

# Reno Cartwheel

## December 2016

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 27th of December 7 PM (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)  
Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave. (at E. McCarran), Sparks

**December 27 Minibourse, Nominations** Bring coins and stuff to sell or trade.

**December 30 Ken and Dave at the Museum** 10AM-3PM, minting and displays

**January 23 Dinner, Election, and So-Called Dollar** movie with Jeff Shevlin

**February 28 Presidential Memorabilia, Medals and Coins** with Doug Larson Bring and share your memorabilia with Doug.

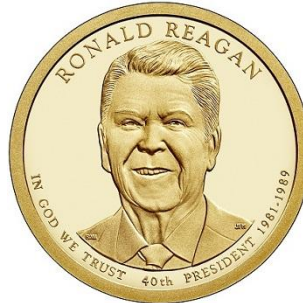
**At the Last Meeting** 36 watched a power point on the transition from bartering to coinage with a history of the Roman As. **Ken and I will be at the museum last Friday of December 30, 10AM-3PM** running the press and having displays and the new coins. *My wife is still babysitting on Fridays. Please join me at the museum if you can.* I have just a few **Reagan dollars, no rolls, but still got Johnson, Ford, NA, and Nixon dollars.** Got **Fort Moultrie park .25** and will make up **2016S** sets for the meeting. Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. **Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now.** We will have **board meetings before regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business.** Contact me about concerns or suggestions 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net

**Updating internet stuff: our blog** is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172928902751034/> or from the website. We have 81 followers at **whofish.org** If you look at NV events and follow Reno Coin Club you will get an e-mail reminder or go to calendar, Dec 27, find and click *follow* on top left.

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**Early Bird Prize** was a cased John Quincy Adams \$1 in holder won by Leo Rossow  
**Raffle prizes** winners were:

Gary Dahlke: world coin book

Rick DeAvila: .01 filled album, Mercury.10, Barber .10, chocolate coins (gave to Ken)

Milton Angel: set 3 World Paper Money, box of .50 tubes  
Charles Benyak: 1989 proof set, 2002D .10 MS65, mint bag

Gary Meckler: .25 holder, 4 slab boxes, PCGS poster

Bart Daniels: gold plated 1976 .50 signed by designer, roll of 2009 .01 **mystery box, 1999 PD .25 sets**

Robert Kipperman: NA \$1 set, standing Lib .25, president \$1, set of Americana books

Tom Charleton: Nat. Park .25 set

Leo Rossow: 2009 .01 set

Ed Cranch 74 series \$1

Joe Wozniak: Red Book, penny paper weight

Trish Elliott: Case for 3 \$1 coins

### Auctions

Rick DeAvila won large magnifying light donated by Gary Meckler for \$21

Rick DeAvila won \$1 signed by Mark Amodei donated by Rusty King for \$15

### Quarter Pot

Pete Plath (not present) won the quarter pot.

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### Upcoming Coin Shows

**January 6-7, Concord Coin Show**, Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave., Admit:\$3, Tables: 39, Bill Green, 925 351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com www.norcalcoinshows.com

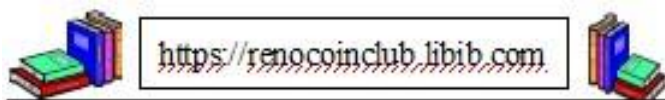
**January 20-22, San Jose Coin Club**, Doubletree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, Admit:\$4, Tables: 70+, Ray Johnson, 408 598-7772 SanJoseCoins@aol.com www.sanjosecoinclub.org

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### The Other Coin: An Egyptian Temple and Scipio Africanus

I recently got a new coin from Alexandria and new information about an old Roman denarius I have. Egypt was rich in copper, having possession of the mines of Cyprus; and like other copper rich nations, say Sweden or Russia, there was a tendency to promote copper as a bullion metal. A penny should have a penny worth of copper, hence our own large cents or the Russian 5 kopeck coin of the 18<sup>th</sup> C. At 43mm, 4mm thick and 51 grams. The Swedish plate money grew to a \$10 thalers, 40 lb. monstrosity.

Egypt had very large copper coins and a common 33-41mm, 23-30g coin, larger than the Roman sestertius and tarified at 1/4 denarius. The Egyptian copper denarius is mentioned and probably did exist even though none have been found. It would be over 3 inches and 3lbs. of copper. Even after Roman conquest large copper coins used as silver fractions continued to be issued in Egypt. The copper drachm came in at 34mm and over 24 grams with a billion drachm mixed with silver at 27mm containing the silver of a Roman denarius, about 23% silver as it was almost 4 times the size of a denarius. Of course silver content and size of the Roman Egyptian coinage declined over time, but never got as small as Roman coinage at Rome. The last Egyptian coins were 14-19mm, when Roman coinage dipped to 10mm.

In addition to a larger size, Egyptian coinage under Rome had unique reverses including the labor of Hercules, the zodiac, Egyptian gods and, funerary implements, and Egyptian places and animals. I added a coin of Antonius Pius 138-161AD, 34mm, 24.90g with Isis seated with Horus in an Egyptian





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temple with Egyptian flared columns. The image of Isis suckling or holding her infant son Horus is the model for the Madonna and Child sculptures and paintings.

The other treasure I already had, but gained new meaning when someone asked why Mars appeared so old and ugly on the Roman denarius. The Blasio denarius has



Jupiter between Juno and Minerva complete with abs for Jupiter and busty goddesses. The traditionally identified Mars, because he is wearing a helmet, is old and sallow and sunken. Now this is not true of Mars on other Roman denarii. Below Mars is young and handsome with curly hair rather than bald. A discussion on



an ancient coin blog sought to identify on old, ugly, bald guy that Blasio might put in a helmet on his coins. Roman denarii were produced by 2-3 yearly by elected officials, who were in charge of mint as a step to higher things in the Roman bureaucracy. The coins were often used to promote one's candidacy to higher office, so you made sure your name was spelled right and honored your great ancestors or a virtue you wanted the populace to associated you with. Julius Caesar put Venus on his coins as an ancestor and coins with defeated Gauls to

applaud his recent victories there. Brutus put a Junius Brutus on his coin who slew the last Roman king as well as the goddess Libertas or Liberty to oppose Julius Caesar.

Now, there were no famous Blasios until recently in New York, but references to Blasio reveal that he claimed descent from Scipio Africanus, who had defeated Hannibal at Carthage, ending the Second Punic War in 201 BC. Now that is someone you would put a helmet on even though he was old, ugly and bald. Other coins with Scipio's image look like



the denarius and busts also look like the coin. After much discussion with some big names included, it was determined that the ugly Mars was, in fact, the great Scipio Africanus, whom previously was found only on bronze coins.

Numismatically yours

David Elliott

## Numismatic Potpourri

**The Apollo 11 moon landing commemorative** bill has passed both the senate and house and is likely to become law. **The gold walking liberty started selling after limits were lifted.** *Too pricey for most, I suppose.* **Foreign gold coins are hitting the melting pot** here and in Europe as the melt value comes within 2% of face or market value. This is especially true of common date and lower graded gold coins. **Sweden is well on the path to demonetization** with all coins become non-legal tender Summer 2017 except the 10 kronor as well as the 20 and 1000 kronor notes. At the same time the national bank is issuing new 100 and 500 kronor notes and 1, 2, and 5 kronor coins that will no longer be legal tender at the end of Summer. Some 80% of all transactions with 98% of the value are electronic



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now by card or smart phone. This is said to be an attempt to decrease illegal transactions, meaning not paying taxes while identity fraud is rising. There are billions of kronor in coin and old bills left to be redeemed with bank fees imposed. Most Swedish banks no longer carry cash and it is uncertain how long the new notes with Greta Garbo and Birgit Nilsson will survive. The final volume of Borna Barac's excellent



series, "Reference Catalogue of Orders, Medals and Decorations of the World," has been published. It is the largest volume so far, 576 pages with 7000 color pictures of ODMs (Orders, Decorations & Medals). Each book measures 6 3/4" x 9 1/2". Cost for all 4 volumes is about \$350. **The entire Newman Money Museum has been put on display** in short videos at <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediatdetail/515508> No narration, but you can see all the 30 displays in detail on mostly American currency. **Nice video on the cost of producing US coins and currency:**

[www.businessinsider.com/how-much-us-currency-dollar-bills-coins-money-cost-2016-11](http://www.businessinsider.com/how-much-us-currency-dollar-bills-coins-money-cost-2016-11) The penny is at 1.43 cents and the nickel at 7.44 cents. Don't forget, begin-ning at noon ET on Dec. 29, the U.S. Mint will no longer sell 2016-dated commemorative coins. And

closing December 6 **37.7 million silver eagle bullion coins were sold** dated 2016. **Coins of the year nominees include:**



The last is Marco Polo before Kubla Khan and the Austrian coin celebrates 450th of the Spanish Riding School. And **banknote nominees:** England, Scotland,





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and the last is from Nuie. *I guess blue is in this year.* **The Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi,** announced that, in an effort to account for his nation's "black money," the two largest Indian bills, the 500 rupee and 1000 rupee (about \$15), which together make up 86% of outstanding cash, would immediately be retired as legal tender. They can be exchanged for new 2000 rupee notes. Again, a country trying to eliminate a cash economy to get more taxes and doing so by citing crime. *The crime is not giving the government their cut in every transaction.* **The US bullion 2017 gold and silver eagles and buffalo gold go on sale January 9** with platinum available to "authorized purchasers" later in the month. Mark ups are:

- 3% for each 1 oz. American Gold Eagle
- 5% for each 1/2 oz. American Gold Eagle
- 7% for each 1/4 oz. American Gold Eagle
- 9% for each 1/10 oz. American Gold Eagle
- \$2.00 for each American Silver Eagle
- 4% for each American Platinum

Authorized purchasers sell to dealers and the public at an additional mark up. **The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary silver eagle has the W mint mark and a non-reeded edge with 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on it.** It was the coin in the Reagan chronicles set as well. Sells for \$44.95. **The 8 coin silver proof set** (5 quarters, .50, .10, and eagle)

is back at \$139.95 in 2016 and very popular. There was no 2015 silver set.



**Update on India bank notes:** rather than turn their 500 and 1,000 rupee notes into the bank, most bought gold and silver bullion jewelry with them. The government then threatened gold and silver merchants causing a panic buying of silver. About half the truckers were stalled as they pay for food, fuel, and tolls in cash. Tolls were suspended, but not before markets and factories were shutting down. **Jack Lew, Secretary of the Treasury is getting a medal.** Henry Paulson's is also available.



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**The Last Meeting** 25 members were wowed by the **Joe Dimaggio autograph ball Rusty brought** that he got when he was in junior high. A lot of other people were watching the world series, I guess. **Ken and I saw hundreds of people and kids on NV Day and for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the museum.** A new medal was struck with the museum, mammoth and basket (see below). Milton Angel and Jerry Breedlove helped man the table and several other members visited. We all got 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake. There was even a brass band. 600 pencils and rulers with magnifying glass went fast, and we were able to give class sets to four teachers as well (pictures below). **Please bring me your club envelope as I would like the cancelled US Star Trek stamp I especially need the red and green ones.** I have just a few **Reagan dollars, no rolls, but still got Johnson, Ford, NA, and Nixon dollars.** Fort Moultrie park .25 is out November 14, so iffy if available for November club meeting. Will try. **Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now.** We will have **board meetings before regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business.** Contact me about concerns or suggestions 815-8625 or datbelliotts@prodigy.net **New member Charles Smith makes rings out of coins to order.** See them at coinbender.com *Ordered a copper coin club ring for myself for \$30. Should have it for November club meeting. Finished the 1784 German book on US revolution. It was great!*

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**Early Bird Prize** was set of 2012 Native American dollars won by Laurel Hoggan

### Raffle prizes winners were:

Gary Meckler: set 2013 NA dollars, 1965 mint set, 1927 standing liberty .25  
Bart Daniels: 2014S .25 set  
Ken Hopple: chocolate coins, 1984 mint set, Mercury .10,  
Tom Charleton: 2004 proof .05 **mystery box**, WWII nickel set  
Milton Angel: 1945 .50, 2016 .01 and blank  
McKayla Barton: 2009 penny set  
Charles Benyak 2015 .25 set, copper RCC medal, key chain and magnet  
Rose Moratti presidential dollar  
Jerry Breedlove 1926S .01, coin holders  
David Elliott: Jefferson .05 album with some .05  
Christine Barton: set of blue books  
Gary Dahlke: mint bags

### Auctions

Gary Dahlke won 1784 US history book donated by Robert Rodriguez for \$22  
Rick DeAvila won silver eagle donated by Larry Demangate for \$20

### Quarter Pot

Clayton Brownell (not present) won the quarter pot.

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scott@griffincoin.com www.griffincoin.com

**December 2-4, Las Vegas Coin, Currency Stamp Show**, Gold Coast Hotel, Admit:?, Tables: ?, Israel Bick, 818 997-6496 iibick@sbcglobal.net

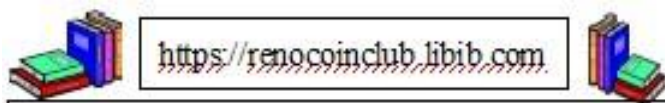
**December 4, Sacramento Coin Show**, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit:\$2, Tables: 66, Peter McIntosh, 916 317-9055 peter@mcintoshcoins.com  
www.sacramentocoinshow.com

**December 9-11, Las Vegas Numismatic Society Coin Show**, Westgate Resorts and Hotel, 3000 Paradise Road, Admit:?, Tables: ?, CK Shows, 888 330-5188  
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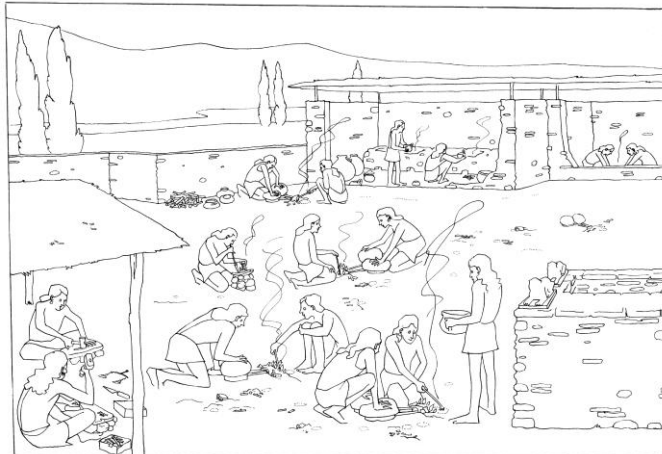
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### The Other Coin: The Beginning

The center of the display case of ancient coins I take to the museum has a selection of shells and cast coins made before the Lydians learned how to purify gold and silver and make round coins in descending denominations. I also show the stages of manufacturing ancient coins. Recreation of Sardis refining



process: production of foils (lower left), cementation in ovens and cooking pots with salt and urine to separate gold from silver (top), and cupellation, separating silver from other metals at very high temperatures in the ground aided by bellows (1100 degrees centigrade, bottom) . Denomination of gold



and silver in base 12 with 1/2, 1/3, 1/6, 1/24, 1/48, 1/96.

