for the **2015 Presidential dollars**: Feb 5 Truman, April Eisenhower, June Kennedy, August Johnson.



Reno Cartwheel

February 2015

The limited (20,000) **Roosevelt set** is still available with 4 stamps, proof dollar and dime and a silver and bronze medal for \$57.95.



Frank Kovacs assembled a set of **Shekels of Tyre**, Judas' 30 pieces of silver, 38 consecutively dated coins covering the lifetime of Jesus. Expected to sell for \$150,000 as one of the dated coins is unique. The Jews at the time of Jesus were not allowed by the Romans to mint silver or gold coins, so temple taxes were accepted in the silver coins of Tyre with head of Melqart, a Heracles figure, and eagle on reverse.



The **Collectible Coin Protection Act** H.R.2754 was signed into law by President Obama on Friday, Dec. 19. It adds further protections against **counterfeiters** and includes sellers and distributors as well as manufacturers under its purview. Copies must be distinctly and permanently marked as such. *I assume China will ignore this too.* Speaking of counterfeits, Hollywood recently got in trouble for too accurate **prop money**. In the early days of film making, producers still used real money. It wasn't until the 1960s that a company solely dedicated to manufacturing prop money came into being, and its products steadily increased in quality. While producing an action film in 2000, hundreds of thousands of banknotes were meant to be flying through the air, some of them in close-up. Perfect phonies were needed and soon there was a visit from the Secret Service. Curious onlookers and bystanders had grabbed some of the banknotes after the crew had finished shooting the scene in Las Vegas and tried to get rid of them in surrounding shops. The film company was in danger of being charged with the production and circulation of counterfeit money. It didn't help that the prop notes differed from real banknotes in 28 details, including the phonies read "In Dog We Trust" instead of "In God We Trust." That explanation wasn't good enough for the Secret Service. The authorities demanded that the company cease the production of prop money on the grounds that banknotes could still enter circulation without being recognized as phonies. "If it's green and it says '20' on it, somebody will take it." **Josh Auten would really, really like some of our 2004 club medals** in any metal and is willing to offer a "premium." Contact: 970 980-4341 or pokerauten@gmail.com



Reno Cartwheel January 2015

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January: Memories in Photos of the Club, Rusty King. Elections and dinner. Feel Free to nominate yourself or others for any officer position or Paul Williams and Shannon Holmes board positions. New blood always welcome.

February: Presidential Medals, Doug Larson

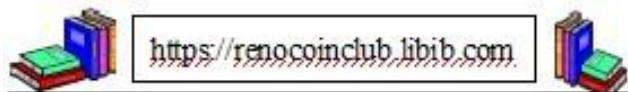
March: Comstock Mines: NV ideas in silver

The Last Meeting

Only 22 attended the minibourse, you missed a lots of great coins going cheap. Joe Wozniak found a 100" screen, twice the size of the one we had for about \$60. Got it. Researching projectors, I will probably buy one of them soon. **NEW TIME OF 7PM** as Carrows goes to winter schedule, board meeting at 6PM. We may need to start looking for a bigger place, if you know of one, let us know.

Dan Waterman had a stroke, but is already home and OK. Said he would likely be at the dinner.

Garret Allen is waiting for a bone marrow transplant, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. 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. It appears the Truman dollar is coming out the Feb. 5, the first quarter Feb. 24 and the Native American dollar in March. *Please come after 6:30PM if you are not attending the board.*



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Kindra Amunson 1888 Morgan dollar, copper round
Joe Wozniak: colored \$2, date buffalo .05, 10 peso Peru
Rick DeAvila: **mystery box** 1977 Ike& planchets, 1971 Ike unc., copper round, coin album
Claude Sendon: RCC copper round
Mike Caroolan: 2014S .25 set
Dan Trabke: 2013 .25 set
Ken Hopple: chocolate coins
Jerry Breedlove: 1967 Canada centennial medal, 2014 NA\$1 unc.
Bill Amunson: Mexico 1982 50 pesos

THANKS TO RUSTY KING WE WILL HAVE MORGAN DOLLARS IN NEXT 2 RAFFLES!!!

Auctions

Rusty King won the NV medals and stamps display for \$35 donation, I believe, by Doug Cummings.

Quarter Pot

Quint Anninao won the quarter. About \$5.25.

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The Other Coin: The Four Wisemen

I am about to put away my Christmas decorations, so I thought I would trot out the ancient coin con-tenders for the Three Wisemen: Azes II of the Indo-Scythians, Phraates IV of the Parthians, Gondophares of the Indo-Parthian (whom St. Thomas is said to have converted to Christianity) and Aretas IV of the Nabataeans:



Azes II, 35bc-4ad
A. II mounted/Athena stands



Phraates IV, 37-2bc
head/ king as archer



Gondophares, 10bc-50ad
bust/Nike stands



Aretas IV 9bc-40ad
wife Shuqailat/ cornucopias

Don't forget that Jesus was born at 7BC or 4BC to take into account all the personages mentioned at his birth, which was how time was kept back then e.g. the 7th year of emperor, king, magistrate so and so. Also there are good records of a large comet then. Our year 0 was a pretty good medieval guess.

