

Reno Cartwheel

December 2017

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 27th of December (4th Tuesdays)
Denny', 205 Nugget Ave. (at E. McCarran), Sparks

December 26 **Minibourse and Nominations**
Please bring coins to sell and a coin to talk about.
January 23 **Dinner, Awards, Elections**

DUES ARE Due \$20 by January 1.

At the Last Meeting

33 got to solve the mystery of platinum in a Roman coin. The Scythians mined alluvial gold mixed with platinum in southern Russia out of a meteor or volcanic crater and neighboring rivers. The platinum was considered an impurity in the gold, because it would not melt and could not be used in jewelry. Trish has a new knee and is struggling with physical therapy, so good call for no museum in Nov. & Dec. **George Rogers Clark .25 here 13, the last quarter of the year.** I made S sets. The attractive set of 5 **WWI medals come out January 17**, with the **1st quarter, Painted Rock, an island in Michigan comes out Feb. 5.** The set is 3 birds and 2 islands, should be a nice series. **The NA dollar honoring Jim Thorpe comes out Feb. 15.** All the new coins are pictured below. **All silver club medals sold**, and 3 brass, and 17 coppers left, which should sell easily at the museum. I bought Mercury dimes, Barber quarters and other silver for the raffle. **Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now.** We will have **board meetings before the regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business.** Contact me with suggestions or topics you would like to see: 815-8625
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Raffle prizes winners were:

Joe Wozniak: 2017 PCGS .01
Sam Dibitonto: Morgan \$1 Coin albums
Rick De Avila: Merc..10, 1980 proof set, 1964 .10
Laurel Hoggan: Russian coins, **mystery box** medal
Milton Angel: Walking Lib. .50, Merc. .10
Clay Thomas: 2002 proof set, copper RCC medal, 2 Cleveland \$1 set, coin book
Dan Waterman: 2007 D mint set
Jeff Allen: 1978 uncirc.set
Thomas Charleston: mint bag
Mary Long: new 2017 PDS .25
Clayton Brownell: 2009 .01 set, bottle book
Ed Cranch: 20th type set frame
Ken Hoppole: 2017S .25 set, 2005PD .05 unc.

Auctions

Larry Demangate donated 2000 Eagle won the Rick Avila for \$30.

Quarter Pot

Fred Holabird **WON** the quarter pot, about \$4 and donated it back!

THANKS FOR DONATING TO THE RAFFLE!

Upcoming Coin Shows

January 5,6 Concord Coin Show, Clarion Hotel,
1050 Burnett Ave., Admit: \$3, Tables: 39, Bill Green,
925 351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com
www.norcalcoinshows.com

January 26-28 San Jose Coin Club Show, Doubletree
Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, Admit: \$4, Tables: 70+, Ray
Johnson, 408 598-7772 sanjosecoins@aol.com
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The Other Coin: The Three Wisemen

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



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



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



Gondophares, 10bc-50ad
bust/Nike stands



Aretas IV 9bc-40ad
wife Shuqailat/ cornucopias

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

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

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

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

New Coins of Winter 2018



The Sacagawea coin honoring Jim Thorpe February 15, the 2018 quarter, island with tree is first coin Feb. 5, and the WWI commemoratives for Air Corp, Coast Guard, Army, Marines, and Navy. Along with the 100th anniversary coin.

Numismatic Potpourri

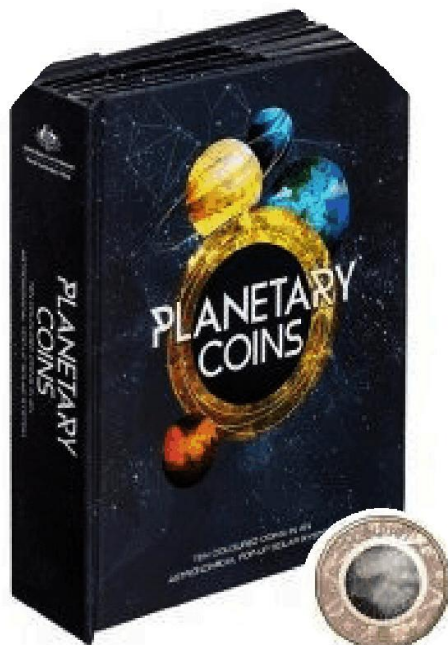
Proof 2018 silver eagles on sale January 4. Liberty Seated Dollars A Register of Die Varieties by Dick Osburn and Brian Cushing released. Spiral bound: \$95, Hard-bound: \$129, Loose-leaf: \$85, \$10 off if buy before January 1, no word on number of pages. E-mail him bpcushing@gmail.com

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Canada has a cool wolf coin, and Germany won an award for their polymer ring inside a coin that makes counterfeiting very hard. Someone brought one in. *Still haven't see a black Liberty coin. Anyone?*



Australia has a cool set of planet coins in various base metals with fancy pop-up book for \$180. Perth mint continues its **Star War series** with a 1 oz silver bar for about \$85. And it's the **Year of the Dog** next year, so everyone is doing dog coins. You can probably find your breed. Even the bureau of Engraving is doing a lucky buck. **The iconic soda brand's bottle cap lends its shape to a new coin from Fiji.** Made of six grams of silver, about one-sixth of a troy ounce and priced at \$29.95 on eBay, the new coin is an officially licensed collectible coin. Face value in Fiji is \$1. It is dated 2018 and is colorized. And



Canada has a dragon/tiger coin in a ying/yang shape. 1 oz silver for \$120. We received from Coin



Club member **Mike Carolan, now in Ely** sent two **Northern Nevada Railway medals** for raffle prizes. *Thanks very much!*

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Armenia's Central Bank has unveiled hybrid banknotes "Noah's Ark" with a face value of 500 drams. It is printed on high-quality Hybrid composite material, covered on both sides with cotton paper and protected by a thin layer of polyester. The banknote has a multi-colored Noah's Ark watermark, as well as a face value watermark.



A gold coin more than 500 years old was discovered by an amateur treasure hunter close to the battlefield where Henry Tudor triumphed over Richard III in the Wars of the Roses. Michelle Vall, found the half angel during a charity metal-detecting event at Monks Kirby in September. The site is 11 miles south of Bosworth Field where the last battle of the War of Roses was fought. The coin was minted during the two-year reign of Richard III, the last Yorkist king, who was killed during the battle in 1485, and is one of only a handful in existence. The coin measures about 2cm in diameter and weighs less than 3g and is expected to fetch £15,000 at auction. **Another cool penny floor.** This floor in Grand Pa Joe's Candy & Icecream shop, located.

at 2124 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA (in the Strip District). It's all pennies.



The National Bank of Kyrgyzstan is first to issue new anti-counterfeiting feature with micro-optics security incorporating three dimensionality and fluid movement. The Motion Surface micro-optic security feature cannot be replicated, according to DeFalco of Crane currency. An archaeological team at the Cluny Abbey discovered 2,200 silver deniers in a cloth bag. They were in the first half of the 12th century. These were found alongside a tanned hide bundle with



21 Islamic gold dinar coins dated between 1121 and 1131 from Spain and Morocco, under the reign of Ali ibn Yusuf (1106-1143). A gold signet ring with a red intaglio depicting the bust of a god and an inscription possibly dating the ring back to the first half of the 12th century was also found at the site. Other finds include a folded sheet of gold foil weighing 24 g and stored in a case, and a small circular object made of gold.

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November 28 **Fred Holabird** on the surprising appearance of platinum in Roman coins and more.

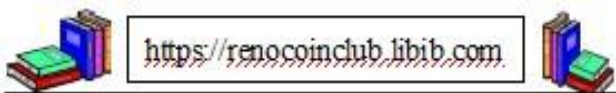
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At the Last Meeting

30 members got to see the history of GSR written in silver casino rounds when GSR was MGM and Ballys by Rusty King. Over 2,000 came to the museum on Nevada Day, and all our giveaways to kids: pencils from the mint and blank pennies were given away along the coin inspector badges and **\$40 of foreign coins donated by Rusty King.**

Working with the ANA and Treasury department I got booklets and pencils, but the mint appears not to be making penny blanks any more. The press is still not running. I would like our next medal in 2019 to reference 50 years after the moon landing and Eva Adams, director of the mint. See mock up below. And, I think we should do half the copper and brass coins at the museum in the smaller size if that is not too expensive. Trish has another surgery scheduled, so no museum in Nov. & Dec. **George Rogers Clark .25 ordered November 13, the last quarter of the year.** I will make S sets. **Only 2 silver club medals left at \$65,** and 4 brass, and 12 or so coppers. **Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now.** We will have board meetings before the regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business. Contact me with suggestions or topics you would like to see: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net



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Faye Allen: 1966 mint set
Thomas Charleston: Walker .50, Merc .10
Mary Long: 1985 proof set, coin albums
Robert Rodriguez: set Nixon \$1
Dan Waterman: coin book, 2001 proof set
Ed Scott: 2003 uncirc. set
Laurel Hoggan: NV tie tac coin
Bart Daniels: 2 presidential \$1 set
Clay Thomas: 1979 uncirc. set, Denver mint coin
mystery box
Cole Allen: .25 S set
Ken Hopple: Bronze RCC medal, coin holders
Milton Angel: 2 grading books

Auctions

No Auctions

Quarter Pot

Thomas Charleston **WON** the quarter pot, about \$15.

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Upcoming Coin Shows

December 8-10, Las Vegas Coin Show, Westgate Casino, 3000 Paradise Road., Admit:?, Tables:? CK Shows, 888 330-5188 info@ckshows.com
www.ckshows.com

December 17 Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit: \$2, Tables: 66, Peter McIntosh, 916 317-9055 peter@mcintoshcoins.com
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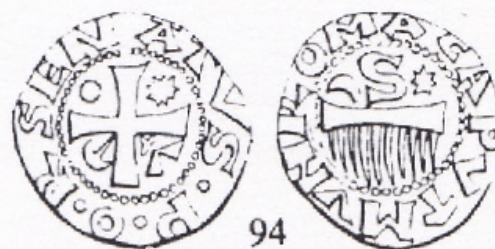


The Other Coin: Papal Coins

My mock up for the next coin club medal left with a copy of the medal when Eva Adams was mint director from 1961-1969 and the cropped reverse of a Susan B. dollar. Eva Adams was generous with her time doing lectures and signing \$1 and \$2 bills for the club.

I am also thrilled to have completed a set of papal coins from 1464 to the present with a handful of earlier coins. I wanted pay less than \$100 for any coin, and I topped at \$80. Papal coins began in with John XXII (1320-1339) and were continuous from then on in gold, silver, and bronze. Earlier coins were issued by the Senate of Rome beginning in 1143 and are affordable from 1250-1400 in silver, billion or bronze. There are also very rare gold coins after 1250.

Before the coins of the Senate of Rome, there are very very rare square silver and bronze papal coins issued from 731 (Gregory III) to 772AD under the authority of the Byzantine Empire and from 795 to 983 silver deniers under the authority of the French Carolinian that are even rarer. The common Roman Senate coin has a comb on it with the old legend SPQR Senatus Populusque Romanus or senate and people of Rome with Senatus usually spelled out. Reverse has Roma Caput Mundi in some form, Rome head or capital of the world. They copied a coin that was widespread in Italy with a wool comb minted by the Counts of Champagne.



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The occasion for restoring papal coinage was the Babylonian Captivity from 1309-1376, and Pope John XXII, the second pope in Avignon, France, issued coins to assert his authority against the Roman Senate. Gold coins reappear in 1352. For a complete history, Allen Berman's Papal Coins is the best book. Earlier used editions are inexpensive. A piccolo with cross and P(a) P(a) Iohannes and reverse Vicesimu(s)Secu(n)d(u)s or



Pope John the twenty-two in Latin.

The Popes issued gold, silver and bronze coins when they returned to Rome in Rome and neighboring towns that made up the Papal States, a string of city-states across the middle of Italy. The coins often have a papal crest, keys of Peter, Peter and Paul. Urban V stands



facing (1362-1370) Urbanus PP Quintus and keys with Santus Petrus Et Paulus. Crest of Julius III (1550-1555) with crest Iulius III Pont(ifex) Max(imus) S. Petrus stands minted in Ancona, a papal state. There are Sede Vacante or "vacant seat" coins issued since 1370 when there was no pope on the throne and the election of the new pope was delayed or ongoing. By the 1500s papal



coins were engraved by Renaissance artists with realistic portraits and scene.

In the 1870 union with Italy, papal coins were minted by Italian mint. Pius IX (1846-1878) and



Pius XII (1939-1958). In Italy, coins were produced in the denominations of 5 and 10 Centesimi (in bronze), 20 and 50 Centesimi, and 1 and 2 Lire in nickel, 5 and 10 Lire in silver, and 100 Lire in gold. As the value of the Italian Lira declined, all the lower values disappeared. All the centesimi denominations ceased to be issued after 1946, the gold 100-Lire after 1959, and the by-now tiny aluminum 1- and 2-Lire issues ended after 1977, with the 5-Lire disappearing a year later. All popes since Pius XI have had coin issues, including the brief reign of John Paul I, which is represented by a 1000-Lire silver piece struck posthumously.

Agreements with the European Union allowed the Holy See to switch to euro coinage when Italy did in 2002, even though Vatican City is not a member state of the European Union. Current issues include 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 cent and 1 and 2 euros. In addition there are commemorative coins of 5 and 10 euro in silver, as well as 20 and 50 euro in gold. The coins are rarely minted in more than 100,000 except for the 50 euro coin and the gold and silver have mintages around 15,000. The coin can be bought at a premium in the Vatican gift shop and are otherwise sold at a much greater premium through dealers licensed by the Vatican. It is a major source of income. The original euro set sells for between \$500-\$1500.



