

# Reno Cartwheel

## December 2018

### Next Meeting:

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

December 25. No meeting, no museum

January 22 Dinner, Elections, & The Carson Mint  
by Ken Hopple

January 25 New Coins at the Museum

February 22 New Coins at the Museum

February 26 Something Presidential Doug Larson

### The Last Meeting

23 played members got to play secret raffle. I won a couple prizes, but just have numbers for everyone else. **THE GREAT NEW CLUB MEDAL IS HERE!** The medals are selling by mail and at the club meeting. Please consider them as Christmas presents. **The coin press at the museum was running and has 6 designs in stock now:** pony express, Virginia Truckee railroad, CC Mint, state seal, and John Fremont. **There were 800 happy 2nd graders with pencils, coins, and quartz points as well as some happy teachers.** Will order **first in new dollar series American Innovators December 14.** Plan to get a P bag of 100. Rolls are 20 cents more a coin, but if there is enough interest I'll also get a D bag. Let me know. No prices yet, but **Apollo XI coins are coming out end of January**, like January 24th, Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now. We have board meetings before the meeting and ask for quiet so we can conduct business. Contact me: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net if any problems or ideas

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**Early Bird Prize:** 2018S .25 set by Jeff Allen

**Raffle prizes winners were:** Laurel Hogan, Shannon Holmes, Rick De Avila, Leo Rossow, Dave Lander, Ken Kellet, Mary Long, George Lee, Andre Assam, Gerald Breedlove, Gerhard Dohne, Jeff Allen, Ken Hopple, Robert Rodriguez, Trish Elliott, Dan Waterman, Paul Williams, Joe Wozniak, Milton Angel, Leo Rossow, David Elliott: sterling silver Morgan dollar that broke the coin press, 2009 penny set I just got numbers, not prizes.

### Auctions

No auctions

### Quarter Pot

Leo Rossow WON the quarter pot

**THANKS FOR DONATING TO THE RAFFLE!**

### Upcoming Coin Shows

**January 4, 5 Concord Coin Show**, Clarion Hotel,  
1050 Burnett Ave., Admit:\$3, Tables: 39, Bill Green  
925 351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com  
www.nocalcoinshows.com

**January 10-13 FUN Show**, Orange County  
Convention Center, 9800 International, Orlando, FL,  
Admit: FREE, Tables: 1500, Cindy Wibker 407 321-  
8747 CWibker@aol.com www.funtopics.com

**January 31-Feb 1-2 Long Beach Show**, Long Beach  
Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave., Admit:\$10,  
Tables: huge, Taryn Warrecker 805 680-0294  
TWarrecker@collectors.com www.longbeachexpo.com

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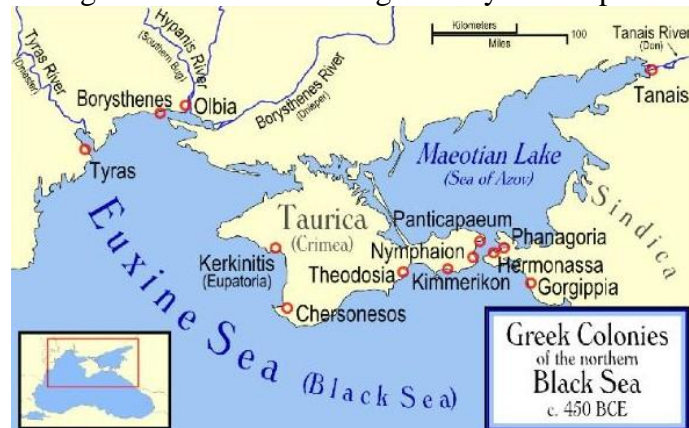


### Ukraine and the Crimea Coins, Part 1: The Beginning

Since the Ukraine and the Crimea are in the news a lot, a look at their coins can illuminate the basis of the struggle. First of all the Crimea was never part of the Ukraine until Stalin gave it to Ukraine after deporting all the Crimean Tartars to Siberia. Even though the Ukraine snatched territory during the Russian Civil War 1917-1921 it did not include the Crimea.



The Ukraine, which means borderland, was the home of the Scythians, Pechenegs, and various Slavic tribes that bordered the northern Black Sea of Greek colonies, then the Roman and Byzantine Empires and then southern Russia. Almost a dozen Greek mints produced coins, then the Bosphorus Kingdom (480BC-342AD), and the Byzantine mint of Cherson (400-1071AD). The northern Black Sea was a transit area for grain, slaves, honey, amber, gold, lumber, and trade from China, India, and Central Asia. Greek and Roman urban areas depended on the rich farmlands to feed their populations. Olbia is famous for their dolphin and gorgon coins minted as early as 5th century BC. The Greeks began a tradition of cast coinage that continued through the Byzantine period.







The coins of the Bosphorus Kingdom have remarkable portraits of rulers, including Roman rulers often placed on the reverse in both gold and copper. They worshiped Venus and Hercules and adopted Roman customs of trophies and architecture. Coins of Sauromates II (174-210 AD) with Roman emperors Septimus Severus and Caracalla and Hercules and the Golden hind. Also a coin of Rhescuporis I (68-90 AD) with king standing on captive before trophy and city gate with equestrian statue. The Cherson area maintained a quasi-independent role to Constantinople and made their own cast bronze coins for 700 years. Cast coins of Theodosius II, Justinian, and Basil I.



It is thought that the mint of Cherson was used by the Russians of Kiev to mint their first coins. The Rus princes, the same Varangians or Vikings seen in the TV show Vikings, 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 first Ukrainian coins have thin flans followed Arabic coinage and the coins were the size between a quarter and half dollar. Vladimir (978- 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 used on modern Ukrainian coins. These coins along with a few gold coins are so rare that they are considered to be medals or presentation pieces. His son Mstislav 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).



The Ukraine was the original homeland of Russia, but Moscow became the new master of all the Rus by agreeing to be the tax collector for the Mongols and recovered in decades rather than centuries that it took

Kiev. The Crimea and lands east of Ukraine all become homeland of the Mongol Golden Horde or the Crimean khans until 1774. South of Kiev the nomadic tribes of the Cossacks ruled into the 20th century, so that the Ukraine had no territory on the Black Sea.

.Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### Numismatic Potpourri

**2019 silver and platinum eagles and gold buffaloes available January 7. The finest Morgan set will be on display at the FUN show in Florida. 2019 National Park quarter for Lowell, MA launches February 6.** A woman at an early power loom. Should have saved that for the innovation series. Dilenia Fiore started collecting coins in February 2018 and **found seven examples of the rare 1995-D doubled die** obverse Lincoln Cent in her first month of collecting. They are worth \$1,000 each. She says she got started due to a video she saw on YouTube and immediately went to Facebook and became a member of COIN OPP (the group that sponsored the YouTube video), where she quickly learned about finding errors and **varieties in unsearched rolls and circulation change. American Numismatic Society has updated and enlarged its data base on Seleucid coins** <http://numismatics.org/sco/> Also available are scans from the Newman Project on early American coins <https://donum.numismatics.org/>





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A CC mint mark for this assay coin is the mark of Continental Coin Corporation made in the 1980s to counter the Hunt brothers attempt to corner the silver market. The silver was provided from the US Defense Logistics Agency and not minted by the San Francisco mint or assay office.



Authorities said when a customer attempted to withdraw \$20 on Sunday at around 11 p.m., the ATM machine spit out \$100 bills in place of two \$10s. When the man posted about it on social media, a crowd rushed to the location, deputies said. A few fights ensued while people waited in line to make money from the ATM glitch. The free-for-all continued for two-hours before authorities arrived. They will be able to keep the additional money dispensed the ATM company said. **The Canadian mint is selling Polish coins minted for Niue for \$105 with porcelain and golden dragon and a real pearl of good luck tree for Chinese New Year. We sell a wimpy dollar bill for \$6 from US mint on December 18. It's the year of the pig.**



Several new Q. David Bowers new guidebooks for Morgan dollar, Civil War tokens, Barber silver coins, and Lincoln cents. David Lisot and the Newman Numismatic Portal concluded an agreement to make the **David Lisot video library available via Newman Portal**. There are over 1,800 videos. <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediatdetail/522852> **On Youtube and Newman Numismatic Portal is a video on the Nova Constellation**. Its creator is Lianna Spurrier. She has got her several contracts for more coin videos. *Lost And Found: The Nova Constellation Set* <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/557666> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bVMPYc17rc> **Artifacts from the SS Central America are going on sale to pay off Tommy Thompson creditors** as he sits in jail refusing to cooperate with courts. Items include the ship's bell, cigars, clothing, passenger tickets, clothing, and various bottles and china. **Chinese notes clearly labeled as fake (in Chinese) passed freely in Canada until a court ruled they were counterfeits.**



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**November 30 New Coins at the Museum**

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### The Last Meeting

23 members got to see some local ore samples Rusty brought in from an old gold mine. Everyone else was watching the world series. **THE BEAUTIFUL NEW CLUB MEDAL IS HERE!** Buy 10, great Christmas present. **Thanks to Jerry and Sam Dibitonto for helping out.** All the old medals were sold to large crowd at the museum on 9-27. **The museum coin press was making battle born/state capitol medals for Nevada Day** and has 6 designs in stock now: pony express, Virginia Truckee railroad, CC Mint, state seal, and John Fremont. **Ordered last 2018 .25. Should get here in time for me to make up some S .25 sets for 2018.** Two islands and 3 birds, a nice set and stocking stuffer. Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now. We have board meetings before the meeting and ask for quiet so we can conduct business. Contact me: 815-8625  
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### Raffle prizes winners were:

Bart Daniel: **mystery box** RCC silver club medal, 1995 proof set, 2001 mint set, mint bag  
Cohn: Barber .25  
Laurel Hogan: 1944 Merc .10, LV bingo chip  
Thomas Charleton: type set capitol holder, 1978 mint set  
Rick De Avila: Indian head .01, chocolate coins, 2x2  
Bill Nailer: book on Georgia mint, chocolate coins  
Milton Angel: set NA \$1  
Joe Wozniak: 2016S .25 set, storage boxes  
Dave Loder: 1995 .01 roll, bag of NV tokens  
Phil Shallit: buffalo .05  
Jerry Breedlove: 2x2 coin holders  
Ken Hopple: 1g silver bar  
Leo Rossow: coin albums  
David Elliott: coin wallets



### Auctions

1898 O \$1 donated by David Elliott won by Rick De Avila for \$36

### Quarter Pot

Robert Rodriguez won the quarter pot, but no .25 in.  
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### Upcoming Coin Shows

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info@ckshows.com www.ckshows.com

**November 30-Dec 1 San Francisco International Coin Show**, Holiday Inn golden Gateway, 1500 Van Ness Ave., Admit:\$8, Tables:?, Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 scott@griffin.com www.griffincoin.com

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### Not the Other Coin: New Reno Coin Club Medal



Our new medal celebrates the 50th anniversary of Eva Adams Director of the US Mint 1961-1969 and the moon landing 1969 with an engine developed and tested in Palomino Valley, NV. Eva Adams was a member of the Reno Coin Club until her death in 1991. She gave autographed dollars bills to the young members of the club. She was born in Wonder, Nevada on September 10, 1908. Her father worked for mining magnate George Wingfield, and set up hotels, bars, and commissaries in Wingfield's mining camps. The family had to move from camp to camp for years before Adams' mother insisted the family settle down in Reno. Eva Adams graduated from Reno High School at age 14. She then attended the University of Nevada, Reno. After college, Adams moved to Las Vegas to become a teacher at Las Vegas High School. She went back east to earn an MA in English and a law degree. She returned to Nevada in 1940 to briefly join the English department of UNR. Shortly thereafter, Senator Pat McCarran invited her to move to Washington to become his administrative assistant. She worked for Senator McCarran until his death in 1954, Senator Ernest S. Brown, and then Senator Alan Bible. In 1961, President of the United States John F. Kennedy named Adams Director of the US Mint, and Adams subsequently held that office from October 1961 until August 1969. The end of silver coinage caused a coin shortage as people hoarded silver coins. She requested the coin press at the Nevada State Museum be sent to Denver to help make coins. The coin press then had a history of minting coins for Carson City, San Francisco, and Denver. We are proud to have her on our new medal. The Reno arch is to the right. We are also celebrating the landing on the moon in 1969 and Nevada's involvement. From 1962 to 1970,

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Rocketdyne operated a vast facility on nearly 200 square miles of land mostly east of Pyramid Highway between Sparks and Pyramid Lake. Hidden from public view and under tight security, engineers erected massive apparatus to test engines and thrusters that would be used on Gemini and Apollo spacecraft, the lunar module and the space shuttle. The rocket that lifted Buzz Aldrin from the moon came from the testing facility at Palomino Valley. The reverse is based on the Eagle has landed design found on the Susan B. Anthony and Eisenhower dollar with the dates of the moon landing above. Medals will sell for \$65 for silver, \$15 for brass and copper.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Well, I was right about the **design for the moon coin out in January**. No pricing yet. There will be a \$5 gold coin, a standard size \$1 silver coin, a half dollar clad coin, and a five ounce \$1 silver proof coin. In a manufacturing first for the Mint, the five ounce silver proof coin will be curved, as will the other coins in the program with a concave footprint and convex helmet. Nearly **1,000 certified items from the collection of astronaut Neil Armstrong** were sold by Heritage Auctions. Armstrong carried this Apollo 11 Gilt Fliteline Medal on the Apollo 11 lunar module. It realized \$275,000. Favored **design for 2019 Native**



**American dollar has feathers and planets with a lot of cool designs with spaceship rejected.** Does not appear to be a final decision yet. Evidently someone told the mint there are 500 tribes, and they have let bureaucrats at National Museum of the American Indian in DC and NY come up with themes celebrating government except for Eastman :2020 Anti-discrimination Act of 1945, 2021 American Indians in the US military service, 2022 Ely Samuel Parker, 2023 Charles Alexander Eastman. 2024 The Indian Citizenship Act of 1924. Hope there will be some nice designs anyway. While Robert



**Rodriguez is torturing his 1792 dime in the cyclotron in Chicago. He has some new treasures; in particular a pattern 1792 George Washington half dollar.** Peter Getz struck these trial pieces in 1792 in silver and copper presumably in hopes of getting a job or contract from the US mint. Nice portrait of George Washington, who did not want to be king or have his portrait on US coins. Just 22 examples of all variants of the silver coins. **The US Mint will be selling currency for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing**, starting now on their website. **The US Mint also has their presidential coins on silver eagle planchets** for sale for \$40 or \$45 with an official engraving from BEP. Terrelle Robert Talbot requested various bank tellers exchange rolled \$2 coins for banknotes. **The rolls of coins looked authentic with a real toonie on either end, but unbeknownst to the tellers, all the other coins inside the roll were actually metal washers.** 17 banks in British Columbia were defrauded of more than \$30,000. **They decided on 2020 Coast Guard design** on 2.5 ounce silver coins and almost have the design for Air Force. The jets on the obverse with memorial and honor guard or eagle on the reverse. All the services get medals.