Before metal was used for coins, shells were used for small change and strung together for larger denomination; at least, since Sumerian times, 6000 BC. The favorite shell was the cowrie that came in different sizes and was made from clay, bone and cast bronze as well. Gold and silver was traded as currency in the form of jewelry, but also as lumps, wire, and bars of metal. The bars were called minas or talents, other denomination like the sheqel, stater,

or karsa were measures of weight. The hoard of silver from the time of Abraham (c.1700 BC) would have been weighed by scales as so much sheqel or talent weight. This is why there are so many verses about honest weights and measures in the Bible.

*Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver that he had named in the hearing of the Hittites, four hundred shekels of silver, according to the weights current among the merchants.* (Genesis 23:16)

The early Romans had little access to gold and silver, so when the Greeks in Sicily and southern Italy were making masterpieces of coinage in all metals, the Romans made lumps and bars of bronze for currency from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> BC called *Aes rude* and then cast in shapes *Aes formatum* from 5<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> BC like a scallop shell or with images on rounds and bars *Aes signatum* from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> BC



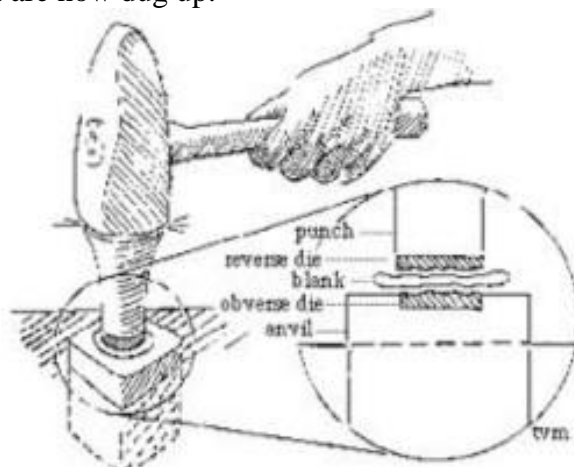
Roman coinage recapitulated the evolution of coinage in several societies going from shells (cattle in the case of Romans) to lumps of metal to molded metals. Celts



created shapes of wheels, beads, rings, and bells; Greeks created arrowheads and dolphins; and the Chinese created cast metal cowries, fish, bells, knives and hoes among other shapes before the cash coin with a square center. Some shaped coins were used as higher denominations, all with holes for stringing together.



The Lydians began minting purified gold and silver coins by weighing out lumps of metal and then using a hammer to smash the lump into an image engraved in an anvil. The Greeks and Persians added an image to the hammer and struck planchettes made in molds, so a nicer, flatter, more uniform coin was produced with two images instead of an image and a punch mark. Coins as we know them flooded the world and greatly increased trade and convenience. We have the ancient coins because there were no banks, so the coins were hidden in pots in the ground that are now dug up.





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## Numismatic Potpourri

**Nevada Day** was spectacular with the press running and minting a new medal (state seal on the reverse), 75th anniversary of the museum with cake and new things to give away. Hundreds of adults and children were there.



Elsewhere, coins have gone crazy. **Canada** not satisfied with glass beads on everything is now putting **sculptures on a set of wildlife** coins and not



to be beat **Nieu made volcano coins** with a ball of lava or shaped as Mount Vesuvius with engraved Pompeian artwork. **Austria is content with a glow**

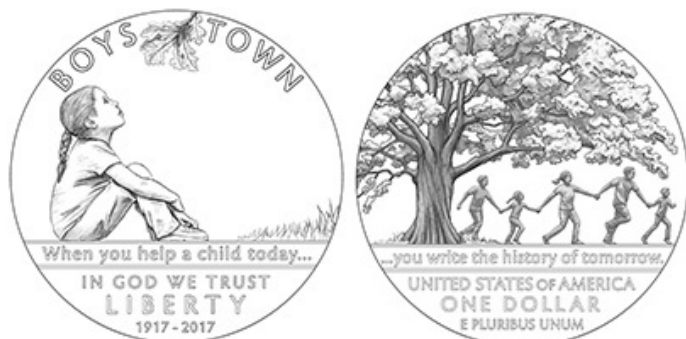




in the dark bat coin for its new animal series. We are



making sensible coins like the one for **Boys Town**,



the ATB quarters, and the 2017 and 2018 NA



dollars. Jeff Shevlin sold 1 of 9 gold Eire Canal medals for \$135,000. I remember when he brought in

a silver one. **England is commemorating the Battle of Hastings** in gold and silver.



**Knights' Gold** tells the story of how **two boys in 1934 Baltimore unearthed a pot filled with 5,000 gold coins**. New and startling evidence now links the coins to the Knights of the Golden Circle, a Confed-erate secret society hoping to put an end to the Lincoln presidency. **Canada's Sesquicentennial coins:**



**Favored design for 2017 gold liberty medal.**





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Mary Long: 2004 mint set, 2000 mint set, park .25 set, 2 mint bags  
Glenn Freuhan: 2014S .25 set, Indian coin key chain, Puerto Rico .25 mouse pad  
Faye Allen: 1989 proof set  
Bart Daniels: set 2 NA dollars  
Milton Angel: Mercury .10  
Ed Scott: RCC copper medal  
David Elliott: 1982 proof .05  
Joe Wozniak: Nixon PD dollar set, periodic table of coins

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**Oct 28-29, Nevada Day at State Museum**, 600 N. Carson St., Carson City, Admit: FREE, parade on Sat., coin press running, 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the museum  
nevadaday.visitcarsoncity.com/

**November 4-5, Sacramento Coin Show**, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit:\$3, Tables:66, Peter McIntosh, 916 922-8041 peter@mcintoshcoins.com  
www.sacramentocoinshow.com

**November 5, Visalia Coin Club Show**, Sons of Italy Hall, 4211 W. Goshen Ave, Admit: FREE, Tables:?, Leo D'Andrea, 559 738-8128  
dandrealeolola@yahoo.com **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

**November 6, Peninsula Coin Club Show**, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, Admit: FREE, Tables:37, Fred van den Haak, 650 498-4158  
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**November 11-12, Sunnyvale Coin Show**, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real Admit:\$3, Tables: 34, Bill Green, 925 351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com  
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## Not The Other Coin: I



With the putative ending of the presidential dollar coin series with Ronald Reagan, I feel it is time to reflect on the series. The presidential coins began in 2007 with Presidents Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Madison. Portraits of the presidents appear on the obverse with a common reverse design featuring the Statue of Liberty, which I thought was nice. From 2007 to 2011, the coins were struck and released for general circulation. They were not generally accepted and put in storage and continued only for collectors from 2012-2016. For the first year of issue, nearly one billion coins were produced for circulation across the four different designs and two minting facilities. As the coins failed to achieve widespread circulation, mintage levels fell for subsequent years to about 40 million, due to the requirement for Federal Reserve Banks to make the coins available to financial institutions provides for a certain base level of demand. Finally, in 2012 the mintage levels dropped to around 20 million the minimum required to meet the demand from collectors under the authority of the Treasury



Department. The Sacagawea dollar of the same composition was required to be minted with a different reverse design each year at the same rate of each presidential dollar and will continue to be produced.

I suppose my main problems with the coins was edge-incused inscriptions of the year, E PLURIBUS UNUM and the mint mark. The dates and mint marks were lost in capsules or books and the lettering of years in office were too small to read. An interesting



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rare variety was created for many coins when the edge lettering was omitted or doubled, although I never found one in the thousands of coins I handled. (See history of edge lettering on p.5) Even worse, the composition of 88.5% copper, 6% zinc, 3.5% manganese, 2% nickel is unstable, tarnishes poorly and often spots.



Without the retiring of the dollar bill, the dollar coin will likely not be accepted. It's another stalemate of Democrat/Republican interests as the ink and paper are made in Democrat Massachusetts, and the metals are mostly found in Western Republican states. I have been hoping that increasing production of the \$2 bill could pave the way for the dollar coin and the elimination of the dollar bill. As I have traveled or talked to people while selling the coins, it appears the dollar coin is popular abroad, especially in Russia and the Sacagawea dollar standard currency in Ecuador. NY, SF, and other major cities use them in the subways and buses, so they

are in limited circulation.

Along with the presidential dollar, First Spouse gold coins and bronze medals were issued. One-half ounce 24-karat gold \$10 coins with an obverse image of the first spouse and a reverse image symbolic of that particular spouse's life and work. The 33mm bronze medals bear the same images as the gold 26.5mm coins and cost only \$7 instead of around



\$700 as bullion prices fluctuate. If the president had more than one spouse while in office they were both commemorated and if they had no spouse the current image of Liberty on coins was issued on the obverse with an original design on reverse. Some of the reverse designs are striking and show up better on the larger bronze coins.



Now, there is Legislation calling for a new series of \$1 coins. The theme would be American innovation by individuals or groups from each state, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories issued alphabetically. Called for is a 14-year series starting in 2017 with four designs each year. A Liberty design would appear on obverse and reverse designs would have



designs featuring a significant innovation, innovator or pioneer, or group of innovators or pioneers. No busts can be shown. *I guess you need an innovation that would not constitute advertising, so Lehr jet would be out, but square set timbering OK or Hoover dam? Not clear to me.* The American Innovation \$1 coins would have the same composition as the Presidential dollars. Native American dollars will continue to be struck, so I do not see the need for another series. The legislation states that if it is not feasible to begin this series in 2017, the Treasury may issue Presidential dollars at its discretion. If passed, we might see the Presidential series finished by the inclusion of the living ex-Presidents, I guess.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### Numismatic Potpourri

Leon Wimbley dropped me a link to an article of a find of four 4<sup>th</sup> century AD **Roman bronze coins found in the ruins of the 12<sup>th</sup> century Japanese castle**. This is the first time Roman coins have been found in Japan. **Canada is sticking glass beads on everything**, here Murano glass on their Christmas coin and the Perth



Mint has begun **Star Wars coins** for those who are stuck on the inferior outer space franchise. About \$90 for 1 oz. silver. Paul Gilkes of *Coin World* has a nice



**history of edge lettering on US coins.** In 1992 the first edge lettering was by the Denver Mint, which struck the Olympic Baseball dollar first with a reeded edge, then added incuse edge lettering over the reeded edge without crushing the reed details. In 2007, first



with the Presidential dollars, and two years later with the Native American dollars, Mint technicians were tasked with having to produce the means to execute edge lettering. The first year's production of dollars became a learning curve, since the edge inscriptions weren't applied during production of circulation strikes, but after, on equipment separate from the



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coinage presses. The process was flawed, as thousands of coins escaped application of the edge devices or passed through the final step more than once, creating oodles of error coins for collectors to locate. It wasn't until 2008 that the final step was integrated into the end of the production line with the coinage presses. To watch a video on the process, see: [www.coinworld.com/videos/2016/10/monday-morning-brief-oct-3-2016.html](http://www.coinworld.com/videos/2016/10/monday-morning-brief-oct-3-2016.html)



ANA has inaugurated a brief introduction to *Treasures in Your Pocket*, an introduction to varieties and error coins that is nice, but not kid friendly.

<https://www.money.org/pocket-treasures>

Some of the **winners of the Coin Constellation held in Russia were:** Armenia, commemorating the 1915 genocide by Turkey won best of show, and Cook



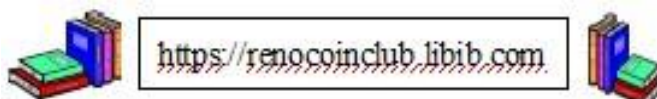
Island won people's choice for their celebration of Murano glass, and for technology depicting a planet bending space with a very unusual shape. The other winners will be on-line. **The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary proof W silver eagle is selling well.** One is included in the Reagan Chronicles set, since he authorized the coin.



I have to include the latest **Star Trek 2 oz. coin** from Perth for about \$160 with the whole crew and boxed in a communicator. They also have a dingo coin in the



shape of Australia. Stack's Bowers Galleries will offer the **Cabarrus Collection of Confederate paper money** in their Official Currency Auction this November 2-4.



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**October 25 Happy Birthday Nevada Rusty King**

**October 28-29 Dollar Exchange at NV State Museum.** Press is running, It's the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Museum and NV Day!. Please join us.

**November 22 Coins: The Beginning** D. Elliott  
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### The Last Meeting

31 members got to learn and see a lot about MA colonial silver. **Robert Rodriguez always brings wonders to the club.** You probably saw the Numismatist article on *Arsenic and Old Cents* that Robert helped with. I also find it fascinating that newbies and amateurs can still make important contributions even to colonial coinage. **The big news is the press is running and Ken and I will be there Friday and Saturday for Nevada Day.** It's the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the mint as a museum and there will be lots of special activities, so be there or be square. I have the completed set of 1<sup>st</sup> Wives bronze medals, and the completed set of Canadian Star Trek Coins ½ oz silvers, as well as the Reagan cover to bring. Please bring me your club envelope as I would like the cancelled US Star Trek stamp. I have just a few **Reagan dollars, no rolls, but still got Ford and Nixon dollars.** Theodore Roosevelt park .25 is here and very nice. We will have **board meetings before regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business.** Contact me about any concerns or suggestions, datbelliotts@prodigy.net 815-8625.

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**2016 S .25 sets next month, NA, Reagan and Theodore Roosevelt Park 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 set of Civil War park .25s won by Charles Prawdzik

### Raffle prizes winners were:

Ed Scott 5 gold .25s, 1982 proof set, 1995 proof set  
Christine Barton: walking Liberty .50, .25 set, PCGS poster  
Bart Daniels: gold \$2 bill, colored .05 **mystery box**, Reagan dollar, box of square dime holders  
Joseph Drapula: 2009 .01 set  
Laurel Hogan: 1929 standing liberty .25, 100 Canadian .01  
Mykala Barton: 1924 Mercury .10  
Faye Allen: 1943 steel .01 cents set  
David Elliott: Reagan dollar  
Charles Prawdzik: World coins book  
Joe Wozniak: chocolate coins  
Jerry Breedlove: 2 mint bags

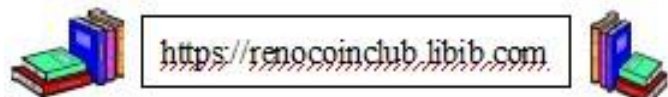
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**Quarter Pot**

Phillip Shallit (not present) won the quarter pot.