Numismatic Potpourri

Robert Rodriguez attention to detail is adding to the knowledge of colonial coins. His gathering of a large collection of Continental Dollars showed by their orientation that they were struck at three different times. He is working on metallurgical analysis and looking at the different silver plugs on America's first coinage with the likelihood of more new discoveries soon. *Sharp eye and great research, Robert. A hoard of ancient Roman*



silver coins has been discovered by accident in the roots of a large tree in the town of Mezdra in NW Bulgaria. The treasure of Roman silver coins from the 1st-3rd century AD was discovered by accident during the uprooting of a 70-year-old wild plum tree in an abandoned yard. The coin treasure was found in a ceramic jar. The museum experts have been quick to state that in their view the broken pottery vessel had contained some 1,000 Roman coins at the time of its discovery, and Museum Director Georgi Ganetsovski has called upon the locals to return the missing 800 coins. The coins that have made it to the Vratsa Museum are denarii and antoniani from the reigns of Emperors Nero (54 – 68 AD) to Severus Alexander (222 – 235 AD). **Nice website on medals**, lots of art nouveau and art deco displayed by artist and topic at www.artmedal.net Fiji has minted three 50-cent pieces celebrating **Marvel's superheroes: Captain America, Iron Man and Spider-Man**. Each super hero is selectively colored on the reverse of each 50 mm, 56.29 silver-plated clad coin. Mintage is 50,000. When the obverse side of a coin is pressed, part of **each hero lights up**. About \$30 each or set for \$85. Perth mint is now making **platinum kangaroos**, \$80-85



over spot. **Richard Schlatter, of Battle Creek, Michigan created a huge Abraham Lincoln almost entirely out of Lincoln cents**, which won the Grand Prize in the 9th annual Art Prize of \$200,000. The monumental (8 by 12 feet) Lincoln was composed of 24,500 Lincoln cents in hues from bright red to rich brown. This included 1,681 1943 steel cents to depict the lighter color of the President's shirt. No chemicals or paints used to alter the color of the copper cents (the steel cents were cleaned with a solution of lemon juice and water, then hand-polished with a soft cloth). All of the cents received a coat of UV-resistant clear acrylic to protect them from future oxidation.



Perth mint is celebrating the year of the dog with some nice bars and coins. There are several bullion coins with Australian animals and a cool Warf coin for the 30th anniversary of the Next Generation. A Chinese dragon in a figure eight is also in antiqued silver 2 ounces. There's a video on its making at the Perth mint and u-tube. There making 8,888 of them. About \$150 <http://www.perthmint.com.au/>

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The Ichthyosaur is on Mongolia's latest contribution to its "Evolution of Life" series. The head of one of these creatures features on the reverse of a 38.61 mm, 1 oz .999 fine silver 500 togrog and a 11 mm 0.5 g .9999 fine gold 1,000 togrog proof. One of four

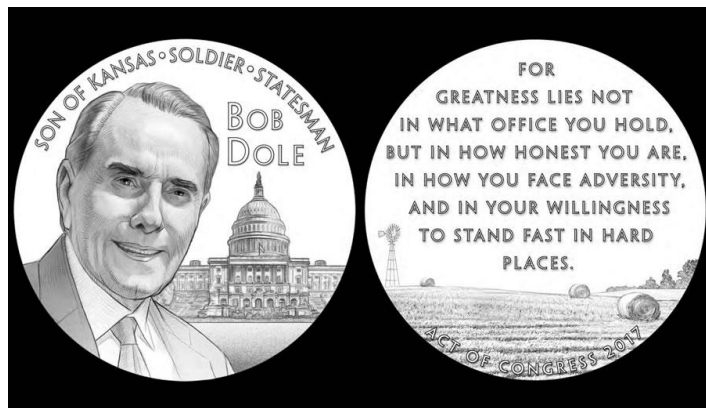


Confederate half dollars sold for almost \$ 1 million dollars as the Heritage auction of the Newman collection continues. **The American Numismatic Society is pleased to announce a new image-zooming feature** in MANTIS of its numismatic collection with more than 160,000 numismatic objects. The high-resolution images of Roman Republican, Imperial, and Hellenistic coins will likewise be available. For links to the ANS online resources, see: <http://numismatics.org/resources/>

The American Numismatic Society has also partnered with Google Arts & Culture to present **online exhibits**. *The Art of Devastation: Medals and Posters from the Great War* features every medal and poster from the actual exhibit hosted at Vassar College in 2017. Online guests can browse high-definition images, view video, engage with maps, and link directly to the ANS's object database for more information about the items on display. To view the ANS first online exhibits, go to:

<https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/beta/partner/american-numismatic-society> ESPN has a nice 20 min. film on the **SS Central America** and how it was found. <http://www.espn.com/video/clip?id=12834923>

The British Royal Mint has a lot of nice resources. The mint did make coins for 100 other countries. It seems highlights are available on line rather than a complete collection, maybe they're working on it. <http://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/> Looks like Robert Dole is going to get a congressional gold medal. See **Canadian super hero coins** on-line.



Several people are trying to get the government to crack down of US bullion counterfeiting.

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October 24 Happy Birthday Nevada! Rusty King

October 27-28 RCC at Nevada Day at the Museum 10AM-3PM Rusty, David, and Trish.
Free admission and the parade on Saturday!

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December 26 **Minibourse and Nominations**

At the Last Meeting, 34 members were wowed by the latest additions to Rob Rodriguez's colonial coins collection. The Jacob Jones medal was huge, over 2 and a half inches. We also got to see the first two Washington medals. Very slow at the museum in September, no school or bus tours that day. **Got to see some of the first have dollar size silver coins coming off the press.** All the dies and the collar have to be redone. They started with the anniversary coin with the mammoth and Washoe basket, plan to do the pony express and other popular medals. Press should be running for Nevada Day. No decision on price yet. Trish has another surgery, so no museum in Nov. & Dec. **George Rogers Clark .25 out November 13. Only seven silver club medals left at \$65**, get yours before they're gone. We have about 10 of the brass and 20 of the copper. **Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now. I noticed a lot more coins on the bid board.** We will have **board meetings before the regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business.** Contact me with suggestions, concerns, or topics you would like to see: 815-8625
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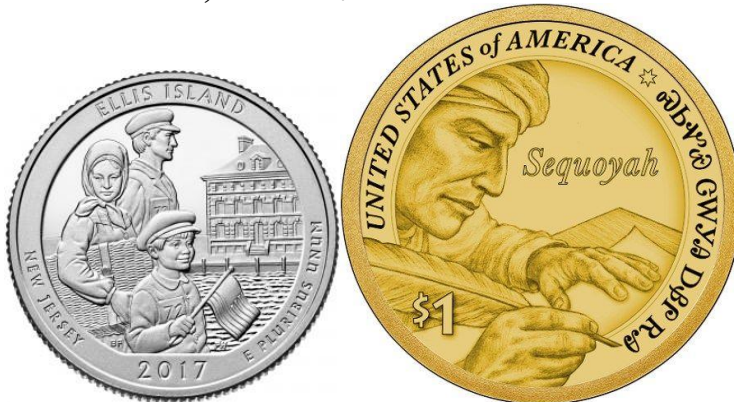


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Dan Waterman: set Heritage catalogs, grading books
Ken Hopple: 2006 proof set
Bart Daniels: WWII .01 set
Don Stamp: 1978 mint set
Duke Morin: 2000 coin set
David Elliott: Lincoln .01 set
David Loder: 2014S .25 set
Mary Long: Presidential \$1 set
Joseph Drapula: chocolate coins

Auctions

Heritage US auction catalogs donated by Rob Rodriguez won by Dan Waterman for \$25.

Signed 1792: Birth of the Nation's Coinage donated by Robert Rodriguez won by Fred Holabird for \$35.

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Cynthia Neufeld of Minnesota (not present) won the quarter pot, about \$10.

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Upcoming Coin Shows

October 21-22, Delta Coin Club Show, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit: \$3, Tables: 50, Bob Shanks, 916 204-5168
Robert.Shanks@att.net www.sacvalcc.org

October 28-29, Marin County Coin, Stamp, Etc. Show, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 1010 Northgate Dr., Admit: \$4, Tables: 28, Scott Griffin, 415 601-8661
scott@griffincoin.com www.griffincoin.com

November 3-4, Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit: \$3, Tables: 66, Peter McIntosh, 916 317-9055 peter@mcintoshcoins.com
www.sacramentocoinshow.com

November 5, San Jose Coin & Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, Admit: ?, Tables: 37, Fred van den Haak, 650 380-4158
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November 10,11 Sunnyvale Coin Show, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real Montague, Admit: \$3, Tables: 34, Bill Green, 925 351-76058
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Not the Other Coin: National Coin Week on Unity.

The 2017 theme for National Coin Week in April is “the role of numismatics in building bridges and promoting unity and reconciliation.” Not sure what this means, but coins do tell us where unity can be found. What comes to mind first is the clasped hand coins of the Romans, who promoted their unity with the army (Nerva), as conspirators (Brutus with Piety), or with other emperors or rulers (Octavian and Marc Anthony) with Concord. More often than not, this



was wishful thinking. More substantially, Alexander the Great appropriated divine symbols of the horn of the Egyptian Ammon and images of Zeus enthroned copied from coins of the Phoenician Baal on his standard coinage. There are even coins of Alexander



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with Aramaic inscriptions, but we do not know if they were official or local coinage. What was without doubt



an attempt at bilingual unity appears to have begun with Demetrius I of Bactria flourished 200-190 BC who created bilingual coinage in Greek and the Indian language Kharosthi. Displayed here on a coin of Menander (c.165-130 BC), who was also a big promoter of Buddhism, but here with Athena on the reverse. The Romans rather than add a divine attribute



to their portraits, simply appropriated the whole god, feeling that imperial unity demanded the worship of all gods. Below Empress Julia Paula hauls the baetyl, house of the Phoenician sun god (probably a meteorite), to Rome on a cart and Empress Julia Domna celebrates the Syrian Great Mother brought to Rome with cult statues, priests, and the whole works.



The priests in their colorful robes, twirled, danced, cut themselves, and even castrated themselves. This was much too much for most Romans.

Putting strange gods on one's coins for a show of unity has gone out of fashion, but multilingual coins are popular in Belgium, Israel, and India to name a few. Belgium 2 euro coin has French, Dutch, German



and English. Israel has Arabic, English, and Hebrew. Indian coins usually win. Here a coin of George VI written in English, Urdu, Telugu, Bengli and Devnagari legends. India also made coins for the



illiterate with fingers showing the denomination:



Russia almost 300 years ago put dots on their coins for the illiterate and blind. Below 5 and 25 kopecks.

Nowadays, it seems that unity is based on race rather than religion, language, or ideas. There are

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coins commemorating minority groups, Australia and the Bushmen, and our own Black Liberty. We have also been honoring Native Americans with the golden dollar,



which is probably the best designed and most artistic of our circulating coinage. There is also a medal series honoring each of 33 tribe's contribution as code talkers in WWI and WWII, which is nicely designed. However, unity here is not really racial, but political. Political and legal decisions were made to treat and honor everyone irrespective of race or sex.

Political unity on coins is best symbolized by the recent return of Hong Kong and Macau to China. Not only was the transition smooth across language, racial, and religious barriers, but the transitions were also symbolized with a bridge. Bridges are made by ideas.



Here contract law won; when the leases were up, the land was returned. We are all equal before the law. The Greeks believed anyone to be Greek who spoke Greek and contributed to the polis. The Romans thought anyone was Roman who was a citizen by wealth, served in the army, or was favored by the emperor. The US says anyone born here is American. My relatives felt out-Christianized by the Civil Rights Movement and accepted the idea we are all created equal before God.

Ideas, not race or sex, bring about reconciliation and unity. One does not choose his race or sex, and they do not change. Just the ideas about them change. We need to believe we are all good because we chose good ideas like being Greek, Roman, Belgian, Christian, or Jew, and others make other good choices without regard to race or sex or things we can not change. That is what coins and successful ancient empires taught us.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

Kevin Flynn has posted a draft on the **1804 large cent restrikes by the US mint**, which are the beginnings of a future book:

<http://www.coinzip.com/articlesPage.php?i=59>

Mark Hotz has an interesting article about **Civil War banknotes** with notes about their owners written on them as they went into battle or prison in October 10, 2017 *Numismatic News*. The same issue reports the pending sale of a set of the **very rare 1916 Zanzibar banknotes**. Roman soldiers hurriedly buried their coins as they were being overwhelmed by German forces and their German allies, who changed sides. **Roman coins found or excavated in the Teutoburg Forest are narrowing down the location of the battle that saw the destruction of three Roman legions in 9 AD**, that ended the Roman's attempt to conquer and colonize Germany. **David J. Ryder has been nominated as mint director**. There has been no director since 2011 as Obama did not appoint one. He was a mint director under Bush in 1992. The Royal Mint is issuing a **70th anniversary wedding coin for Queen Elizabeth** that shows her age.



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The 2017 limited edition silver proof set at \$139.95 sold out in 32 hours. It included an eagle, half, dime and 5 quarters. The 2018 WWI silver dollar design was unveiled 10-9. The first US palladium coin is



selling for around \$1700 and obviously reusing old designs. You can take a **virtual tour of the US Mint**



in Philadelphia on youtube or on the mint's website: https://www.usmint.gov/about/mint-tours-facilities/philadelphia/tour-information?cm_mmc=ExactTarget-_-Campaign-_-20171007+Coins+Online+October-_-PhiladelphiaMint&utm_source=Campaign&utm_medium=EMAIL&utm_content=PhiladelphiaMint&utm_campaign=20171007+Coins+Online+October&cm_mmca1=CoinsOnline&cm_mmca2=All&cm_mmca3=Newsletter#phillytourvideo *Sorry about long address.* **The overpriced US Mint bullion coins are selling poorly.** *Wonder why?* PCGS has certified the **third known 2-tailed Washington quarter dollar** as Mint State 62. The Washington quarter was struck with two reverse dies. Production of the two-tailed Washington quarter dollar is believed to have been executed at the San Francisco Mint between 1965 and 1967. So we have our WWI commemorative silver

dollar, Canada has been making a bunch of them:



Perth mint is celebrating the Chinese year of the dog, an owl, a sea otter, a Chinese dragon chasing a rotating pearl and a coin celebration the 30th anniversary of Star Trek Next Generation. **I'm going to the San Francisco celebration.** Concordia Seminary in



Missouri for the **500th anniversary of the Reformation** with a display of rare medals and books of Martin Luther titled "Pressed into Service by the Word of God." An exhibit catalog is available. **The Paris Mint has opened its doors after a complete renovation.** See in English at <https://www.monnaieparis.fr/en> **The animal tallow in the new polymer banknotes** is giving Vegans, Hindus, and others a moral dilemma in Britain. It used to be on our postage stamps' glue too. A new site collecting all recent auction catalog sales of **Russian coins** is at <https://www.m-dv.ru/en/catalog/> in English. **Numismatic Background and Census of 1802 Half Dimes: A Classic American Rarity** by Jon P. Amato, Ph. D., edited by James L. Halperin and Mark Van Winkle, is available from Ivy Press for \$29.95 at Heritage Auctions HA.com

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September 26 **Ice-cream Social & Adventures in Colonial Coins** Robert Rodriguez

September 29 **RCC at the Museum** 10AM-3PM

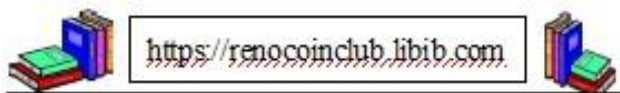
October 24 **Happy Birthday Nevada!** Rusty King

October 27-28 **RCC at Nevada Day at the Museum** 10AM-3PM Rusty, David, and Trish

November 28 Open

December 26 **Minibourse**

At the Last Meeting, 29 members listened to David Elliott's presentation on Jewish coins noting that the Israeli coins copy motifs from ancient coins. Trish and I had a good time at the museum and hope to continue. She's recovering from surgery, so September may be iffy, probably go anyway by myself. *Thanks for Shannon Holmes for filling in as secretary.* **Don't miss Robert Rodriguez's presentation.** You will learn about high end auctioning as well as see some colonial treasures that you might not ever see again. **Ellis Island .25 in the mail.** Should have them for the September meeting. **Only five silver club medals left at \$65**, get yours before they're gone. We have about 10 of the brass and 20 of the copper. **Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now.** *I noticed a lot more coins on the bid board.* We will have **board meetings before the regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business.** Contact me with suggestions, concerns, or topics you would like to see: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net



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2016 S .25 sets, 2017 NA \$1. Ellis Island PDS available



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 FDR \$1 set won by Clayton Brownell.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Dan Waterman: National Collector Medal-silver Morgan
 Ken Hopple: 2003 proof set, 1974 mint set, 2009 .01 set, candy coins
 Bart Daniels: nickel set **mystery box**, 1996 mint set, 1960 .01 small date
 David Loder: 1928S Mercury .10, Coin value books
 Clayton Brownell: 1976 proof set
 Leo Rossow: 2000 gold plated .25 Heritage catalog US, coin holders
 Jeff Allen: 1970 mint set, Ronald Reagan \$1
 Joe Wozniak: 2014S .25 set
 Dan Trabke: NA \$1 set
 Milton Angel: Peppermill chip
 Clay Thomas: 2005 unc .05, Israeli coins and chocolate

(I think there was more, but this is all I got)

Auctions

No auctions

Quarter Pot

Quint Ananiaio (not present) won the quarter pot, about \$10.