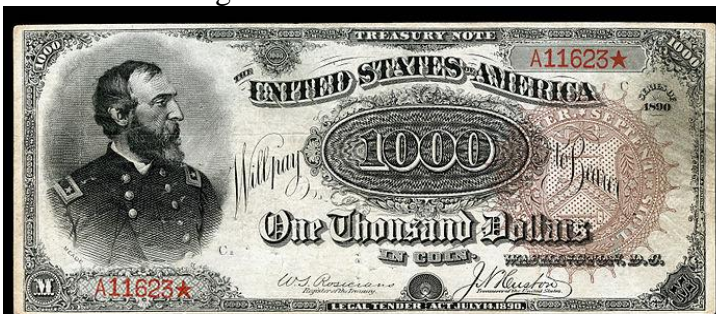


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The rarest and most famous of all U.S. currency notes, the legendary 1890 \$1,000 Treasury Note, known as the Grand Watermelon due to the design of the large zeroes on the reversed side of the bill, resembling watermelons, became the single most valuable piece of currency when it sold for \$3,290,000. The portrait of General George Meade on the \$1000 Note was engraved by renowned artist and line engraver Charles Burt.



The US Mint at their annual meeting said a great many programs will be directed at children and

youth next year, will be more active in legislation concerning coinage and plans to **have joint products with the Canadian, British, and Australian mints**. Most intriguing of all they said they will be introducing error coins into circulating coinage for people to find. **The new polymer notes in Britain, Canada, New Zealand and elsewhere have a bit of tallow in them complain vegans**. The American Numismatic Society (ANS) this week mounted an exhibit in the ANS foyer, displaying select examples from the recently acquired Medallion Arts Company (MACO) archives. In 2018, the ANS acquired the archives of MACO, a collection of more than 50,000 items of historic and numismatic significance. MACO was founded in New York City around 1909 as a private mint producing medals and galvanos by some of the most prominent American sculptors of the twentieth century. The ANS acquired the archives as part of the bankruptcy proceedings of the Northwest Territorial Mint in a bid to preserve the heritage of the important mint and make available its archives for future study and research. **British Library put on display a rare coin of King Offa of Mercia, who reigned between 757AD to 796AD**. He minted hundreds of gold dinars featuring his name and the Islamic declaration of faith. The Christian ruler sought to trade with Europe and the Mediterranean including the then Muslim-controlled Spain, which explains the coinage.



**Proof Platinum Eagles in years 2021 to 2025 will depict obverse designs emblematic of the five freedoms enumerated in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution: the freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to peaceably assemble, and freedom to petition the government for a redress of grievances. A \$2 circulation coin marking the 100th anniversary of the First World War Armistice by the**



**Royal Canadian Mint.** Recalling the signing of the historic peace treaty that officially ended the Great War on Nov. 11, 1918. A total of three million coins, including two million selectively colored and one million unpainted, will be issued nationwide. On January 1st, 2015, **Lithuania officially changed their**



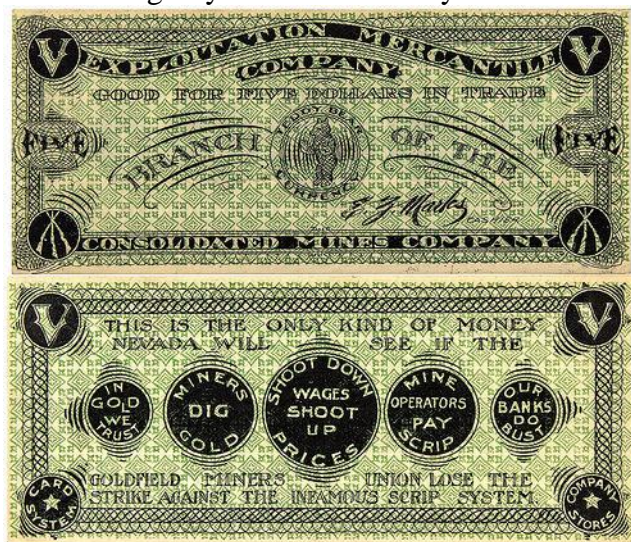
**national currency to the euro, joining many other European nations in using the widely accepted monetary system. So, to celebrate, they broke a world record with a pyramid made out of their disused coins, over a million one-cent pieces . The project was the brainchild of two Lithuanian physics students, Vytautas Jakstas and Domas Jokubauskis, who wanted to create a fitting memorial to the currency they grew up with.**



**Cool Deep Space 9 coin from Canada, about 31g, about \$115.** It's the 25th anniversary of DS9 this year.



**In 1905 the International Workers of the World (IWW or Wobblies) was created. In 1906 Goldfield** had suddenly emerged as the biggest, most important, richest mining area in the United States. It would make a great place for the IWW to flex its muscles. In December 1906 and January 1907 they orchestrated small strikes for higher wages and it looked like the union would win this victory. But at the same time George Wingfield was gaining strength among the mine owners. He has become the most important owner, powerful and was unscrupulous. He convinced Governor Sparks to get Teddy Roosevelt to call in Federal Troops. He manipulated a jury into finding the strike leaders guilty. The strike utterly failed.



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About 30 members got to see old photos of Northern NV collected by Stan Paher. Yes, I left out the previously. He sold several books, but has more. Great time in Europe. Got to see both major Roman coin collections, but missed the Numismatic Museum in Athens. You cannot see Athens in a day. **We are looking for a minter for the new club coin** with Eva Adams. No free moon landing die, so we will likely have the state seal on the reverse, since making two dies is costly. I got hold of Medalcraft that ended up with a lot of the Northwest Territory Mint (formerly in Dayton) dies, but they insist they have no moon related die and making two dies puts the cost of the coins over \$8,000. All the old medals were sold to large crowd at the museum on 9-27. The museum coin press was making Pony Express coins when **Laurel and I were there in September, her last trip to the museum. Thanks for all the hard work, Laurel! She is the new sponsor of the mystery box.** Trish has rearranged her babysitting schedule to go with me from now on. **Last 2018 .25 out November 13th**, a heron from Rhode Island. I will make up some S .25 sets for 2018. Two islands and 3 birds, a nice set and stocking stuffer. Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now. We have board meetings before the meeting and ask for quiet so we can conduct business. Contact me: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net if any problems or ideas.

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Dan Waterman: 1978 proof set, 2002 proof set  
Milton Angel: 1 gram silver, Georgia Mint book, 1875 Barber .25  
Bart Daniel: **mystery box** NV token, PDS .25 set  
Jerry Breedlove: 1977 unc set  
Joe Wozniak: 1980 proof set, 2013S .25 set  
Jeff Allen: Mercury .10  
Faye Allen: Indian head .01  
Mary Long: NA \$1 set, full date buffalo .05  
Ken Hopple: bag of game tokens  
Leo Rossow: album for Morgan dollars  
Phil Bushard: 1 gram silver bar  
David Elliott: mint bag  
Dave Loder: Barber .25  
Thomas Charleton: type set album

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No auctions

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**October 20 Delta Coin Club Show**, Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon St., Stockton Admit:FREE, Tables:40+, Ruben Smith 209 982-5961 rubensmith@hotmail.com

**October 27-28 Fresno Coin Club Show**, Las Palmas Maconic Center, 2992 E.Clinton Ave Admit:\$2, Tables: 45, R, Clifton 559 738-8128 www.fresnocoinclub.com

**November 2,3 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 9,10 Sunnyvale Coin Show**, Domain Hotel, 1085 E. El Camino Real Admit:\$3, Tables:34, Bill Green 925 351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com www.norcalcoinshows.com

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### The Other Coin: Ancient Coins in Italy



The 20 foot modern frieze shows die cutting, weighing the blanks, warming the blanks in an oven heated with bellows, striking the coin, polishing the coin or later using wine lees to bring the small amount of silver (3%) to the service to give a thin coating of silver to coins, (Juno Moneta's geese that warned Rome of invasion in the early Republic), bagging the coins with the paddle that was also used to toss coins to the crowds, distributing the coins in a cart, and Mercury, god of commerce with money bag and caduceus at end.

I missed the Numismatic Museum of Athens with its 300,000 Greek coins in Schliemann's house going to the Parthenon and main Greek museum, so I'll just have to go back. However, I had nine days in Rome and saw most everything as well as made a beeline to Naples museum, so can report on the best and largest Roman coin collections. I did not come across any coin stores, which were likely closed anyway along with all the laundromats in Rome. In August, everyone goes on vacation. Large Roman antiquity museums did usually offer a selection of Roman coin copies. A special export license is necessary to bring a Roman or any Italian coin over 200 years old and you are supposed to declare it at customs.

In Rome, the main Roman coin collection is at the Massimo Museum across from Diocletian's Baths, which also has a Papal coin collection and Italian coin collection developed from Vittorio Emanuele II's collection, who united and created Italy in 1870. All three collections emphasized gold coins with some silver and few bronzes, except for the early



Republican Roman coins, which were cast bronze coins. The Naples, Massimo and Capitoline museums all had exquisite collections of these huge coins, often referred to as paperweights or hockey pucks. The As with the two faced Janus and prow is 66-67 mm and 259-266 grams, more than half a pound and truly larger than a hockey puck. Just to rub it in all three museums had hoards of these coins, dozens in piles. This caused me to whine that they should share and give me one of these \$6000 coins. I will have to content myself with my banged up sextans one-sixth of an As bought for \$250, the most expensive coin in my collection. Both the collection at Massimo and Naples not only had every Republican cast bronze I had ever seen cataloged, but also many I had never seen. They were all arranged in denominations and in extra fine condition.



The much coveted Roman As above with Janus and prow. Early Roman Rude, lumps of bronze on scale and bars with images, whole and broken for change, and a hoard of Roman Ases.

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and army paymasters also counter stamped coins to tariff them as good in Greek and Roman times. Below a limes denarius of Maximus, a counter stamped Seleucid coin by a city, and a counter marked denarius of Augustus with a legion's mark. Any bronze coin copy was accepted for small change, copy, foreign, or ancient, so barbarous 2nd century bronzes and copies of Constantine coins (real and copy below) were accepted as real, just as hard time tokens, Conder tokens, and Civil War tokens were accepted in the US for small change.



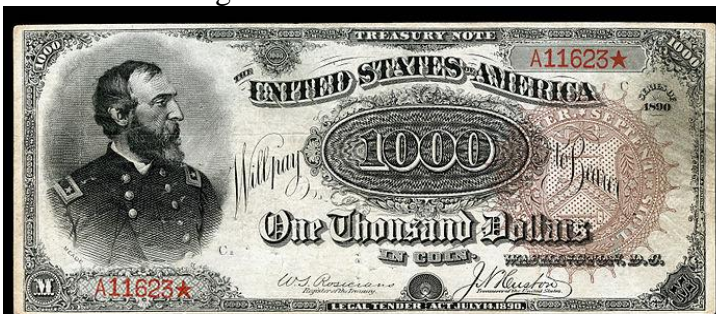
The Republican denarius was represented, but no attempt was made for completion. Periods of Roman history had gold or silver coins for most emperors and some usurpers, but was also not complete. Of course



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The rarest and most famous of all U.S. currency notes, the legendary 1890 \$1,000 Treasury Note, known as the Grand Watermelon due to the design of the large zeroes on the reversed side of the bill, resembling watermelons, became the single most valuable piece of currency when it sold for \$3,290,000. The portrait of General George Meade on the \$1000 Note was engraved by renowned artist and line engraver Charles Burt.



The US Mint at their annual meeting said a great many programs will be directed at children and

youth next year, will be more active in legislation concerning coinage and plans to **have joint products with the Canadian, British, and Australian mints**. Most intriguing of all they said they will be introducing error coins into circulating coinage for people to find. **The new polymer notes in Britain, Canada, New Zealand and elsewhere have a bit of tallow in them complain vegans**. The American Numismatic Society (ANS) this week mounted an exhibit in the ANS foyer, displaying select examples from the recently acquired Medallist Arts Company (MACO) archives. In 2018, the ANS acquired the archives of MACO, a collection of more than 50,000 items of historic and numismatic significance. MACO was founded in New York City around 1909 as a private mint producing medals and galvanos by some of the most prominent American sculptors of the twentieth century. The ANS acquired the archives as part of the bankruptcy proceedings of the Northwest Territorial Mint in a bid to preserve the heritage of the important mint and make available its archives for future study and research. **British Library put on display a rare coin of King Offa of Mercia, who reigned between 757AD to 796AD**. He minted hundreds of gold dinars featuring his name and the Islamic declaration of faith. The Christian ruler sought to trade with Europe and the Mediterranean including the then Muslim-controlled Spain, which explains the coinage.



**Proof Platinum Eagles in years 2021 to 2025 will depict obverse designs emblematic of the five freedoms enumerated in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution: the freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to peaceably assemble, and freedom to petition the government for a redress of grievances. A \$2 circulation coin marking the 100th anniversary of the First World War Armistice by the**



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it fun to see Roman gold that no one can afford, and they often showed interesting reverses, not just profiles and busts. They even had Republican gold some of the rarest of all Roman coins.

The Massimo did have a complete collection by pope or ruler of Rome, although again either gold and silver, which meant the gold was often one of a handful of known coins. Representative coins from the twenty-something or more divisions of Italy were represented, often in gold and unified Italy was fairly complete up to WWII sometimes with dies of then circulating coins. No euros. The Massimo also had a good collection of hoards, an example of coins drawn up from a well, complete with stratification, many Roman forger molds, and a map of Roman trading routes from China to England.

Besides a great collection of Republican bronze cast coins, Naples also had collections of coins from the Greek colonies in southern Italy, usually silver, and hoards of coins found in Pompeii. One in particular had the daily take of a tavern, hundreds of bronze coins adding up to about \$300 in daily money or what a worker would make in a week. There was also a hoard of small change that had coins from all over the world: Egypt, Spain, Asia Minor, and Italy underscoring that small change could be any bi of metal. It was true that if you're interested in the art and remains of Pompeii and Vesuvius, all the good stuff is in Naples, collecting things since the mid 1700s with room after room of Roman paintings, and statues both marble and bronze.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

## Numismatic Potpourri

The big news is the on and off **new dollar coin program of famous inventions** not sold anymore was to begin in November 2018, but had all the proposed designs rejected. I thought the George Washington signature on the first patent was a clever dodge, and it was kept. There's a new Liberty, which several commentators says needs stars or something, gears, a statement saying Washington signed the first patent, and a shield with eagle on union shield, plow, bushel, hammer and gear, which is the old patent office

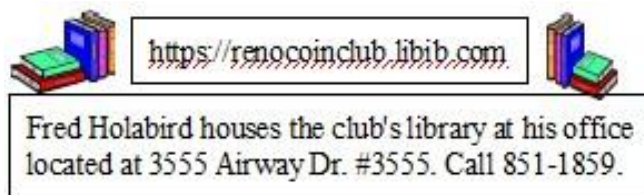
emblem. *No word on the four coins supposed to come out next year.*



**The 5 quarter designs for 2019.** The Lowell, MA has an early automated loom (should have saved that for the innovator thing) Marianna has a WWII memorial and Guam a WWII scene. Texas wanted an Alamo thing, but that commemorated shooting Mexicans and taking Texas away from Mexico, so its doing Spanish missions. Idaho has a nice River of No Return coin, although the proposed wolf staring at you is cooler.