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www.ckshows.com

**September 30-Oct 1, Sacramento Valley Club Coin Show**, 4 Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit:\$3,Tables:50, Bob Shanks, 916 204-5168  
Robert.Shanks@att.net www.sacvalcc.org

**October 7-9, Contra Costa Coin & Collectibles**, Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek, Admit: \$3, Tables:30+, James Laird, 925 200-2276  
Info@DiabloCoinClub.org www.diablocoinclub.org

**Oct 28-29, Nevada Day at State Museum**, 600 N. Carson St., Carson City, Admit: FREE, parade on Sat., coin press running, 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the museum

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<http://nevadaday.visitcarsoncity.com/>

**November 4-5, Sacramento Coin Show**, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit:\$3,Tables:66, Peter McIntosh, 916 922-8041 peter@mcintoshcoins.com  
www.sacramentocoinshow.com

**November 6, Peninsula Coin Club Show**, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, Admit: FREE, Tables:37, Fred van den Haak, 650 498-4158  
fredydh@gmail.com www.solanocoinclub.com

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### The Other Coin: Treasures from the World Fair of Money, Anaheim

I have sorted through the 42 ancient coins for \$2 each I found at the ANA World Fair of Money. I have not identified six. In the process of identifying them I used the internet more than my reference library for the first time, which is really why I am writing this article. It seems you can truly find about most anything on the internet.

When I picked up the box I noticed several Seleucid bronzes with nearly full inscriptions and snapped them up. I have a huge collection of them as they were the easiest to collect in the 60's and 70's and were part of the *diadochi* or generals of Alexander the Great who set up kingdoms for themselves. The coinage is plentiful and inexpensive. Still, of the dozen or so I got, 3 were new to me, including this very fine coin of Seleukos II (261-247BC) with Apollo and his tripod. I could have gone to my Sears



or Hoover books, but sure enough typing in Seleukos and tripod, it popped up in a sold coin of one of the vcoins dealers, which along with coin project, wild winds and MA coins are great sources for identifying coins. I plucked out a coin of the famous Cleopatra easy to identify by her bun. A reference for the coin Sovornos 1162 came easily, since the whole book is on-line now with all the Ptolemaic coins. The next



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coin had jugate heads and a stag on back with a long inscription. Again I would normally flip through the 3 volumes of Lindgren's *Ancient Greek Bronze Coins* until I found it, but Google had it when I put in stag and Roman provincial bronze, a rare early coin of Augustus and Livia from Ephesus, Ionia. The next coin had the



flan and style of a coin of Seljuk of Rum, the first Turkish tribe to organize a kingdom in Asia Minor in the 12th-13th century only to be defeated by the crusaders, Byzantines, Mongols, and finally the Mamluks. Not that complicated since they are the only ones with figural bronzes and Arabic reverses. Again could have consulted the appropriate Mitchiner volume, but by inputting Seljuk and horseman, I got a page of them and learned that several Seljuk monarchs and imitators used the design, so that I had to carefully match my horseman to a coin of Arslan II 1159-1192 AD. Now the second horseman coin could not be found on the web.



With a cross, thin flan and medieval letters ANTO, I hoped it was a crusader coin of Antioch. I found it in Metcalf's *Coins of the Crusader States* as an ultra rare coin, so not popping up on the internet, but one of the reasons to always go through junk boxes. Coins not easily identified by coin dealers are often very rare. This is also true for the little 10mm or less coins, I found coins of the Vandals, Marcian, Marcus, and Basiliscus that had monograms on the reverse. There are several sites online that have all the monograms, so you can match them up now. Wroth is the book for

coins without monograms, I found copies of Honorius and Nike coins by the Vandals. Most dealers don't want to fuss with these little coins.



Yes, the variant with knight right is rarer still. A coin of Levon II (1198-1214), who briefly took Antioch from the Crusaders and held it against Mongols and Mamluks for a time. He was the King of Armenia, the oldest Christian state. His father Levon I moved the entire kingdom of Armenia from today's Armenia to Cilicia or southern Turkey with permission of the Byzantines to form a buffer state between Byzantium and the Muslims. The Crusaders soon appeared first as allies, but soon as competitors, especially for Antioch.

Almost any foreign or ancient coin can be found on the internet now. Ancient coins often go for a few dollars and foreign coins for a dollar or less. These are likely good ways for kids to collect and learn history, geography, and some foreign languages. Numismatically yours, David Elliott

## Numismatic Potpourri

**President Ronald Reagan Coin & Chronicles set will be offered at noon Eastern Time Oct. 11 with production limit of 150,000.** Household order limit is one. The price has been raised to \$68.95, but instead of a silver Presidential medal, the set will include a proof "W" silver American Eagle. The reverse proof Presidential dollar will have an "S" mintmark. Also



in the set will be a 1.5-inch Ronald and Nancy Reagan bronze Congressional Medal, an engraved Ronald Reagan Presidential portrait printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and a Reagan booklet. Reagan promoted and signed the bill for the minting of bullion coinage to resume, and specifically the silver eagle, now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year. **Designs for the 2017 quarters** are



out and very nice. Indian mounds, Frederick Douglas,



a mill by an Ozark river, Ellis Island, and a Revolutionary War scene. **One quarter ounce gold Standing Liberty .25 did not sell out Sept. 8** at \$485. Fewer than 1/2 of the 100,000 available were sold, just 47,884. The contrast with the gold Mercury dime offer April 21 could not have been more stark. Then 125,000 were snapped up in minutes. Household order limit for that offer was 10. For the gold Standing Liberty quarter, the household order limit was fixed at just one. No date set for the gold Walking Liberty half yet. **Australian Perth**



mint came out with Star Trek silver 1 ounce insignia for \$80 to compete with Canada's gold insignia about \$1520. While talking Canada, I'll



mention the **new coins where they're sticking glass beads on the coins** including a seahorse, niobium dragon fly and opal bead that glows in the dark. A



step too far? There is **an award winning film on the \$2 bill** making rounds, even won a Nevada film award in 2015. I always thought the \$2 might make a comeback if the \$1 coin replaces the \$1 bill. **Odyssey Marine Exploration has received full title to all salvage from the SS Central America** by a Federal



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District judge in Virginia. **Australia's new polymer notes have** layered metallic foils, seemingly endless array of color shifting inks that glisten like an oil slick with a printed bird that flaps its wings when bent. The ink has texture with nubs. Part of the bill has been carefully primed like paper, while part has been kept relatively pristine and pure, pushing printing technologies to their limits. The center of the note isn't printed at all; it's a clear window, revealing the note's greatest coup: This bill wasn't printed on paper, even though the texture feels that way. It's a magic trick of



plastic. The date June 23, 2016, is already one for the history books. On that day the people of United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union. **The first Brexit coins** commemorating the event have been released by Liechtenstein's Coin Invest Trust for the Cook Islands: a 26 mm, 3 gram, .999 fine silver \$1; a 11 mm, 0.5 gram, .9999 fine gold \$5; and a 26 mm, 1/10 ounce, .9999 fine gold \$20. Mintages for these tiny coins are 2,016, 10,000 and 2,016, respectively.



On October 13 the US mint in **Philadelphia will be presenting a forum on Numismatics: Past, Present, and Future**. 2017 is the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the mint. There are plans for proceedings to be published and available as video. Canada is also doing a **haunted Canada series** with a scary ghost appearing in a 3D hologram. Kimberley Treasure coin crafted from one



kilogram of 99.99% pure gold and featuring a radiant 0.54 carat red diamond from the famed Argyle Diamond Mine in the East Kimberley region of Western Australia sold for \$1 million dollars (US \$750,000) to Ashish Vijay Jain, Chairman of Tiara Gems and Jewelry of Dubai, Canada is doing a



famous warriors of history series that's pretty cool.





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26 members (*too hot for some, I guess*) saw Doug Larson bring a **collection of medals, 100s of them, from the VFW and American Legion** starting in 1919 to the present in all metals. It is one of the ways he is honoring our vets. **Reagan dollar sold out at the meeting, still got Ford and Nixon dollars.** Theodore Roosevelt park .25 out August 29, Reagan dollar cover out August 26, and the last of the **First Spouse medals on sale Aug 31. They sold out fast last time. Robert Rodriguez will bring 20 copies of the 1784 book on US revolution he has been talking about for \$25.** Various recent **Catalog of World Coins** are available online at <http://www.hamiltonbook.com/> The board voted to **raise dues in January 2017 to \$20**, badges will remain at \$10. We will have **board meetings before regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business.** Contact me about any concerns or suggestions, [datbelliotts@prodigy.net](mailto:datbelliotts@prodigy.net) 815-8625. No coins show in Carson City in August, but press is up and running!! I will be at the ANA, Anaheim and will write the newsletter in CA. It should be on time, however.

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**2015 S .25 sets, NA, Reagan and Harpers Ferry are here!**



**Early Bird Prize** was Reagan \$1 won by Joe Wozniak

**Raffle prizes** winners were:

Faye Allen: 1943 steel .01 cents set  
 Cole Allen: walking liberty .50 1942, set of 2 NA \$1  
 Ed Scott: 1981 proof set, James Polk \$1, 2009 .01 set, 2 mint bags  
 Rick DeAvila: PGCS knit shirt, standing liberty .25  
 Milton Angel: 2 .25 set, 2014S .25 set  
 Jerry Breedlove: box of .50 holders, chocolate coins (given to Ken Hopple), 1927 mercury .10  
 Thomas Charleton: 1994 proof set  
 Glenn Fruehan: RCC copper medal  
 David Elliott: display board  
 Bart Daniels: 2015S .25 set  
 Sam Dibitonto: 2014S .25 set  
 Joe Wozniak: last 1971D unc. Ike

### Auction

Paul Williams donated a 1922 Peace \$1 won by Milton Angel for \$28.  
 Club and Rusty King donated a set of presidential dollars in a Dansco album won by Leon Wembley for \$107.

### Quarter Pot

Christian Barton (not present) won the quarter pot.

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### Upcoming Coin Shows

**September 8-10, Long Beach Coin, Stamp & Sports Expo**, LB Convention Centre, 100 S. Pine Ave., Admit: \$8, Tables: huge, Taryn Warrecker, 805 680-0294  
TWarrecker@collectors.com www.longbeachexpo.com

**September 17, NCNA Seminar: The Future of Our Hobby**, Vallejo Naval & Museum, 734 Marin St., Admit: FREE, 6 speakers including Jeff Shevlin; Michael Turrini, 707 246-6327 empori@juno.com  
www.solanocoinclub.com

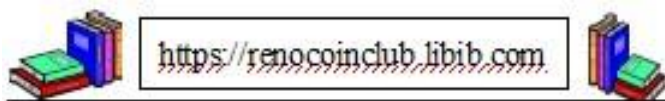
**September 18, Livermore Coin Club Show**, Elk's Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Admit: FREE, Tables: 32, Steve Kramer, 925 980-9307 Stampman  
99@yahoo.com http://www.ckshows.com

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### The World Fair of Money, Anaheim



We got there late on Friday missing The Dedicated Byzantine Society meeting and learned too late about John Frost's lecture on the die match he found to a 20 cent CC die dug up at the museum. The lecture was recorded, and I should be able to get a copy latter in



the year. I did get Jeff Shevlin's *So-called Dollars* lecture, Hal Dunn *Remembering People from the CC Mint*, and Robert Hoge *US Mint's Original Coinage*. We will see one of the three in September. Both Fred Holabird and Jeff Shevlin had tables here, but I didn't see them, maybe tomorrow. The ANA had a 1913 V nickel, 1794 dollar, a huge brick of gold from the SS Central America, a set of double eagles and many National Banknotes from California, 4 Syracuse tetradrachms, and early Mexico notes. The displays included a spectacular collection of French



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Revolutionary medals, Austrian Niobium coin set in different colors, a complete set of Maundy coins, ancient Olympic coins, lots of elongated cents, Disney and the first ones, Israeli gold coins, etc.

The US mint was here and I was able to talk to the director of education for the mint, and he will send me more things for the museum events and stuff. I also found sets of gold and platinum plated quarters that will appear in the raffle. You'll have a chance at gold and platinum coins! Also got a Reagan dollar from the Reagan Library for the raffle. A long time friend and dealer mostly in medieval coins brought me one of the 6 coins I hoped for, but also let me know another one was not to be found, so I crossed two off my wish list. My wife bought me a set of Star Trek coins from Canada that were cheaper than mint prices already. I found a lady selling Greek and Roman coins for \$2 a piece and bought 40+, one of which was a coin of Cleopatra. I was unable to find any of the 2 Seleucid and the Justinian coin that I needed to complete sets alas. There were gold coins everywhere, bringing down the prices according to an article in *Coin World*, and a huge collection of US pennies. Medals were well represented with one dealers having two cases of Washington medals. My chief complaint was that this year the dealers were all scattered without regard to types of coins they sold, so I had to wander the entire floor looking for ancient dealers. I should also mention that Disney has even more elongated cent machines, and also elongated quarters with Star War themes. Hopefully, Universal Studios will have Harry Potter smashed pennies as well. Wish you were here.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### Numismatic Potpourri

**100,000 Standing Liberty gold quarters goes on sale Sept. 16**, about \$500 with bare breast and **on Aug. 23 high relief 1 oz. silver both W and S for 34.95.**



Next year's **Liberty bullion medal designs** have been narrowed to:



**Cook Island is celebrating 150th anniversary of the great "tea races" of the 19th century**, when English clippers competed to bring home the new tea crop from China. In 1866, nine clippers set off from Chinese Fuzhou to London. After 99 days and a more than 14,000-mile-long race, the "Taeping" was the first to dock, only 25 minutes before the "Ariel". The captain of the "Taeping" carried a cargo of 1,108,709 pounds of tea. When the Suez Canal was opened in 1869, the clipper ships were replaced by steamboats, which transported more cargo in the new short-cut route between China and England at a speed that the clipper captains could only dream of. The very high relief coins are available in 2, 1 and 1/4 ounce.



**Jeff Shevlin is putting out a free price-list of So-Called dollars.** Request your copy at [soCalledGuy@Hotmail.com](mailto:soCalledGuy@Hotmail.com), [www.So-CalledDollars.com](http://www.So-CalledDollars.com) 916 955-2569. **FBI closed the DB Cooper case after 45 years.** Congress has a bill to **commemorate the 1620 Pilgrim's Landing.**

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It is 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Ferdinand and Isabella fame. Spain has issued gold and silver coins. The gold 100 euro coin's obverse bears a rendition of the 4 excelentes gold coin, minted in Segovia and issued from 1476 during the rule of the joint monarchs. Both crowned effigies face each other, symbolizing their equal status. The reverse side includes an image of the Aljazeera Palace. The silver 10 euro coin has Ferdinand II of Aragon from a portrait painting housed in Madrid's Naval Museum and reverse has coat of arms.



**One of 7 1933 British pennies sold for over \$104,000.** The British mint made only 7 as it had a surplus of 1932 pennies.



Canada is offering 3 7.96 grams, 27mm coin with face value of \$20 for \$20 Canadian. Include a T-Rex, Star Trek, and Batman vs. Superman.



The first of 5 million bit coins have been made in titanium with a place for a encrypted hologram on reverse. The Perth mint has a surprise hit with its



**Deadly and Dangerous series 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the Red-Black spider issued around \$70, it has soared to \$1300 on secondary market.** The Russians have even made a copy for a mere \$300.