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Upcoming Coin Shows

September 22-23, LV Coin Show, Westgate Resort, 3000 Paradise Rd., Admit: ?, CK Shows, 888 330-5188
info@ckshows.com www.ckshows.com

September 29-30, Sacramento Coin Club Show, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit: \$3, Tables: 50, Bob Shanks, 916 204-5168
Robert.Shanks@att.net www.sacvalcc.org

October 13-15, Diablo Numismatic Society Coin Show, Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon St., Stockton, Admit: FREE, Tables: 40+, Ruben Smith, 209 982-5961
rubensmith@hotmail.com www.longbeachexpo.com

October 21-22, Delta Coin Club Show, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit: \$3, Tables: 50, Bob Shanks, 916 204-5168
Robert.Shanks@att.net www.sacvalcc.org

October 28-29, Marin County Coin, Stamp, Etc. Show, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 1010 Northgate Dr., Admit: \$4, Tables: 28, Scott Griffin, 415 601-8661
scott@griffincoin.com www.griffincoin.com

November 3-4, Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit: \$3, Tables: 66, Peter McIntosh, 916 317-9055 peter@mcintoshcoins.com
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Not the Other Coin: Coins on the Web

Mark Owig e-mailed me to ask that I put a link to his website where he has introduction to coin collecting. It is on US coins and nice, particularly

<http://www.coin-collecting-guide-for-beginners.com/us-coins.html>

for an embed from the US Mint that shows how coins are made. For more detailed information on particular US coin series I would recommend Littleton

<https://www.littletoncoin.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/Display%7C10001%7C29555%7C-1%7C%7CLearnNav%7CGuide-to-United-States-Coinage.html>

and for anything coin related both *Coin World* and *Coin Week* have all their back issues categorized by topic and searchable:

<http://www.coinworld.com/numismatic/collector-basics/know-your-u-s-coins.html>

<https://coinweek.com/category/us-coins/>

both also discuss US coin series. Redbook has a book for each US coin series now too. ANA has also made its back issues of the *Numismatist* searchable if you are a subscriber. Newman's Numismatic Portal <https://nnp.wustl.edu/> is putting all the material: books, US coins, old magazines, US Mint records, and the E-sylum digest of coin news on-line that ANA is also putting out, where I get at least half my coin articles.

For ancient coins the Ancient Coin Club of Los Angeles has put up a web resource guide

<http://www.accla.org/links.html>

and I would strongly recommend

www.wildwinds.com

for searching coins and www.vcoins.com for buying them. Of special mention should be Edward Waddel's site that has the standard reference for Ptolemaic coin Sovoronos as well as several articles for beginning collectors.

<https://www.coin.com/>

Forum Ancient Coins claims over 10,000 articles on ancient coins with lots of pictures and discussion forums. <http://www.forumancientcoins.com/>

Ilya Zlobin also presents a large number of articles and videos on coins and ancient art. I watched a video made at the classic section of a German museum I would never otherwise see. He is a Russian living in NY and sells coin advertised at about 10 times market value. Do dicker with him. I bought a coin at less than 1/2 his asking price of a coin "reduced" 75% or for \$66, originally \$346.75-- a very rare Byzantine coin with Andronicus III mounted on a horse.

<https://trustedcoins.com/ilyazlobin/>

San Jose Coin Club has the best list of coin shows in our area. www.sanjosecoinclub.org

Finally youtube has thousands of coin videos on all topics, including Reno Coin Club videos. I am sure this is just scratching the surface.

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Q. David Bowers has a new book out on the **Guide to the Lincoln Cent** \$19.95, 320pp. Rave reviews as usual. **Andrew Jackson is likely to remain on the \$20.**

Replacing Jackson with abolitionist Tubman was a decision made in the spring of 2016 by then-Treasury Secretary Jack Lew. Lew's decision was part of a package of changes that were to be incorporated into the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's preparation of more counterfeit-resistant paper money designs to be introduced in the 2020s. Lew decided that the backs of the \$5 and \$10 Federal Reserve Notes are also to be transformed. He asked for five women's rights activists be put on the back of the new \$10 to replace the Treasury Building. They are Sojourner Truth, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, Alice Paul and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Lew also wanted to put Marian Anderson, Eleanor Roosevelt and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the back of the \$5 although the Lincoln Memorial building would also remain. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin is likely to stop or greatly modify all these changes.

Update on the enhance set sales. After a near sell out, so many of the sets were

returned that they were put on sale again and they have still not sold out. You can buy them cheaper on e-bay than at the mint. **Canada is doing butterflies, painted or bejeweled, as well as balloon race.** Niue



to mark the **70th anniversary of the discovery of the "Flying Saucer" in Roswell** has produced a 3D, 40 mm, 40 g .925 fine silver, glow-in-the-dark coin. Mintage is 700. And, the **new Canadian maple leaf 1 kilo silver coin is a maple leaf.**



Black Ruthenium is all the rage to embellish coins:



In this remarkable **CoinWeek IQ video**, **Robert Rodriguez** sits down with NGC Chairman **Mark Salzberg** at the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) **2017 World's Fair of Money** to discuss **The Resolute Americana Collection of 1776 Continental Dollars** – the most complete collection of the type ever assembled. It's a half hour, maybe I'll show it, if Robert doesn't make it. *It is really remarkable what he has achieved in so short a time.* PMG has compiled a list of **The 17 Most Important US Paper Money Books That Should Be In Your Library** and reviews all the books.

<http://www.coinweek.com/video-news/resolute-americana-collection-of-continental-dollars/>
<https://www.pmgnotes.com/news/article/6070/The-17-Most-Important-US-Paper-Money-Books-That-Should-Be-In-Your-Library/>

The University of Calgary has put its 22,000 ancient coin collection on line, but the search engine is poor. They just complete a Coins of Jesus display, <http://emuseum.ucalgary.ca/>

A long-forgotten hidden hoard of Roman coins unearthed on farmland in Lincolnshire is coming up for auction. The complete 'Near Spilsby' collection of 281 Roman coins was discovered by two metal detectorists. The mainly bronze coins, featuring Roman emperor Constantine the Great and members of his family, would have been buried in the ground near Spilsby around 340 AD but were never recovered by the original owner.



In 1982, the People's Republic of China issued its first gold **Panda bullion pieces** from 1/10 ounce to 1 ounce. To mark **the 35th anniversary** of the introduction of the Panda, the People's Bank of China has issued three gold and silver commemorative proofs. A 20 mm, 5 g .999 fine gold ¥80 presents a portrait of a Giant Panda peering through an array of year dates running from 1982 to 2017. Mintage is 50,000. A 33 mm, 15 g .999 fine silver ¥5 shows silhouette of a cartoon Panda behind lines of growth rings each marked by year date numbers. Mintage is 200,000. Thirdly is one for the bimetallic collectors: a 45 mm ¥500 having a collar of 12 g of .999 fine silver and a 30 g .999 fine gold core. The reverse features a Giant Panda munching a bamboo stalk. Around the silver rim are Pandas images from earlier Panda issues. Mintage is 6,000. All obverses depict the Temple of Heaven in Beijing – as featured on all previous Panda coins – and the caption in Chinese that translates as "In Commemoration of the 35th Anniversary of the Issuance of Chinese Panda Gold Coin."



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Numismatic News reader **Albert Carlisle** may be **\$50,000 to \$100,000 richer** just because he read the lead story on the find of a 1990 “No S” proof cent in the July 4 issue of *Numismatic News*. After he saw the story, he checked his 10 1990 proof sets and found five of them contain the rarity! He sent an image of all five proof sets in one photo to be sure no mistakes were made, and sure enough all five sets contained the 1990 “No S” proof cent. **Gold coins purchased as part of the Eckfeldt collection by Robert Rodriguez:**



Jacob Eckfeldt assayer medals left and bottom, Adam Eckfeldt, his father's chief coiner medal and an 1803 \$10 eagle. Nice article about it in the July-August 2017 *MCA Advisory* magazine. He also acquired 2 silver Captain Jacob Jones medal for his victory over the British and a very rare 1777 silver Washington (Voltaire) medal, with the first image of Washington. Both are neat. While at ANA, I was able to acquire two 1659 Lord Baltimore silvers, a four pence and

six pence, the finest of each with the four pence the finest of all Lord Baltimore. Additionally, a 1785 copper *Immunis Columbia*.



I will have **several other cool Canadian coins on line**: wolf and moon, Canadian fauna, children learning hockey, bat plated with rhodium, WWII bombers, 3D goose, whale, cougar, turtle in a bead.

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August 22 Jewish Coins David Elliott
(*Rob Rodriguez may speak instead of me.*)

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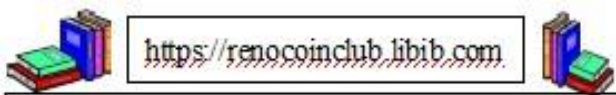
September 26 Ice-cream Social and movie

October 24 Happy Birthday Nevada! Rusty King

At the Last Meeting, 23 members saw Rusty's collection of US mint 1976 bicentennial medals in bronze and silver. **The museum has asked me to come on the last Fridays of the month whether the press is running or not.** *Evidently, I am "a great attraction."* The coin press is fixed, but they are waiting for new dies for making half dollar size coins instead of dollar size to ease the strain on the press. **Robert Rodriguez is back from ANA** with some new treasures and his 1792 (<http://www.renecoinclub.org/1792coinage.html>) and Continental dollars ([NGCcoin.com/Resolute](http://www.ngccoin.com/Resolute)) were on display. If he is up to it he will tell us the story next meeting bumping me to November.

Jerry is retiring as treasurer. *Please consider the position now* to learn the details from the master.

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2016 S .25 sets available, 2017 NA\$1. Ozark PDS here



SF set of all five 2013-2018S quarters in case \$5
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Presidential, Native American D P \$1.25

Early Bird Prize was 2009 penny set won by Cole Allen.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Bill Naylor: Coin club bronze, 1988 proof set, 2003 unc. set, photo grading book, 2015 .25 set, 2009 Red book
Bart Daniels: CA, NV, AZ .25 set, NA \$1 set
Ed Scot: 1976 proof set, 2009 Lincoln set
Thomas Charleston: mystery box 2009 .01 roll, 1973 bicentennial coin
Ken Hopple: candy coins
David Elliott: NV 1976 bicentennial medal
Danny Clifton: 1985 unc. set
Sam Dibitonto: 1943 .50
Milton Angel: 1925 .25, Heritage auction books
Cole Allen: presidential \$1
(*I think there was more, but this is all I got*)

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No auctions

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August 20, Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit: \$2, Tables: 66, Peter McIntosh, 916 643-6222 peter@mcintoshcoins.com www.sacramentocoinshow.com

September 7-9, Long Beach Coin, Stamp, Sports Show, LB Convention Centre, 100 S. Pine Ave., Admit: \$8, Tables: 100s, Taryn Warrecker, 805 680-0294 TWarreckerr@collectors.com www.longbeachexpo.com

September 15-17, Santa Clara Coin, Stamp Show, SC Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Admit: \$6, Tables: 76+, Scott Griffin, 415 601-8611 scott@griffincoin.com www.griffincoin.com

September 16, N. California Numismatic Seminar: Collecting in Today's World, Vallejo Naval Museum, 734 Marin St., Admit: FREE, Michael Turrini, 707 246-6327 EmperorI@juno.com www.solanocoinclub.com

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The Other Coin: Portuguese Colonization

Just when I thought I had just a few hard to find coins left to complete my coin collecting, I found a whole new interest. As usual, Joel Anderson's *Interesting Stuff* catalog got me started when he offered a set of 4 Portuguese coins with galleons on them for \$7. I set them aside, and a few weeks ago



decided to catalog them and found that there were dozens of these coins portraying the whole history of Portuguese colonization from the mid-1400s until the 1990s. The Portuguese were the first and last to have colonies throughout the world in Africa, Asia, India, Americas and even Australia.

The dollar size coins began being minted in 1987 in copper nickel, gold, and silver, and later in platinum and palladium. When the coins became demonetized with the entry of Portugal into the European Union in 2000, the coins sold for bullion value or \$1-4 dollars in copper nickel.

In addition to the large coins with a galleons on them with dates of Portuguese discovery and emblems of the land discovered, it is inexpensive to add a Portuguese colonial coin and independence coin for a dollar or two, since Portugal maintained their colonies after WWII. So coins of Mozambique can be added to the commemorative coin above.