The first part of chemical analysis of early US coins has been completed for 1794 and 1795. If interested: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/554528>. If interested: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/554528> Some 300 gold solidi from the late 5th century were discovered while tearing down a theater in Lake Como, Italy. Near mint state coins of Valentinian III (425-455 AD), Leo I (457-474 AD), and Libius Severus (461-465 AD) are being cleaned and conserved. Depending on the number of Libius Severus coins, a rare emperor worth ten times the other two emperors, the hoard is worth somewhere between a \$500,000 or a million dollars. **Monnaie de Paris continues honoring French artworks** at [www.monnaiedeparis.fr](http://www.monnaiedeparis.fr)



# Reno Cartwheel

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### Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> of August** (4th Tuesdays)  
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August 28 **Counterfeit Coins** *Please bring your counterfeit coins*

**No museum visit August 24**

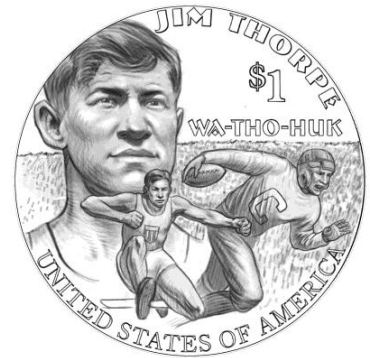
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**At the Last Meeting** 24 members got to see a nice collection of the inaugural presidential medal by the mint and private minters. The US Mint will be reproducing the series in order with 4 a year on silver eagle flans. They keep the more popular presidents available in 3 inch for \$40 and 1 ½ inch for \$8 and the others can be made on request. **The mint has approved the famous inventions no longer being sold series for a new run of dollar coin, beginning next year.** The first coin will feature George Washington's signature on the first US patent. The **Medalic Arts dies held by NW Mint will soon be available for remakes by Medalcraft Mint in Wisconsin** and they are planning to make medals from dies on demand. We are almost done on a **coin design with Eva Adams and the moon landing**, and are awaiting the design choices for the moon landing. The museum coin press was running when Milton and I were there in July. **Next .25 out September 13<sup>th</sup>, but I will likely not be able to order until Sept. 22 or so. Will try. 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 *I will be gone for the August meeting and there will be no September newsletter* as I will be in Europe on long planned Greece and Italy trip.

**MN .25 & NA \$1 here.**



SF set of all five 2013-2017S quarters in case \$5  
National Park Quarters PDS .50  
Presidential, Native American D P \$1.25

**Early Bird Prize** was 1978 mint set won by Gary Meckler.

### Raffle prizes winners were:

Milton Angel: BEP repro, gold coins holder, 1 gram silver  
Jerry Breedlove: 1981 proof set, Georgia mint book, coin holders  
Ed Scott: 1987 proof set, coin album, coin holders  
Ken Hopple: chocolate coins  
Leo Rossow: 1974 mint set, Indian head .01  
David Elliott: 50 state quarter album  
Dave Loder: Barber .25 Jeff Allen: Mercury .10  
Thomas Charleton: 2009 .01 roll, steel .01 set **mystery box**, 2 NV mint state .25  
Rick De Avila: Mercury .10, NA \$1 set  
Don Stamps: transportation tokens  
Bill Naylor: 1998 proof set, 1988 proof set  
Gary Meckler: 2006 mint set Denver, FDR .10, buffalo .05  
Bart Daniel: NA \$1 set

### Auctions

No auctions.

### Quarter Pot

Mile Carolan (not present) won the quarter pot.

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### Upcoming Coin Shows

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**September 9 Livermore Coin Club Show**, Elks Lodge 940 Larkspur Drive, Admit: FREE, Tables: 33, Jonathan Mitchell 925 954-5221 jmmitchell@neighborhoodam.com **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

**September 15 Northern California Numismatic Association Seminar**, *Why collect these?* at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin St. FREE www.solanocoinclub.com

**September 21-23 Santa Clara Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show**, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Admit: \$6, Tables: 76+, Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 scott@griffincoin.com www.griffincoin.com

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### The Other Coin: Ancient Counterfeits

The earliest forms of coinage consisted of gold and silver jewelry as well as gold and silver bars, lumps, and pieces of jewelry and vessels often called hack silver. Small change, usually used to buy daily food,



could by definition not be counterfeited, since they were tokens. Where gold and silver were valuable by weight, tokens were fiat money, often of shells or copper. And could be anything cast metal: Greek fish and arrowhead, Celtic coin, bell wheel, and rings,



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Roman scallop, and Chinese knife, hoe, key, and cash coins. The Chinese continued the Sumerian tradition of using shells, actual cowry shells, or one's made of bone, clay, and cast bronze. Small change continued to be anything throughout the world, we had Conder tokens, hard time tokens, pieces of eight, and bits of Spanish silver, all as small change. The Chinese were unusual in that they had very little silver and expensive things were bought with gold or cartloads of cash coins.

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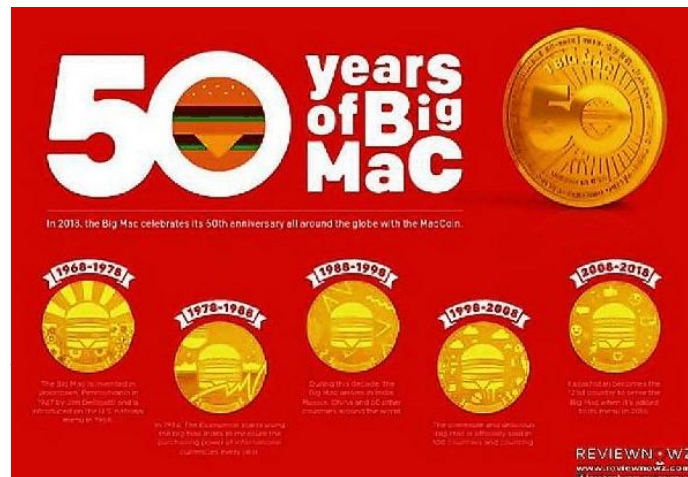


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## Numismatic Potpourri



The big news is **MacDonald's is celebrating 50 years of the Big Mac with 5 different coins** that can be traded in for a Big Mac or collected. There will be 6 million coins issued. **Details of the new dollar coin series will include 57 coins, not to be put in circulation, and mintage of only 4 million per coin. The first issue will come out later in 2018. The common obverse design for the series will be dominated by a new Statue of Liberty design** (proposals below). The reverse of the 2018 release will include a facsimile of President George Washington's signature on the very first US patent, which was in the year 1790. Issues two through 57 will honor on the reverse a significant innovation, an innovator, or a group of innovators from each of the 50 states, then for the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories. From 2019 onward, these coins will be issued at the rate of four per year, making this a 15-year program. *The quarter series of famous women and our Carson City commemorative are still not approved. Gold and silver have reached new lows thanks to our booming economy and strengthening of the dollar.* A Canadian firm used two of its submersibles to locate and identify a 19<sup>th</sup>



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century **Imperial Russian warship the Dmitri Donskoi believed to be holding 200 tons of gold worth billions of dollars.** The warship sunk off the coast of Korea in 1905, when a naval battle known as the Battle of Tsushima took place during the Russo-Japanese War. Russia gets half of the gold if found, and the rest is divided between US, Canada, and South Korea. **Hong Kong's new anti-counterfeit bills** with dynamic



shimmering pattern, windowed metallic thread, water mark, fluorescent see-through denomination, embossing, and concealed denomination, so that when the note is tilted under the light, the denomination numeral hidden in the background can be seen. *Does this mean their own counterfeiters helped design the bill?* The **reverse proof mint set sold about half the mintage on 7-23.** Still some left. They are striking. The field is frosted and the relief is polished. **Jonathan Kirschner, of Moorestown, N.J., sold counterfeit NGC holders since mid-2017 has pleaded guilty to importing counterfeit coins and bars into the US.** Looking at 15 years in prison. New biography of John Mackay, who



hit it rich with the Comstock Lode, the source of silver for coinage for decades on end. **The Bonanza King: John Mackay and the Battle over the Greatest Riches in the American West** by Gregory Crouch. Our Jeff Shevlin has **The Annual So-Called Dollar Collectors Pocket Price Guide, Pacific Coast Expositions, 1st Edition**, in soft cover, 68-page reference which has all the types illustrated in full color. It is a price guide with SH (Shevlin) numbers cross-referenced with the So-Called Dollars 2nd Edition by Hibler and Kappen (Harold E. Hibler & Charles V. Kappen) \$20, the big book is \$60. **The Continental dollar is in the news.** David Bowers notes that not a single reference in print has been found about metal 1776 Continental dollars in circulation in America in 1776 or any time later! He challenged anyone to come up with a reference and to identify the minter EG, whose initials are on many pewter Continental dollars. Dave Bowers can be reached at qdbarchive@metrocast.net & EG my have been found by Ed Hohertz. Elias Gervais, a die cutter and mint master in Cologne from 1750-1777. The initials he used were EG and EGF (F or Latin fecit made it). His initials can be seen on the Cologne thalers of 1759 (EGF), 1762 (EG), and of 1777 (EG). His initials also appear on other coins of Cologne and Trier. David Bowers argues the Continental dollar was made in Europe as a souvenir for supporters of the American Revolution. Newly introduced legislation is calling for the **United States Mint to strike square commemorative coins in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the integration of baseball in 2022.** On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson integrated the National League's Brooklyn Dodgers and on July 5, 1947, Larry Doby integrated the American League with the Cleveland Indians. These coins would be square. Reverses would share a common image depicting a baseball diamond. A competition would determine their obverse design will be emblematic of the integration of the game of baseball. **One of 13 Compound Interest Treasury Notes of the \$100 denomination came up for auction by Stacks Bowers.** Issued to help fund the Civil War, these notes bore interest at the rate of 6% per annum for three years. The notes were only payable at maturity with the bearer being due a total

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of \$119.40 upon redemption. It last sold for \$66,000. Washington stands between the Guardian with flag, arms, and cannon, and Justice with shield and scales.



**Somali and Venezuela currency have become worthless**, but inhabitants have taken very different approaches to the problem. Venezuelans have made handcraft artwork and purses from the worthless currency to sell for US and Columbian money while Somalians rely on phones for financial transactions being forced to used bales of cash and wheelbarrows to exchange Somalia cash for a few dollars. Isn't socialism grand?



**New York Bank Hoard, a group of 16,000 Morgan Dollars** in US Treasury bags for more than 50 years boasts a number of high grade pieces, including 118 that graded NGC MS 67. Eleven different issues were represented: the 1878S (one bag), the 1880S (two bags), the 1881S (one bag), the 1883O (one bag), the 1884O (one bag), 1886 (one bag), the 1887 (four bags), the 1888 (one bag) and the 1889 (one bag). **The latest recovery of sunken treasure from the legendary Ship of Gold, the SS Central America, includes six coins that now comprise the finest known San Francisco Mint denomination set for \$1, \$2.50, \$3, \$5, \$10 and \$20 gold pieces.** All are 1857 except for the \$1 coin is 1856. All were found in a safe recovered from the wreck. All MS64+ or better. Charles E. Barber, best known for his Liberty head or Barber nickels, dimes, quarters and half dollars, was Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint from 1880 until 1917. Many believed he was a most disagreeable fellow who didn't get along with his peers. **John Frost, who presented a complete variety set of the 20 cent piece at the CC museum and found the CC die of one variety, was able to meet and visit with two of Barber's great-grandsons and discovered new pictures of Barber.**



**Metal detectors gained permission to search the Schiff Natural Lands Trust in Mendham, N.J., in late 2007 and have been working the property since then.** It was just this summer when four of the rare Washington inaugural buttons were pulled from the ground. Estimates set the value near \$7,500 each.





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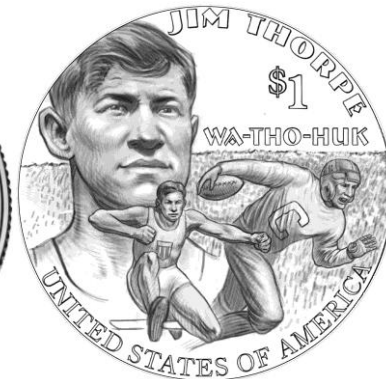
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### The Last Meeting

About 30 members got to share favorite coins. Robert brought the first US overstrikes 1796 eagle and 1796 half dollar, both using recut 1795 dies. David brought a few more Georgian coins and the mixed paper and polymer Noah ark banknote from Armenia. Several coins were sold. **Mark Amodei's bill for a commemorative dollar for the CC mint moves forward (HR 6221) to the Finance committee**, seeking up to 100,000 \$5 gold coins and a maximum of 500,000 silver dollars in collector qualities of proof and uncirculated for issue during calendar year 2020 with a surcharge of \$35 per gold coin and \$10 per silver dollar going to the museum. *Thanks Rusty.* We are almost done on a **coin design with Eva Adams and the moon landing**, The museum coin press was running when Laurel and I were there in June. **Next .25 out September 13<sup>th</sup>, but I will likely not be able to order until Sept. 22 or so..Will try. Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now.** Fred Holabird gave us a bunch of tokens. I have divided them up in thematic groups for the raffle. 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 *I will be gone for the August meeting and there will be no September newsletter as I will be in Europe on long planned Greece and Italy trip.* 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net if any problems or ideas.

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David Elliott: 50 state quarter album  
Rick De Avila: Mercury .10, NA\$1 set  
Ken Hopple: Sees chocolate coins, 1993 proof set  
Ed Scott: 2003 uncirculated set  
Don Stamps: **mystery box** 2010 roll of .01 & set 3 steel  
Bill Naylor: 1998 proof set, 1988 proof set  
Milton Angel: **mystery box** penny set, \$1 coin albums  
Laurel Hoggan: 3 grams of silver  
Joe Wozniak: MN.25 set  
Dan Waterman: 1964 Roosevelt .10  
Bart Daniel: Indian head .01  
Thomas Charleston: recent Red book

### Auctions

Auction catalogs donated by Paul William sold for \$15 to Laurel Hoggan and \$8 to Milton Angel.  
1991 silver eagle donated by Larry Demangate won by Jeff Allen for \$26.

### Quarter Pot

Laurel Hoggan WON the quarter pot. \$26.

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### Upcoming Coin Shows

**July 28,29 Fremont Coin Club Show**, Elk's Lodge, 38991Farwell Drive, Admit: FREE, Tables: 45,Vince Lacariere 510 792-1511 CoinVince@aol.com  
www.fremontcoinclub.org

**August 12 Fairifed Coin Club Show**, Willow Hall, 1000 Kentucky St., Admit: \$1, Tables: 25, Bill Bartz 707 688-8014 Moviemans8@comcast.net  
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### Not the Other Coin: Tax Tokens



I enjoy collecting coin in odd materials like the porcelain notgeld of 1920s Germany, iron, steel, aluminum, and zinc of WWI and WWII. Ancient coins can sometimes be found made of lead or nickel or gold with a lot of platinum, we earned from Fred Holabird a few months ago. The winner of odd substances may go to US tax tokens made of paper, cardboard, brass, zinc, bronze, aluminum, pressed cotton fiber, wood, and plastic.