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**The public contest for the breast cancer commemorative coin began 8-1 and will continue to 10-17-2016.**

It will feature pink gold. Dennis Tucker's **Counterfeiting and Technology: A History of the Long Struggle Between Paper-Money Counterfeiters and Security** will be out in Sept. 480 pages covers the origins of paper and printing; the formation of engraving companies in America, the Secret Service and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing efforts against counterfeiting. It can be pre-ordered for \$39.95. A **counterfeiting ring of Syrians**: Louay Ibrahim Houssein, Nazer A-Shekh Mosa, and Moufak Al Sababi, making sales in Malaysia, Cyprus, Lebanon, Iran, and elsewhere were arrested after distributed more than \$800 million in high grade notes. Moufak has already been sentenced to 3 years. *I still do not get how you knock over a store for a couple hundred dollars you get 10 years, but anything over a million gets 2-3 years.*



*Must be a whole lot of shakin' going on at the mint.* Alfonso Lopez found **the first Doubled Die Reverse on a 2016-P Kentucky Cumberland Gap** America The Beautiful quarter. The doubling is easily seen with the naked eye. The fringe on the arm is doubled. Several other minor doubled die reverses have been found for this type since this initial find.



**The Indecision 2016 medal is available on Amazon for \$9.95.** Another showing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eisenhower's war against the Military Industrial Complex. Political medals were prominent in



Lincoln/Douglas race in 1860 and have roots even prior to that time. Hard Times tokens of the period of Andrew Jackson and John Quincy Adams are avidly collected today with political messages. Here is an anti-Jackson medal.



The government won on appeal to the Third Court of Appeal and gets to keep **10 1933 Saint-Gaudens \$20 gold pieces** that the Langbord family inherited. *Numismatic News* suggests that the coins he donated to various museums rather than melted. *If the government gets them, I'm sure Hillary and her friends will be wearing them as jewelry soon.* King Farouk's remains the only legal one at NY Historical Society, last sold for 7 and half million. *Got to see it there in February.* Peter Bertram has published **Confederate Numismatica, part 1**(of 4):Forerunners through 1889 - Tokens, Politicals, Coins, Currency, Medals, Badges and Ribbons With Historical Notes, 200 pages, price guide, and over 700 individual color images, \$35+ \$4 S/H. Peter Bertram, POBox 924391, Norcross, GA 30010-4391, peterbatl@aol.com. It is a highly praised work with many items not seen before.

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**September 27 Icecream Social and ANA Movie**

### The Last Meeting

35 members bought and sold coins and tried to stump Doug Larson. I had a ringer of the just out Star Trek stamps and coins, Laura had an interesting eye lighter, Ken brought in the gold Mercury dime, and Robert Rodriguez had the finest graded 1795 dollar. Last in the series **Reagan dollar in mail.** We will have an **auction of a complete presidential set in a Dansco album** at the next meeting. **Ken Hopple won the PCGS finest known proof Jefferson nickel set** and will receive an award at the **Anaheim ANA.** I am going as well, representing the club. **Congrat-ulations Ken!** I have asked Robert Rodriguez to bring copies of the 1783 book on US revolution he has been talking about. Various recent **Catalog of World Coins** are still available online at <http://www.hamiltonbook.com/> The board voted to **raise dues in January 2017 to \$20**, badges will remain at \$10. We will have **board meetings elsewhere every other month** as too many are wisely coming early to eat dinner at Dennys. **We will meet at the Gold and Silver, 4<sup>th</sup> & Keystone, Reno, Tuesday July 19 at 6PM.** Let me know by phone or e-mail if you are coming. You can also e-mail or call me about any suggestions or concerns, [datbelliotts@prodigy.net](mailto:datbelliotts@prodigy.net) 815-8625. No coins show in Carson City in August or word on the press.

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Faye Allen: walking liberty .50  
Claude Sendon: 1976 proof set, copper RCC medal  
Cole Allen: Mercury .10, 2 coin albums  
Sam Dibitonto: 1975 proof set, 2013S .25 set  
Leo Rossow: 2004 proof set  
Ken Hopple: bronze RCC medal  
Milton Angel: Harper's Ferry PDS .25  
Joe Wozniak: display board  
Rick DeAvila: standing liberty .25, mint bags  
Bart Daniels: presidential \$1 set  
Joseph Drapula: 1971D unc. Ike, box coin holders

### Auction

Duke Morin donated a new Morgan Dansco album won for \$15 by Paul Williams.  
Doug Larson donated a currency set won by Rick de Avila for \$70.

### Quarter Pot

Kayla Barton (not present) won the quarter pot.

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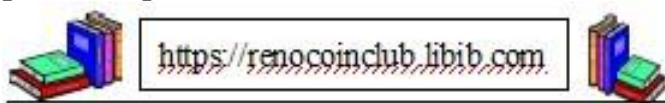
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### The Other Coin: A Brief History of Medals

It is not clear when coins became medals. Evidently, Alexander the Great gave special coins to friends and in Josephus' *History of the Jews*, High Priest Jonathan of Judea is awarded a special medal for his aid to Alexander. It is very likely the Porus decadrachm was minted in India to commemorate Alexander's victory and distributed to leaders of that campaign due to its scarcity. Not only is the coin of



unusual 10 drachm size, showing Alexander attacking Porus in retreat on his elephants, but it is the first coin that Alexander portrays himself as a god, here as Zeus holding a scepter and thunderbolt.

The Romans produced medals in abundance for New Year celebrations, imperial visits and victories, or as presents. They could be in any metal. I have chosen a Commodus (177-192 AD) AE Medallion with a bust right and standing on the reverse with Africa reclining left, wearing elephant's skin head-dress, placing her right hand on the back of a lion and holding grain ears. Victory stands right, erecting a trophy commemorating Commodus' victories in Africa. Also a gold medallion of Constantius I (Constantine's father, 293-306 AD) commemorating his defeat of usurper Allectus and liberating London in 297AD. The medallion depicts a bearded bust right in cuirass and laurel wreath. On the reverse is the personification of London kneeling before the city gate, which is approached by a Roman warship. Constantius is portrayed mounted on horseback as a triumphant emperor, holding a spear in one hand and a globe in the other, with the inscription REDDITOR LVCIS AETERNAE ("Restorer of Eternal Light").

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Early Christians continued the pagan practice of drilling holes in coins to wear as amulets and show allegiance to emperor or god on the coin. They also made their own medals. When the empire became Christian, lead seals, pilgrim medals, and small reliquaries were medals. Below is a c. 1100AD medal of St. Symeon (c. 598AD) in lead on his column with 2 angels and his disciple Conon on right and his mother Martha on left. Inscription reads: The blessed medallion (testimony) of St. Symeon the Wonder Worker. Praise God with His saints. He loves the righteous.



In the Renaissance, medals had a great revival as an art making presentation pieces for nobility and copies or fantasies of Roman coins. The medals are still highly prized, but often sell for a few hundred dollars. The most famous sculpture and die maker was Giovanni del

Cavino, "the Paduan." He and his imitators created masterworks known as Paduans. Hundreds of



different medals were made and copied or produced from his dies for centuries. Above are right a copy of a coin of the Divine Augustus with a wreath that has Capricorns (Augustus' birth sign) and a "medal of honor" inscription that reads "from the senate for saving lives of citizens." Otho in the middle sacrifices with 4 soldiers for the security of Roman people, and Claudius on left with an arch mounted with equestrian statue, honoring his father Nero Claudius Drusus. (Not the Nero)

After the Renaissance medals were used by all classes for everything: marriages, military victories or promotions, advertising, baptisms, or purely as art for their own sake. Medals were produced on existing coins, like hobo nickels, love tokens, or store and event advertising. Very early the US designed medals to thank the French for their help in the Revolution or Indians for engaging in peace talks. I, of course, think





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the best use of the medallic art is for making Star Trek medals. I just got the latest from the Perth mint:



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### Numismatic Potpourri

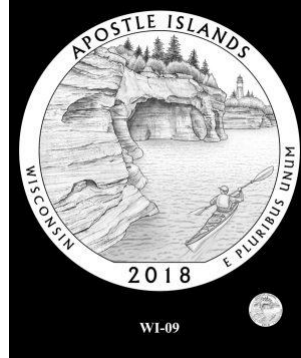
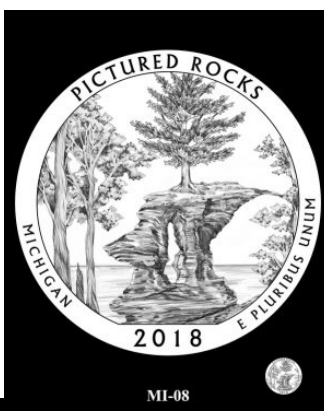
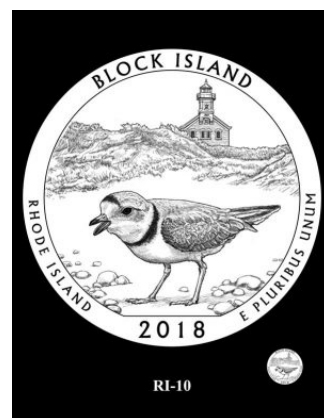
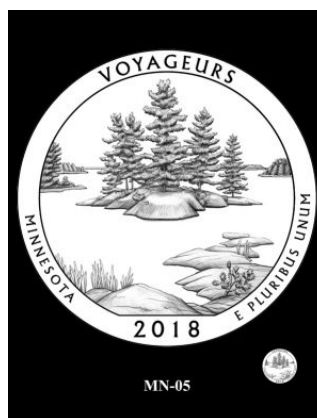
I warned you last month, the **10,000 platinum eagles** sold out in **56 minutes**. *If you're one of the lucky winners, please bring it in, so we can see it and be envious.* **Chester Krause died at the age of 92.** Of *Catalog of World Coins* fame and much more he will be missed. Too late to boot England off he map, the **new 50 euro** is out with anti-counterfeiting for the most counterfeited note. Danish print shop also had to close because too many workers were walking off with them. They now have a hologram of Europa, a new watermark, and emerald green reflective paint.



I guess we have started a trend. Now, **Canada has a 1 oz. Silver curved basketball coins** for about \$123.



Here are some of the **favored designs for next 2017 quarters**. All 52 submitted designs will be on-line.





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**Australia is celebrating 50 years of decimalization with putting the old pre-decimal coins on the obverse of the current coins.** Selling for about \$25 for a mint set.



**The Royal Dutch Mint is up for sale.** Heavily in debt and not allowed to make medals or tokens, the 1579 established institution is on the block after failing to make decent coins for Chile (they oxidized and stained like our dollar coins). **Denmark has outsourced its coin production to Finland** to save money. It will also soon be outsourcing its banknotes as well. **The finest collection of Military Payment Certificates** will be on view at the Stack's Bowers auction viewing room at the ANA Anaheim World Fair of Money in August. **Robert Rodriguez** has purchased and is researching the **US diplomatic medal of 1792**. Thomas Jefferson and



George Washington had Andre Dupre execute the medal in gold for French diplomats and presumably future diplomats as was customary at the time. Two gold medals were made and presented to French diplomats, but lost in the French Revolution. Six bronze copies were made at the time and Charles Barbour made dies and restruck several more in 1876. Robert Rodriguez's research confirms that he has one of the originals. *He can bring that in and give us the details anytime.* Now, **Pakistan is following ISIS in trying to reintroduce specie (gold, silver, and copper coins).** It would seem to be impossible to denominate the coin with wildly fluctuating bullion prices as well as avoid hoarding. **Rio Olympic medal designs** are out. Nike appears over a stadium and



laurel leaves embrace the Olympic and Rio designs with the event won engraved on the edge. **Obama medal designs** are almost finalized. He gets one for each term.





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**August 23 Something Patriotic or Militaria**  
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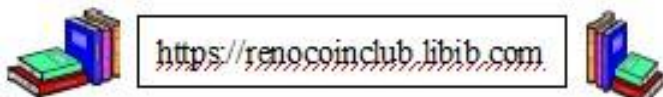
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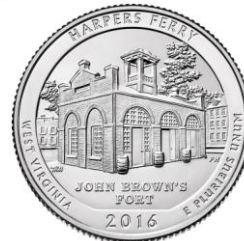
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Joe Wozniak: 1985 proof set

Rick DeAvila: filled penny book

Gary Dahlke: 2010 set of \$1

Bart Daniels: Kennedy/John \$1 set, 2 mint bags

Ed Cranch: 3 coin books

Joseph Drapula: chocolate coins

Charles Prawdzik: Catalog of World coins

### Auction

Doug Cummings donated 6 \$2 bills won by Rick DeAvila for \$18

Larry Demangate donate a 1 oz. Silver bar won by Andre Assam for \$21

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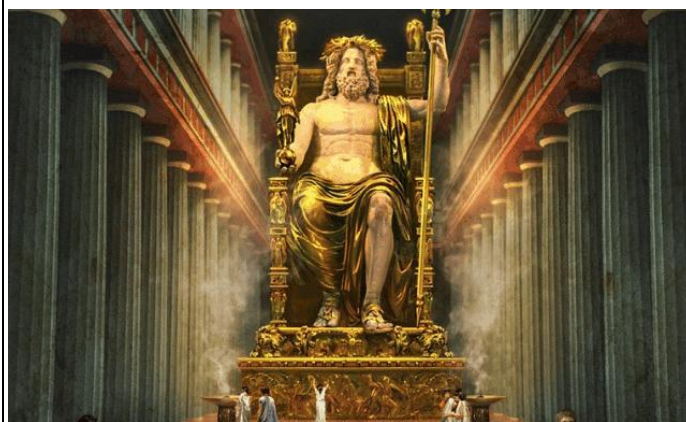
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### The Other Coin: A Bronze Coin of Olympia



I scored an Olympic coin from after the Roman conquest of Olympia in 146BC. The coin has Zeus on the obverse and the inscription FAΛΕΙΩΝ on the reverse or "of the Eleans." It has the ancient F more like our own rather than the classical Φ.

Olympia was in a contested fertile plain and around 580BC the Eleans with the help of Sparta defeated the Pisans of Arcadia to take control of Olympia. The unprovoked assault did not sit well with the rest of Greece, so besides leaving the ancient brick and wood temple of Zeus alone, the Eleans began plans on a magnificent new temple to Zeus. The huge marble shrine housed the famous Zeus of Phideas, which



appears on the reverse of Alexander the Greats tetradrachms among other places. The old temple of the Pisans was rededicated to Hera without any acknowledgment of the Pisans. *Almost as clever as China building an island in the South China Sea.* This new temple to Hera in an ancient religious place gave her a great upgrade in worship. She appeared on coins, sometimes besides her husband. In addition to



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a yearly ceremonial bath and change of clothes, Hera presided over yearly women's athletic events.



Lest I give the impressions the Eleans "got away with it," they were in turn defeated by the Spartans and had to return Olympia to the Pisans of Arcadians. The Eleans invaded Olympia during the games with even more infamy in 364BC to regain control. And, of course the Romans took control in 146BC, but allowed the Eleans to pay for the upkeep of the temples and games.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

## Horde of Hoards

Lots of hoards have made the news this month. The **2013 English hoard of 7,500 Roman coins** sold for \$68,000 after being cleaned, sorted, and unclaimed by any British institution. Included coins of Marius and Leilianus both reigning for a few weeks in 268AD.