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And, unlike Britain or France there are only a few colonies: Saint Thomas, Azores, Cape Verde, Angola, India, Macau, Timor, Brazil, and Mozambique. None are rare. The 16th century Indian coins are inexpensive (see below a coin of Joao III 1521-1557), and the Portuguese monarchy's Brazil coins minted in the 19th century when they fled Napoleon are only \$5-6. There are no expensive coins outside of gold or bullion coins unlike Britain or German colonial coins and Portugal was first, last and world-wide. Easily found on e-bay or your local coin store.



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A complete collection of **Dahlonga mint coins**, valued at about \$715,000, is on exhibit at the University of Georgia, Athens along with gold nuggets, postcards, historic maps, and even a couple of old movies through December 5. America's first gold rush in the 1820's North Carolina and Georgia. The mint was established in 1838 and continued through 1861. The Civil War put a temporary halt to most Georgia gold mining, but it resumed afterward. Gold production peaked circa 1900, then faded in the wake of new discoveries in California, Alaska, and Australia and other places. **The Josiah K. Lilly Collection** of gold



coins, valued at \$5.5 million dollars, will be kept intact and donated to the National Numismatic Collection at the Smithsonian Institution. The **gold from the giant gold coin stolen from a German museum** has been recovered as a gold bar. A museum supervisor and an "Arab clan" are under arrest. **A Boy Scout Troop in West Virginia found buried treasure.** 31 Scouts unearthed a large wooden box while constructing a foot bridge. They found pearls, colorful beads, jewelry, tarnishing metals, campaign buttons from the early 1900s, along with old coins and paper money. **The enhanced 2017 S circulating coin mint set sold out in 10 minutes on August 1 at \$29.95.** *I warned you!* Here's one of the quarters, see the whole set on-line. The frosty finish is nice.



Canada continues their Superman series (over a dozen coins now) with a 3 ounce silver and "reverse" gold plating that is pretty sharp. And **Perth** continues

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Ghostbusters, gods (Hel), kangaroos, koalas, a seal and Star Trek (it's the 30th of the Next Generation, *got my tickets for the SF bash*). Kagin, Inc. has announced



that this **1783 Nova Constellatio Quint** pattern is **the first coin struck under the authority of the US government**. Kagin Inc. also claims it is the first coin issued in a decimal series, but as Chekhov of the Enterprise would note, Peter the Great issued decimal coin in 1700 of 100 kopecks to the ruble, which is the first instance of decimal coinage and still the coinage of Russia. See *Cart wheel* March 2017. To mark the **Loonie's 30th birthday**, the Royal Canadian Mint has produced a two-coin set. Along with a .9999 fine silver edition of Carmichael's Loon is a dollar coin showing the original intended Voyageur (canoe) design. Mintage is 10,000 sets. This set was also struck in .9999 fine gold. The mintage of 350 was an instant sellout despite the \$5,499.95 price tag. The **US mint has sold almost 90% of its platinum coins**. Greg Smith of Minnesota discovered what has been identified by John Wexler as **a second die pairing for the 1992-D "Close AM" Lincoln cent**. The variety, which was first identified in 2001, is considered rare with total population of 79 pieces.

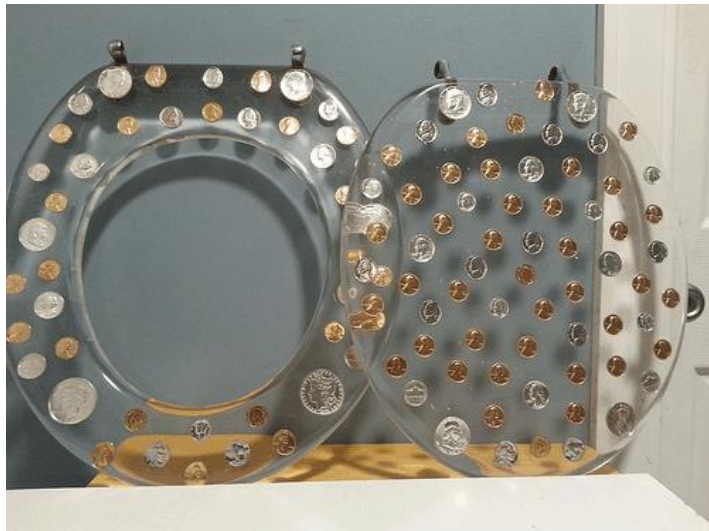


The fourth edition of Whitman Publishing's **100 Greatest U.S. Modern Coins** is out. 144pp. \$29.95. Great photos and history. **Only a single gold coin was recovered from the 1714 treasure fleet off the Florida coast**. Bad weather was to blame. **The Pursuit of Immortality: Masterpieces from the Scher Collection of Portrait Medals** is a 64 page book accompanying the exhibition of highlights from the Scher Collection recently donated and displayed at the Frick Museum in New York. 130 of the 450 medals are on display from the Renaissance through the 19th century. \$11-12 dollars on Amazon. NGC's

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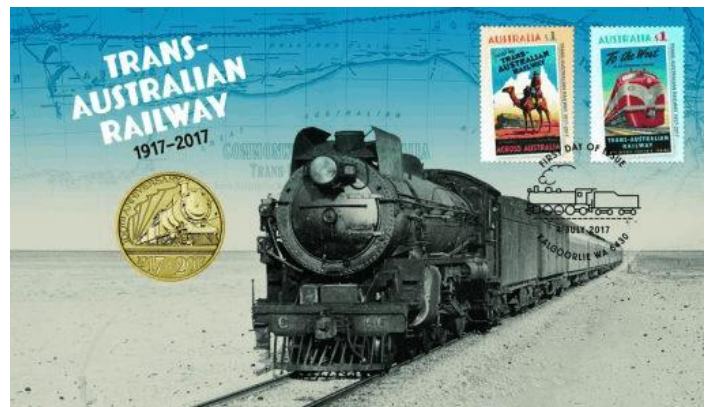
Numismatic Conservation Service can safely remove coins from lucite now. Speaking of lucite, there's a **lucite toilet seat with coins** including a Morgan and Peace dollar offered for \$300 on ebay under US coins collections/lots. The Israel Museum



has a nice display to 75 gold Roman gold portrait coins with foot size medallion copies above each aureus displayed. **2019 Apollo XI designs** are being narrowed down, and Congress is still trying to pass **state innovators \$1 coins**, 4 a year, that still doesn't make sense to me. Agostino Sferrazza, a famous Italian numismatist, **insists the image on the shroud includes two copper composition coins issued in Judaea by Roman Procurator Pontius Pilate in 29 BC.** Coins were traditionally placed over the eyes of deceased persons to help keep the eyelids closed and due to the superstition that the deceased individual was looking for someone to take with him or to pay passage to the underworld. A lituus or augur's wand appears on coins issued by Pilate. It is the lituus that is suspected of appearing on the coin images on the Shroud of Turin.



Australia has produced a **nice coin and stamp train set** for the 100th anniversary of the Australian railroad for only \$12.50 and can be purchased at <http://www.perthmint.com.au/catalogue/trans-australian-railway-2017-stamp-and-coin-cover.aspx?affiliateID=16> **Canada has a 3D leaping cougar and garden**



gate coins to go along with the beads and statues they're putting on coins. And China has a kilo gold



coin with the whole Chinese zodiac on it.



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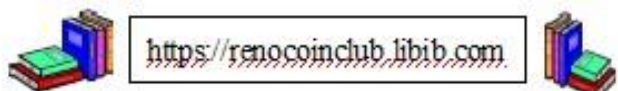
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At the Last Meeting, 29 members saw some treasures of their peers and we saw John Frost's DVD on the Double-Dime and a link up with a die at the CC mint. John Frost's free on-line book lists all the varieties in color and has a nice history of the 20 cent piece. **The museum has not renewed the last Friday press run.** Ken and I are waiting for a call back to do the last Fridays for the museum and school tours. It will be a pity if they do not mint on the press any longer. It is unclear when they will be renewed. *Doug Cummings has offered to join me, if they do get going. Thanks!* **Jerry is retiring as treasurer.** Please consider the position now to learn the details from the master. **I got a Mary Queen of Scots and Francis II coin!** They are very hard to find. I still got a lot of binders from **Fred Holabird.** Let me know if you want any, otherwise they will go to a school this Fall. **Ellis Island .25 will be out end of August 28, and I will have them for the September meeting. Only eight silver club medals left at \$65,** get yours before they're gone. **Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now.** We have about 20 each of the brass and copper. We will have **board meetings before the regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business.** Contact me with suggestions, concerns, or topics you would like to see: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net



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Commemorative Coins, Pierce \$1

Jeff Allen: 1935S Liberty .50

Rick DeAvila: Mercury dime, coin bag

Laurel Hoggan: *Hawaiians Money and Medals*, coin envelopes

Gary Meckler: 2013S .25 set

Milton Angel: NA\$1 set Delawares, 1973 proof set, 1999 platinum .25 set

Dan Waterman: 2007 *Coin Prices*, 2004 proof set

Gerald Breelove: 2000 mint set, chocolate coins

Ken Hopple: candy coins

Thomas Charleston: 1976 mint set, casino chips albums

Chuck Everitt: 1979 mint set

Art Bonnel: 2009 Lincoln .01 set

Leo Rossow: **mystery box** Eagle album

Cole Allen: PDS Ozark Riverways .25, felt tray, *Wells Fargo 150th anniversary* book

Mary Long: proof set album

Joe Wozniak: 2011 Red Book

Auctions

Set of Pogue auction books won by Gerald Breedlove for \$22 donated by Robert Rodriguez.

Quarter Pot

Ed Scott **WON** the quarter pot, about \$12.

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August 1-5, ANA World's Fair of Money, Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th St., Denver, Admit: \$8, Tables: 500+, ANA, 719 482-9849 ANA@money.org
www.worldsfairofmoney.com

August 13, Fairfield Coin Club's Show, Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky St., Admit: \$1, Tables: 25, Bill Bartz, 707 688-8014
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The Other Coin: Ancient Jewish Coins

Jewish coins are one of the most popular series of ancient coins to collect. With a few exceptions the coins are plentiful and inexpensive. The Persian Cyrus the Great conquered Lydia where coins were invented in 546BC and freed the Jews from Babylonian Captivity in 539BC, so the newly adopted Persian siglos coin in gold and silver went with the Jews where they and their old neighbors: Philistines, Samaritans, Edomites, and Phoenicians (below) also minted coins, often with the Aramaic YHD for the Persian province or satrap of Judaea. The most common of these coins were copies of the international Athenian owls.



Persia and Egypt contended for control of Judea and this is reflected in coins that have an Egyptian falcon and Jerusalem lily replace later with the head of a Persian king or satrap.



Whether Alexander the Great visited Jerusalem or not his conquest of Persia and Egypt left Judea as a prize for his generals Ptolemy of Egypt or Seleucid of Persia who founded contending kingdoms. The Phoenician city of Tyre supplied Jerusalem with coinage, whomever the overlord was and either bore Melkart, the Phoenician Hercules or the Seleucid or Ptolemaic ruler. Seleucids were most often in control of Judea, and the Tyrian shekels and half shekels

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continued to be the dominate coinage even into Roman times and made up the coinage of the 30 pieces of silver that went to Judas. Below left is Melkart and



right is the Seleucid Demetrius II (129-126BC). Note the Egyptian or Lagid eagle and the club with T-Y monogram as the mint mark of Tyre.

The Kingdom of Jews was established by the last of the Maccabean brothers Simon when they revolted from the Seleucid Antiochus IV (174-164BC), who wanted to Hellenize the Jews by setting up Zeus alongside Yahweh in the temple. Confronted with Egypt and a rebellion at home the traditional autonomy of Jews was reestablished and the Jewish kingdom was allowed to produce their own bronze coinage beginning with John Hyrcanus (135-104 BC), then Judah Aristobulus (104-103 BC), Alexander Jannaeus (103-76 BC), Salome Alexandra (76-63BC, no coins), Jonathan Hyrcanus II (63-40 BC), and Antigonus Mattathias (40-37 BC). The rulers of Jerusalem were high priest, king, and Seleucid governor simultaneously with the independence being signified by no longer paying tribute to the Seleucid Empire, although Jewish troops were often part of the Seleucid army as separate units. The coins are mostly small bronze prutahs and half prutahs smaller than a dime, and even in very fine condition less than \$20. There are a few rare varieties, but mostly in keeping with no graven images the coins have a lily of Jerusalem, double cornucopia, Hebrew lettering, anchor symbol of the Seleucids, or sun wheel.



Herod the Great (37-4 BC) managed to come to power by playing off Julius Caesar, Mark Anthony, and Caesar Augustus, supporting all sides in the Roman civil war. Mark Anthony killed the last Maccabean ruler in battle. Herod's coinage is much more varied and includes helmets, shield, tripod, caduceus, aphlaston, palm branch, galley, and pomegranates. There are also larger bronze coins.



Upon Herod's death the Kingdom of Judaea was divided among his three sons--Herod Archelaus (4BC-6AD), Herod Antipas(4BC-39AD), and Herod Philip(4BC-34AD). Archelaus and Antipas had images of ships, grape clusters, and helmets. Herod Philip put images of Roman emperors on his coins and Herod Agrippa I(41-44AD) placed images of himself on coins as did the last Herodian Herod Agrippa II (50-96 AD). These portraits coins are pricey often several hundred dollars in very fine.



The Romans procurators, residing in the port of Caesarea they built, also minted coins with images of shields, palm trees, wheat, grape leaves, lituus, and amphora. These inexpensive coins were issued from 6 AD to 61 AD by procurators Coponius (6-9 AD), Ambiblius (9-12 AD), Gratus (15-26 AD), Pilate (26-36 AD), Felix (52-59 AD), and Festus (59-61 AD). Most of the coins are dated and have the name of the Roman emperor on them.

Reno Cartwheel

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The Jews revolted against Rome in 66AD and minted coins for 3 years until they were crushed in 70AD. The Roman victors minted coins for 20 years celebrating their victory. The bronzes are inexpensive, silver pricey.



A second Jewish revolt in 132-135 AD also issued bronze and silver coins, but this short lived effort made the coins rare in both bronze and silver. Hadrian in 131 AD issued coins in Jerusalem after the Temple was demolished and turned into a temple for Jupiter under the name Aelia Capitolina (Aelia his gens name, and Capitolina referring to the temple of Jupiter in Rome). These coins were minted until 251AD.



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Numismatic Potpourri

The robbers of 100 kilogram maple leaf coin from a German museum were caught. No word of the \$4 million coin, so it was melted, I suppose. The Perth trio of kilo gold, platinum, and rose gold coins set with pink diamonds sold for \$1.8 million.