Sales tax tokens were fractional cent devices used to pay sales tax on very small purchases in many American states during the years of the Great Depression. Tax tokens were created as a means for consumers to avoid being "overcharged" by having to pay a full penny tax on purchases of 5 or 10 cents. Issued by private firms, by municipalities, and by twelve state governments, sales tax tokens were generally issued in multiples of 1 mill (?1/10 cent). In the 4th Quarter of 1929 a festering global economic crisis struck the United States. As unemployment skyrocketed, income tax revenue plummeted and defaults on property taxes spiked. At the same time calls for state spending on relief measures for the indigent and the unemployed were amplified. Georgia adopted a sales tax in 1929 was followed by 11 additional states in 1933. including such population centers as New York, Illinois, California, and Michigan. The twelve states that issued these sales tax tokens were Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, and Washington.



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Sales tax became enshrined as the states' means of finance from them on. In addition to the fractional cent tokens used elsewhere, a closely related system of state-issued paper sales tax stamps and punch cards was used in the state of Ohio. Sales tax tokens were generally regarded as a nuisance by consumers and were replaced in fairly short order by the bracket system of sales tax collection, which averaged out the tax on small sales. By the end of the 1930s token use was eliminated in most of the issuing states, with sales tax tokens lingering in Missouri until late in the 1940s.

There are about 500 types issued with mintages of some of these types ranging upwards into the tens of millions. Consequently, tax tokens are regarded by numismatists as ubiquitous and often are of comparatively little value and found in dealers junk baskets. On the other hand, certain types and varieties are extremely rare, with as few as one specimen known. In 1971 collectors of sales tax tokens founded an organization called the American Tax Token Society, which has published a quarterly newsletter since its foundation. <http://www.taxtoken.org> See also 1993, United States Tax Tokens and Stamps: A History and Catalog, by Merlin K. Malehorn and Tim Davenport for further information.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### Numismatic Potpourri

With the bill at the Finance Committee in Congress **contact your representative and senator if you want a Carson City Mint commemorative medal**. Evidently, **the Bibliotheque Nationale Collection in Paris has quite a collection of early US coins**: 34 half cents (including several proofs), 78 large cents, and 59 other coins, many pre-1800 and many in excellent condition, from half-dimes to \$20 gold. There is also a 1850 Proof Set. **Jeff Shevlin has earned the Order of the Peacock** for catching errors in a draft of *E-Sylum* article. This coveted award is for to the first reader who finds an error in the *E-Sylum* articles. This is only the third time such award has been made in, perhaps, 1,500 *E-Sylum* articles. *Well, I can't say that*. **A sculptor who created a replica of the Statue of Liberty for a Las Vegas casino was awarded \$3.5 million in damages**

after the US Postal Service accidentally used a photo of his statue rather than a photo of the original statue in New York harbor on one of its most common stamps. **The 1804 dollar mentioned last month sold for \$2.64 million** to the owner of the Salt Lake soccer team. **Jonathan Kirschner of Moorestown, New Jersey, was convicted of selling counterfeit coins in counterfeit NGC holders**. He is looking at 15 years in prison. Stack's Bowers continues the **sale of the Archangel Collection of Colonial and 1792 Coinage** at their October 2018 Official Auction of the Whitman Coin & Collectibles Expo in Baltimore. Comprising a comprehensive type set of early American and related issues, the cabinet showcases some of the greatest rarities of the era, from the Massachusetts silver coinage through the earliest U.S. Mint issues, all displaying exceptionally superb quality. *Maybe Robert will get something we would otherwise never see*. **Perth Mint** this month has 8 koi fish for Good Luck around a yellow spinning topaz charm, starts a new Star Trek original series with the Enterprise NCC-1701, a Klingon D7 Battle Cruiser and Romulan Bird-of-Prey. This Tuvalu legal tender coin is housed in a replica of an Original Series communicator and is limited to a mintage of just 850 pieces. Both gold and silver Diwali Festival coins share the design of representation of Hindu elephant god Ganesha holding a lotus flower and an axe, with a mouse at his feet. And how can you refuse golden retriever puppies, kangaroos, and eagles.



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**Less than 200 of the over 3,000 coins from the SS Central America remain unsold.** I guess that's why they're selling the gold dust now. Also from the SS Central America: the finest-known Australian 1855 Sydney mint gold sovereign, made during the first year of that mint's operations, was discovered with 82 sunken treasure world gold coins representing 10 different countries retrieved in 2014. In addition, the 112 privately minted fractional gold, California Gold Rush coins in denominations of 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1 were retrieved from the Atlantic Ocean and 54 of them now have been designated proof-like by PCGS.



**What happened to all that East German cash?** In the monetary union of East and West Germany, 620 million notes with a value of 17.8 billion marks were deposited for exchange. In total, 431 billion East German marks were exchanged for the West mark, 62 billion of that at a 1:1 exchange rate, the rest at the higher 2:1 ratio. Suddenly banks were inundated with worthless currency and had to find a solution. Coins weighing 450,000 tons and nominally worth 640 million marks were simply melted down right away for their metal, mostly aluminum. Paper money though had another life of its own. All of the notes, including the cash collected during the union and the never issued 200 and 500



mark notes, were gathered and hidden in underground tunnels near Halberstadt in rural Saxony-Anhalt. It was assumed that moisture mixed with the poor quality of the notes would lead to their decay, but that did not happen. After breakins and thefts, caretakers decided to speed up the process. In early 2002, all that remained of the 3,000 tons of the cash was dug up. Eventually 298 truckloads were sent to an incinerator, mixed with household trash and burned, bring an end to part of East German history. **Canada has coins with a meteorite and carousel**



Designs for the 2019 gold, silver dollar, and clad half **American Legion 100th anniversary medals** are concluded except for 2 design on the right top for the reverse. Picture of the reverse proof dime in the silver proof set that goes on sail July 23 at noon





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Picture of the **reverse proof dime in the silver proof set that goes on sail July 23** at noon eastern, 9AM here, The late Eric P. Newman's most cherished coin:



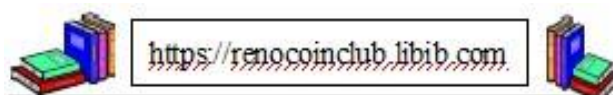
**the unique 1792 Washington President gold eagle** that researchers believe was presented to George Washington and carried by him as a pocket piece. Graded NGC XF 45, the coin will be sold without reserve by Heritage Auctions on August 16, 2018 for the first time since 1890 at the ANA World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia. All of the net proceeds will be donated to charity. *Go get it Robert, I will not be able to see it otherwise.* **The first silver dollar in the**



**Americas** will also go on sale in Philadelphia ANA

World Fair of Money. In the 1990s, a new Spanish shipwreck was located in the Caribbean, which sunk around 1550. It yielded three specimens of the 1538 8 reales in a chest of some 2,000 silver coins struck in Mexico City. The design of all three is typical of early issues of Carlos and Joanna produced in Mexico from 1536 to 1542. The obverse shows a simple crowned arms with lions and castles in the quadrants and a pomegranate at the bottom. These are flanked by oMo (Mexico City Mint) mint mark. The reverse shows the crowned Pillars of Hercules along with PLVS in a panel standing for PLVS VLTRA (further beyond), the post-Columbus Spanish response to the expression "ne plvs vltra" (nothing further beyond) that formerly labeled the exit from the Mediterranean through the Straits of Gibraltar. The assayer's letter "R" for Rincón is below the pillars. Above, a small Greek cross indicates the 8-reales denomination. The legend reads: KAROLVS ET IOHANA D / HISPANIE ET INDIARVM RE, Carlos and Joanna, by the Grace of God, Monarchs of Spain and the Indies. **The funerary mask of the ancient Egyptian Pharaoh**

**Tutankhamun**, who ruled c. 1332-1323 B.C., is now a coin. Ultra high relief has now rendered it as the 3D reverse of a BU 65 mm, 93.3 g (three-ounce) .999 fine gilded silver \$20 struck for Palau.



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### Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> of June** (4th Tuesdays) Denny', 205 Nugget Ave. (at E. McCarran), Sparks

June 26 **Favorite Coin and Bourse**

June 29 **At the Museum: New Coins**

July 24 **Something Patriotic** Doug Larson

July 27 **At the Museum: New Coins**

August 28 **Counterfeit Coins**

### The Last Meeting

26 members shared error coins, and we hope to reschedule Dan Trimble later. **Stan Pehr will be the presenter in September. Mark Amodei has introduced a bill for a commemorative dollar for the CC mint.** *Thanks Rusty.* We are almost done on a **coin design with Eva Adams**, mint director on one side and moon landing on other. It's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of both. We need to find a already made moon design and Eva will appear where Lincoln is on our current coin. We will design an insert to explain Eva being from NV and Palomino Valley's role in the moon landing. **The museum coin press was running when Laurel and I were there in May. MN .25 with loon ordered June 11<sup>th</sup>, so good chance to be here on 26<sup>th</sup>.** Robert got his 1792 half disme whacked by cyclotron. Results so far are "encouraging," and another whacking is planned for October. Hope you saw the huge John Paul Jones medal, 1785 American eagle, and the first copper coin minted **for America** (Rosa Americana) as oppose to minted **in America** he brought last time (Higgle copper). **Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now.** Don and Betty Maynard donated a mostly filled penny book that should go to someone's grankid. Larry gave me some more foreign coins for kids. 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 *I will be gone for the August meeting and there will be no*

*MN .25 ordered & NA \$1 here.*



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

**Early Bird Prize** was 1999D mint set won by Conn Davis

### Raffle prizes winners were:

Don Stamps: **mystery box** 2010 roll of .01 & set 3 steel .01 set, NA \$1 set  
Bill Naylor: 1998 proof set, 1988 proof set  
Ed Scott: 1976 unc. set,  
Mary Long: 1990 unc. SetPD  
Rick De Avila: .filled 01 album, set NA \$1, Indian .01, 2016 Redbook  
Rusty King: chocolate coins  
Faye Allen: 3 grams of silver  
Tom Charleston: set of Presidential \$1  
Phil Shallit: Liberty medal  
Ed Crank: Georgia mint book  
Mary Long: 2017 .25 S set, NV .25 set  
Ken Hopple: copper club medal  
Joe Wozniak: Canadian penny set  
Dan Waterman: Early American coin catalogs  
Jeff Allen: 1964 Roosevelt .10  
Cole Allen: Mercury .10  
Laurel Hoggan: 2016 Blue book, Albania coins  
David Loder: boxes for slabbed coins

### Auctions

No auctions

### Quarter Pot

Judy Thomas in Hawaii won the quarter pot.

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**Upcoming Coin Shows**

**June 22,23 Concord Coin Show**, Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave., Admit: \$3, Tables: 39, Bill Green 925 351-7605 info@norcallcoinshows.com www.norcalcoins shows.com

**July 12-14 F.U.N. Show in Orlando Florida** 600 dealers, 1500 tables www.funtopics.com

**July 28,29 Fremont Coin Club Show**, Elk's Lodge, 38991Farwell Drive, Admit: FREE, Tables: 45,Vince Lacariere 510 792-1511 CoinVince@aol.com www.fremontcoinclub.org

**August 14-18 ANA World Fair of Money** in Philadelphia, 500 dealers www.money.org

**September 15 Northern California Numismatic Association Seminar**, *Why collect these?* at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin www.solanocoinclub.com

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**Not the Other Coin: My Favorite Coins**

My original favorite coins were the three Romes: Rome, Byzantium, and Russia. I concentrated on bronze coins that cost \$10 or less in the 1960s and tried to get all the emperors. I am now filling in with copies of the rare emperors and extended my Russian collection to include Eastern Europe before, after, and during their soviet period and the Golden Horde and Crimea Tartars. This in turn led to the opponents to Rome, Byzantium, and Russia both pre-Muslim and Muslim, especially coins of the Silk Road. I inherited and expanded my son's Chinese coin collection as well. I started collecting Greek coins under \$20, usually bronze, but also the very small 7-11mm silver coins that often had the same designs as the large silver coins that were unaffordable. I first collected the coins of Alexander the Great and his successors, then a coin from each of the regions in Sear's Catalog of Greek Coins, and simply anything that was "cool" that looked good or had a history. Sticking to bronze and minor silver for the most part, I soon had a coin of all the successor kings of Alexander's generals, and a coin from each region. Keeping to an under \$20 idea with a budget of \$200 per month or so, I turned to ancient India and European monarchs working my way back from the present to as far back as \$20 would carry me. I especially liked the coins of Italy and Germany pre-union in 1870. Germany also had notgeld coins from the 1920's. Germany in particular has hundreds of different parts, cities, bishoprics and states. Medieval coins are generally under \$20 as well since they are not well cataloged or collected. The exceptions were Crusader and Papal coins that were collected and cataloged and generally started at \$40, which caused me to wait until the last few years to complete a set of these coins. Strangely I ended up with an almost complete type set of US copper and silver coins of the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> century to put on display at the museum thanks to Doug Larson. I am missing the bust, seated, and trade dollars, which are just too pricey in any grade for coins I do not really collect. I also do not collect African, South American, European colonial coins or the island coins. Had to get many of the Star Trek coins though mostly from Canada and Australia. As I put together

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the European collection I made sure I had coins not only of pre and post Soviet Eastern Europe, but coins of WWI and WWII often of odd metals with a coin of pre, post, and during occupation if available. Part of that is on display at the museums as well. I also put together primitive coins from Europe and China and coins representing the coinage process of lumps of metal, or cast coins, to hammered, then milled. The cast Roman coin cost \$250, one of the most expensive coins I own.

In retirement, I have been able to search for missing coins in series, give up and get a copy, or just give up. I still am missing the Byzantine 3 cent or nummi coin, a few Constantine varieties. I have been able to put together a set of Scottish coins thought to be too pricey and generally cost \$60 on up, even when getting a half or cut silver penny. Star Trek silver rounds are \$50 the half ounce or \$100 the ounce. Recently, I put together a set of rare Georgian coins thanks to ebay having Georgian coin dealers on-line, I completed a set of WWII coins of the Soviet Union, both commemorative and circulating and just got a Soviet WWII war bond from Joel Anderson Coins. I still collect a coin if it is "cool" and under \$20.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott



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Singapore Mint has produced coins for the **Trump-Kim Summit** with flags and a handshake. On the reverse, each medallion features the inscription "World Peace" on the reverse with a dove and olive branch. The national flowers of the United States and North Korea, rose and magnolia, are also included. Singapore's commemorative coins, of which only a few thousand pieces have been made, were available from the mint and cost \$1,300 for the gold version, \$118 for the silver, and \$36 for the base-metal version. The White House gift shop offers a cooler coin for \$49 with flags, busts, White House, and



Air Force One. ANA's **World Fair of Money** medal features William Penn and brotherly love, since Philadelphia is the only the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest violent death city, I guess.