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Popular collecting themes include a coin from each of the cities Paul ministered in or a coin from each city that minted them in the Holy Land. Coins

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showing a history of Jerusalem or the Jewish kings, Roman procurators of Judah, Jewish coins of revolt in 70AD and 135 AD. Of course the Roman emperors minted coins commemorating their victories over the Jews known as Jewish Capta coin, often showing a weeping Jewish under a palm tree. You can also collect coins mentioned by Jesus like the Widow's mite, tribute penny, or one of the 30 pieces of silver (shekels of Tyre) paid to Judas. Most of the cities Jesus ministered in minted coins, often during the time of his ministry. A coin of Pilate is a must, of course, as well as Nero and Caesar Augustus. "The Handbook of Biblical Numismatics" is on-line at amuseum.org/book Also James B. Lovette's inexpensive, Biblical Related Coins (2000). By the way, very nice Widow's mites can be had for \$10 or less. Almost anything of this nature can be found at www.vcoins.com or on ebay.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

National Coin Week April 19-25 theme is "Building Tomorrows: Inspiration & Innovation at World's Fairs"



World's Fairs and Expositions have long celebrated mankind's achievements in science, architecture and social progress. The 2015 National Coin Week theme, "Building Tomorrows: Inspiration and Innovation at World's Fairs," will celebrate the history of these great events and the 100th anniversary of the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco.

As I See It: Expanding Membership in the Reno Coin Club

A couple of weeks ago I talked to Paul Williams about ways we could increase membership rolls in the Reno Coin Club, and he pointed out to me that we need to do more community outreach in the schools with school children through a lecture program that Reno Coin Club members could do in the area. While I think this idea has great merit, I feel that it only touches only a small part of the problem of declining interest in the hobby, which is not just a local problem.

The Reno Coin Club was founded by a group in 1984 that was motivated and was quite a bit younger than most of Reno Coin Club members are today. Sure we need young kids to perpetuate our hobby, but we need their 30 something parents probably even more to replace the young Turks who were the energy of the RCC in its earlier days. The ANA is a fine national organization, but when it comes to local coin clubs it often misses the boat! A coin club is a local organization and the responsibility to fix declining coin club membership has to be taken on locally! I have never seen the ANA address the problem of declining interest in coin collecting, or in membership declines in local coin clubs across the nation! Perhaps when they do that ANA membership rolls will begin to increase again!

Here's an idea for a theme for National Coin Week. The ANA should devote a year to promote the local coin club, how to start it, how to make it grow, how to maintain it, and how to perpetuate it in the long term. The local coin club is the bastion of collector enjoyment and knowledge in the local area. It needs to be preserved and maintained. We in the

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RCC have many gifted members in our rolls and we need to show that to our local community. It would probably be a good idea to have some kind of open house in the Reno area to invite the community to come and see what coin collecting and the RCC is all about. We could have exhibits by the members, lectures, a raffle, door prizes and refreshments. We could even have a home and away National Coin Week in Reno and invite The State Nevada State Museum here the first weekend then go to Carson City the following weekend! It has also been proposed that we have a Reno Coin Club Crawl during National Coin Week. Wouldn't that be a Hoot! As always I am looking forward to sharing ideas with you and wish you a Merry Christmas and an extremely happy holiday season.

And That's How I See It! Rusty King

New Coins for 2015

Here are the Dollars and quarters:



And the March of Dimes and Marshall Service commemoratives:



I should also mention the proposal to recreate coins closely resembling those of **1915 Pan-Pacific International Exposition**, including for the first time, an octagonal \$5 gold piece. Surcharges from the coins will go to the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society, including Old Mint and, the Palace of Fine Arts on the grounds of the former Panama-Pacific International Exposition.”This legislation offers numismatists an exceptional opportunity to enhance a National Historic Landmark and numismatic icon — The Old San Francisco Mint — while giving collectors the opportunity to readily acquire the extremely popular and uniquely designed Panama-Pacific coins” said **Dr. Donald Kagin**, co-chairman of the American Money and Gold Rush Museum in San Francisco. He urges numismatists to contact their respective members in the U.S. House to urge them to immediately cosponsor H.R. 2760. The coins are proposed to be minted in 2017,



Numismatic Potpourri

There's a new book: **Civil War Sutler Tokens & Cardboard Scrip**, by David Schenkman, edited by Richard Irons. \$100, but the first of its kind

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A double die was found on a 1964 D dime.



The president has approved the **2018 WWI commemorative coin**, and **Boystown** will have a coin in 2017. **No metal composition would make the cost of making the penny less than a penny**, says the mint. There would be saving in the dime nickel and quarter to use plated steel or zinc. Use plastic like the mil coins we had. **Netherlands won coin of the year** with its 5 euro coin, yuck!



Civil Air Patrol was awarded a gold congressional medal for their WW II service. I was right about **the code talker medals**, 27 tribes have received them with 6 more to go. All these medals can be bought from the mint in 1.5 inch bronze for \$7 or 3 inch for \$40. Whitman Publishing announces the release of **A Guide Book of Hard Times Tokens**, by Q. David Bowers. The 320-page softcover book Copies can be pre-ordered from booksellers and hobby shops nation-wide, and online (including at www.Whitman.com), for \$29.95. Also can be borrowed from ANA library. On Oct. 21, 2014, rare coin experts from Kagin's Inc. announced the discovery of one of the largest natural **California gold nuggets** ever seen. The treasure was found by a California man who was prospecting for gold on public land in Butte County, California in July of this year. The nugget, which weighs over 70-ounces, is estimated

to be worth somewhere between \$350,000



Lithuania has issued a coin a coin commemorating **John Paul II's canonization** with a piece of his stole in it. **Japan** has a coin with **iridescent color** for the 50th anniversary of its bullet train (You'll have to see that on the on-line edition.) **Denmark** has announced it will stop making coins and notes on the way to becoming a cashless society and to better monitor transactions and prevent people from avoiding the VAT tax by paying in cash. **ISIS** has announced it will be producing bullion coins in gold, silver, and copper to Islamic standards. **Britain announced its 1 millionth treasure find** under Portable Antiquities Act where finders and land owners share in the discoveries and the government gets right to buy at full market value. All discoveries are recorded to the delight of historians and archeologists. Free market wins again.



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