The new Canadian banknotes with all the fancy protections are being successfully counterfeited already. The Royal Belgium mint will close January 2018 and it is unclear if Belgium euro coins will be continued to be produced. The Society of Paper Money Collectors has an ambitious project to compile a database of all U.S. obsolete bank notes. Similar to the web portal Wikipedia, any member can contribute and experts in their respective fields can correct and maintain the integrity of the data. There is a twofold scope to the project: 1) to catalog all reported obsolete notes, and 2) to keep a census of all reported notes. Check out the website at www.spmc.org/obs/ In the Chinese tomb belonging to Lu Chou of Western Wei Dynasty (535-557) who died in 538 were found gold coins of Roman emperor Anastasius (491-518AD) and silver coin of Sassanian king Peroz I (459-484AD). The Colombian government plans to salvage the Spanish galleon San José that is believed to contain gold, silver and emeralds worth billions of dollars. On board were at least 11 million gold coins and six years of accumulated jewels from the Spanish colonies. Colombian President Santos said that his government have struck a deal with an unnamed private investor and will bring together a “dream team” of archaeologists and engineers from around the world to recover the wreck and put it on display in Cartagena. A US salvage company, Sea Search

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Armada, claims it discovered the San José in the 1980s. A court ruling in 2007 awarded SSA half of any commercial treasure that may be recovered. **Only 60% of the platinum eagle proof coins with the old reverse for its 20th anniversary sold out July 6 at \$1300.** The last 2 years they sold out in 10 minutes.



The mint will be offering a **2017 enhanced proof set**: "This coin set contains 10 coins with an enhanced uncirculated finish using a combination of laser frosted areas and an unpolished field that accentuates design details, creating a unique contrast distinctly different from the mirror-like finish of proof coins." The regular 2017 Proof Set is available without limits for \$26.95. It launched on March 29 and should reach around the 600,000 level before all is said and done. Far fewer anniversary sets will be sold. There is no mention yet on pricing, but its mintage is capped at 225,000 without any per household order restrictions. On sale August 1. **2017 silver eagles sales are down about 35%** due to low silver prices. **The 1792 Mint Act is online at the Newman Portal**, which is digitizing hundreds of numismatic magazines and books. Check it out: <https://archive.org/details/NNPViewerDemo> **In April 2017, it became publicly known that at least 1,400 numismatic objects were stolen from the Stockholm Royal Coin Cabinet**, with an estimated value of over \$3 million. The former employee has already confessed that he had sold the majority of objects in 1997. Thus, many have probably entered the coin market over the last 20 years. According to Inspector Jan-Ake Törnåge, the objects are "coins from Sweden and world coins, including a lot of Russian and American strikings. To date, almost 1,400 coins are missing." **Palau is offering laughing Buddha** coins in gold and silver. Austria's



niobium coin is called "microcosm." There is a plan



to make **Osmiridium** coins from a metal that is the combination of osmium and iridium. Both metals have a theoretical density that is slightly above 22.5g/cc, making them the densest elements in existence. **Italy has stopped producing 1 and 2 cent euro coins.** English **Royal Mint** has agreed to sell **bullion coins according to shariah law**. The **winners of the best coin design in Japan** have been announced. Here's 2 of them, the rest will be on line.



Italy's Imagination and Austria's Magic Flute were my favorites. 2 India and a Chinese coin won big.

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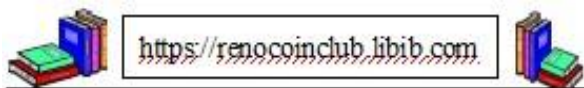
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Charles Prawdzik: 3 Pogue auction catalogs, 2009 .01 set
Jerry BreeLove: chocolate coins
Gary Meckler: 2016S .25 set
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Thomas Charleston: 1975 mint set
Clayton Brownell: Canadian and GB silver coins

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The Other Coin: Ancient Themes on Israeli Coins

Many years ago I added modern Greek and Israeli coins to my ancient coin collection, first to have modern images of ancient coin themes, but then found that collecting all Israeli and Greek coins was inexpensive as both coinages were common and limited.

Modern Israeli coinage begins with a series of Palestinian coins issued under the British Mandate from 1927-1947, a set of 10 coins with 3 varieties in bronze rather than copper of 1,2,5,10,20,50,100 mils. The 50 and 100 are silver, the 5,10,and 20 have holes and were issued in both copper and bronze. Even if you collected every date, the complete set of coins would be only 59 in number. The coins were minted as needed, so not minted every year. The 1,2,50,100



feature an olive branch. All have English, Hebrew, and Arabic inscriptions.

After WWI Britain and Russia promoted a Jewish homeland with the British setting up Palestine and the Russians setting up the Jewish Autonomous Region in Siberia. Palestine became Israel and the Jewish Autonomous Region still exists. In 1948 the British UN mandate over Palestine ended and the Jews in Israel declared their independence and issued their first coin in mils with the bunch of grapes found both on 66-70 AD revolt and the later Bar Kokha revolt (132AD) against the Romans.

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The mils coinage was dropped with one issue and replaced by Jewish prutah coins 1, 10, 25, 50, 100, 250, and 500 with some varieties until 1960. They all had themes from ancient coins:



The 1 prutah has the Seleucid anchor from the first Jewish coin under Antiochus VII with the Jerusalem lily 132BC, but also on Alexander Jannaeus' and Herod's copper coins. The harp on 5 prutah and grapes



on 25 prutah. The maple leaf of the 50 prutah and oil amphora of the 10 prutah are both found on a 1st Revolt coin. The barley ears are on coins of King Agrippa I



37-44AD on which the 250 prutah coin is based. The 100 prutah palm tree is on several ancient coins including Roman procurator Felix, Bar Kokhba, and

Seleucid coins. Likely Bar Kokhba (left) was the



model. The 500 prutah pomegranate coin is based on the 1st Revolt shekel and half shekel coins:



The reform coinage of 1960-1980 redenominated the coinage into agora (a term from the Old Testament) and lira (Hebrew for pound). The palm tree, barley ears, and harp remained. The pomegranates became the fruit rather than flower although the original design would return to the lira in 1967. The menorah was added to half lira and lira coins, not found on ancient coins. An imaginary Davidic lion was put on the 5 lira coin (David means lion, Lion of Judah).



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Commemorative coins were produced, a ½ lira with the sheqel coin of 1st Revolt above and a 10 lirot coin with several ancient coins.



The reform coinage of 1980-1985 kept the same designs, but redenominated the lira as a sheqel a truly biblical denomination. An ancient galley appeared on the 10 sheqalim coin and a cornucopia on the 5 sheqalim coin both taken from a coin of King Herod Archelaus 25BC-18AD.



The last reform of 1985 continued agorots and sheqalim but valued the new sheqel at 1000 old sheqels. The galley appeared on the 1 agora coin, menorah on the 10 agorot, harp on the ½ sheqel with the lily from the Antiochus VII/Alexander Jannaeus coin on the sheqel. The 5 agorot coin copied another Bar Kokhba coin first used on a 1984 50 sheqel commemorative coin. It shows a lulav, a bouquet of plants for the Festival of Booths. The 5 sheqel has an ancient lily column capital design from 8th c. BC Jewish palace.



There are less than 500 commemorative coins if you wanted to get them all. About 25% have ancient archaeological motifs. Silver and gold bullion coins began in 1989. Mint sets were issued from 1949 on.

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Numismatic Potpourri

The 3rd edition of **Mega Red Book** has chop-marked coins and foreign coins circulating in early America. The **2017P silver Liberty medal costs \$60**.



The Numismatist is now including a retail price guide for US coins. They did ½ cents through nickels in first issue as well as colonials in 12 grades. **The US mint will no longer accept mail in orders**, just phone and internet. **PNG has a video site** on you tube that includes *Money: History in Your Hands*

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with James Earl Jones.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb5co6ZLKpitRAw-6pDxeCw> **Canada coins** include a gold statue of a big horn sheep on a coin, a cute beaver, colored animals and flowers as well as landscapes, but I will show just a cool train set and a beaded coin now with image on the bead. Not to be out done **Australia** has



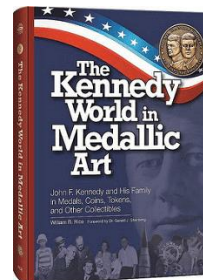
coins of Freya, kangaroos, horses, koala, fox and the Ghostbusters. They also did five coins for the WWI cavalry charge at Beersheba that lead to the capture of Jerusalem and defeat of the Ottoman Empire. 3 from the Perth mint and 2 Niue coins. And, **Paulau** has a



sand dollar coin in the shape of a sand dollar, of



course. A bill for the 100th anniversary of the **American Legion** in 2019 is in Congress now. And, a **global warming coin** from **Pobjoy Mint** where you can watch a hologram of an ice shelf fall down.



The American Numismatic Society has made it possible to **identify coins of the Roman empire by searching images**. The “Identify a Coin” interface is at <http://numismatics.org/ocre/identify> Browse or filter results by portrait, material, and even legends, which includes the ability to enter all or part of a legend as well as marking illegible characters. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of JFK’s birth, **Whitman Publishing** is offering a free copy of *The Kennedy World in Medallic Art: John F. Kennedy and His Family in Medals, Coins, Tokens, and Other Collectibles*, by William R. Rice, in a promotion throughout the month of June. From May 29 through June 30, 2017, collectors who spend \$25 or more at www.Whitman.com may request a free copy of the 304-page hardcover book by entering code JFK at checkout. **A billion rubles in old Soviet money** dumped in old missile silos after the collapse of the Soviet Union, banknotes issued from 1961-1991, all no longer legal tender was found and named “a swamp of cash.”

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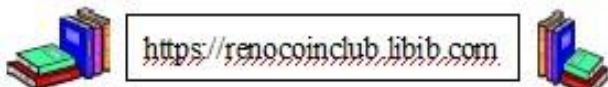
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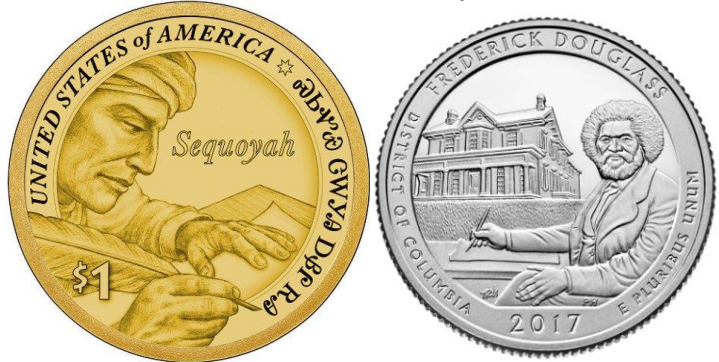
At the Last Meeting

As predicted, 38 were wowed by **Doug Larson's collection of medals from the Spanish American War through WWII** and how they were used and awarded. I brought The Russian WWII coins and coins of Pyrrhus that were displayed at the museum. The press is still down. **I ordered 10 more rolls of the 2017 P penny**, if you missed out. Yours for .05 or roll for \$2.50 first come. I got the binders from **Fred Holabird** for the next meeting and over 200 mint and proof sets from Steven Olson with Canadian sets to come. **Missouri's Ozark .25 due out 6-5. I did get all the photos of Redfield's house** and will put them on the website eventually. **Only eight silver club medals left at \$65**, get yours before they're gone. **Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now.** We will have **board meetings before the regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business.** Contact me with suggestions, concerns, or topics you would like to see: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net



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Ed Cranch: 1944 Mercury .10
Rick DeAvila: Indian penny
Joe Wozniak: \$2 bill
Don Stamps: 3 Heritage catalogs
Clayton Brownell: framed 50 state quarter map
Ken Hopple: 2008 World Coin Catalog
Kristine Barton: 1960 au .05, \$5 1st men on moon
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The Other Coin: Pyrrhus, Greatest Commander of Them All



Pyrrhus (319 - 272 BC) was the king of Epirus with victories against the armies of Macedon, Carthage, and Rome. As Plutarch stated, "the general opinion of him was that for warlike experience, daring, and personal valor, he had no equal among the kings of his time" (*Pyrrhus*, 414). He is considered one of the finest military commanders in history. Due to the large losses suffered during his battles he has famously given his name to the expression a "Pyrrhic victory" which refers to any military success which comes at a high cost to the victor. Plutarch has Pyrrhus retort to a friend's congratulations on his victory, "One more victory like that over the Romans will destroy us completely!" (*Pyrrhus*, 409)



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As king of Epirus, located in the Western Balkans, Pyrrhus had to hone his Greek credentials and his coinage featured Heracles, Nike, Thetis, the mother of Achilles, and above all Athena. He sought to make the army of Epirus the best trained fighting force of his day, much like our special forces.

Pyrrhus learned his commander skills alongside Demetrios I Poliocreates (“city besieger”) of Macedon in the Successor Wars of Alexander the Great. Later, with his ally Lysimachus of Macedon, he campaigned against Demetrios, gaining the loyalty of the army of Macedonia, and established himself as the ruler of Macedon in 288 BC. This situation only lasted a few years when Lysimachus drove Pyrrhus out of Macedon in 284 BC. Pyrrhus’ Macedonian coins show the PYR



(ΠΥΡ) monogram on a Macedonian shield and a Macedonian helmet within oak wreath with star dividing the first 4 letters of king in Greek ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ.

After leaving Macedonia, Pyrrhus planned to build an empire from Magna Graecia, the old Greek colonies in southern Italy and Sicily. Pyrrhus responded to a call for help from the Greek city Tarentum (Taras) located in the heel of the Italian peninsula. The city was threatened by Roman attack; and so, Pyrrhus came with his army of 20,000 infantry, 3,000 cavalry, 2,000 archers, 500 slingers, and 20 war elephants to subdue the Romans in 280 BC. Pyrrhus won victories at Heraclea in 280 BC and Ausculum in 279 BC. Pyrrhus kept the traditional



coinage of Taras of a nude mounted warrior and Taras on a dolphin (the legendary founder of Taras was brought ashore after a shipwreck by a dolphin). He added an elephant to note his new war machine.