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For the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of silver proof coins**, the **US Mint will produce reverse proof** coins with frosty fields for \$55, July 23. If you missed the **palladium** sell out last year with all 15,000 going the first day, this year, September 6 will be our second chance. The coin has the obverse of a Mercury dime and the reverse of the walking liberty half dollar without cactus. On



**August 6 the first presidential silver medals** of George Washington and John Adams will be minted on silver eagle flans with four presidents done every year based on their bronze medals. **Perth** has ugly Vikings and Tweety Bird along with their koala bears.



**The inaugural issue of (JEAN) Journal of Early American Numismatics** will ship to subscribers in early July. It will replace *The Colonial Newsletter*. 240-page journal. To subscribe contact Emma Pratte, 212 571-4470 x117, or [membership@numismatics.org](mailto:membership@numismatics.org). US \$60.00 (two issues/year). **Construction workers in the UK have found wads of cash dating back to World War II at a shop that once belonged to a tailor** beloved by Winston Churchill. The face value of the wartime pot totaled around £30,000 -- the equivalent of about £1.5 million (just over \$2 million). A firm called **Baseball Treasure** has created **30 medals**, one player from each team. The medals are licensed by Major League Baseball. You can buy a pack of three one

ounce copper medals for \$19.99. A six pack is \$39.99. A pack of nine is \$59.99. You can even buy a case containing 432 packs for \$2,999.99. The desire to get a favorite player is augmented by the possibility of getting a silver or a gold medal instead of a copper one in the packs you buy for a copper price. One star from each team will be minted and presented on a cardboard mount with the heads side having a portrait with name and position, while the tails will note a highlight from last season and carry an action pose.



**Three more Yehud coins** have been found as archeologists sift through temple mount "trash." These 7mm silver coins have Judea spelled out in Hebrew, signifying the Persian province of Judea. The coins imitate the Athenian owl coin.



**Long Beach auction will include an 1804 dollar minted in 1834 Proof 62. Go get it Robert. Only about half of the WWI sets sold and 35% of the WWI commemorative coin**, which can still be bought. *The individual service coins should have been sold separately.* **A semi-truck carrying \$800,000 in dimes crashed and spilled its load on Interstate 15** near Glendale, which is northeast of Las Vegas.



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A Chinese man gave his girlfriend a **giant bouquet made of banknotes**. The banknotes amounted to 334,000 yuan (\$52,300) and were folded into origami flowers. The arrangement took seven people more than 10 hours to complete. *Evidently, this is a thing.* There



are lots of banknote bouquets on-line, but not this big. **Canada has a spectacular silver set with gold accent WWI coins** again. About \$80 each.



Canada also has a sabertooth cat in ice, a cast silver maple leaf on their one ounce gold coin, a heraldic unicorn, a convex 1 kilogram maple leaf silver coin, stylized horned owl, a nice Panda coin, silver remakes of pre-confederation coins, and the winner is a glow in the dark Niagara Falls with fireworks. Need to see it on-line.



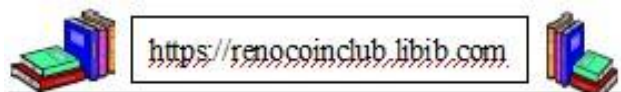
Canada, Britain, and Australia have wedding coins of course.



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<https://renocoinclub.libib.com>

Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) has identified **missing P mintmark on a handful of 2014 Great Smoky Mountains America the Beautiful 5-Ounce silver coins**. The **finest known 1792 half disme**, owned by the first US Mint Director David Rittenhouse, will be featured exhibit at the ANA 2018 Philadelphia World's Fair of Money.



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May 22 **Error Coins** Dan Trimble. Brings yours.

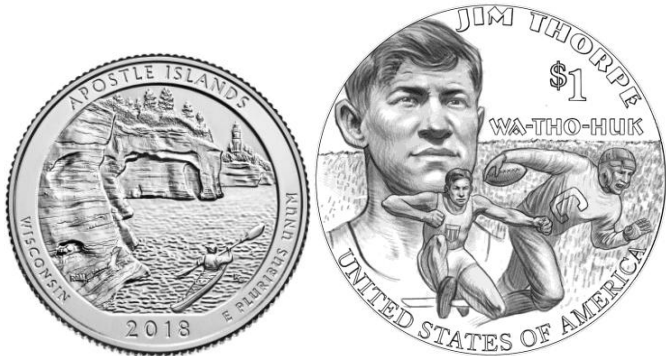
May 25 **At the Museum: New Coins**

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**The Last Meeting** 33 members got to see 20+ significant varieties of Morgan dollars including a spitting eagle, all visible to the naked eye. Rusty offered some additional designs for our medal including a moon landing connection to Nevada. The Apollo booster rocket was developed in Palomino Valley. Nice article at <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/03/16/nevada-field-laboratory-rocket-engine-testing-pollution/6493183/> We are working on a coin design commemorating Eva Adams, mint director on one side and moon landing on other. It's 50th anniversary of both. Our new coin won't be minted in Carson as they have gone to .50 size. The museum coin press is stopped running when Laurel and I were down for last Friday on the 27th. Evidently, The dies could not stay steady. Laurel counted 30 adults and 95 kids at National Coin Week. I know I thrilled one kid with a Roman coin he proudly announced through the halls. Just a handful at the presentations, although one guy said he came all the way from San Jose. MN .25 with duck June 19th, so it will be available in July most likely. I will bring the rest of red and blue books I have. Robert got his 1792 half disme whacked by cyclotron, awaiting results. Bring up to 5 coins for the bid board now. Someone brought a much nicer bid board and donated several nice coin albums, some with coins, coming to raffle near you. Rusty gave me some more foreign coins for kids. 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

*Apostle Island .25 & NA \$1 here.*



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**Early Bird Prize:** Thorpe \$1 set won by Rusty King.  
**Raffle prizes winners were:**

Laurel Hoggan: Indian .01, coin box, 2018 3 quarter set  
Jerry Breedlove: Barber .25, 1976 unc. set, \$1 set  
Milton Angel: 1996 proof set, coin values book, NV calendar, Heritage auction books  
Ed Scott: fancy coin box, 1987 proof set, 2002 mint set, \$1 set, coin book  
Gary Meckler: Israel coin set, 3 coin trays  
Jeff Allen: Mercury .10, Roosevelt .10  
Faye Allen: Buffalo .05, gram of silver  
Bart Daniels: steel penny set  
Ken Hopple: copper club medal  
Joseph Drapula: 5 .25 S set  
David Loder: Georgia mint book  
Rick De Avila: 2009 .01 set  
Mary Long: NV and coin calendar

### Auctions

6 Aces tickets for Reno's 150<sup>th</sup> celebration donated by David Elliott won by Rick De Avila for \$10  
1996 silver eagle donated by Larry Demangate won by Bart Daniels for \$50.

### Quarter Pot

AJ won the quarter pot, but did not have .25 in.

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## Upcoming Coin Shows

**May 18-20 Las Vegas Numismatic Society Coin Show**, Westgate Resort & Casino, 3000 Paradise Road, Admit: \$3, Tables:?, CK Shows, 888 330-5188  
info@ckshows.com www.ckshows.com

**June 10 Sacramento Coin Show**, Lions' Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit: \$3, Tables: 66, Peter McIntosh 916 317-9055 peter@mcintoshcoins.com  
www.sacramentocoinshow.com

**June 14-16 Long Beach Coin Show**, Long Beach Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave., Admit: \$8, Tables: huge, Taryn Warrecker 805 680-0294  
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## The Other Coin: Coins of Trebizond

Along with the coins of Georgia I found from Georgia coin dealers newly on e-bay were also coins of the Trebizond, a short-lived outpost of the Byzantine or East Roman Empire. I also snapped up these rare coins at fractions of their usual cost. This allowed me to add all but two of a complete set of affordable (under \$100) monarchs of Trebizond to my collection and an intensified search for these last two: George and Andronikos I.

The Trebizond was a province of the Eastern Roman Empire in northern Anatolia (top of Turkey), right under Georgia along the coast. The Trebizond



owes its existence to the Fourth Crusade, when crusaders lead by Venetian commercial interests attacked and sacked Constantinople, the capitol of the Byzantine Empire. The looted libraries, churches, and palaces gave impetus the Renaissance as Greek speaking professors and texts flooded Italy. The





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Romans withdrew to Epirus, Nicea, and Trebizond with different families claiming the imperial throne. Not until 1261 did Michael VIII Palaiologos of Nicea win back Constantinople. After a bit of kerfuffle, the ruling Trebizond leader married Michael VIII's daughter and continued as a wealthy entrepot for goods from China, Russia, and India, its own silver mines, and a wealth of princesses related to the Palaiologians.

Although there is some copper Byzantine imitations minted before 1204 attributed to Trebizond when market coinage was sparse, Trebizond coinage is considered to begin with Andronikos I (1222-1235) in silver and copper. The coinage has St. Eugenius on the obverse, and the ruler in same pose on the reverse. The



mounted saint and ruler is Alexius II (1297-1330) and the standing figures is a coin of Theodora (1284-1285), a daughter of the Georgian Queen Rusudan and Manuel I of Trebizond, who briefly seized the throne from her brother. On her coin the saint or the holy (ο ἅγιος) Eugenius (ευγενιος) is spelled out with the υ off flan. The saint is abbreviated as an A in an O, the original @? And, ευγενιος to the left and under the horse. Theodora of the Komnenii is spelled out while Alexius is abbreviated AE with the curve being the rest of the letter l-xios, the check mark short for the great η μεγας a K and symbol for (omen) and then ιος or the Great or Grand Prince of the the Komenii. The symbol to the

top left of Theodora also means the great. Trebizond coins were either flat silver aspers or cup-shaped scyphates, when "cups" were small bowls. Here, a



coin of Andronikos I with Virgin Mary, Mother of God (abbreviated MP-Θ and Jesus Christ IC-XC the Redeemer (ΧΑΛΚΗΤΗΣ) as depicted on the bronze gates at Constantinople.

St. Eugenius was martyred by Diocletian (284-305AD) either for being Christian or for being Christian and destroying a large hill carving of Mithra near the city Trabzon in Trebizond. His banners and icons were credited with defeating the Seljuk Turks in 1224, making him the patron saint of Trebizond.

The Trebizond sheltered Byzantine refugees after the fall of Constantinople in 1453 until 1461 and for a few years more near Cherson in the Crimea. They renewed their claim to the Eastern Roman Empire in Renaissance Europe and there are also a series of modern medals depicted the Trebizond royalty current and ancient that are widely distributed and found on ebay.



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**The Sacagawea/quarter mule expected to sell for \$30-50,000 sold for \$129,000.** The trouble for North-



West Territorial Mint of Dayton keeps multiplying. **A not guilty plea to 20 felony counts of wire fraud and mail fraud for allegedly running a Ponzi-like scheme that cost customers more than \$35 million was made by Bernard Ross Hansen, the founder and CEO of Northwest Territorial Mint, and his girlfriend and vault manager, Diane Renee Erdmann.** They allegedly bilked more than 3,000 customers out of nearly \$25 million, and ran two other scams that netted another \$10 million. The American Numismatic Society is trying to buy the pre-1997 dies of NWT Mint, especially those of Medallic Arts Company. Since its foundation in New York City in 1903, MACO has served generations of America's finest sculptors and other artists in the production of their work, as well as countless other institutions. Because medals have long been recognized as a standalone art medium, and one that is far more affordable to acquire than larger sculptures or paintings, MACO has also served to put fine art into the hands of many Americans who might not otherwise have had the chance to own the original work of a great artist. Medalcraft, Inc., a Wisconsin company specializing in challenge coins has bought the newer medals. An internet search of a collector wanting to put a set together of the first coin from each mint solved the Denver mystery, **What was the first coin struck by the Denver Mint?** Until now, we did not know. According to the research in old on-line newspapers of ANS Fellow Kurt Baty of Austin, Texas, that initial issue was the half dollar of 1906. **The finest-known 1913 Liberty Head nickel will go on the auction block Aug. 15** at the American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money. There are only five known. Their production

remains a mystery but somehow involved Samuel W. Brown, a former *bored, I say* Mint employee. The Professional Coin Grading Service grades this piece Proof-66. **Fake news about fake 10 rupee coins has severely damaged the economy of the poor in India.** Across India, where 10 rupees - about 15 U.S. cents - can buy a meal, people are stuck with money they can't spend because no one will take it. The problem stems from the large variety of 10-rupee coins in circulation. More than 5 billion coins, worth over \$775 million, have been minted since 2010. The coins are real, the news of their counterfeiting is fake. **The British Royal Mint is producing for circulation 10 pence coins of the alphabet, all 26 letters in 2018,** 100,000 each A to Z: Angel of the North, Bond... James Bond, Cricket, Double-decker bus, English breakfast, Fish and chips, Greenwich mean time, Houses of Parliament, Ice cream cone, Jubilee, King Arthur, Loch Ness Monster, Mackintosh, National Health Service, Oak tree, Post box, Queuing, Robin, Stonehenge, Tea pot, Union flag, Village, World wide web, X marks the spot, Yeoman, Zebra crossing. Here's 2 of them, see all on on-line. Buy them on e-bay. **Canada** offers a new



Captain Cook silver dollar in its ongoing set of coins and says Borealia, a gold plated silver dollar *and sister of Wonder Woman* with a long dress symbolizes the spirit of Canada, There is also a T-Rex and





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another maple leaf shaped coin. **China is releasing a set of Good Wishes bullion coins** in proof 40 mm, 30 g .999 fine silver ¥10 and 20 mm, 5 g .999 fine gold ¥80. Mintages are 60,000 and 30,000 pieces, respectively. First is Longevity stone, peony flowers, a cat, and a pair of butterflies, visual puns on longevity by way of homophones in spoken Chinese. Second is bountiful offspring. The design here shows a boy shouldering a pomegranate tree branch. Pomegranates contain numerous seeds, and the implication is that the coin's recipient will be similarly fruitful. Third is a good marriage, a heart-shaped with selective gold-plating on the silver reverse but otherwise both are of the same dimensions and weight as the corresponding standard round issues. The design shows a pair of goldfish among lotus leaves, symbolic of an ideal marriage, along with the perfect match: a pearl set on a jade disk. And if you have achieved longevity and bountiful offspring from an ideal marriage, then you should be experiencing happiness. This is symbolized by a pair of magpies singing in plum blossoms. The



**2018 silver 90% proof set went on sale April 24 for \$50.** A lucky New Englander **found a fourth 1854S \$5 gold coin worth millions**, now certified by NGC and thought fake. *So, Chinese are getting really good or he cornered the luck for the whole US this year.* **Both Alexander Hamilton and Andrew Jackson are**

**likely to stay on their respective bills.** Hamilton was saved by a popular play and Jackson by Trump's accepting comparisons to Andrew Jackson and putting his portrait in the White House. Whether Martin Luther King appears on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial giving his speech (a good idea) on the \$5 or various suffragettes appear on the reverse of the \$10 or \$20 is still up in the air, but no changes until 2026 now. **Mark Amodei is ready to present a bill to commemorate the CC mint and look for a second press for the museum. Rusty King has been spearheading that.** It seems **Sweden has been successful eliminating 98% of cash transactions**, even insisting panhandlers use card readers to accept donations. This is, of course, so every transaction can be taxed. **Counterfeiters are successfully passing Canadian notes printed on clear plastic**, overcoming the new anti-counterfeiting banknotes. The **Dumbarton Oaks collection of Byzantine coins in 9 massive volumes is available on-line for free** and downloadable. *Early Christmas for me.* Find them at: [https://www.doaks.org/research/publications/books#b\\_start=0&c2=Grierson Hendy and Bellinger](https://www.doaks.org/research/publications/books#b_start=0&c2=Grierson+Hendy+and+Bellinger) wrote other volumes. **Video on the packing robots in action at the SF mint** replacing more workers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqEDQa0WGf4> **Ship of Gold is offering 1.5 grams of nuggets** from the SS Central America for \$295 in nice packaging.