**Thousands of Roman coins and several bronze statues are among artifacts discovered by two divers off the coast of Israel.** The objects came from a merchant ship that sank near the port of Caesarea 1,600 years ago during the late Roman period. See the video: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/video/2016/may/17/roman-treasures-discovered-caesarea-israel-video>  
The salvage company **Sea Search Armada plans to begin bringing up treasure from the San Jose this Fall**, relying on a Columbia Supreme Court ruling that gives them rights to half the treasure. The current

Columbian president insists he gets it all. The oldest shipwreck ever found in sub-Saharan Africa solved one of the biggest maritime mysteries. Included in the **find in the Namibia desert were some 2,000 gold coins from Spain and Portugal, cannons, navigational instruments, tons of copper ingots, swords, and a lot more—some 5,438 artifacts.** Archaeologists have matched the cargo with that of the Portuguese Bom Jesus that disappeared some 500 years ago on its way to India. Speaking of copper ingots, the



ancient copper in **Bronze Age Viking axes was found to be from Cyprus some 3600 years ago.** This has led to the ship rock carvings in Sweden to be reinterpreted as Mycenaean ships and explains the bulls and dancers all images commonly found in Mycenaean Cyprus. (See more on-line) **A treasure**



**trove of 2,150 year old silver and bronze coins excavated in the Israeli city of Modiin** apparently belonged to a Jew who collected coins. The cache contained one or two coins silver tetradrachm or didrachms from Tyre from every year between 135 and 126 BC. Numerous bronze coins minted by the Hasmonean kings were also discovered with the 16 silver coins.



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An eBay listing for a **1970-S Proof Washington Quarter struck on 1941 Canada Quarter** NGC PF 65. The coin is currently listed by Mike Byers, Inc. for USD\$35,000. *It's cool, but you'll need to go on-line to see it.* Someone sent me an article on **gold and silver coins of Gaddafi** locked in a bank vault. The Central Bank of Libya will not give the combination to the local people on the other side of the civil war. Locals are trying to hire safe crackers to free the \$184 million in gold and silver, saying they will melt down and sell the bullion. The coins would probably sell for 30% over bullion value, but no decision will be made until they break in. **The Perth mint coins** include: the Phantom



Odin, a high relief sailing ship, horse, and kookaburra.



**Canadian Star Trek Coins** will include coins of Kirk, Scotty, Spock, Uhura, the Enterprise, a gold insignia coin, Kirk and the Enterprise, a \$20 face coin for \$20, no postage, three episode coins: Tribbles, City on the



Edge of Forever, and Mirror, Mirror. There is also a .25 in CN with various poses of the Enterprise, so far only in a set with stamps. The crew are ½ oz silver about \$50, the ship and episodes 1 oz. Around \$106. The gold one ounce will be about \$1000. The 1 ounce ship and ½ ounce Kirk are out, the other silver are by subscription. **Canada's also doing a maple leaf coin.** Nice article on **Virginia City and its silver** in



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**\$100 platinum coin**, limit one per household goes on sale June 30<sup>th</sup>, sold out in 7 minutes last year.





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**The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday** is a numismatic *tour de force*, I chose 3: Canada with emerald and diamonds,



New Zealand's baby picture, and a current photo from



Guernsey. **New Zealand won bank note of the year** complete with a hologram penguin and Sir Edmund Hillary. **South Korea is getting rid of all its coins by**



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671 pages is packed with "everything anyone would ever need to know" about the technical side of how these items are made is soon to be published. **The new ANA exhibit in Colorado is on the California Gold Rush**, this also means their **Civil War exhibit is online** for members. A **King Offa (757-796AD) coin found by a metal detectorist** should go for about \$7,000 this week. It's the 2nd known for its type and best known. As a single coin it goes to the finder



**The 2019 Apollo XI coins** are getting closer to reality. There are joint bills in senate and congress for 50,000 \$5 gold coins, 400,000 silver dollars, 750,000 clad half-dollars, and 100,000 3-inch, 5-ounce \$1 silver coins. The 5-ounce silver piece marks a first in U.S. commemorative coins and will have a special finish. The other coins are to be minted in proof and uncirculated. A compensated, juried competition would decide the coins' obverse design. The coins would share a reverse design depicting a close-up of the famous "Buzz Aldrin on the Moon" photograph with "just the visor reflecting the image of the US flag and the lunar lander." Reverses have a convex shape and obverses would be a concave shape. The commemoratives should be minted with their reverse design continuing over what would otherwise be their edges and extend all the way to their obverse design. *This coin is getting cooler.*



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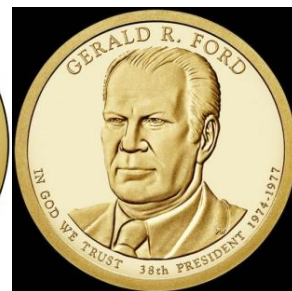
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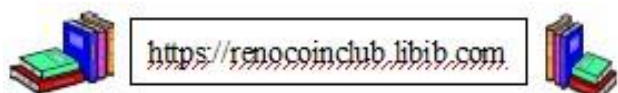
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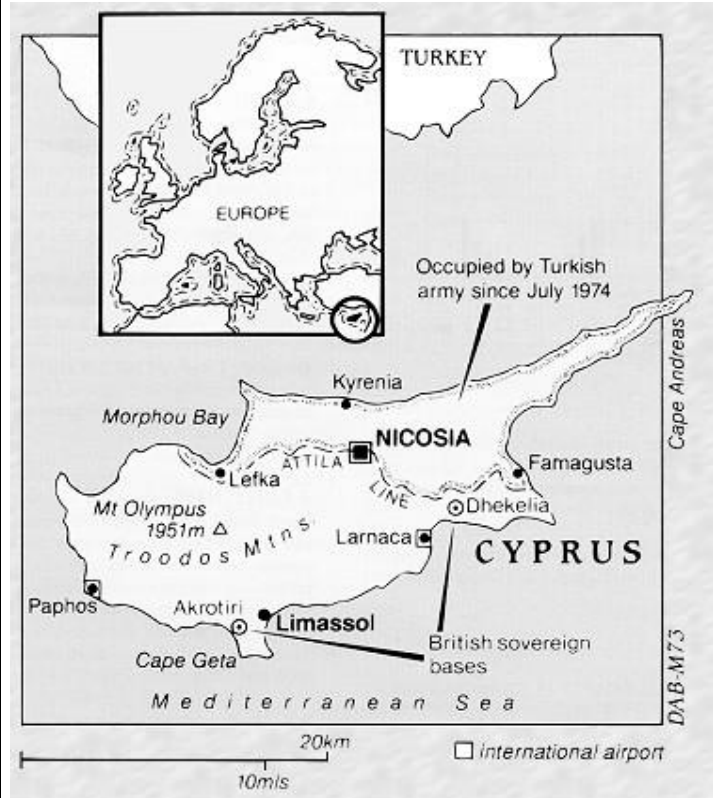
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## The Other Coin: Coins of Cyprus



Cyprus was a crossroads of the ancient world and its coinage spans the whole history of numismatics from the earliest Persian times through Greek, Ptolemaic, Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, Venetian, British colonial, independence, and occupation by Turkey in 1974. Cyprus, Kypros (ΚΥΠΡΟΣ), Kibris gave us the name "copper." Cyprus has been a major source of copper from Neolithic times to the present. Bronze age shipwrecks have yielded the famous oxhide copper plates, weighing from 44 to 64 pounds.



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Cyprus' other claim to fame is being the place where Aphrodite came ashore on her seashell. A great temple is dedicated to her, depicted on a Roman coin of Caracalla and her cult statue can be found on coins of Ptolemy III. The mother goddess in Neolithic times is depicted on



Cyprus was an early adopter of the Lydian invention of coinage in the late 7th BC century, doubtless receiving silver and gold coins for their copper. The Persians under Cyrus adopted coinage after conquering Lydia in 546BC, defeating Croesus, the inventor of modern coinage. Cyrus defeated the Egyptians in Cyprus about 20 years later. The Egyptians had ended a century of freedom from the Assyrians in 570BC. Greek settlers in Cyprus from the Bronze Age had struggled against the Assyrians and Persians, briefly gaining independence under King Evagoras (411-374 BC) only to lose independence again when Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Empire. The Persians and Greeks both allowed city-states to mint their own coins and 8 or more cities did so (see a selection on line). The first coins found in quantity depict a seated ram and are blank or with an ankh reverse. The Persian

coins can be spectacular as the one below of Baalmelek II, 425-400BC with Heracles and a lion attacking a stag.



Alexander's general Ptolemy conquered Cyprus for Egypt, and Cyprus became a major source of wealth and copper for the Ptolemies, until wrested from Egypt by Caesar Augustus when he defeated Anthony and Cleopatra in 30BC. Caesar Augustus made Cyprus and Egypt an imperial fief ruled by the emperors and not the Senate through governors. Cypriot Roman coins often had CA for Caesar Augustus rather than SC, Senatus Consulto, "by decree of the senate."



Roman provincial coinage continued at least until Caracalla (often with the temple of Aphrodite, see left). Coinage was revived with the Heraclii 608-641 AD and Isaac Comnenos 1184-1194 until deposed by the Richard the Lionheart. Below a coin of Heraclius with wife Martina left and son Heraclius Constantine right. Isaac's coin shows Christ enthroned and the Virgin Mary crowning him. Cyprus was ruled by





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Crusaders from 1194-1489 as a French Colony. The coins usually bear a cross or Jerusalem cross and lion.



Above a coin of James I (1382-1398) and James II (1463-1472). The last French ruler Caterina Cornaro allied with the Genoese was forced to sell to the Venetians, who ruled the island from 1489-1571 making Cyprus an even richer trading port. They did not change the coinage: Lion S. Marcus Venetus and cross + Hieron Prioli Dux (1559-1567). In 1571, it is said that the



besotted Selim II (1566-1574) “the drunkard,” briefly left the harem to order the invasion of Cyprus to secure the source of his favorite wine. Whole cities were massacred. Catholics were given the choice of converting or being tortured to death. The united fleets of Venice, Spain, and the Papacy destroyed the Ottoman fleet at Lepanto, but Cyprus was lost. The Orthodox population saw themselves as liberated from serfdom and the Papacy. The Orthodox survived only to be slaughtered in 1821 when Greece revolted. The richest medieval kingdom became a wasteland as had much of the rest of the Eastern Roman Empire. Only 3 sultans minted coins: Mehmed III (1595-1603), Ahmed I (1603-1617), and Murad IV (1623-1640) in very limited quantity. The coin of Murad IV above reads Sultan Murad, son of Ahmed and on reverse: May his victory be glorious, minted Kibris(Cyprus) year 1032.

The expanding British Empire set its sights on the Suez Canal and Egypt, acquiring Cyprus in 1878 almost as an afterthought. After WWII, Britain reluctantly granted Cyprus independence in 1960. Queen Victoria on a 4 and ½ piastres coin and a copy of an ancient coin with Apollo and Europa on a coin of independent Cyprus. Some Cypriots say Europa landed there first.



In 1974 Turkey invaded Cyprus and has occupied the northern part of the island ever since. They minted coins of Northern Cyprus, one of which features Selim II. This did not prevent Cyprus from entering the European Union in 2004 and issuing euros in 2008 with goats, galley, and mother goddess.



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## Numismatic Potpourri

The two big stories are the **2016W Mercury dime centennial 1/10 Ounce gold coin**. A little more than 122,000 of the mintage of 125,000 sold in **40 minutes** on April 21. More may become available so get on the wait list. Even more exciting to me was the **100,000 Roman coins found in Spain** or 1300 pounds in 19 amphorae. The coins are in mint condition and mostly of Constantine the Great and Maximian. Maximian was Constantine's father-in-law, whom Constantine compelled to commit suicide when he vied for the throne against him. **Breast cancer coins** including in

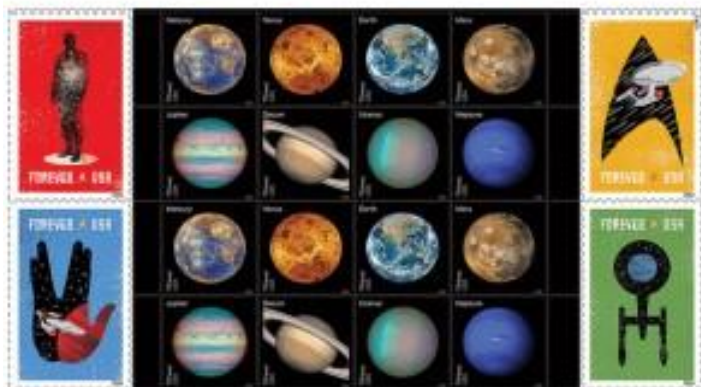


pink gold are slated for 2018. No designs yet, but will include up to 50,000 \$5 pink gold coins, 400,000 silver dollars and 750,000 clad halves. **Robert Rodriguez had a brief article** in the *Numismatic News* saying, **Coins should absolutely be used as a teaching aids**, but from the point of view of what their stories convey about what was unfolding at that time. The story of the Continental dollar, 1792 pattern coins and early Massachusetts coinage all relate to the circumstances and issues that led to our nation's founding. I find that when I use actual coins to convey this information, the kids' eyes light-up. I have also introduced and given away a fabulous volume, *1700s in America* by **professor C.M. Sprengel**, published in 1783 for the Leipzig World's Fair of 1784. It is virtually a first-person account of our 1776 revolution. *I know several kids are enthralled with the WWII pennies from Ed Hoffman I hand out. I have asked Robert to bring some of the books for sale.* **Canada is doing a series of Star**

**Trek stamps and coins**, much better and cheaper than Australia. Scotty and Kirk are Canadian. The US is



issuing a set of stamps with the planets. *Kind of dorky*. Canada is also doing a rose gold coin before



we are with a rose commemorating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and a blue bird.