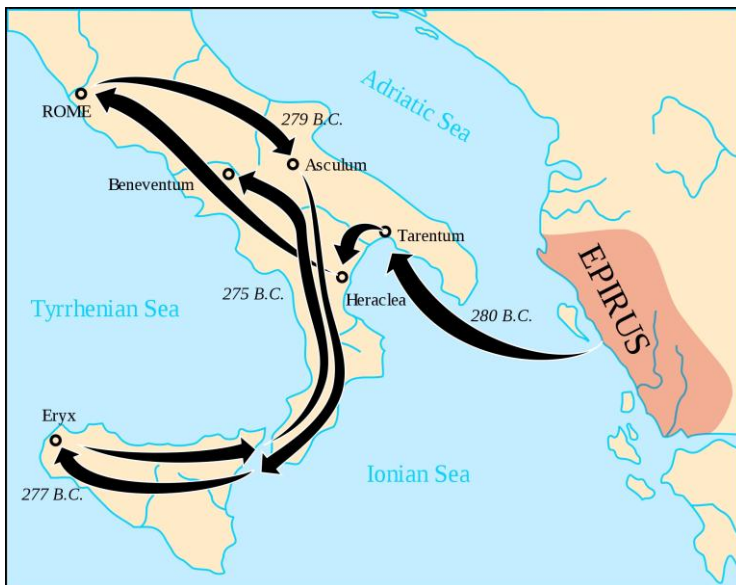
After defeating Rome, Pyrrhus’ continued to Sicily where he was made king to free the Greeks from the Carthaginian Empire. He defeated them in another “Pyrrhic victory” that caused hardships on the Sicilian Greeks and provoked rebellion against Pyrrhus, who returned to Italy. He met the Romans, once again, and this time he lost at the Battle of Maleventum in 275 BC. With the loss of most of his elephants and another enemy able to withstand enormous losses and still take the field again, it was time for Pyrrhus to leave Italy for Greece. There he died fighting in the Successor Wars in 272BC when an old lady dropped a roof tile on his head.



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Pyrrhus' coins of Sicily emphasize his Greekness again with Apollo and his tripod, Zeus and his thunderbolt, and Kore (Persephone) with her enthroned mother Demeter alluding to initiation into the Eleusinian mysteries. On these coins are not only his monogram



but also his proud proclamation of ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΠΥΡΡΟΥ, King Pyrrhus. He did create the finest ancient army, surpassing even that of Alexander the Great, but unable to make replacements equally well trained, his great victories indeed became Pyrrhic.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

Canada has just come out with a second set of Star trek stamps and a coin that bears all five captains and a glow in the dark Enterprise. Doug Cummings notice that the other franchise continues to be commemorated in coins by New Zealand. I already

got the Star Trek stamps, letters, and postcards. The coin is about \$142. The ANA has launched a web



page for grading the Morgan dollar set. The interactive grading set includes Poor through Mint State 67 with definitions and high resolution images. <https://www.money.org/morgan-dollar-coin-grading> Daniel Frank Sedwick's recent auctions includes bank notes from various shipwrecks. I wasn't aware paper money survived. A Numismatic Guaranty Corporation MS-63 1892-S Morgan dollar brought \$76,375. Heritage catalogers noted that this silver dollar is a seldom available condition rarity in the MS-63 grade. The Swiss 50-franc note won bank note of the year and is designed with the theme of wind and depicts a dandelion, mountains and a paraglider. Introduced last April, the note is first in a new series that features nature rather than

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portraits of famous men and women. And, for those



not inclined for Star Trek or Star Wars, Perth Mint has the **Guardians of the Galaxy in 5 half ounce silver coins in a lunch box** for a little over \$300.



A piano tuner in Shropshire found his work to be unexpectedly exciting. In December of 2016 he **discovered 633 sovereigns and 280 half sovereigns struck between 1847 and 1915 in a piano**. As no owner has come forward, the coins are declared treasure and proceeds will go to the piano owner and tuner.

Portraits – 500 Years of Roman Coin Portraits by Andreas Pangerl has 722 portraits on 233 pages, including a complete series of the Roman rulers

from Caesar until Julius Nepos. There are also spouses, sisters, mothers and Caesars. The objects were selected according to their beauty. 59 euros from Numismatiks Lanz Munich. **An Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force** has been formed by the Industry Council for Tangible Assets naming an 11 member Steering Committee and eight Work Groups. Cook Islands on the **100th anniversary of Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin's death has minted silver coins that include a piece of fabric from the original Graf Zeppelin**, which was scrapped in 1940. The silver coin is presented in a see-through display case and features an impressively high relief.



A special moment occurred a little over halfway through the sale when the announcement was made that the **Pogue collection had surpassed the \$100 million mark. All told, the fifth part of the collection totaled a bit over \$21.4 million for a grand total of \$106.72 million**. The American Numismatic Association (ANA) Road Show will make its next stop at the **Las Vegas Numismatic Society Diamond Jubilee Coin Show, May 18-20**, at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino, located at 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas. **Items to be displayed at the Diamond Jubilee Coin Show include: 1804 dollar, the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel, and the Famous Errors exhibit with the 1955 doubled-die Lincoln cent, the classic 1937 D "three legged" buffalo nickel, the 2004 Wisconsin "extra leaf" quarter and the 2007-2009 "godless" dollars**. All of these coins feature errors that are easily visible to the naked eye, making them popular collector items and curiosity pieces.

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May 23 Flying High at Great Colonial Auctions
Robert Rodriguez

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July 27 Bicentennial Coinage Rusty King

At the Last Meeting 30 people watched David Elliott's power point on Russian coins. The coins were there too. **Got 10 rolls of the 2017 P penny.** Yours for .05 or roll for \$2.50 first come. **Fred Holabird says he's bringing boxes of binders** to the next meeting. **Frederick Douglas .25 in mail** (4-12) and should arrive soon. Laurel Hoggah encouraged me to put a **link to the photos of Redfield's home** in the Redfield section on our website. The house sold. Or, go on-line to <http://www.downtownmakeover.com/Redfield-Mansion-Mt-Rose> Rob Rodriguez will have **early American auction catalogs** in raffle and some Heritage ones too. He will likely be bringing in some new treasures as well. **Only eight silver club medals left at \$65**, get yours before they're gone. **Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now.** We will have **board meetings before the regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business.** Contact me with suggestions, concerns, or topics you would like to see: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net

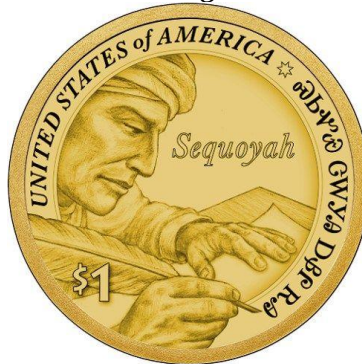


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Joe Wozniak: painted \$2 bill AZ, 2015S .25 set
Bart Daniels: bicentennial coin set
Bill Naylor: 1991 proof set, Presidential \$1 set, 2 paper money books
Gary Meckler: mint dollar bill, NA \$1 set, binder of bank note pages
Rick DeAvila: 2x2 pages, chocolate coins, 2009 penny set, 2014S .25 set, 2009 roll of pennies **mystery box**, Barber .10
David Elliott: Shevlin's Golden Gate book
Thomas Charleton: last of 2x2, coin boxes
Ken Hopple: Silver Dollar Encyclopedia
Laurel Hoggan: large and small mint bags
Cole Allen: 1999 proof set, 1987D .05
Jeff Allen: chocolate coins

Auctions

No auctions.

Quarter Pot

Milton Angel (not present) won the quarter pot. \$50+

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April 21-23, Santa Clara Coin, Stamps, Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Admit:\$6, Tables:79, Scott Griffin, 415 601-8661 scottgriff@hotmail.com www.griffincoin.com

May 5,6, Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Admit:\$3, Tables:50, Bob Shanks, 916 204-5186 RobertShanks@att.net www.sacvalcc.org

May 21, Vallejo Numismatic Society's Show, Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador, Admit:FREE, Tables:40+, Ed Hoffmark, 707 642-8754 Paper4Coin@yahoo.com www.solanocoinclub.com

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The Other Son of God



I scored another extremely rare coin pictured above. After Octavius defeated Cleopatra and Mark Anthony in Egypt, one of his first coins was an imitation of a Ptolemaic coin with the Lagid or Ptolemaic eagle. The 80 (II) drachmae coin tells quite a story.

Along with the eagle and cornucopia to its left, Octavius declared himself "Caesar the Autocrat" (ΚΑΙΣΑΡΟΣ ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟΡΟΣ). He thus confirmed his adoption by Julius Caesar, recently declared a god with signs in heaven of a comet and a temple in the Roman forum. "Autocrat" proclaims Egypt and Cyprus his personal fiefs. The wealth of Egypt and Cyprus would subsidize Rome's welfare system wherein free food and other donations were given to the populace rising to a million people. Most found living on the dole better than joining the army, which was staffed by foreigners. The cost of the welfare system and alienation of the army were the primary reasons for Rome's fall.

On the obverse is his bare head and an inscription proclaiming himself the ΘΕΟΥ ΥΙΟΥ "son of god," not "a god," but God of the universe, a Stoic teaching that taught Zeus was the god above all gods and creator of the universe. All lesser gods were just divine beings and subordinated to Zeus or as Romans called him Jupiter the Best and Greatest (Optimus Maximus). When Jesus and his apostles started calling him the Son of God, it was a direct affront to Caesar Augustus as Octavius was later called. The Roman world did not have room for 2 sons of God.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

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On the Front Line (of Major Auctions)

by Robert Rodriguez (edited)

Shaw/Bettencourt, March 29: Noticeable were early copper die varieties that were a bit on the weak side. In my opinion, collecting die copper die varieties may be weakening. On the other hand, many colonials did very well with New Jersey's being stand outs. I was active on one or two of them. **Blue Moon, March 30:** I was not there for most of the auction, but generally, the prices were relatively firm. There were some quality items, but most were not the finest. The star of the show was the auction of a 1794 dollar PCGS 58+/CAC. I had an interest in it and bid, but my bid was topped by Laura Sperber which took it to \$750,000. There was much pre-auction talk that the coin might hammer for upwards of \$1million. 1794 dollars have been hot the past few years. **Pogue V, March 31:** What can I say? The prices were volcanic. Many of the hammer prices were 2x to 4x higher than the pre-auction high estimate. The Plan to bid on four coins I had an interest in, with the goal of buying two, was blown away. My high max bid was low by two or three times low. It was amazing. The 1804 dollar opened at \$2.6 million and then Laura Sperber cut the bid, highly unusual, at \$2.7 million, to be followed by another at \$2.8. Then the bidding stopped there. This was disappointing to the assembled crowd at the Garrett Carriage House, an absolutely beautiful setting. When the auction recommenced after the pre-scheduled break subsequent to the 1804 bidding, the blockbuster bids continued. It was an incredible way for the fabulous Pogue auctions to finish. I was not able to be there for first one but I did attend the other four. Both the first and the last had some combined bids of more than \$17 million. The following day, the successful bid for the 1804 dollar was reported to have been accomplished by the team of Kevin Lipton and John Albanese. Within 48 hours, they had sold the coin, after several inquiries, to Bruce Morelan, who has assembled the PCGS Registry's finest early dollar collection that includes the finest 1794 dollar. I had a great time and came back with several rarities from the auctions as well as the bourse.

Robert's "new kids:"

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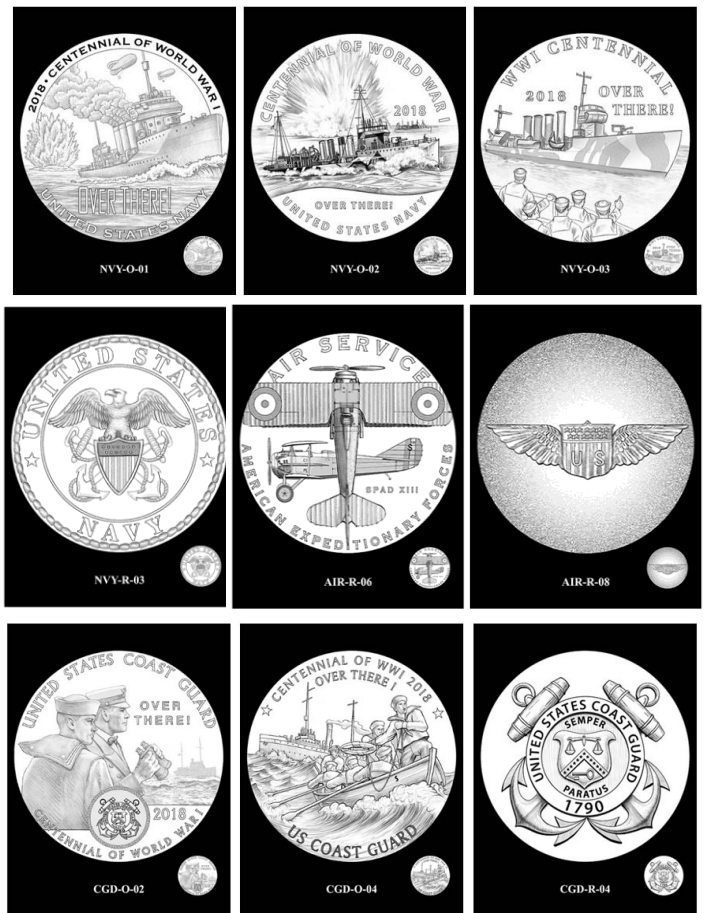
The **new British 5 pound polymer note** has been beset with errors and interesting serial numbers that have appeared on e-bay to the great profit of their finders. Evidently you can erase all the ink on the note except the serial number with a pencil eraser. *I will probably have a new 12-sided pound coin for the meeting.* **1792: Birth of a Nation's Coinage** (softcover) by Pete Smith, Joel J. Orosz, and Len Augsburger is the long-awaited research-based study of the 1792 coins, which were produced during the first six months of the U.S. Mint's existence. These cents, half dismes, dismes, and mysterious eagle-on-globe pieces, have been little studied and long misunderstood. In the 225 years since they were struck, mysteries have accumulated around them. Legends have explained their origins, arguments have raged over their status, and wild guesses have been taken about their rarity. Beautifully illustrated, 356pp. \$40 post paid from Heritage.

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Austria is continuing its glow in the dark animal series with a tiger and Moses is featured in Palau's Biblical Stories series: a 35 mm, half-ounce .999 fine silver \$2 proof. The reverse design shows a bearded Moses flanked by walls of water. He is surrounded by 10 circular vignettes illustrating the various plagues visited on Egypt by God to secure release of the Israelites. The Decalogue stands above. A blue enameled Star of David is at the very top. Proposals



for the **WWI commemorative coins in 1918** are almost finalized: Army, Marines, Navy, Air Services, and



Coast Guard. The Pogue Collect of Masterpieces of US Coinage netted almost \$107 million dollars for 232 coins. American Medal of the Year winner is Susan Taylor of Ottawa, honoring her grandfather's comrades who fought in the 2nd Battle of Ypres during the "Great War for Civilization." Well, I



guess I have room for **the latest Canadian coin marvels:** 150th anniversary set includes painted and glow in the dark coins for \$35 Canadian or plain

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for \$19.95 Canadian and free postage. Golden animal



statues continue with a elk on a coin, there's lots of flowers and animals coins, I like the lynx one best. Sadly, the \$20 for \$20 silver coin series is ending with Star Trek, Superman and the T-Rex. There is



also a new 10 dollar bank note with four politician and 5 scenic views and nice polymer window. There are many cool bullion coins and a curved coin with fallen maple leaf, Royal Canadian mint has them all. Some Canadian coins just have to be stolen. The theft of the "Big Maple Leaf" gold coin from the Bode Museum in Berlin took only about 25 minutes. The



100 kilogram, 1 million dollar pure gold coin created by the Royal Canadian Mint in 2007 had been on display in Berlin's Bode Museum since 2010.



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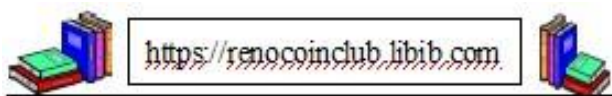
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At the Last Meeting

26 people attended (I guess everyone was watching Trump's speech, It was good. I taped it.) Doug was ill, but I brought my Reagan medals and Robert Rodriguez brought **huge gold Lincoln medals**: a peace medal and presidential medal, both one of a kind. I'll put them on-line. I did get the quarter pot and newsletter lest straightened out. **Only eight silver club medals left at \$65**, get your before they're gone. **The coin press is down** and being slowly repaired. Frederick Douglas .25 out April 4th. **The 2017 penny will have a P mint mark on it** to celebrate Philadelphia's 225th (see below). It is in circulation and selling for over \$10 already, but is selling for 2-3 cents in rolls elsewhere. **Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now.** We will have **board meetings before the regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business.** Contact me with suggestions, concerns, or topics you would like to see: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net



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Bart Daniels: mystery box roll of pennies and holder, 6 .25 set of birds

David Elliott: gold plated NV .25, 2005 buffalo .05

Dan Waterman: British mint set

Robert Rodriguez: 2009 .01 set, 2017 NA \$1 set

Ken Hopple: chocolate coins, cases for slabbed coins

Laurel Hoggan: coin books

Rick DeAvila: blue books with .01 partially filled, 1942 .25, 1916P .10

Leo Rossow: 100 2x2 .25

Ed Scott: 1992 proof set, red book

Cole Allen: effigy mound PD .25 set

Joe Wozniak: 2016S .25 set, 2017 Effigy mound S set, OPA cardboard pennies.

Thomas Charleton: presidential dollar set

Milton Angel: 2 coin books

Jerry Breedlove: Barber .10, bank notes book

Faye Allen: mint bag

Jeff Allen: coin boxes

Auctions

Robert Rodriguez won set of presidential coins in album donated by club for \$51

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Gary Demangate (not present) won the quarter pot. \$40+

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March 24-26, West's Token Jamboree, Jackson, CA,
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4811 pm merle@avilaarchitects.com
<http://www.longbeachexpo.com>

April 14-15, Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate
Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit:\$3, Tables:66, Peter
McIntosh, 916 922-8041 peter@mcintoshcoins.com
www.sacramentocoinshow.com

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**The Other Coin: Later Russian Coins**

The 6 foot 8 Peter the Great had big plans for Russia. His tour of Europe in 1697-1698 was primarily to make alliances and secure workers for ship building and cannon foundries, but he also toured the mints in France and England, met with Newton, and secured modern screw presses with which he began minting copper kopecks and silver rubles by 1700, in quantity by 1704 and finally demonetized the wire denga in 1717. Mindful of the riots his father experienced with the copper denga he rolled out his reforms slowly. He also was the first country to establish a decimal system of one hundred copper kopecks to the silver ruble.



The czars after him minted silver rubles, minor silver, and a variety of copper coinage with increasing skill. Russia has a great deal of mineral wealth and was able to produced gold in quantity as one of the leaders of the international gold standard. They were also the first to mint platinum coins.



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WWI saw the end of Imperial Russia with inflation making coinage aware, but making way for thousands of entities issuing paper money at ever higher denominations. Each city, district, army white or red, railroad, and individual factories had their own currency. The Soviet victory had a short lived gold and silver

quickly dropped “Workers of the World Unite!” on coinage for the simple hammer and sickle or factory worker and collective farmer. Commemorative coins



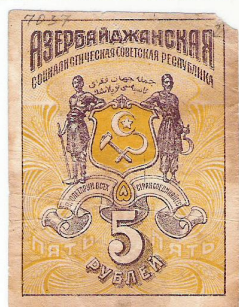
began in 1965 for WWII or the Great Patriotic War, 1967 for the 50th anniversary of the Revolution, and continued for heroes of the Soviet Union, but also approved Imperial luminaries like Pushkin or Musorgorsky. The 1980 Olympics inspired the minting



of silver, gold, and platinum bullion coin starting in 1977. Palladium bullion coins began in 1989. The



Soviet Union celebrated the 1917 Revolution after 1967 every 10 years with a coin or two, but every



issue, largely for international trade, 1921-1924 before establishing a fiat currency. Soviet coinage



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five years WWII was celebrated and continues to be often with a large set of circulating and bullions coins. Every battle, town, and unit was commemorated in spectacular sets that still continue. The collapse of the



Soviet Union in 1991 caused the Soviet Bank to issue notes and coins in 1991 and 1992 as "government" currency until the Russian Federation took over in 1992 under a growing inflationary period that saw the loss of kopeck coins, and ruble values at 3 cents or less. Finally, in 1998 the ruble was revalued at 1,000 old rubles for each new ruble, allowing the kopeck to return. However the ruble is worth about 2 cents now, so kopecks are worthless. The reform coinage of 1998



also saw the return of the mounted knight and the imperial eagle.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

News from the Frontlines

Robert Rodriguez is bidding in person at the Pogue and Baltimore auction on some American numismatic treasure and had the following observations:

There has been a couple of whale size collectors that have entered the numismatic market within the past nine months. One began with a bang last July and by the first of the year, he had spent about \$45 million. That estimate is now over \$65 million. He has acquired a broad range of coins from colonials through the 19th century. Another is trying to become a 21st Century Eliasberg. There are several other collectors assembling early high-quality gold collections. It does appear that prices are in the process of firming. By the way, both of the referenced collectors had no prior history in coins. I and others view coins as an efficient and less governmentally intrusive way of transferring intergenerational wealth. I can attest to the belief that the high-end market appears to be firming.

For example my 1803/2 half eagle 66+. Among all the early gold denominations 1795-1807, according to PCGS, there have been a total of only five coins graded 66, with just two carrying the plus: 1795 Pogue Eagle 66+, that sold for \$2.5 million all in, and my 1803/2 half eagle 66+. Of these five, there is only one that shows the original metal flow lines from the time of coining and that is my 1803/2; thus, I consider it the absolute finest specimen of all early golds and felt, even at the price I paid, a record, it was, in my opinion, truly under appreciated. In the end, I will likely not have an interest in selling, unless there is a more beautiful and historically significant coin than my 1803/2 and it catches my eye. I fully expect to retain ownership for the rest of my life. In other words, it will be "fresh" when it re-enters the market again.

I believe I re-entered the coin market at almost the

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perfect time so as to have the opportunity to acquire some incredibly rare, high-quality and gorgeous specimens. Only time will tell whether my assessment is correct. *I agree, last year's US election, Brexit, Muslim invasion of Europe, Russia in the Ukraine, and poor Chinese economic performance caused jitters among collectors of all types. For example, Crusader joins were selling for about half price in the Fall and Winter, but are back on the rise again.*

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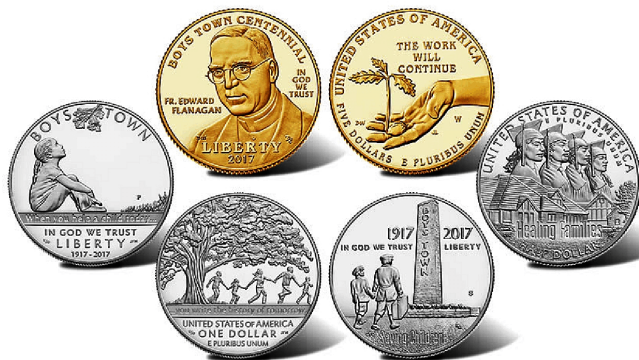


2017 Philadelphia penny will have a P on it to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the mint. Already released, can't buy them from the mint. *Should I get a bunch? Coin Week has a nice video interview of Joseph Menna, a medallic sculptor at the United States Mint.* If you've spent a Lincoln cent struck since 2010, you have spent a coin that Menna has sculpted. Beyond the reverse of the Shield cent, he has designed or engraved dozens of coins and medals for the U.S. Mint, including the George Washington and Thomas Jefferson presidential dollar obverses and the Martha Washington First Spouse gold coin obverse. To read the complete article, see:

www.coinweek.com/video-news/coinweek-iq-u-s-mint-medallic-sculptor-joseph-menna-talks-modern-coin-design-4k-video/ **Canada is doing 5 1/2 oz. silver bird coins** that come in a music box that plays bird song. *Now, that's for the birds!*



Boystown coins are out: \$21-25 for clad .50, \$47-52 for silver dollar, and gold 8.359 grams about \$400.



The US mint had a 22.7% drop in sales for collector coins and 11.9% drop in silver eagles, selling at about twice bullion value. **I got John Frost's DVD on the CC double dime die discovery** as well as the Saddle Ridge, Lincoln in Numismatics, and US original coinage 1793-1796 DVDs. Coming soon to an Reno Coin Club meeting.

Reno Cartwheel

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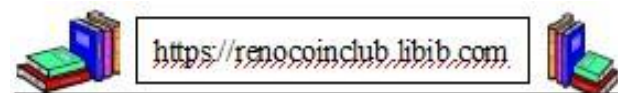
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At the Last Meeting 39 people enjoyed dinner and Jeff Shevlin and his ANA presentation on *So-called Dollars*. The entire board was re-elected by acclamation and **Andre Assam won RCC person of his year** for his tireless and very neat secretarial skills. *Yay Andre!* The rearranged tables for more seating were a hit. The coin press is down and probably won't be up until April. We will not go down again until April then. No volunteer needed in Feb, but thanks for offering. I ordered NA \$1 and Effigy Mounds .25. They are already in the mail. Someone called who **found a few more errors** on the website, please keep looking. I think I got them all, but you never know. **I hope to audit the list of paid members this month and put last issue notices on the newsletter.** Out of \$20 you get \$15 back in January dinner and September ice-cream social, so dues are really \$5. **Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now.** We will have **board meetings before the regular meeting and vigorously tell people to be quiet so we can conduct business.** Contact me with suggestions, concerns, or topics you would like to see: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net



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Raffle prizes winners were:

Milton Angel: World Coin book, US banknotes book, 1999 .25 mint set
Clayton Brownell: coin book
Rick DeAvila: 2009 penny set, 6 .25 set
Ralph Doucette: steel penny set, 1944 .10
Sam Dibitonto: 4 PCGS boxes, 1986 proof set
Mary Long: 2016S .25 set
McKayla Barton: 1907 .10
Cole Allen: book on US banknotes, coin book
Christine Barton: Calvin Coolidge \$1 set
Charles Benyak: 2014S .25 set
Bart Daniels: 100 2x2 .50, red book
Jeff Allen: bicentennial .50
Ed Scott: 3 casino chips albums
Robert Rodriguez: 2016S .25 set
MISSING SOME WINNERS HERE
no mystery box Ken was ill

Auctions

Paul Williams won 1987 MS69 eagle donated by Larry Demangate for \$35

I will be bringing in a set of US dollars for auction

Quarter Pot

Mike Carolan (not present) won the quarter pot.

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TWarrecker@collectors.com
www.longbeachexpo.com

February 24-25, Redwood Empire Coin Club Show, E L Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Admit:\$2, Tables: 60 Merle Avila, 707 585-3711 am, 707 824-4811
www.longbeachexpo.com

February 26, Cupertino Coin Club Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague, Expressway, San Jose, Admit:\$2, Tables:45, Bruce Braga, 408 839-1883
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The Other Coin: Early Russian Coins

My original collecting interests were the Three Romes: Rome, Byzantium, and Russia. I have a fairly complete Russian coin collection from ancient times to the present. Thanks to e-bay and metal detection, the early coins are more available, cheaper than ever.

The earliest Russian coins were minted on the Taman Peninsula in Tmutarakan, which controlled entry into the Azov Sea. The Byzantine mint of Cherson (now Sebastopol) was across the straits of Azov and minted coins from 400-1071AD. The first Russian coins minted were Byzantine imitations in design on thin Arabic flans. The Scandinavian Rus wanted control of trade routes from Scandinavia to the Black Sea to have to access to world trade.

Currency consisted of silver bars called kuna as well as Roman, Arab, and Byzantine coins. Recently converted to Orthodoxy, the Rus princes had nominally united the Russian lands from Novgorod to the Black Sea and Mstislav (988-1035AD), son of Grand Prince Vladimir and Anastasia, daughter of the Byzantine emperor Constantine IX established Kiev as his capitol. The Byzantine imitations have on the



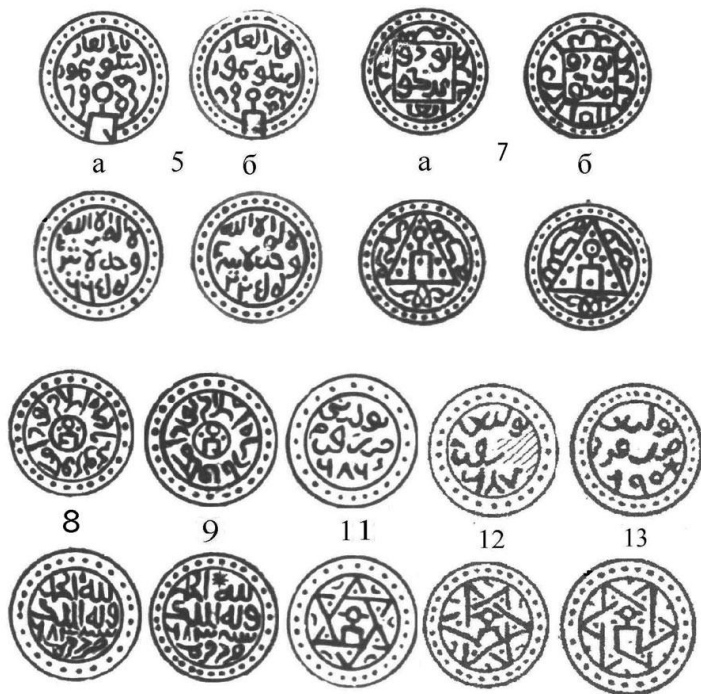
reverse random letters or simple squares. Russian had also recently become a written language based on Greek letters and several other symbols invented by Cyril (d.869), an Orthodox missionary. The thin flans followed Arabic coinage and the coins were the size between a quarter and half dollar. Vladimir (978-



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1015AD) had coins with actual inscriptions in Russian: "Vladimir is on the throne and this is his silver," Prince enthroned holding cross, reverse trident symbol of Vladimir. These coins along with a few gold coins are so rare that they are considered to be medals or presentation pieces. His son's coins have been found in sufficient quantity to be considered currency. Although Kiev became a city with churches, palaces, and a significant population, it was sacked by Russian Prince Andrei of Suzdal in 1169 and razed by the Mongol hordes in 1240, transferring the capitol north to Vladimir, then Moscow (c.1380).

Russian nationalists dismiss the coinage of the Mongol Golden Horde as alien and belonging to occupiers; but, in fact, Russian coinage was the coins of the Mongols and continued in circulation until 1784. The first coinage of the princes and Grand Prince of All the Russias imitated the Arabic coinage of the Golden Horde. The silver coins have much the same pattern,



consisting of a design with or without an Arabic inscription or prayer and a reverse with name, title, mint, and date of coinage. Coin 5 has a tamgha or design of Batu that looks like the top of a stick figure and says Khan Mengu-Timur, minted in Krim (Crimea). The reverse has the kalima: there is no god, but god and Mohammed is his prophet and date 665AH or 1266/7 AD. The sixes are backwards 4 and 5 a dot or circle

The date is better seen on 12 top with the backward 4 and upside down V followed by V or 687AH=1287/8 AD and says (Khan) Tula beg, minted Krim. The obverse has a star and Batu tamgha. Although silver coinage rarely had any figures, the copper coinage often had flowers, animals or even pagan gods on them. The animals are mostly thought to be part of the Chinese zodiac calendar year of horse, dog, rooster, etc. So 13th and 14th centuries pulcs of a lion (anonymous), dog (Abdullah), and flower and double-headed eagle of Janibeg.



The princes and Grand Prince of Russia were essentially the tax collectors of the Golden Horde, and they minted coins in their own name by the mid-14th century to impress their Tartar overlords with where the money was coming from and in response to a growing economy. The early coins copy Golden Horde inscriptions with varying degrees of fidelity.



Dmitri Donskoi (1359-1389AD), founder of the Muscovite grand principedom has an image of a man holding an ax with a Russian inscription as Grand Prince Dmitri Vasilievich and an Arabic reverse. His son Basil or Vasili(1389-1425AD) has a mounted knight with falcon and an ersatz Arabic inscription.

As Moscow expanded the varied coinage of

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Russia was standardized to the Moscow emblem of mounted knight, sometimes slaying a dragon.



Coins clockwise are from Novgorod, Pskov, Tver, and Suzdal. The mounted knight began with the reverse inscription of Grand Prince so-and-so of all the Russias, each prince being or claiming to be a prince of Rus, the Swedish Varangians or Rurikids that first settled Russia in the 9th century AD. Ivan III (1462-1505AD) used the title czar after marrying the last Byzantine princess Sophia Paleologue, a Russian spelling of caesar. His grandson Ivan the IV the Terrible, really terrifying, added the title to coins. Below is written czar, grand prince Ivan IV (1533-1584AD). Mint marks of usually



of one or two letters often appear under the horse. Here, on a coin of Czar Mikhail Feodorovich (Romanov, 1613-1645), Moscow is spelled out MOCKBA. The reverse reads Czar, grand prince Mikhail Feodorovich of all Russias. The coin type of knight with various arms and inscription remained constant through Peter the Great (1682-1725AD), who brought European presses and coin types to Russia. The wire denga was imitated by invaders, contenders, and rebels. Czar Aleksey (1645-1676AD) tried to make a copper coin in place of silver denga and almost lost his throne to rioters. The coins are plentiful and cheap, usually around \$10. The earlier coins and the various coins of the contenders for the throne during the Time of Troubles, 1610-1613 when the throne eventually passed from the Rurikids to the Romanovs are still less than \$100 and becoming more plentiful.

The wire coins were made from silver wire placed between a wedge shaped anvil hammered into wood and a shaft struck by a hammer. Several dies have



been found. Aleksey's copper denga above and a denga of Peter the Great with letters under the horse signifying the date, reverse reads Czar Peter Alexeivich of all Russias.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

Leston Lawrence received 30 months in jail and 190,000 fine in Canadian dollars for stealing gold blanks worth 139,000 from the Canadian mint that he secreted in his rectum. Speaking of Canada, they have coins with a cut out moose, diamond dust snow, and a glow in the dark skier. Palau's gold and silver skull coins sold out. And, if you thought

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Trump's official inaugural medal without his image and the congressional dome was dumb, the Ohio Republican Party and several others have made better medals, or you can wait for the US Mint's medals.



Continuing the wild and wacky, **Perth mint** has put a compass in a coin and **Pobjoy** has a blue titanium coin to celebrate blue whales. **Poland** continues minting coins for Nuie with a matryoshka doll, a happy baby, and a falcon of Tutankhamun with amber. The Polish mint was recently privatized and



has been making the meteorite coins and the Mount Vesuvius coins depicted in earlier newsletters. **The Danish Mint has closed** with further coin production being made in Finland now. **Canada is celebrating the demise of the penny** with silver coins with rose gold accents in a 5 coin set.



Reno Cartwheel

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 24th of January 7 PM (4th Tuesdays)
Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave. (at E. McCarran), Sparks

January 24 Dinner, Election, and So-Called Dollar movie with Jeff Shevlin himself.

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

March 28 I'm thinking Russian coins.

April 21-22 National Coin Week at the Museum ANA is celebrating "Conflict and Courage: Money and the Military."

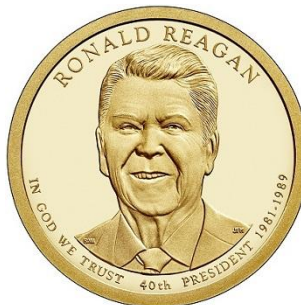
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At the Last Meeting 30 something people wheeled and dealed. I sold a ancients and got a large Reagan inaugural medal. Hope you made some money and found some treasures too. *I hope to join Ken at the museum Friday, February 24, but my wife is still babysitting on Fridays. Please call me and let me know if you can join me at the museum 10AM-3PM.* NA \$1 out Jan. 25, 1st .25 in February. Planing on breaking the tables apart and putting 3 chairs around, so that makes more room and more chairs for our dinner. Vote on that and consider joining the board or becoming on officer. No nominations at the December meeting. **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 or topics you would like to see: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net

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Early Bird Prize was a gold plated 2000 mint set won by Clayton Thomas
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Jerry Breedlove 2016S .25 set
Faye Allen: 1945 .50
Cole Allen: coin album, 4 PCGS boxes
Rick DeAvila: 3 casino chip albums, 3 US banknote books, coin boxes (gave to Shannon)
Milton Angel: World Coin books, 2015S .25 set
Ken Hopple: 1909 .10, 1988 proof set, chocolate coins
Clay Thomas: mostly filled .01 album
Ralph Doucette: Redbook
Bart Daniels: 2 \$1 set, mint Canadian .10&.05,
Jeff Allen: steel .01 set
Robert Rodriguez: 2016S .25 set
Clay Thomas: mint bag
mystery box was a 2015S mint set

Auctions

Milton Angel won 1890 CC silver \$1 donated by Doug Larson for \$120

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Doug Cummings (not present) won the quarter pot.
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February 3-4, San Francisco Coin, Stamp, Collectibles Show, SF Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd. Admit:\$4, Tables: 35, Scott Griffin, 415 601-8661 scott@griffincoin.com www.griffincoin.com

February 10-12, Las Vegas Coin, Currency, Stamp, Jewelry Show, Gold Coast Hotel, Las Vegas, Admit: Yes, Tables: ?, Israel Bick, 818 997-6496 iibick@sbcglobal.net shows.bickinternational.com www.sanjosecoinclub.org

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Not the Other Coin: So-Called Dollars

I didn't know anything about so-called dollars, until I looked them up. They are generally souvenir tokens and commemorative medals that are about the size of a silver dollar. They commemorate world fairs, city and state anniversaries, American battles, completion of public works and exclude advertising, political, and military medals. There are some 750 different coins, in small mintages cataloging US historical events. They also include silver medals minted in the 1800s as monetary bullion. The standard catalog of the medals: Harold Hibbler and Charles Kappen's *So Called Dollars* was first published in 1963, so only coins before 1962 are generally included. There have been two reprints of the book, and a revision in 2008. Jeff Shevlin's website has additional medals up to 1962 and medals for sale. www.so-calleddollar.com A new catalog, which will bring the so-called dollars up to date is being developed. Jeff Shevlin and William Hyder also have a detailed book on the 1939 Golden Gate Expositions medals. Another website: www.socalleddollar.com also has coins for sale and is keeping a tally of the coins known and examples of additional coins that should be included in the forthcoming book. Jeff Shevlin has contributed to all the various websites and is an expert on the so-called dollars. In addition, he contributed a section on So-Called Dollars to the 2017 *Mega Red Book*.



1826 Erie Canal medal

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The first so-called dollar celebrated the Erie Canal completion in 1826. Most are aware of the Columbia Exposition medals struck in 1893 in Chicago. More than a hundred different medals were struck there. The Centennial Exposition held in 1876 in Philadelphia also produced some 50 so-called dollars. They come in many different metals and shapes and were often designed by the engravers of the US mint and struck by the mint as well. Private mints struck about half of them, but most mintages numbered in the thousands and often survive in small numbers. Don't miss the DVD of Jeff Shevlin's presentation at the ANA National Money Show in Sacramento in 2011 with him there to answer any questions. Two Columbia Exposition medals:



Philadelphia Exposition medals:



World War II Victory medal and Oregon's 100th anniversary celebrating the Oregon Trail:



Numismatically yours,

David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

Initial ANA blurb on **National Coin Week**: Next year marks the 100th anniversary of United States involvement in "The War to End All Wars," World War I. To honor the connection between numismatics and the military throughout history, "Conflict and Courage: Money and the Military" has been selected as the theme for 2017 National Coin Week, April 16-22. The 94th annual event will focus on every-thing from ancient coins celebrating battles, to siege money of the Renaissance, to scrip, MPCs and

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commemorative coins around the world. The 225th anniversary of the mint is being celebrated by a gold coin below. I like the 200th anniversary better. The



gold and silver coins will have 225th anniversary on the edge. The **2017 British 12-sided pound coin** is on display. The plan to defeat counterfeiters is driving vendor machine operators crazy with millions in retooling costs. Flatter, thinner and a gram less in weight, the old thick round pound coins will be demonetize in October.



The Royal Dutch Mint has been sold to Belgium as a non-essential service. They can keep the name, but will

move the business elsewhere. *A Guide Book of the United States Mint*, by Q. David Bowers. The 448-page softcover book retails for \$24.95. Under \$20 at Amazon. Chapters cover: early American money and commerce; early mints in British North America (e.g., colonial Massachusetts and Connecticut) and the post-Revolutionary War states; the first federal coinage; the Philadelphia Mint; the New Orleans Mint; the Charlotte Mint; the Dahlonega Mint; the San Francisco Mint; the Carson City Mint; the Denver Mint; the West Point Mint; the Manila Mint in the Philippines; and private and territorial mints such as those of Templeton Reid, the Bechtler family, and many issuers of California and Colorado gold pieces. Chapter 13 covers “Mints That Never Were”—the Cincinnati Mining & Trading Company, the Dalles Mint in Oregon, LeRoy Henning’s nickel-counterfeiting operation in New Jersey, and others and several appendices on even more topics. *The Value of Money* covering the new Smithsonian display of coins is a very brief, poorly photographed and uninformative book. Sorry I bought it. The only known surviving intact experimental *all-glass penny*, manufactured in 1942 as a possible alternative to copper that was urgently needed during World War II, sold for \$70,500 in Heritage Auctions on Friday, January 6, 2017. **There are 1872S seated**



Liberties out there good enough to fool grading services reports *Numismatic News*. Very nice **video of the new Smithsonian display** at www.coinweek.com/recent-articles-video/coinweek-iq-numismatic-america-behind-scenes-national-numismatic-collection-4k-video **The 2017 .25 proof set** is out for \$14.95 already. Looks good. Obama signed the bill for **Apollo XI moon landing medal** for 2019.



Besides the 12 sided pound coin, the **Brits circulating coins in 2017** will feature a coin for 2 pound Jane Austen and WWI war in the air, and 50 pence Isaac



Newton. Canute and the Windsors grace the 5 pound coins. Financial services firm Ally has hidden 100



"lucky pennies" in 10 cities across the United States as part of their effort to demonstrate the value of every cent. Ally said the "lucky pennies" are slightly larger than a regular penny, with the Ally logo on the front and the number 100,000 on the back, signifying how many cents the Ally Lucky Penny are worth. That's \$1000. A Maine man, Mwashuma Sithole, has been sentenced to **10 month in prison for selling counterfeit Morgan**



dollars. He ordered coins that were offered as counterfeits made in China. The prosecutor says Sithole sold and pawned about \$12,000 worth of counterfeit Morgan dollars in Maine. After 34 years, **a second 1982-D Small Date cent struck on a 95-percent copper-alloy planchet has finally been found.** A Minnesota collector discovered it while sorting through 1982 cents by weight to save the copper-alloy pieces for their melt value. Copper-alloy cents weigh 3.1 grams and the copper-plated zinc cents weigh 2.5 grams. The 1982 varieties involve the so-called Large Date and Small Date die modification and the two different types of planchets used that year, solid copper-alloy and copper-plated zinc. Between the two planchet types and two styles of dies used, eight different combinations were possible between the Philadelphia and Denver mints. The penny is worth up to \$125 it seems. **Kisatchie National Forest quarter won the Coin of the Year best circulating coins** and the **Jonas Salk March of Dimes silver dollar won for most inspirational.** Italy won for best coin of year. *See them and all the other winners on line.* **A 2014 \$50 Gold Eagle incorrectly struck on a .9999 American Buffalo planchet was auctioned this week.** For \$20,000. It is the only wrong planchet error known in the entirety of United States gold coinage history. Though the Gold Eagle and American Buffalo \$50 coins have the same 32.7-millimeter diameter, they differ in thickness and weight. Due to the American Buffalo's finer composition, it is thicker and lighter.



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