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**April 20 At the Museum: National Coin Week**

10:30 Joe Wozniak **Abraham Lincoln: Early Life, Beloved President, Impact on US Coinage**

1:30 David Elliott **The Changing Faces and Meaning of Liberty on Ancient and US Coins**

**April 24 Varities of 1884O Morgans Dollars**  
Sam Dibitonto

**April 27 At the Museum: New Coins**

**May 22 Error Coins** Dan Trimble

**May 25 At the Museum: New Coins**

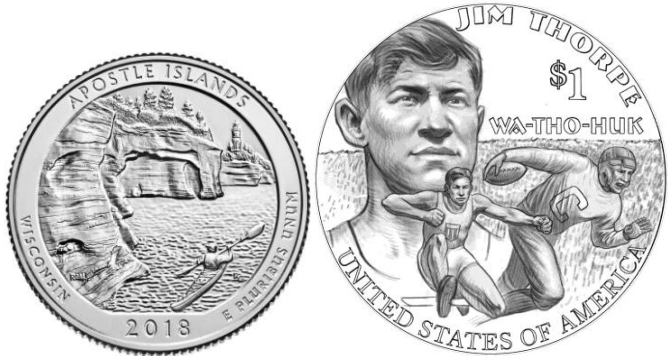
**June 26 Favorite Coin and Bourse**

**June 29 At the Museum: New Coins**

**The Last Meeting** A good crowd heard the tale of the coins of Georgia, the little country that survived the worst of the Muslim armies. We are working on a **coin design commemorating Eva Adams**, mint director on one side and moon landing on other. It's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of both. Ken Hopple is going to present possible moon landing designs at next board meeting. Our new coin won't be minted in Carson as they have gone to .50 size. **The museum coin press is running, Laurel and I will be going down for National Coin Week on the 20<sup>th</sup> and Last Friday on 27<sup>th</sup>. Please join us. Apostle Islands .25 out April 9<sup>th</sup> should be able to get it.** Joe Wozniak will be sharing the Lincoln Memorabilia collected by his father during National Coin Week, and I will update my lecture on Liberty with the new Liberty coins, especially the black liberty and the platinum liberties. **Robert got his 1792 half disme whacked by cyclotron, awaiting results. 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

**See you at Aces baseball!**

**Apostle Island .25 & NA \$1 here.**



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

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**Raffle prizes** winners were:

Jerry Breedlove: Barber .25  
Dan Waterman: 1997 proof set  
David Loder: English proof set  
Joe Wozniak: steel penny set  
Rick De Avila: Mercury dime, Indian .01,  
Roosevelt silver .10, 1979 first day cover, hand  
free loupe  
Milton Angel: coin book, 2000 mint set, elongate  
pennies  
Jerry Breedlove: chocolate coins  
Bart Daniels: 1977 proof set, 5 .25 S set  
Cole Allen: full date buffalo .05  
Rusty King: Jim Thorpe \$1 set  
Laurel Hoggan: bunch of coin bags  
Ken Hopple: coin book

### Auctions

No auctions.

### Quarter Pot

Someone not present won the quarter pot.  
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### Upcoming Coin Shows

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**May 4, 5 Sacramento Coin Show,** 4 Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit: \$3, Tables:50, Bob Shanks, 916 204-5168 Robert.Shanks@att.net www.sacvalcc.org

**May6 Vallejo Coin Show,** Florence Senior Center, 333 Amador, Admit: FREE, Tables:40+, Ed 707 642-8754 vallejoclub@gmail.com www.solanocoinclub.com

**May18-20 Las Vegas Numismatic Society Coin Show,** Westgate Resort & Casino, 3000 Paradise Road, Admit: \$3, Tables:?, CK Shows, 888 330-5188 info@ckshows.com www.ckshows.com

**June 14-16 Long Beach Coin Show,** Long Beach Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave., Admit: \$8, Tables: huge, Taryn Warrecker 805 680-0294 www.longbeachexpo.com

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### Not the Other Coin:

#### 1884 O Morgan Dollar VAMs

The 1884-O Morgan dollar had a mintage of almost 10 million coins. Many survived in Treasury vaults in uncirculated condition in original bags. This issue is quite common in mint state through gem. However, weak strikes were a common issue at the New Orleans Mint, so this issue is much harder to find in MS66 than one might expect.

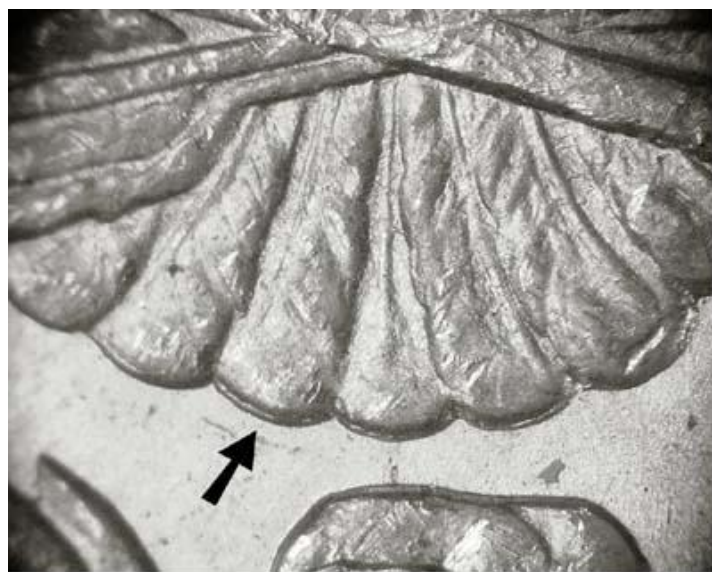


The die creation and minting process created varieties or oddities in coins. Through careful study, slight differences can be discerned to identify specific dies that created the coins. Sometimes these differences occur during the creation of the dies, while other times they are caused by the maintenance or use of the dies. The first opportunity for a die variety is during the production process of the coin die. Mint workers manufacture each coin die from a coin hub that has an exact image of the coin. The coin hub is used to produce a coin die that is a mirror image of the coin design. Although the United States Mint strives to produce every coin perfectly, some minor errors or imperfections occur. The second opportunity to produce a die variety is during the maintenance of the coin die. During the production process, mistakes can result in abnormal wear or slight damage to the coin die such as scratches, rust, or die cracks. Mint workers will try to prolong the life of the coin die by removing the error or damage through tooling or polishing the die before it is returned to production. Unfortunately, this process will lead to slight variations in the coin die. Some of them are pronounced and visible to the naked eye

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Extensive research on the variations in the dies used to strike silver dollars was published 44 years ago by Leroy C. Van Allen and A. George Mallis. Their work centers on Morgan dollars that were minted by the United States Mint from 1878 through 1904 and the resumed again in 1921 and Peace Dollars issued from 1921 through 1935. The term VAM is an acronym for "Van Allen - Mallis." The goal of the VAM system is to number and catalog every known die variety by date and mint mark. To this end, every Morgan dollar in existence is either already a VAM or should be a VAM. This is a continuous process, and new varieties are continually discovered and added to the list. These varieties are collected with photographs at [www.vamworld.com](http://www.vamworld.com), which is very nice, but there is a notice the site will soon close down.

The 1884 O has some 55 varieties cataloged and is an ideal coin with a large population in high grade from a mint known to be sloppy in its work habits. Looking at a Morgan dollar under magnification allows you to learn the details of the minting process and where it can go wrong. New varieties are found all the time. In 1996 Michael S. Fey and Jeff Oxman published the Top 100 VAM Keys. This pocket reference book pinpointed the most highly sought Morgan dollar die varieties. The popularity of the book created a boom in interest in Morgan dollar die varieties that is still expanding.



1884 O VAM 14 Doubled Tail Feathers

(c) Leroy Van Allen, SSDC



1884 O VAM 16A Die Rust Pits



1884 O VAM 42A Overlapping Reeding 2 O'clock

(c) Leroy Van Allen, SSDC

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### Numismatic Potpourri

The Central Bank of Ireland is expected to make a decision to cease the printing of euro banknotes in Ireland and get Euro notes from some other source in the Euro zone. The new Mega Red book ships April 10 with an expanded section on dimes by Q.



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David Bowers for \$50. The US Mint struck gold coins



for the first time in **1795 with 5,583 Capped Bust \$10 eagles**. Five die varieties are known for the date, and in the **Long Beach Signature Auction**, an example of the famous **BD-3 variety, with nine leaves in the palm frond on the reverse will be available**. This variety is the rarest and most famous of all the Small Eagle ten dollar varieties, with a surviving population of 18-22 examples, according to PCGS Coin Facts.

**The Lincoln Fitzgerald hoard** is in the news again as souvenir sets are being resold. In 2004 coin dealer Ronald J. Gillio could not believe his eyes: Inside warehouses were boxes and boxes of casino spoons, matches, key chains and coasters, etc. accumulated over decades. Locked in safes were bags and bags of silver dollars, more than 100,000 in all. There were also thousands of casino chips in denominations from \$1 to \$100. In the Fitzgerald stash, he found empty bags from the Carson City Mint dating to the 1880s. *This would*



*go well with a Redfield dollar. A hoard of 297 1883 no cents uncirculated nickels has been found and is being auctioned* by Heritage. The V nickel coin without denomination was often plated and passed off as a \$5 gold piece. Several nice videos on the new

**SS Central America discoveries** including the safe, a new large bar, and how they are being conserved.

<https://www.coinworld.com/news/us-coins/2018/03/in-depth-look-ss-central-america-ingots-money-gold-dust.html>

**Canada** is continuing their Star Trek, Native American, animal, and WWI series with some nice coins and have also made coins with a saber tooth and woolly mammoth trapped in ice, a copy of a brooch of Elizabeth II with maple leaves and a pearl, and 3 eagles.



**British Royal Mint in Wales tour has greatly increased when for about \$7 a visitor can strike his own 2018 Sir Isaac Newton 50-pence coin.**

Newton 50-pence coins were released into circulation dated 2017; however, the 2018-dated examples can only be acquired by visiting the BRM in person. People have been paid to attend the tour to get the coin because some of the 2018 coins have been sold on eBay for more than \$84. **Perth Mint** is ending their series on WWI with some nice coins, celebrating the wild dog and have a 2-headed dragon with a unicorn head that is ugly. They do have a nice pink panther coin complete with pink diamond, pink gold or platinum, and a Daffy Duck coin along with coins for *Ready Player One* movie. Surviving



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**members of the WWII OSS (17 people) got awards congressional gold medals.** Bronze replicas can be purchased for \$7 (1.5 inch) or \$40 (3 inch). The phrases on the reverse are the code names for special operations. **The US mint makes on average a billion**



**coins a month.** Heritage Auctions sold the **finest known Brasher doubloon for over \$5 million.** They have sales of over a billion dollars a year. The sale of



the **Higley copper** sale made *Numismatic News* this month. Robert usually brings something cool in, so check with him when he's in attendance. **64 designs were submitted for the American Legion medal** ranging from the pin and flags of the American Legion

to children citing the pledge of allegiance. They have a lot of nice choices, and the American Legion is on the committee that makes the final decision. Canada has issued coins for **Captain Cook and Tecumseh** as British heroes in the War of 1812. *I like to collect coins of a Greek or Roman ruler and his opponent, so with a George III you can have all our opponents.* I



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also added **another Greek monster to my collection from Arados, Phoenicia, a 5<sup>th</sup> century BC diobol.** **With a merman or triton and dolphins on obverse** and a galley lined with shields and hippocamp below.



**David J. Ryder returns as Director of the Mint** with an expertise in anti-counterfeiting. The Bureau of Engraving is issuing three engravings of WWI memorabilia for about \$17 each if you buy the set. The first one is out, last in August. See them on-line or [www.moneyfactorystore.gov/intaglioprints.aspx](http://www.moneyfactorystore.gov/intaglioprints.aspx)



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## March 2018

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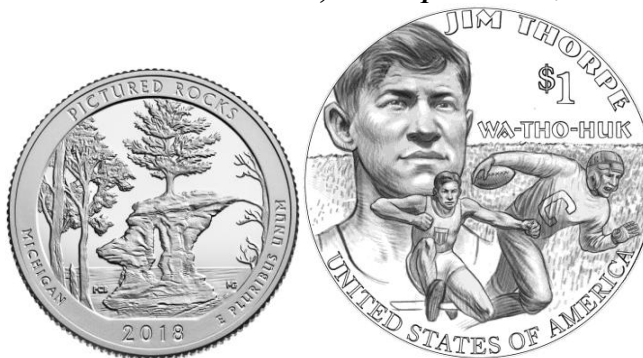
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June 26 **Favorite Coin and Bourse**

**At the Last Meeting** 28 members got to see Doug Larson's collection of medal of honor winners and presidential medals. **The mint will be making presidential medals on silver eagle planchettes** over the next 11 years, which will be available on demand. **All the armed forces, including the air and army National Guard are also to get on demand silver and bronze medals.** *Great idea.* Designs are underway. We are working on a **coin design commemorating Eva Adams**, mint director on one side and moon landing on other. It's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of both. Ken Hopple is going to present possible moon landing designs at next board meeting. Our new coin won't be minted in Carson as they have gone to .50 size. **The museum coin press is running, Laurel and I had a good time.** We will be there last Friday of the month from now on. *Please join us.* **Got Painted Rock .25 and Jim Thorpe \$1.** Flu set be back a couple of weeks, ended up in hospital. Significant illness seems to wipe my short term memory, so I know I'm missing stuff. *Thanks to Laurel and Rusty for filling in.* **Robert got his 1792 half disme whacked by cyclotron**, awaiting results. **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

2017 S .25 sets .25 here, will express NA \$1.



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### Raffle prizes winners were:

Dan Trebke: 1960 proof set, 3 2018 .25 set, Presidential \$1 album  
 Gerhard Dohne: 1993 proof set  
 Dan Waterman: 1979 proof set  
 Bart Daniels: 1988 mint set, S .25 set, mint bag  
 Faye Allen: 1944 Merc.10  
 Joe Wozniak: GW cherry pie, 1997 mint set  
 David Loder: 2009 .01 set, 1980 mint set  
 Rick De Avila: Jim Thorpe \$1 set  
 Ed Scott: presidential \$1 set  
 Jeff Allen: 5g silver bar  
 Milton Angel: Canadian .50, 1900 Indian .01  
 Cole Allen: 1909 Barber .25, bronze medal  
 Rick DeAvila: Roosevelt silver .10  
 Philip Shallit: chocolate coins

### Auctions

No auctions.