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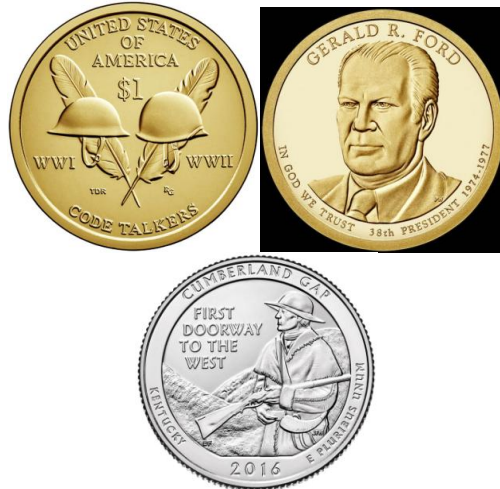
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27 members saw Robert Rodriguez's half dismes and their story. If construction, weather, or the Republican caucus kept you away, **Robert will present his program at 1PM both days at the state museum for National Coin Week**, Rusty King will present 125<sup>th</sup> NV anniversary medal on 2PM Saturday, then 3PM Sunday, and I will present the ANA theme on Liberty at 3PM on Saturday and 2PM on Sunday. **National Coin Week at the state museum in Carson City April 22, 23.** No coining though. ANA is celebrating Liberty and the 1916 Mercury dime (liberty of thought originally), standing liberty quarter, and walking liberty half dollar 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **New coins should be here: Gerald Ford dollar and Cumberland Gap quarter.** Still a few **Free ANA memberships** with a **free digital subscription** to the *Numismatist* magazine. **We also offer a small scholarship** for the graduating senior off to college who makes a presentation to the club. **The coin press** may be up and running by Summer! **Dues will stay at \$15, but the badge will cost \$10 now.** Please wear them if you got them. **Star Trek Concert at the Grand Sierra Sunday May 1.** It is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Don't forget to bring something for the Bid Board now every month!**

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**Cumberland .25, 2015 S .25 sets, NA, Ford \$1 are here!**



S set of all five 2013, 2014, **2015** quarters in case \$5  
National Park Quarters PDS .50  
Presidential, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

**Early Bird Prize** was one of the Washington/Lincoln \$1 set won by Gerald Breedlove.

**Raffle prizes** winners were:

David Elliott: roll of 2009 pennies

Sam Dibitonto: 1986 proof set

Clayton Brownell: **mystery box** 2014 proof 64 PCGS dime

Bart Daniels: Eisenhower/Nixon \$1 set

Gailen Sendon: 2001 proof set, 2016 PDS Shawnee .25

Robert Rodriguez: 2015S quarter set, 2014S .25 set

Leo Rossow: 1969 proof set, foreign coins

Milton Angel: 1971D unc. Ike, Mexican 50 pesos, shredded \$100 bills from Federal Reserve

Ken Hopple: chocolate coins

Ed Cranch: ledger of US coins, 2016 NA dollar

Fred Holabird: mint bags

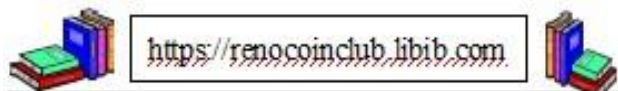
### Auction

Rick DeAvila won calipers donated by Milton Angel for \$11 and 2 Aces tickets for \$16 donated by David Elliott. Rick DeAvila won 1907O Barber half for \$15, donated by Larry Demangate.

### Quarter Pot

Cole Allen (not present) won the quarter pot.

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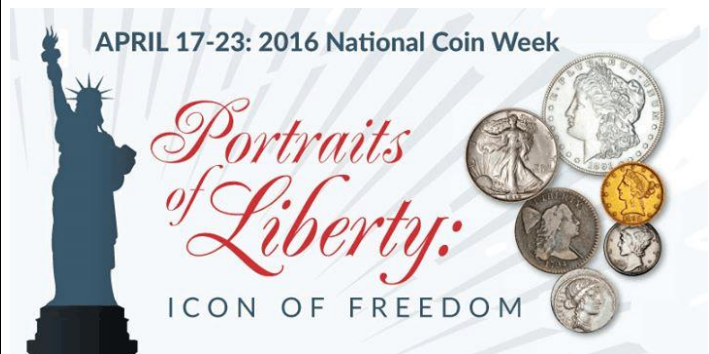
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**June 5, Sacramento Coin Show**, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St. (McClellan), Admit: \$2, Tables: 66, P McIntosh, 916 317-9055 peter@mcintoshcoins.com www.sacromentocoinshow.com

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**The Other Coin: ANA's Portraits of Liberty: Icon of Freedom**

The ANA for the second year in a row did not make up a lesson plan for their theme, so I did. The idea of Liberty and how it changed is well illustrated by coins and has a fascinating history.

The Greeks had a negative view of liberty. Classical and pre-classical Greece were about establishing the city state (*civis* in Latin; *πολις* in Greek) or civilization and politics. The great fear was anarchy or tribalism (think Afghanistan), even more so than opposition to tyranny that Athens championed. The goddess Liberty (*Ελευθερία*) was associated with Artemis, goddess of the wilderness, the untamed and Dionysus, the god of wine and ecstasy, free love, eating raw flesh, and cannibalism, the very opposite of civilization. Artemis on a coin of Perga, Pamphylia 250BC, and Dionysius from Naxos, Sicily, 530BC.





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Liberty was also a tradition in the Olympics, a time free from tribal and city-state strife, a time of peace, the equal citizenship of all competitors despite tribe or class (You had to be Greek.). The events were mostly in the nude, the whole event was a big party, winners were supported for life by their home towns, and men competed to have their wives impregnated by the Olympian. Coins were produced at Olympia in Elis, and also by the winners' home town. The temples of



Zeus and Hera at Olympia produced coins with Zeus, Hera, Zeus' eagle or here Nike (c.460BC), towns produced the winner in his sport, wrestlers from Aspendos, Pamphylia (c.330 BC), and the equestrian relay race from Tarentum, Calabria (c.280BC). The most famous coins, for several reasons, are the coins by Phillip II, father of Alexander the Great, commemorating his victories in the horse and chariot races. The bronze coin is one of the most common Greek coins and can be found in very fine for under \$20.



The Romans ideas of Liberty identified Eleutheria with Liber and Libertas, Liber with Bacchus or Dionysus and Libertas with Diana or Artemis. They changed the idea of liberty being found in a city-state to being found in law. In fact, the pileus (pointed hat) held in Libertas hands is from the ceremony of freeing slaves, who were now subject to and protected by the law for citizens. Citizenship would gradually be extended to all free people, and the Roman continued the distrust of tyrants found in the democratic mob, oligarchies, and Greek kings. The emperor remained the first citizen, chief



priest, elected consul or emperor through Byzantine times, at least in theory. Liberty also came to mean in the Later Roman Empire freedom from outside attack, a public liberty from Rome's enemies. Liberty also meant food and money from the government. Alexander Severus (222-235AD) depicts Libertas with a paddle used to distributed money to the crowds and a cornucopia referring to the food dole. Constantine the Great depicts Libertas Publica for a series of naval victories on the Danube, securing Rome's borders.



In medieval times, under the impact of Christianity, Libertas was inverted from the original Greek idea, equating lack of political and social restraint found in gods of wine and wilderness as sin. Liberty became freedom from sin or virtue, an idea borrowed from Socrates, Plato, and the Stoics. Liberty also meant freedom for a group (ἐκκλησία) to make their own laws apart from emperor, bishop, or king. The group, freely chosen, made the laws for the individual. Making laws for oneself was sin. Virtue was achieved by good habits from good choices guided by family, elders, and society. "The pursuit of happiness" in the Declaration of Independence meant the pursuit of virtue, not "Party on!" as it might have for the Greeks and Romans. Most medieval coins from Christian symbols of the cross, but the medieval coins of the Crusaders and badges or medals of the pilgrims were displays of the pursuit of virtue as were the coins of a Holy Year issued by the pope to celebrate particular virtues and remissions of sins.





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Above is the crusader Pierre de Corneillan (1334-1355 AD) praying with crusader's vestments before a cross, and 15<sup>th</sup> century pilgrims badge with Madonna and child and St. Peter in a boat. These badges were sold as souvenirs at the place of pilgrimage. Pius XII Holy or Jubilee year in 1950, they began in 1300, with the doors of heaven open on reverse. That year was dedicated to peace, safety of holy places, prayers for unbelievers and social justice.

Noting one was a free city in ancient Greece and Rome is found on many coins usually meaning the local rulers had a right to mint their own coins, raise their own taxes and make their own laws. Below is a coin of Laodice ad Mare in Syria with Tyche and a seated Zeus. The inscription reads: Laodice the holy and autonomous with the date KA equal to 57BC. Medieval cities also



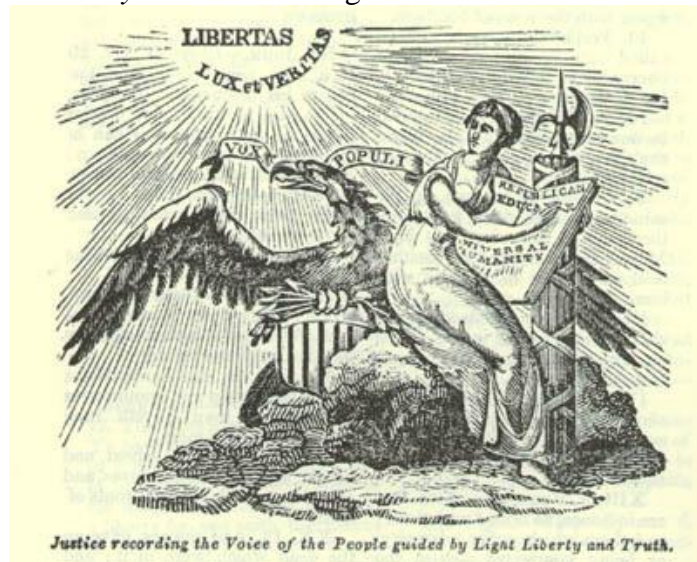
noted their status of freedom from emperor, king, or bishop and often insisted they owed their allegiance to God alone. Ravensburg on the left attributes its free city



status to *glory is God's alone*, and Venice declares *all praise and honor is Yours and to Thee, O Christ is dedicated the duchy, which Thou rulest*.

When we get to American coins, Liberty retains some of the wild and free Artemis in her hair or as a Native American. Freedom from slavery and tyrants, now meaning all monarchs, is represented in her pileus hat. Liberty mostly took on the Christian notions of the pursuit of virtue under just laws (a Roman idea) chosen by the people (a Greek idea). Of course, this is all possible because, "In God we trust." This is nicely summed up in a 19<sup>th</sup> cartoon "Justice recording the

Voice of the People guided by Light, Liberty, and Truth." *Republican Education and Universal Humanity* are what is being recorded.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

## Numismatic Potpourri

A bill to have commemorative **coins for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing for 2019** is stalled in congress. Write or call your congressman and senator. If no bill is passed this year the project dies. The United States Mint published images of the **2016-W Mercury dime centennial 1/10 Ounce gold coin**. The agency also unveiled the coin's mintage of 125,000 and its household ordering limit of 10 coins. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the silver 1916 Mercury dime and featuring Adolph A. Weinman's



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original Winged Liberty design, the centennial 24-karat gold coin will launch at noon Eastern Time on April 21. Cook Island is coming out with a “**World of Hunting**” series starting with the moose in a combination of high relief and color. Canada has a **radiant rainbow coin**.



Germany has figured out how to put a polymer ring in a planchette. This will prevent counterfeiting both as a difficult process and any trace element can be put in the polymer. San Francisco mint has tripled its



packing speeds to 1800 per hour with robots. At \$15 per hour minimum wage, robots will be doing most everything in CA soon. After a court battle with the federal government, which claimed ownership of the **1974D aluminum one-cent piece**, the discoverers, ultimately, settled for donating it to US Mint in Denver. The coin valued up to \$1 million dollars was likely taken by the discoverer's father, who had been a deputy director until his retirement in 1979. **The Betty Ford reverse** depicts a young woman ascending a stairs, representing Betty Ford's



advocacy regarding addiction, breast cancer awareness, and the rights of women. **More than 80 thousand of the National Parks coins have sold.** *I didn't like the series* and now I realized the **gold coin price can fluctuate on a weekly basis.** The last 3 presidential dollar coin set is out with 6 coins in the set. \$14.95. Luxembourg is coming out with a **curved square**



coin. And we have **Donald Trump coins**. Gold, silver and copper medals with Trump have been created by Bernard von NotHaus. On the reverse is the Torch of Liberty. So as not to be confused with money the pieces feature the inscription, “Free Speech For Political Purpose Not To Be Used As Currency Money” and MSRP on the torch side. Von NotHaus was convicted of counterfeiting in federal district court in 2011. Want one: [www.trumpdollar.us](http://www.trumpdollar.us) (888) 542-3655. **The best known 1794 US dollar is**



ending a tour of Europe in London. Sold for \$10 million in 2013.



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 Rick De Avila: .05 set  
 Faye Allen: 2014S quarter set  
 Mary Long: 2 Nixon dollars  
 Rusty King: NV bear  
 McKalya Barton: Mexican 50 pesos, .05 holder  
 Cole Allen: 2 presidential dollars, .05 holder  
 Shannon Holmes: 2 pres, dollars, .05 holder, .25 holder  
 Conn Davis: Guide to US coins  
 Gary Meckler: Westward .05 holder  
 Gary Allen: .05 holder  
 Clayton Brownell: 2010 Pres. box proof, copper round  
 Christine Barton: Westward .05 holder  
 Bart Daniels: Franklin .50 folder

### Auction

Don Stamps won Morgan dollar albums for \$25, donated by Duke Morin.

Rick DeAvila won 1915# Barber half for \$23, donated by Larry Demangate.

### Quarter Pot

Ralph Duchette (not present) won the quarter pot.

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**April 3-5, West's Toke Jamboree**, Clarion Inn, 1401 Arden way, Sacramento, Tables: 25, Merle Avila, 707 585-3711,824-4811 pm merle@avilaarchitects.com

**April 8-10, Las Vegas Coin,Currency Stamp Show**, Orleans Hotel, 4500 W. Tropicana Ave. Israel Bick, 818 997-6496 iibick@sbcglobal.net

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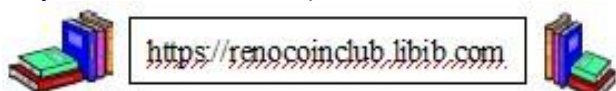
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**Not the Other Coin: Coins in New York City's Museums**

I missed getting to Stacks and went to NYC for the opera, not any coin shows, but I did go to several museums that had coins. **The Museum of American Finance** on Wall Street had a good collection of US gold coins and a room full of US currency notes. There were also so-called gold dollars from our own Jeff Shevlin. There was also Sidney Mobell's gold monopoly set, gold toilet seat, mail box, and other creations. There were stocks, Alexander Hamilton



who was from NY. We made it to the nearby **Federal Reserve** and got in because we know someone that works there. Even so, the gold vault was off limits. We scored some shredded \$100 bills. **The New York Historical Society Museum** not only had colonial coins represented from all their digs, but also proudly displayed the "only legal" 1933 double eagle. The



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NY Historical society museum is supposed to have a large collection of commemorative coins, but most of the exhibits were closed for refurbishing. (This was also true of the Brooklyn Art Museum.). In partnership with the ANA, the huge **Metropolitan Museum of Art had coin displays in their Greek, Cyprus, Roman, and Byzantine art displays**. The displays were large, appropriate, and of the highest quality. They also had a set of late Roman bronze coin mold to make counterfeit coins and correctly raised the question of how tolerated these counterfeit coins were. They were needed to increase the small change supply like our colonial, hard time, and Civil War tokens.



The 12 Caesars in a 19<sup>th</sup> century bracelet of gold aurei:



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### Numismatic Potpourri

I got a **Mark Twain silver dollar**, so I'll bring that and I got the **Coin of the Year Book**, which I'll bring as well. The **Austrian Mint** continues its **niobium** (<https://www.muenzeoesterreich.at/eng/produkte/time>) series with a coin dedicated to time. The new two-tone Time coin has a maximum mint of 65,000 pieces and contains 9 grams of .900 Fine Silver in its outer ring and 6.5 grams of .998 pure niobium in the core.



For their **70<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition** there is a **Mega Red Book**, more than three times the size with numerous articles and including values on Civil War, private gold coins, shipwreck coins, error coins, commemoratives, and much more. *I would like to see it if you're buying it.* \$49.95. The **US Mint** has determined that there is not a market for **palladium** bullion coins, so they won't be made. **The design for the WWI commemorative to be issued in 2018 is an open competition** with drawings accepted through April 28, 2016. **There are fake 2015-W encapsulated proof silver eagles out there.** It weighs 30.54 grams vs. 31.23 grams for a genuine one. The diameter is also slightly smaller, 39.77-40.05 mm vs. 40.55-40.59 for the genuine pieces. A fake did not test positive for containing either silver or copper. The counterfeit's design is similar enough to fool the average collector or first time buyer. Dealers have picked out the "open" shape of the "Y" in "Liberty" and the lack of feather detail on the Eagle. The flag is crude and the skirt lines are too bold. Harvey Stack in *Coin Week* figured out **how much it would cost to buy one each of all the coins the US Mint produced in 2015**: Total Coins Purchased: 292 at Total Issue Price: \$14,915.30 with Face Value: \$422.09; Numismatic Coins + Bullion Coins Purchase Price: \$18,714.30 with Total Face Value: \$563.09. The Canadian mint is producing officially licensed collectible **Batman vs Superman** coins in conjunction with the upcoming movie to include a gold coin, a 2-ounce silver coin, a 1-ounce silver coin, a special 3D coin and a 1/2-ounce four silver coin set. Also, there is a \$20 for \$20 silver coin.





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There is a bill in Congress to produce a **domed basketball coin** for the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2019. **Almost 5 million silver eagles were sold by the US Mint in February**, the best February ever and the 11<sup>th</sup> highest sales ever. **The first 1964 Philadelphia Roosevelt dime with a Doubled Die Obverse** has been photographed. The doubling is very similar to the 1964-D and 1953-S and 1955-S dimes that were reported last year. They have become affectionately referred to as "Hot Lips" due to the strong doubling on the lips.



Resisting temptation proved impossible for **staff members working at a Dutch printing company Royal Joh. Enschedé**. **Over the period of two years, they stole a "substantial amount" of 50 euro banknotes**, according to Dutch crime blog. **Australia** is producing a cool set of coins on coins for the 50th anniversary of decimal coinage with the new and old designs. Below the 5, 10, 20, 50, 1 dollar, 2 dollar.



Good place to mention Peter Ree's new book, **Inside the Vault: The History and Art of Australian Coinage**. Zimbabwe of the 100 trillion note fame is **making the Chinese yuan its 3<sup>rd</sup> official currency** after the South African rand and the US dollar. China was so pleased they remitted about 40 million dollars in Zimbabwe debt. **The Brits will be producing a new pound coin with twelve sides and other security features to thwart counterfeiters in 2017**. 2016 will see the last "round pound."



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**2016 National Coin Week Trivia Contest**

Answer the 20 questions below for a chance to win prizes. Send me any answers you know or find: [datbelliotts@prodigy.net](mailto:datbelliotts@prodigy.net) and I'll compile them and send them to the ANA. Any prizes won will be raffled or auctioned off to the club.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** a 2016 American Eagle tenth-ounce gold five dollar proof coin, a 2016 U.S. Mint Silver Proof Set, and a 2016 ANA 125th anniversary *Guide Book of United States Coins* (the "Red Book") signed by editor Kenneth Bressett.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** a 2016 U.S. Mint Silver Proof Set, a Mark Twain 2016 Proof Silver Dollar, and a signed 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Red Book.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** a 2015 U.S. Mint Silver Proof Set and a signed 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Red Book

*\*All clubs that achieve a perfect score will win a prize*

**Answers must be received by Friday, May 6.** 1. Which Republic first used a personification of Liberty on a coin?

2. Two of Julius Caesar's assassins issued coins featuring Liberty. Name the two co-conspirators and the coins' denomination.

3. Before a female Liberty was introduced on coins, a hat called a "pileus," a symbol of freedom, was used on ancient Roman coins. What people were symbolically given these caps?

4. Britannia is the female personification of Great Britain and represents of liberty and democracy. What English circulating coin was the first to feature Britannia?

5. A "freedom" or "liberty" cap is often included on depictions of Liberty, either worn or atop a "freedom pole." What is the other name for the cap, and what event triggered the symbolic use of the cap and pole together?

6. Mexican money has featured liberty caps since the early 1800s. On what denomination coin did the cap first appear?

7. A famous depiction of Liberty (*Marianne*) appeared on French coins minted in the early 1900s. What is the nickname for these coins, and what medallic artist designed them?

8. What image did the U.S. Senate want to use on the obverse of coinage before accepting the House proposal to use a representation of Liberty?

9. Name two of the three classic (1892-1954) U.S. commemorative coins that feature a depiction of Liberty.

10. "Mercury" is a misnomer attributed to dimes from 1916-1945. What is the proper name of this popular U.S. coin?

11. U.S. Liberty Cap coinage was inspired by which famous medal, engraved by Augustin Dupré in Paris in 1782 and based on ideas of Benjamin Franklin?

12. John Reich's Capped Bust design was the first U.S. coin to include the word "Liberty" on Liberty's headband. On which two denominations in 1807 did this design first appear?

13. The word "Liberty" was misspelled on two different denomination coins in 1796. Name the denominations and their associated misspellings.

14. The Statue of Liberty (in part or entirety) has been used on how many different types of U.S. coin designs?

15. What was the first U.S. coin to not feature a depiction of Liberty?

16. What is the first issue of U.S. federal paper money to feature a depiction of Liberty?

17. What sculpture served as the main inspiration for Augustus Saint-Gaudens' design of Liberty on his \$20 gold piece?

18. Columbia, a female personification of America, is often depicted wearing a liberty cap. On what U.S. coin is she featured?

19. There is only one U.S. coin denomination that never used Liberty in its design. Name it.

20. What was the last year Liberty (not in the form of the Statue of Liberty) was featured on U.S. circulating coinage?



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## February 2016

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 23rd of February **7 PM (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)**  
**Denny's**, 205 Nugget Ave. (at E. McCarran), Sparks

**February 23 Presidential Coins** Doug Larson

**March 22 Coins of Cyprus** David Elliott

**April 26 ANA's "Portraits of Liberty"**

### The Last Meeting

34 members chowed down as Rusty King led a discussion of the coming economy for coins and bullion. Economy seems to be heading down or nowhere, bullion is cheap now. *That's what I got out of it.* **New coins are scheduled to arrive 2-15:** NA dollar (code talkers), presidential dollar (Nixon) and first quarter (Shawnee). *Thanks for buying up some of the old stuff so I could buy the new.* **Fred Holabird is getting several spectacular items from the George Custer Armstrong family** for an upcoming auction, including a trophy rifle from Black Kettle chief of chiefs. **Many items can be seen at his place.** Call if you are interested 852-8822. I still have **Free ANA memberships** with a **free digital subscription** to the *Numismatist* magazine. They now have all the back issues on line, blogs, ask the curator site, and more. 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. **There is still time to send a young numismatist to the Colorado ANA Summer School on scholarship.** Let us know if you have someone in mind. *Thanks for your vote of confidence by reelecting the officers and boards members.* I also got several good corrections and suggestions on the mailing list and newsletter, keep them coming. **The coin press** is being repaired in Gardnerville, maybe up and running by end of March! **Don't forget to bring something for the Bid Board now every month!**

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**Shawnee .25, 2015 S .25 sets, NA, Nixon \$1 in mai!**



S set of all five 2013, 2014, **2015** quarters in case \$5  
 National Park Quarters PDS .50  
 Presidential, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

**Early Bird Prize** was 2 presidents \$1 coins won by Gary Meckler.

### Raffle prizes winners were:

Gary Allen: 1976 silver set  
 Thomas Charleston: **mystery box**, .05 1975 PCGS 69 proof  
 Leo Rossow: 1990, 1968 proof set, candy bar  
 Sam Dibetante(?): 2015S .25 set  
 Duke Morin: the chocolate coins (gave them to Ken)  
 Shannon Holmes: 1977 proof set, coin books  
 Ken Hopple: 2014S .25 set, 50 pesos Mexican coin  
 Rick De Avila: 1971D unc. Ike,  
 Faye Allen: RCC brass medal  
 McKalya Barton: dinosaur copper round, mint bag  
 Christine Barton: loup  
 Gary Meckler: 2 presidential dollars

### Auction

Sam Dibetante won 2016 Eagle for \$29, donated by Rusty King (*I know I'm getting Sam's name wrong. I am in Arizona and left his card at home.*)

### Quarter Pot

Cynthia Neufeld (not present) won the quarter pot.

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### Upcoming Coin Shows

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**March 11-13, Western States Token Society Jamboree**, Mother Lode Plaza Shopping Center, Jackson, CA, Admit: FREE Merle Avila, 707 585-3711 MERLE@AVILAARCHITECTS.COM

**March 18,19, Sunnyvale Coin Show**, Domain Hotel, 1085 El Camino Real, Admit: \$3, Tables: 34. Bill Green, 925 351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com  
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**March 25,26,Sacramento Coin Show**, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St, McClellan Admit:\$3, Table: 66 Peter McIntosh, 916 317-9055  
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### The Other Coin: Rape of Persephone

I recently scored a coin from e-bay of a very rare coin depicting the myth of the Rape of Persephone, which is one of the foundational stories of Greek mythology, revealing how and why the world is as it is. (The others are Prometheus, Psyche, and Pandora).



The coin is Caracalla, emperor 198-217, AE28mm of Stobi, Macedon. Obv: Imp C M AV Antonius, laureate, cuirassed bust right. Caracalla is a nickname for Emperor Marcus Aurelius Antonius, referring to a Gallic cloak he often wore called a caracalla. Rev: Muni C Stobens, Hades in galloping quadriga right, abducting Persephone in right arm, scepter in left hand, basket of flowers below.

The story goes that Hades could find no spouse in his gloomy underground realm, so sought a bride among the gods on earth. He caught sight of Persephone or Kore (The Maiden) collecting flowers and kidnapped her in his chariot taking her as a bride. Persephone's



Mother Demeter, goddess of the fertility in all things of the earth, despaired when she could not find her daughter and beseeched all the gods in heaven and earth to tell her the whereabouts of her daughter. In her grief no flower bloomed, nor was any cattle or



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child born. Men and gods starved. Finally, the all-seeing sun god Apollo told her the truth and Demeter demanded of Zeus that her daughter be returned.

Zeus ordered the release of Persephone from his brother Hades, but Hades had tempted her with the seeds of a pomegranate from which she ate three seeds. This bound her to stay with her husband for three months of the year, which is the reason we have winter.



Originally, these events were placed in Eleusis, Attica where the great mystery cult was held, instructing the devout that they were like seeds that would be planted in the ground and sprout to a new eternal life with the gods. The image found its way into Scripture: "Verily, verily I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." (John 12:24-25)

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

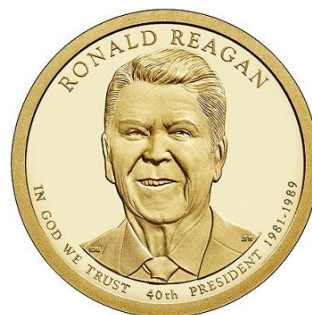
## Numismatic Potpourri

I ordered a **Mark Twain silver** dollar, so I'll bring that and I got the **Coin of the Year Book**, which I'll bring as well. **The US won the 2015 Coin of the Year with the silver dollar baseball coin.** The **World Money Fair in Berlin has added a technical forum** to their schedule discussing the production of coins. Topics include: 3D printing, color applications, blanks made from powder metallurgy, bi-metal coins, counter-feit detection, laser security techniques, and this is just the first half. See Ursula Kampmann *Coins Weekly* for more and details. Ex-Numis® has digitized all the ancient coin auction catalogs and can match your coin of unknown provenance to catalogs as **a way to protect your**

**valuable ancient coins from increasing number of repatriation laws.** Ancient coins are as individual and fingerprints and digital recognition can match your coin to the databank of coin auctions. About \$25 plus \$5 shipping per coin with deals for volume. The MOA with Italy was renewed, laying claim to Roman coins even when minted elsewhere. The mint will be **doubling production of the 5 ounce silver National Park coins** for 2016. **Pat Nixon's gold coin** is in production. The final design is below. And the



**Reagan dollar coin design** looks more like a grimace than smile, and he's squinting:



**A hoard of more than 1,300 tokens and medals from the estate of numismatist Virgil M. Brand** (above) that were originally destined for the melting pot as part of a divorce settlement has been acquired by the Chicago Coin Company. The tokens and medals, many unlisted in numismatic references, are considered to be the final vestiges of the numismatic holdings of the Chicago beer baron, who died in 1926. The tokens and medals have been stored away in the same wooden crates in which they were put more than 80 years ago. **The GAO has concluded there is little savings in changing the composition of the quarter or penny.** The dime and nickel could be made from steel, plated steel, or stainless steel and save money. On behalf of the British Virgin Islands,

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**Pobjoy Mint has released a new Yellow Titanium coin featuring the Great Lemon Shark**, continuing their colored Titanium series and to celebrate International Shark Week. Previously, the great white shark was made in a blue titanium. The coin is also available in Cupro Nickel and Proof Sterling Silver. Titanium is exceptionally difficult to strike. Because of the way the colored Titanium reacts when struck, no Titanium coin is exactly the same. The spread and flow of the struck coins are unique to each coin.



**The Super Bowl 50 Logo 24KT gold plated commemorative Mint Coin** measures an incredible 39mm in diameter. The front of the coin is struck with the Super Bowl 50 commemorative logo. The reverse on the Mint Coin is struck with the NFL Shield logo. Each coin is individually serialized on the edge. This unique collectible comes with a certificate of authenticity and is a limited edition of 10,000! Officially licensed by the NFL and proudly made in the U.S.A. by The Highland Mint for \$99.99. It's generally known that the US mint



took in worn gold and silver coins for remelt and FDR demanded all gold coins be turned in. Many of the surviving gold coins were set aside by mint employees for sale to collectors and dealers. They also restruck

coins on demand. It is not so well known that non-precious metals were also melted in large quantities like shield nickels. One of the functions of the mints was to remove worn, damaged and mutilated coins from circulation. These came to the mints in bags and barrels from banks, sub-Treasuries and later, Federal Reserve Banks. Almost anything that resembled a U.S. coin but was not acceptable in circulation found its way to the mints and from there to the melting crucibles. **The mint has been recycling coins since its inception, which is why there are so few early US coins.** *Canada has two cool bullion* sets of WWI planes and animals looking into the water and the large quantity bullion coins feature a bear in gold and a cougar in silver. An amazing Indian peafowl graces



the silver commemorative coin "**Magnificent Life of the Peacock**," which Coin Invest Trust has created



by order of the Cook Islands. **The gold Mark Twain coin will have 5 different finishes:** uncirculated, cameo proof, and 3 frosting levels. See them on-line, they won't show in B&W anyway. The peacock coin is a lot better in color too.



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## Tremendous Coin Hoard in China

Tons of bronze coins and gold ingots were found in a tomb on in China. Dated to the Western Han Dynasty (202 B.C. to A.D. 8), the recently discovered coin hoard consists of 10 tons of bronze coins (nearly 2 million in all), as well as 20 pieces of gold tablets, 285 pieces of gold plates, and two kinds of gold ingots. The owner of the tomb was identified as Liu He (92-59 B.C.), Lord of Haihun, a second level vassal of the Emperor Wu of the Western Han Dynasty. The bronze coins were strung



and stacked. Every one thousand coins were bunched together by twisted hemp, and the coin bunches were horizontally and vertically laid side by side, layer by layer, forming a cube of above 1.2 m (4.6 feet) in height. The contiguous layers were marked by wooden wedges tied with ropes. Obviously, this stack form is convenient for accounting the amount of the coins in storage. The strings were composed of one thousand coins providing material testimony for guan, one of the account units of 1,000 ancient Chinese coins.

Besides the gold tablets and plates, there are two kinds of gold ingots, *matijin* (round gold ingot in shape of a hoof) and *linzhijin* (cylindrical gold ingot in shape of the toe of kylin, a mythical Chinese animal). On the surface of some *matijins*, there are three Chinese characters, which have not been interpreted clearly by experts yet.

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was born as the son of the first King of Changyi (a first level vassal), named Bo Liu (ca. 100s-88 B.C.). Bo Liu was the fifth son of Emperor Wu B.C.). At the age of five, Liu He became King of Changyi after his father. With the death of Emperor Wu, his brother was enthroned as Emperor Zhao, but he also died childless in 74 B.C. Liu He at age 19 was enthroned as the new emperor in the summer of 74 B.C. He was dethroned in 27 days for his "immodest behaviors." The 1147 charges included mainly not observing the mourning period for his great uncle Emperor Zhao, namely not abstaining from meat and sex and engaging in feasts and games and improperly promoting and rewarding his Changyi subordinates with imperial offices. Liu He was sent back to Changyi. He was also deprived of the title as king. In 63 B.C., he was granted the rank of a mere "Lord."

A 1847 \$500 Treasury Note in Heritage Auctions' is "the sole signed and issued example" of any post-War of 1812 and pre-Civil War Treasury issue that is not a



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## January 2016

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 26th of January 7 PM (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)  
Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave. (at E. McCarran), Sparks

### January 26 Dinner, Awards and Elections!

Rusty King will lead a discussion on the future of the coin and bullion markets in 2016.

### February 23 Presidential Coins

### March 22 Coins of Cyprus David Elliott

### April 26 ANA's "Portraits of Liberty"

### The Last Meeting

25 members bought and sold coins. *I finally got a Carson City silver dollar!* January means **dues are due**, but also I have to get the NA (Jan 27, code talkers) and presidential dollar (Nixon, Feb. 3) and first quarter (Feb. 1, Shawnee) of 2016. With missing the coin show in August due to illness and the press down we may not be going down to the museum until National Coin Week. **I need to sell some of the quarters and dollars I have to pay for the first batch of 2016.** Please buy them at the dinner in January. I still have **Free ANA memberships** with a **free digital subscription** to the *Numismatist* magazine. They now have all the back issues on line, blogs, ask the curator site, and more. 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** is being repaired in Gardnerville, maybe up and running by end of January. **Don't forget to bring something for the Bid Board now every month!**

**Dues are  
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January**



*Saratoga .25, 2015 S .25 sets, NA, Johnson \$1 are here!*



S set of all five 2013, 2014, **2015** quarters in case \$5  
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Presidential, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

**Early Bird Prize** was Teddy R. And FDR \$1 coins won by Paul Williams.

**Raffle prizes** winners were:

Leo Rossow: 1967 special mint set, 1974 proof set  
Rick De Avila: 1996 proof set, coin loop, 1971D unc. Ike,  
Gary Meckler: John and John Q. Adams \$1, 2015S .25 set  
Cole Allen: RCC brass medal  
Claude Sendon: 2007 proof presidential set, coin holders  
Bart Daniels: **mystery box**, .05 2015S PCGS 69 proof slabbed, foreign notes  
Jeff Allen: 2015 S .25 set, Washington .25 albums  
Ed Cranch: 2014 S set .25  
Mike Carolan: coin books  
Ken Hopple: RCC Copper medal  
Clay Thomas: copper round  
Milton angel: Mexican 50 pesos  
Rusty King: mint bag

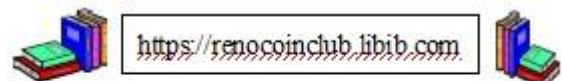
### Auction

Rick DeAvila won 1946P .50 for \$15, donated by Jerry Breedlove

### Quarter Pot

Shannon Holmes won the quarter pot, about \$20.

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**Upcoming Coin Shows**

**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

**January 29-31, Las Vegas Coin, Currency, Stamp Show,**  
Orleans Hotel, 4500 W. Tropicana Ave., Israel Bick, 818 997-6496 iibick@sbcglobal.net

**Feb 4-6, Long Beach Coin, Currency, Stamps, & Sports Show,**  
LB Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave., Admit: \$8, Taryn Warrecker, 805 680-0294  
TWarrecker@collectors.com www.longbeachexpo.com

**Feb 12-13, Redwood Empire Coin Show,**  
EL Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Rd., Santa Rosa, Tables:60 Admit: \$2, Merle Avila, 707 585-3711, PM: 707 824-4811  
http://www.griffincoin.com

**Feb 20-21, SF Area Coin, Stamps, & Collectibles Show,**  
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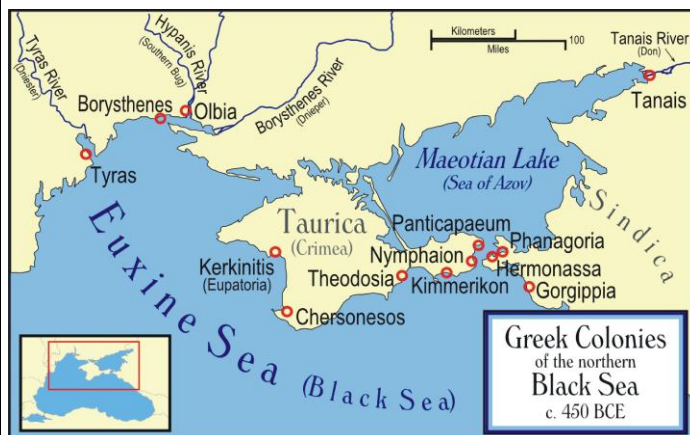
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**The Other Coin: Northern Black Sea Coins**

I recently got Classical Numismatic Studies: *An Introduction to the History and Coinage of the Kingdom of the Bosphorus* by David MacDonald. I have always liked lost kingdoms on the border of civilizations, coins of Bactria, Celts, N. Africa, Silk Road, and the Middle East. The Northern Black Sea represents the mysterious North-East for Ancient Greece and Rome and the Byzantines as well.

8<sup>th</sup> century BC resource poor Greece began to found trading colonies across the Mediterranean and by the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC around the Black Sea. The Greeks traded luxury goods of pottery, wine, olive oil, textiles, and metal work for grain, wood, metals, slaves, leather, and dried fish. The Black Sea was the home of tales of Jason and the Argonauts, Theseus and the Amazons, and Heracles encounters with griffins, Scythians, and Amazons.



Olbia was a colony of Miltetos founded in the 7<sup>th</sup> C. BC and one of the earliest to mint coins in the late 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, including cast coins in the shape of arrowheads and dolphins and more traditional coins depicting Borysthenes, a river god, and bowcase and axe.



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Olbia was a trading center to the Scythians, who became hard pressed by the Samartians in the 5<sup>th</sup> c. BC, causing the Greek city-states to unite into a kingdom, although each city-state continued to mint their own coins and did not name the first kings on the coins. There is no lettering on the earliest coins with a facing lion's head with different incuse reverses. These have not been attributed to particular cities yet. The cities proudly engraved their names on later issues.



Above left are an early facing lion coin, a coin of Chersonesos with lion facing back and a later lion coin with barley ear and the city name ΧΕΡΡΟ (Cherro), and a coin of Phanagoria with Artemis and a deer and the city name in Greek. On the right is a gold coin with Pan and a griffin and Pan and a bull with ΠΑΝ for Panticapeum, a gorgon and anchor coin with an A for Apollonia and Athena with a bull with ΘΕΟΔΟ for Theodosia. By the 3rd century BC individual kings such as Leucon II (c. 240-220 BC) issued coins with their name below with Athena and a thunderbolt.



ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΛΕΥΚΑΝΟΣ King Leucon

Mithradates Eupator 132-63 BC expanded his Black Sea kingdom to Asia Minor, Greece and beyond challenging Rome. Sulla and Lucullus conquered him in the course of three wars with his final retreat to his son's Pharnaces army on the Black Sea, who killed him and submitted to Rome. Pharnaces was in turn challenged by his governor Asander and with the support of Julius Caesar, then Octavian became the founder of the Bosporus Kingdom that survived through the reign of Constantine and perhaps later in a reduced form until destroyed by the Goths, then the Huns in the 5<sup>th</sup> century AD.

Mithradates styled himself as a Hellenistic king and put his portrait on coins (stag reverse) as well as continued local city coinage. The short reigned Pharnaces (Apollo reverse) did the same. Asander



(47-16 BC) also put his portrait on coins both gold and bronze, first with Nike, then with the ruling Roman emperor. Although city coinage and other designs occurred the double portrait coins continued until the end of the Bosporus Kingdom's coinage under Rheuscuporis VI 341-343 AD. The coins are also all dated. Going clockwise we have a gold coin



of Asander with Nike, a coins of Eupator (154-171AD) with Antonius Pius (the letters below Antonius Pius are the date), which are off flan for the Rheuscuporis VI coin with the portrait of Constantine on reverse and a coin of Sauromates (93-124 AD) with value MH=48 on reverse and a crowned curule chair with shield and sword.



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## January 2016

The conquering Goths minted their first coins on the northern Black Sea late 3<sup>rd</sup> AD in crude imitation of Roman coins. Constantine sought to restore order for the area that was still a bread basket for Constantinople.



By the time of Theodosius II (402-459AD) the mint at Cherson was restored and continued through Romanus IV (1067-1071 AD). The coins were of unique design and mostly cast rather than struck. Again clockwise are



cast coin of Justin I (518-527 AD) bust right, stands with chi-ro scepter Victor, Justin II (565-578 AD) stands with empress Sophia and inscription Cherson XEPCWNOC (Chersonesos), the C being an S sound and son Tiberius II on reverse. (Some attribute these coins to Maurice Tiberius.) Leo VI 886-912 AD) AE or LE for Leo with cross reverse. Basil II (976-1025 AD) with a monogram of BACA for Basil and ΔECIT for despot or king. It is unlikely that any of the succeeding Russian rulers minted coins at Cherson, but Mstislav 1076-1132 may have minted coins on the nearby Taman Peninsula. The coins are so rare than most believe they were medals and not currency. They are crude copies of Byzantine coins.



The Genoese allied with Byzantine emperor Michael VIII (1261-1282) to throw out the Venetians, who had sacked and destroyed Constantinople during the Fourth Crusade in 1204. (Everything at St. Marks in Venice is Byzantine loot.) The Byzantine emperor ceded Theodosia on the Black Sea to Genoa, which they called Kaffa, in 1261 and they maintained the colony until lost to the Ottomans in 1475. Trade from China and the Mongols passed through this port. War with the Tartars in 1324 lead to the Mongols catapulting plague ridden bodies into Kaffa. Fleeing Genoese brought the Black Death to Italy when they fled home. Kaffa minted coins on the Mongol standard of small silver asper with the castle and Latin inscription on the obverse and an Arabic inscription and tamgha of Ulugh Muhammed on the reverse. This one 1412-1425 AD. The remnants of



the Golden Horde settled in the Crimea as the Giray or Crimea khans and began minting coins in 1420, continuing as an independent region until 1783. Below are akces of Mengli I (1478-1515 AD) with a



tamgha on reverse and mint (Kaffa) and date on coin (899AH=1494AD) and Nur Dawlat (1466-1476), also with tamgha and mint (Krim) and date (871AH=1466AD). Finally, Russia invaded the Crimea in 2014 and has given us two new coins where they celebrate their invasion and Crimean Russian Republic.





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## Numismatic Potpourri

The Mark Twain \$5 gold went on sale, the proof is already unavailable, the uncirculated 90% gold 8.359 grams or 1/2 ounce of gold. The silver \$1 coin does not have a date yet, but is priced at \$46.95. Evidently, the certificate of authenticity got the title of one of Mark Twain's book wrong and had to be reprinted. **UK 2016 commemorative 50 penny coins** includes Beatrix Potter, 3 Shakespeare coins, fire of London, WWI and Battle of Hastings.



An undated **Roosevelt dime struck on a 6-penny nail** realized \$42,300 in Heritage's FUN Auction in Tampa. There are five other coins struck on nails over the years. *Guess the minters get bored.* **Canada continues its**

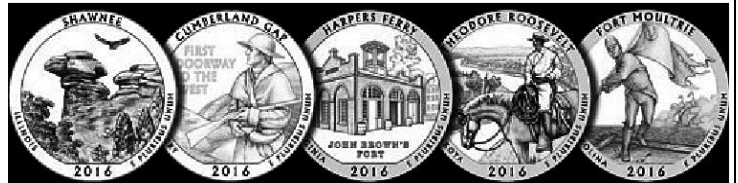


**face value .999 silver coin** with a T-Rex. And Perth mint in Australia offers an opal monkey and colored monkey for the year of the monkey along with Valentine, wedding, birth, and commemorative coins of Snugglypot the 1 and 2 penny decimal coins along with

Cuddlepie. The 2016 quarter designs are different



this year with more people and buildings. In.



Southampton, while taking part in a dig in the Coleman, Padbury area on 21 December **was found 5,251 coins depicting the heads of kings Ethelred the Unready and Canute**. The coins are in near mint state and worth more than a million pounds. Evidently, **China is making the Isis coins**. It is unclear if they are making them for Isis or just counterfeits. The San Francisco Mint struck nearly 2.5 million **Barber dimes in 1893 but just 24 of them in 1894**. Eight or nine of those 24 are known to exist today, according to Heritage. **The finest known sold in January at the FUN auction for 1.9 million.**



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