### Quarter Pot

Milton Angel **WON** the quarter pot.

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### Upcoming Coin Shows

**March 30,31 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

**April 6-8 West's Token Jamboree**, Mother Load Shopping Center, Jackson, CA, Admit:?, Tables:25, Merle Avila, 707 585-3711 merle@avilaarchitects.com http://www.longbeachexpo.com

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### The Other Coin: Paper Money

Paper money or banknotes is a collecting area of increasing popularity as the vividness of designs and variety of topics has grown. After all you can put anything on a piece of paper. Paper money has been reluctantly accepted as currency since the money has no intrinsic value and is often considered fiat money, contributing to inflation. Germany, Russia, Turkey, and recently Venezuela and several African nations have had to issue notes in the hundreds of billions of the local dollars as inflation ravished their countries. Run away inflation is largely from failed attempts to impose socialism through expropriating other people's wealth, which quickly runs out. (Russian



100,000 ruble 1919 civil war note, Venezuela's 2017 100,000 bolivars note, and the 100 trillion dollar note of Zimbabwe 2008.)

The first paper banknotes appeared in China about 806 AD for letters of credit transferred over large distances. The first real use of a paper money system was for about 300 years of a 400 year period between 1050 and 1450 when the Mongols ruled China. Marco Polo noted its use. The Bank of England began issuing notes in 1694, following the practice of goldsmiths and local banks, who issued letters of credit backed by gold or silver. Paper currency was adopted throughout Europe and the US in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. In desperation and needing to fund the new war with the French Colonies in Canada, an impoverished England first authorized the



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Massachusetts Bay Colony to print bills of credit in 1690. Gradually in pre-Revolutionary America, each colony began to print its own form of currency. The first was issued by Rhode Island in 1710 with the other Colonies following suit up to the Revolutionary War.



(13<sup>th</sup> c, Chinese, 1770 Maryland dollar, Continental)

To finance the American Revolution, and because the Colonies were powerless to tax, the Continental Congress authorized the first actual American Currency on May 10, 1775. Not having bullion backing and easily counterfeited, Continental notes were worth only 2 1/2 cents to the dollar by 1780. Thus began the phrase, not worth a Continental. By 1836, banks in the United States had swollen to over 1,600 in number. With scant regulation, these state-charted, private banks ran wild issuing over 10,000 different varieties of banknotes. When the banks failed, the paper money became worthless and was called obsolete bank notes. The banknotes often traded at a fraction of their face value, making coins the preferred currency.

During the Civil War, both the North as well as the South developed their own currency. Ripped apart by war and teetering on bankruptcy, Congress ordered the printing of a number of notes. These notes were commonly called horse blankets because of their large size. Fractional notes from 3 cents on up were also issued by the Federal government. In 1863 there still was a problem in stabilizing the value of our currency. Since over 75 percent of all bank deposits were held by nationally chartered banks, national banknotes backed by U.S. government securities came into being. This lasted

until 1928. To create greater confidence in our Federal and Southern currency during Civil War



gold certificates were issued against US gold holdings by the Department of the Treasury from 1865 until 1922. Beginning in 1878 and continuing through seven series, Large Size Silver Certificates stayed in circulation until 1923 with the smaller size remaining until this day. The Government stopped redeeming them for silver bullion on June 24, 1968. Starting with the reduction in currency size in 1929, the US Government has minted over 1,200 issues of currency - Legal Tender Notes; Silver Certificates; National Bank Notes; Federal Reserve Notes; World War II Emergency Notes; Gold Certificates; and Military Payment Certificates. Many of these varieties are being printed yet today. In 1990 new notes were introduced to improve security and stay ahead of counterfeiters and advances in technology which make it easier to reproduce currency. These notes include micro-printing and an embedded security strip.



(1934 \$100,000 gold note)

There's a nice collection of US currency on the web by the Federal Reserve in San Francisco at <http://www.frbsf.org/currency/index.html> Foreign countries are making notes out of plastic or paper and polymer mixes with watermarks, microprinting, new textures, foils, and more vivid colors trying to keep a step ahead of the counterfeiters. Collecting foreign banknotes is a fun and cheap way to get involved in currency collecting. I have added Russian Civil War notes to my Russian coin collecting and try to get notes from WWII and the Iron Curtain with a note representing the free, occupied, and liberated country. Many Greek and Cyprus notes have ancient coins or archaeological sites on them.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### Numismatic Potpourri

Russell Doughty's **Top Die Varieties of Flying Eagle and Indian Cents** contains over 160 pages of full color images of the best varieties in the Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cent series. It discusses how dies were made, what die varieties are, details about the designs, and collecting strategies. Costs \$29.95 free shipping. [www.indianvarieties.com](http://www.indianvarieties.com) Northwest Territorial Mint of Dayton is selling off its die collection of some 400,000 dies for millions of dollars. **Q. David Bowers is getting ready to sell off his Civil War token collection.** See **The Ship of Gold** exhibit from the SS Central America, a big hit at Long Beach. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAQh1eMQdUE> **The 2018 silver proof set will be \$50 or special reverse proof for \$55.** Regular comes out April 24 and reverse proof "this summer." NGC launched a comprehensive **Counterfeit Detection portal**, which can be accessed for free at [NGCcoin.com/counterfeit](http://NGCcoin.com/counterfeit). It features the 50 US coins, 25 Chinese coins and 25 world collector coins most commonly targeted by counterfeiters, according to submissions to NGC. Each of these coins has on its own page comprehensive information including high-resolution images, the type of counterfeits typically seen, detection tips and other helpful details. **Favorite dumb criminal of the month** is an Algerian stuffing some 300 500 euro notes in his anal cavity to avoid detection on trip to Turkey to buy

gold and found he was unable to retrieve them. He was rushed to hospital and arrested after surgery. I don't have a punch line,. *Do I need one?* **2018 Winter Olympic medals are especially ugly**, just a series of scratches to represent "diversity" even though they are all the same. *Huh?*



**Canada** has animals, 30 anniversary of silver maple leaf, Chinese year of dog, fossils, Star Trek, Vikings, crystals, Murano glass caterpillar, and a curved baseball coin, *Wonder where they got that idea?*



The pink gold \$5, silver dollar, and clad half dollar **breast cancer coin goes on sale March 15.** About \$40 for clad, \$50 for silver, and \$430 for the pink gold. All coins have same design. *Nice looking coin.*



**WWI service coin sets ship in May**, sold about two-thirds of 100,000 coins and stopped sales, The general commemorative has sold about a third and is



still available. Now costs **1.82 cents to make a penny** and **6.6 cents to make a nickel**. Mint is still about \$400 million ahead on making circulating coins deal. **Germany won most innovative and best coin of the year honors** and Canada won most inspirational with animals surrounding water drop with North America inside. Austria got best gold coin with fox.



Canadian counterfeiters are attaching the polymer windows and other security features from low denominations notes to high value counterfeit notes successfully. Stack's Bowers will auction one of the 17 mules of a quarter and Sacagawea dollar. Expected to sell for \$30,000 or so. Nice looking set for the 1 oz.



.9995 fine **platinum coin**. Life is the first release in a three-year 2018-2020 Preamble to the Declaration of Independence Series that celebrates the unalienable rights of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. The dark-haired Liberty is seen before an East coast

scene, Western scene with covered wagon for Liberty and mid-west scene for happiness. Nice eagle too.



2019 will see a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary medal for the American Legion. Win the lottery? How about Perth Mint's 10oz of 99.99% pure gold with a blooming paulownia tree. It also features a highly detailed 18ct pink gold Chinese phoenix set with 1.22ct rare natural fancy colored pink diamonds. About \$150,000. Only 8 to be made.



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February 23 **At the Museum** David and Laurel  
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June 26 **Favorite Coin and Bourse**

**At the Last Meeting**, 32 members showed up for dinner and **Laurel Hoggan is our new board member and librarian**. She is already organizing the library and putting it on-line (see last page). She also wants to do outreach to schools and profiles of club members for the newsletter. All other officers remain the same. We are working on a **coin design commemorating Eva Adams**, mint director on one side and moon landing on other. It's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of both. Ken Hopple is going to present possible moon landing designs at next board meeting. Our new coin won't be minted in Carson as they have gone to .50 size. **The museum coin press is running, we hope to be there last Friday of the month** from now on. *Please join us.* **1<sup>st</sup> 2018 quarter, Painted Rock arrived. The NA dollar honoring Jim Thorpe comes out Feb. 15.** I'll pay extra for delivery by club meeting. **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  
**Still missing a few dues payments, don't forget.**

**2017 S .25 sets .25 here, will express NA \$1.**



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 Calvin Coolidge \$1 set won by Leo Rossow. **The president who cut budget in half.**

**Raffle prizes** winners were:

Robert Rodriguez: forgot to tell Andre  
Laurel Hoggan: 5g silver flag, mint bag  
Gary Meckler: 1999 proof set  
Thomas Charleston: WWII .01 set **mystery box**, NA \$1 set  
Milton Angel: Elko railroad medal  
Ken Hopple: 2017S .25 set, 1995 mint set  
Cole Allen: walking Liberty .50, Mercury.10  
Mary Long: 2016S .25 set  
Rick De Avila: Standing Liberty .25  
Joe Wozniak: 2009.01 set  
Jerry Breedlove: chocolate coins

### Auctions

Larry Demangate donated xf 1889P Morgan dollar won by Rick De Avila for \$25.  
Jerry Breedlove donated 1924 Peace dollar won by Rick De Avila for \$30.

### Quarter Pot

Larry Demangate **WON** the quarter pot. Guessing \$12.

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**Upcoming Coin Shows****February 22-24 Long Beach Coin, Stamp, Sport**

Show, LB Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave.,

Admit: \$8, Tables: Huge, Taryn Warrecker, 805 680-0294

TWarrecker@collector.com www.longbeachexpo.com

**March 3 Visalia Coin Show**, Sons of Italy Hall, 4211

W. Goshen Ave., Admit: FREE, Tables: ?, Leo D'Andrea,

559 738-8128 dandrealeolola@yahoo.com **Error!****Hyperlink reference not valid.****March 4 Livermore Valley Coin Show**, Elk's Lodge,

940 Larkspur Drive, Admit: FREE, Tables: 24, Steve

Kramer, 925 980-9307 mstampman 99@yahoo.com

http://www.longbeachexpo.com

**March 16,17 Sunnyvale Coin Show**, Domain Hotel,

1085 E. El Camino Real, Admit: \$3, Tables: 34, Bill

Green, info@norcalcoinshows.com

www.norcalcoinshows.com

**March 30,31 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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**Board meeting at 6:30PM before regular meeting,  
please be quiet, so business can be conducted.**We meet at **Denny's**,  
205 Nugget Ave at  
E. McCarran, Sparks**The Other Coin: Armenia**

Armenia is Georgia's older and more powerful brother in the Caucasus, controlling the land route at the end of Silk Road that earlier traded in gold and precious stones from Afghanistan and points east. Armenia is home of Mt. Ararat where Noah's ark landed and his sons spread out to populate the world (Genesis 5-9). Floods from the glacial retreats around 10,000 BC swept from Canada across northern Europe, breaking England from France, drowning the North Sea land mass and land bridge to Ireland. The Atlantic Ocean penetrated the Mediterranean; and, in turn, the now salty Mediterranean created the Black Sea. The flood waters created the Mississippi river valley and the giant Lake Lahontan that covered the Great Basin. How many floods over what period of time is still debated and Noah's flood is best related to the c. 7500BC flood of the Mediterranean into the Black Sea. The floods scattered the Black Sea tribes into Europe, Egypt, and the eastern Mediterranean. This might explain the sudden rise of a common agrarian, copper smelting, and animal husbandry culture throughout the area that brought a close to the Neolithic era. Macrinus 217-218 AD and modern Armenian silver coin:



There are no Greek tales originating in Armenia, nor did Alexander the Great travel there. However, during the waning of the Seleucid Empire established by one of Alexander's generals, the Kingdom of Armenia founded in 190BC was lead by Tigranes the Great to conquer much of Asia Minor in 83BC. Defeating one Roman army, Tigranes was later pushed back by Pompey Magnus himself from the coast, but he created the largest Armenia Empire in

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history. Tigranes the Great coins are plentiful, all bearing the Armenian tiara. Coins of predecessors and successors are rare. His kingdom did not fall to Rome until 12AD. Georgia is just Iberia. Tigranes on a modern note and coin with Heracles reverse



Armenia became a buffer state between Rome and Parthia (238BC-226AD), then Sassanids (226-651AD). Conquests in Armenia are commemorated on several Roman coins, especially those of Mark Anthony, who gave his conquest to Cleopatra. Their son Helios was the last independent Roman ruler of Armenia and defeated by Augustus. Roman's minted coins in the former Greater Armenia including Zeugma, Samosata, Commagene as well as in Rome. Often the Armenia tiara is on the coin or the Roman Emperor adds the name Armenicus (conqueror of Armenia ) to his name.



Armenia plausibly claims to be the first Christian nation. Two of Christ's apostles: Thaddeus and Bartholomew preached in Armenia in the 50's and 60's AD, establishing the Church. Shortly after the year 300, and before Constantine converted the Roman Empire in 312AD, Armenia converted to Christianity (around 301AD). Armenia struggled to maintain its independence between Byzantine and Sassanian Empires, often divided between the two empires, but maintaining its independence in language and religion. Some Byzantine emperors were of Armenian descent including Heraclius (610-641), Basil I (867-886), and Leo the Armenian (813-820). Parts of Armenia were conquered by Muslims as early as 645, but not until 1071 and the destruction of the Byzantine army at Manzikert did the Turks take over Armenia.



Fleeing Turks and allying with the Byzantines, the Armenian nobles set up a kingdom in Cilicia, southern Turkey, that lasted from 1080-1375, minting a series of coins often with the distinctive Orthodox cross. With the arrival of the Crusaders in 1099, the Armenian nobles intermarried and allied into the Crusader kingdoms of Syria and Cyprus. Georgia expanded into deserted Armenia. After 1375, Greater Armenia was the battle ground between opposing Muslim armies from Persia, Egypt (the Mamelukes), and the Turks, soon the Ottoman Empire. All these Muslim dynasties coins are found in Armenia .

**Hetoum 1226-1270 and Levon I 1198-1219.**





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**A Persian coin minted in Armenia 1730**

The Russian Empire freed a part of Armenia from Muslim control in 1829. However, Armenia's hope of independence was ruthlessly crushed by the Ottoman Turks beginning in 1890, which resulted in the first modern mass genocide from 1915-1923, when 1.5 million Armenians (as well as millions of Greeks, Romas (Gypsies), and Jews were ethnically cleansed and piled up in mass graves. Armenia briefly gained independence in 1920 after being part of the Transcaucasian Republic in 1918-1919 during the Russian Civil War. Civil war currency bears the Armenian script and has inflationary denominations of currency (250,000,000 rubles note).



After 1920 Armenia became a Soviet Republic. There are only three Soviet coins that commemorate Armenia: the earthquake of 1989, David Sasun monument of a mounted swordsman, and the Matenadaran library.

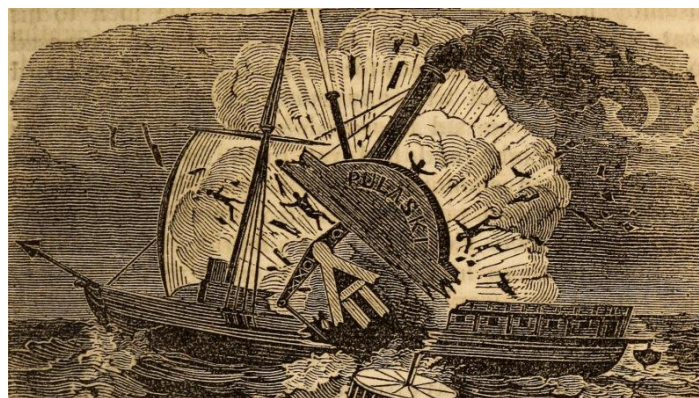


Armenia gained independence in 1991 with so many other Soviet states and minted their own coins and currency. The Armenian enclave in neighboring Azerbaijan gained independence as Nagorno-Karabakh in 1991, seeking to unite with Armenia has their own set of coins.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### Numismatic Potpourri



Coins have been found near the **wreck of the steamship Pulaski** off the coast of North Carolina, which sank around midnight June 13, 1838. All the gold and silver coins are dated before 1838. One of the first explosions of a coastal steamship, over hundred people died in route from Savannah to Baltimore. Many more coins are expected to be found. Go to link below or search Pulaski on utube. Many more coins are expected to be found. See underwater metal detectorists:  
<https://www.news4jax.com/news/jacksonville-explorers-make-major-shipwreck-discovery>



**Salmon P. Chase, Lincoln's Treasury secretary, saved the first federal banknotes:** \$10 Demand Note, Act of July 17, 1861, serial number 1, plate position A, \$1 Legal Tender Note, Act of July 11, 1862, series 1, serial number 1, plate position A, \$5 National Bank Note, Act of Feb. 25, 1863, The First National Bank of Washington, DC, Treasury sheet serial 9, bank sheet serial 1, plate D. And, Peter Huntoon traces their provenance in *Numismatic News* Feb. 2018:

[http://www.numismaticnews.net/article/provenance-first-federal-notes?k=4V18ybH3sHSdbvbjxZwEyYKTvo9Cqm9p5eLY9xLI98Q%3D&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=edit&utm\\_campaign=nmn-cfb-nl-180213](http://www.numismaticnews.net/article/provenance-first-federal-notes?k=4V18ybH3sHSdbvbjxZwEyYKTvo9Cqm9p5eLY9xLI98Q%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=edit&utm_campaign=nmn-cfb-nl-180213)

**Several reports of steel coins, plated or otherwise, rusting,** used throughout the world and being considered for our pennies. **Sri Lanka has gone beyond "In God we Trust" by putting temples of Buddhist, Hindu, Christian and Muslim religions** on the new Currency Note issued to Celebrate Diversity on the 70th Anniversary of Sri Lanka Independence on February 2018. I subscribed to the



**new Star Trek series from Canada, ½ oz. Silver \$51,** it glows in the dark and got the 3D Justice League .25 about \$24 as well, will bring them in when I get them.



**Fred Holabird was at the Tucson Gem Show this week promoting artifacts of early U.S. gold rushes** from c1800 on. His upcoming auction features a lot of interesting material. Kolbe and Fanning have a **few 1792:Birth of a Nation's Coinage in leather bound editions for \$325.** New finds from **SS Central America Ship of Gold will be at Long Beach Show.** And **Whitman Publishing is accepting ideas for its 25<sup>th</sup> book in the Bowers series** from everyone.



#### Note from Our Club Librarian

<https://renocoinclub.libib.com>



Greetings Friends, you already know how excited about our club meetings that are filled with awesome people sharing amazing coins, priceless memorabilia, history, stories, and my favorite, the quick wit of so many of you! And now, I've been introduced to another outstanding feature of this club, **the RCC Library!** So much fascinating reading! I've started listing the titles of books and journals into our club's new library website. At this time, the website's list reflects only a fraction of the large library. Eventually, I hope to have all the books and journals entered. (Meanwhile, I do enjoy reading little sections of the books as I inventory them). There's quite a bit of tidying up to do on the website. It will be a work in progress for the next few months. But please go ahead and take a look. You can find the RCC Library website address printed here in the Reno Cartwheel, and you can also find a link to our library on the club's web page. (*Thank you, David!*). Because some of the books are expensive and irreplaceable, RCC board asks that you check with someone before taking any of the books out of the building and "sign over your first born," says David. Fred and his staff are gearing up for a show in March. (Very exciting!!) (*Thank you, Fred for your mega manifold contributions to our club!!*). And thank you to all Club Members for making every meeting fun, and worth attending!

Enthusiastically, Laurel Hoggan, RCC Librarian



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# Reno Cartwheel

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### Next Meeting:

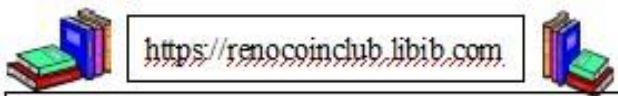
**Tuesday, 23rd of January** (4th Tuesdays)  
Denny', 205 Nugget Ave. (at E. McCarran), Sparks

January 23 **Dinner, Awards, Elections**

February 27 **Something Presidential**

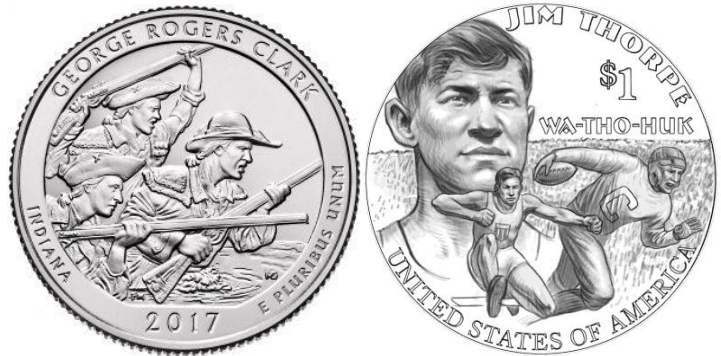
### **DUES ARE Due \$20 by January 1.**

**At the Last Meeting**, 30 members got to see a **real silver plugged 1792 penny** and the one in a PCGS holder that Robert argues is a fake. Robert's amazing attention to detail has made him a colonial coin expert in less than 2 years. **Jerry Breedlove is Life Member of the Year.** And Mary Long has also stepped forward to learn to be our treasurer for 2019. **Laurel will be running for the board.** No other nomination, so elections will be quick and Gerry got his award already too. Ken Hopple, Jeff Shevlin, and Doug Larson are all working for Northern Nevada Coins by Costco. Trish's new knee is healing slowly, so unlikely to try museum in January. New grandson Scott James on December 18. Bonnie's first baby. **1<sup>st</sup> quarter, Painted Rock comes out Feb. 5. The NA dollar honoring Jim Thorpe comes out Feb. 15. The design changed, see on the right.** I like the other one better. **All silver club medals sold, 3 brass, 17 coppers left, which should sell easily at the museum. 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 **Coin design meetings will start at board meeting in January.** **Please submit ideas.**



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Gary Meckler: **mystery box** NV medal, 2005 proof set  
Danny Clifton: Christmas medal  
Claude Sendon: 1975 mint set  
Ed Scott: 2009 .01 set  
Leo Rossow: 2017S .25 set  
William Naylor: 2015S .25 set, 1916 Barber .25  
David Elliott 5g bar with flag  
Dan Trebke: Roosevelt silver .10.  
Mary Long: 1941 Merc. .10  
Bart Daniels: 2 buffalo .05, mint bag  
Laurel Hoggan: bunch of coin albums  
Milton Angel: coin catalogs, chocolate coins, Chinese coin frame

**No Auctions**

### **Quarter Pot**

Art Bonnel (not present) won the quarter pot.

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**Upcoming Coin Shows**

**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  
www.sanjosecoinclub.org

**February 3-4 SF Coin, Stamp Show**, S. SF Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd., Admit: \$4, Tables:35, Scott Griffin, 415 601-8661  
scott@griffincoin.com www.griffincoin.com

**February 18 Cupertino Coin Club Show**, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose Admit: \$2, Tables:45, Bruce Braga, 408 839-1883  
BruceBraga1@aim.com

**February 22-24 Long Beach Coin, Stamp, Sport Show**, LB Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave., Admit: \$8, Tables:Huge, Taryn Warrecker, 805 680-0294  
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**The Other Coin: Georgia Coins**

E-bay and the internet keep on expanding. India coin dealers came on-line almost 2 years ago, Central Asia a year ago, and now a coin dealer from Georgia, the country, not the state. Ancient Georgian coins were rare and started at \$100 are now available for 90% less, so I was finally able to snag some. Georgia was the third Christian country after its neighbor Armenia and the Roman empire, and followed by Ethiopia. Georgia and Armenia were on the end of the Silk Road trade between the Roman Empire and China. They were also a buffer state between Rome and the rulers of Persia, changing hands politically and adopting customs from both sides. Unlike Armenia that briefly took over the Seleucid Empire when it fell in the 1<sup>st</sup> century BC, and a strong ally of the Byzantine Empire, Georgia remained a poor agricultural nation simply surrendering to the conqueror and allowing Armenia to manage the Silk road trade while often dividing its small nation among a number of princes for most of its history. They did remain stubbornly Christian in face of Persian, Parthian, Sassanid, Arab, Turk, and Mongol.



Although some Muslim nations minted coins in Georgia after they conquered it (Abbasid, Mongol, and Safavid), and a Georgian King Gurgen minted coins in the late 6<sup>th</sup> century AD when the Sassanid Empire was in turmoil of which 9 copies exist, the Georgian coins usually refer to the united Georgian Kingdom of 1122-1293 AD that managed to bravely survive between Ottoman Turk and Mongol Horde. There are very rare 11<sup>th</sup> AD silver imitations of Byzantine coins; so rare, that like Russian coinage at the same time, they are considered to be medals and not coins used in commerce. Also a rare bronze of David IV, who founded the nation, but the now affordable coppers are those with bilingual Arabic



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and Georgian script which recognizes the Muslim caliph in Baghdad and proclaims the Georgian king or queen “the sword of the Messiah.” Giorgi II (1072-89)



and David IV (1089-1125), who united the nation in 1122 by defeating the Turks, who were also beset with the Crusaders. He liberated the capital Tbilisi after 400 years of Muslim rule. His sons quarreled and his granddaughter Tamar (1184-1212) restored the nation leading armies to defeat the Seljuk Turks and helping the Byzantines set up the kingdom of Trebizond after being defeated by Venice in the 4<sup>th</sup> Crusade (1204). Her son Giorgi IV bravely fought the Mongol Horde, but died leaving the kingdom to his sister Rusudan (1223-1245), who was forced to submit to the Mongols just before her death. The Mongols minted their own coins.



Tamar and her father David



Rusudan 1223-1245

Note the coins have Georgian lettering on one side and Arabic proclaiming the queenship and being the “sword of the Messiah.” Mongol coins are from the Ilkhanid and Golden Horde Mongols that fought for dominance in the Caucasus devastating the country.



It actually got worse when Timur known as Tamerlane (1336-1405) invaded the country 8 times, so that the cities were deserted, agriculture stopped, and everyone fled or hid in the mountains. He did not even mint any coins there. Giorgi VIII and his nephew Konstantin II briefly put the country back together 1466-1505 with pretender Bagrat VI interrupting 1466-1478 in part of the country. Rare copper coins:

Georgi VIII



Bagrat VI



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The next king of Georgia to mint coins was awarded the throne of part of George for service to the Persian shah and inherited the rest of it when the other king of Georgia died childless. Heraclius II (1744-1798) struggled among the imperial powers of Russia, Persia, and the Ottoman Empire, hoping to side with Orthodox Christian Russia only to be betrayed by Catherine the Great, accepted by Paul I, who was killed, and finally annexed by Alexander I (1801-1825). Heraclius kept to Persian coins in silver and Russian eagle and Christian fish for local copper coinage with Arabic. Alexander I



minted a Georgian coin before ordering Georgia to use Russian coinage. Says Tbilisi under crown and date and



denomination on reverse. Georgia issued notes like everyone else during the Russian Civil War 1918-1924,



but no coins until independence in 1991.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

### Numismatic Potpourri

**National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund** is seeking a coin for 2021. **PCGS secure is better able to fingerprint coins digitally** now in case your stolen coin comes back to them. **One of two \$1000 1882 gold certificate** notes in private hands expect to fest \$500,000 at FUN show, Florida. John Lorenzo



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published an update to the 1992 book **Forgotten Coins of the North American Colonies** that covers contemporary counterfeits of the colonial coins and the foreign coins that circulated in the US colonies. \$65. Whitman published the **4<sup>th</sup> edition of Carson City Morgan Dollars** for \$25 by Adam Crum, et al.

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The Maine penny found in 1957, also referred to as the Goddard coin, is a Norwegian silver penny dating to the reign of Olaf Kyrre (1067-1093 AD), and is getting another look as a genuine Viking artifact. A New York man has been arrested after he reportedly made over a million dollars selling Chuck E. Cheese tokens as Bitcoins on the streets. US Mint will be selling the WWI medal with each of the branches of the military, so **you cannot buy WWI service medals individually** or buy a set of the 5 branches. \$100 for 2 coins or \$500 with 5 WWI medals. *How dumb is that?* Police are hunting a **homeless man who made off with hundreds of thousands of pounds** after he happened to lean on an unlocked door at Charles de Gaulle airport. The door of the Loomis cash management company in terminal 2F was not properly secured, allowing the man, in his 50s, to chance upon two bags of cash. Bill in Congress for **400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of landing at Plymouth Rock** in 2020. ANA has released a video of a guided tour of the Harry W. Bass gold coin collection on US coins and some others. See it on utube, 45 minutes.  
<https://youtu.be/6F77G07HZ20> **70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's wedding**, might not have a platinum coin, but the silver is nice. **Belgium has**



**closed its only mint** in Brussels and sold off its coin manufacturing assets. No more Belgium euros will be made in Belgium.

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**Canada has a series of Justice League coins**, glow in the dark and 3D. 3D quarter in nice packaging for \$24 in center top. 3 one oz. Silver for \$90 each on bottom, 2 oz. Silver top right \$152, 14k gold \$602. **Mark Hoffman is in the news again as a master forger of documents and coins**, especially Mormon coins and documents, but a lot of other Americana. Good read in **Numismatic Forgery** by Charles M. Larson. Nice website on **Philippine coinage**:  
<https://www.slideshare.net/elladimaiwat/history-of-philippine-coin> & **Frankenstein turns 200**



Two favorite designs for 2019 moon landing coin:

