

Reno Cartwheel

December 2019

Next Meeting:

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

December 24 **NO MEETING**

December 27 **New Coins at the Museum**

weather permitting

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February 4 **150th Anniversary of CC Mint** with director of the US Mint David J. Ryder 10AM

At the Last Meeting Only 16 members got to hear detailed and expert insights from Fred Holabird and Robert Rodriguez into the gold and bullion market, which might be summarized as gold is a commodity like any other commodity and the supply is much greater than demand, so that gold generally sells for the price of production, and only gains a premium when people are worried about a financial crises, but does not maintain the premium even if the crisis occurs unless there is complete financial collapse like hyper inflation. Rare coins out perform the market and commodities. This is why **Robert has bought a collection of the first Congressional Medals of Honor that he hopes to bring to the January meeting**, weather permitting (see below Comitia Americana) **The last 2019 quarter (Idaho) and the NJ Edison dollar are here. The last dollar will be ordered Dec. 19th.** 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. Please leave upper right seats open for board members.** Contact me with any ideas or problems: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 815-8625 Due are due.

Dues are
Due, \$20
January 1



Early Bird Prize: 2019S .25 set won by David Elliott

Raffle prizes winners were:

Jerry Breedlove: 1 gram silver, Barber .25, 2 Ikes \$1, 2 mint bags

Leo Rossow: filled penny book, 1975 prrof set

Doug Harper: president \$1 set, NA \$1 set

Rusty King: copper RCC medal

Bart Daniel: filled .01 album, 2019S .25 set, steel .01 set, 1984 mint set, ANA Peace medal

Ken Hopple: chocolate coins, tax tokens

Rick De Avilla: Mercury .10, coin puzzle

Mary Long: 1997 proof set, Innovation \$1 set

Robert Rodriguez: PDS Idaho .25

Auctions

No auctions.

Quarter Pot

Ed Hoffman (not present) won the quarter pot.

THANKS everyone for donating to the RAFFLE!

Idaho .25 Pennsylvania & NJ dollar here.



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

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Upcoming Coin Shows

February 4 Tuesday, 10 AM 150th Anniversary of CC Mint with director of the US Mint David J. Ryder, 600 North Carson St., Carson City. Admit: \$8 Special commemorative will be minted on old coin press 1.800-NEVADA8; 5-7PM happy hour with David Ryder at Gov. Mansion \$100 30mm medal included, limited tickets Reserve with Sandra Silva 687-1410 ex224 s.silva@state.nv.us

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Treasurer's report: Minimal activity. Income included \$63 raffle, \$10 for auction, \$80 for 2020 dues, \$10 in coin sales. Normal expenses were paid for the newsletter, our website, coin purchases of \$100 and bank fees.

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Not the Other Coin: Comitia Americana Medals, the First Medals of Honor

The *Comitia Americana* (American Congress, Medals of Honor) series memorializes some of the pivotal moments of the Revolutionary War. The series was created between 1776 and the early 19th century almost exclusively by French artists and artisans at the commission of the United States. The medals were created after Continental Congress voted to memorialize the heroism, friendship, and leadership of key American and French revolutionaries. Each medal was struck either at the Paris Mint or the US Mint in Philadelphia. 12 medals were authorized, but Henry Lee's medal was overlooked by Franklin, Jefferson, and David Humphreys in Paris and President Jefferson found a series of mishaps in a dead engraver, a dead minter, and broken dies, which makes it unclear if a gold medal from a trial strike was presented to the Lee's family and lost or never presented. There are replicas of all the medals starting in the mid 19th century that can be found on e-bay for \$2 each or bought as a set with nice case and booklet starting at \$55. Robert Rodriguez, of course, wants real, original, and finest available. There are no original medals of John Stewart, Anthony Wayne or Nathaniel Greene in gold or silver in private hands. The most popular and copied is Washington before



Boston. The medal commemorates the emplacement of cannon from Fort Ticonderoga (300 miles away) on Dorchester Heights overlooking the British army in Boston and forcing them to retreat. In Latin: George Washington supreme commander of the armies, defender of liberty// first flight of the enemy, Boston recovered March 17, 1776. A popular and often copied medal is that of John Paul Jones and the British ships he defeated *Serapis* (front) and *Countess of Scarborough* (left) from his *Bonhomme Richard*

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(behind). In Latin :John



Paul Jones commander of the fleet//the ships of the enemy captured or put to flight, off the shore of Scotland Sept. 23,1778. Horatio Gates, valiant general// Make the North safe, accepts surrender at Saratoga (of General Burgoyne) Oct. 17,1777. This battle won French support for America.



Lt.Col. Francois De Fleury along with General Anthony Wayne, and Major John Stewart recaptured the fort at Stony Point on the Hudson. De Fleury is portrayed as a



Roman centurion: a monument and prize for virtue and boldness, to French officer De Fleury, the first to conquer the walls, given by the American Republic// Fort: fortifications, swamps, and the enemy overcome, Stony Point taken 15 July 1779. Three medals were awarded for the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina, which culminated 2 years of guerrilla warfare, forcing

Cornwallis to retreat to Wilmington, then Yorktown. General Morgan led a militia of sharpshooters that decimated the British Army, while Col John Eager Howard's infantry held the line, and Col. William Washington (distant cousin of George) lead a cavalry charge. America as Native American gives wreath of victory to Daniel Morgan, general of the army. Gen



Morgan mounted leads troops left. Victory is Liberty's defender, The enemy chased, captured, or killed at the Battle of Cowpens January 17, 1781.



William Washington leads his cavalry with Victory above. William Washington commander of the cavalry regiment//For vigorously pursuing the enemy with a handful of soldiers, giving a noble example of innate courage at the Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781. Col. Howard is shown chasing British



soldier with Victory crowning him. John Eager Howard who commanded the infantry regiment//For suddenly rushing upon the wavering line of the enemy, he gave an example of distinguished martial valor, in the battle at Cowpens, Jan 17, 1781. In addition to the above medals, Robert has a Libertas Americana medal, which will be discussed in the January issue along with the other medals in the Boston Historical Society or lost.
Numismatically yours, David Elliott

The one steel mill in Colorado, Colorado Foundry and Iron in Pueblo, allegedly did not want it as scrap steel because of the zinc galvanization. So, the Mint offered it for sale locally, the builders used it for roofing, and when the wartime housing started needing new roofs 30+ years later the re-roofers salvaged quantities of the webbing and sold it to coin dealers. The dealers cut it up and sold it as shown.

Numismatic Potpourri



California Gold Marketing Group has confirmed **discovery of nine rare 1856 San Francisco Mint large S over small s mint mark Seated Liberty No Motto quarter dollars from the SS Central America.** An exhibit of **US \$10 Eagle gold coins from the Tyrant Collection (www.TheTyrantCollection.com) will be publicly displayed at the February 20-22, 2020 Long Beach Coin, Currency, Stamp & Sports Collectibles Expo.** The 300 eagles include all 33 varieties from 1795 to 1804.



The Royal Mint has launched its largest coin ever, a creation that measures 175mm in diameter, weighs 5kg and has a denomination of £5,000. Mint engraver William Wyon is honored for his *Una and the Lion* design. The 5kg gold coin, of which only one was made, is the largest coin The Royal Mint has ever produced. The *Una and the Lion* coin is available to purchase from The Royal Mint website in a variety of finishes in gold and silver and various weights, with prices starting from £180. The Latest 2 ounce coin for the **Year of the Rat** is from **Laos** and features a jade setting. **A 1921 Canadian half dollar**



During World War II when a lot of wartime housing was being built fast and cheap, some builders in Denver were forced to use substandard plywood for their roofs. **To reinforce the roofs, certain builders nailed down long strips of the steel cent webbing that they got from the Denver Mint.** The Mint was getting its steel cent strip pre-galvanized and rolled from some steel mill. After it punched out the blanks, it had no facility to remelt the webbing into new strip, or galvanize it after they did.



realized \$57,000 in an unreserved public auction on Nov. 22. It is one of only about 75 examples of *The King of Canadian Coins*. This past month **Robert Rodriguez** was elected as a **Fellow to the American Numismatic Society and the Massachusetts Historical Society.** *Conquered the numismatic world in 3 years!* And, he brings his treasures to the club. https://www.coinbooks.org/v22/club_nbs_esylum_v22n48.html#article21 is a **cool article on Copernicus**

that celebrates medals related to his treatises on coin minting and economics. He was the first to propose what is now known as Gresham's law that bad money drives out good. A **Washington funeral medal** came



up for sale. They were holed and worn, so are rarely in fine condition. Replicas on ebay, of course. I also like



this award for architecture. **Edward Rumsey's Gold Medal from the Royal Academy for cathedral plans never built was the only such medal awarded in 1847.** The medal, designed by W. Wyon and dated 1837, was struck at the Royal Mint and features a bust of Queen Victoria. The reverse features the three graces of architecture, painting, and sculpture.



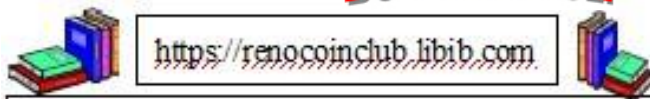
US Year of the Rat offering includes a special dollar.



Coin dealer Tom Caldwell encased together two **1943 bronze cents** a P and S found by teenaged boys in the 1940s, one on the West Coast, one on the East, struggled to have them declared genuine and kept them their whole lives. The coins were sold after their deaths for more than \$200,000 each.



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November 26 **A Panel on Gold and Bullion**

November 29 **Nevada Day at the Museum**

December 7 **Northern California Coin Club
Christmas Party** 734 Marin St. Vallejo, CA
www.solanocoinclub.com

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At the Last Meeting 34 members got to see some of the rare medals celebrating Nevada presented by Rusty King. I became ill from the smoke or bronchitis or both and missed the Nevada Day Celebration, alas. Robert Nylen says hundreds of people came to the museum. It appears the 2021 commemorative coins will be a purple heart coin and a coin honoring Christa McCauliffe (below), so **no CC Morgan**, although US Mint director David Ryder wants a gold one instead, also to be minted at our museum. **The last 2019 quarter (Idaho) is ordered**, and the **Penn. dollar is here**. **There will be new dollars Nov. 21 (Edison) and Dec. 19th**. We will be getting rid half of the park .25 for a .25 next meeting and most of the presidential dollars for \$1 with all of the presidential dollars going in February, except for a few sets. The last six quarters come out next year the famous woman series will begin in 2022 and a special 2026 circulating set for our 250th. **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**. *Please leave upper right seats open for board members.*

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Early Bird Prize: Basket of Trish homemade jellies won by Milton Angel

Raffle prizes winners were:

- Rick De Avilla:.01 book, US mint tokens, Mercury .10
- Ed Scott: 1980 proof set
- Faye Allen: .01 albums
- Joe Wozniak: 1970 penny in horseshoe mystery box, 1973 mint set
- Art Bonnel: presidential \$1 set
- Doug Harper: arrowhead & buffalo .05
- Bart Daniels:1985 proof set
- Jeff Allen: Barber .25
- David Elliott: NA 2019 set, Eisenhower \$1s, Bz medal
- Jim Arden: counterfeit gold \$1
- Mary Long: 1998 proof set
- George Lee: \$1 set
- Milton Angel: trade dollar copper round
- Laurel Hoggan: 1 g silver horse, 2 albums, 2001 red book
- Bill Naylor: Virginia City book, 2018S ,25 set
- Jerry Breedlove: ANA museum token,5 year set holders
- Clay Thomas: mint bag

Auctions

No auctions.

Quarter Pot

Art Bonnel won the quarter pot, but put no .25 in.

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Idaho .25 in mail, Pennsylvania dollar here.



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December 7, Northern California Coin Clubs Christmas Party, Vallejo Naval Museum, 734 Marin St, Buffet: \$22, \$40 for 2, prizes and raffles Reservations mandatory: www.solanocoinclub.com by November 30. Reservation form on-line. No walk-ins.

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Not the Other Coin: NASA Medallions, Tokens, and Smashed Pennies

Took a set of grankids to Disney World in Orlando and went to the excellent Tiffany museum in Winter Park and NASA. NASA museum has been taken over by Six Flags and is very well run with many exhibits, films and I Max shows. They were, of course, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the moon landing.



My last visit over 15 years ago there was a set of 11 Apollo medals in bronze and silver that are still available. I sought to get a set of shuttle medals, but they made a medal and patch for each of 135 flights, so I settled for the maiden flight set and the final flight set. Each of the shuttles has a flight set as well and mintages are held at one million each. In



addition, there are here are machines that made medals almost half dollar size for \$1 and elongated cents for \$.50. I got 2 of the four medals and 13 of the pennies, but there are some 43 of them and 4 elongated quarters.



The nicest coins were dollar size medals that contain metal from the shuttle and Mars rover manufacturing for under \$20. I got two of them. There were more and gold coins as well. Some of these coins can be ordered from thespacestore.com, but are more easily found on ebay. The PennyCollector.com has a site dedicated to the Florida Kennedy Space Center that shows all the elongated cents and notes the location of each machine, which would have been nice to know before I left for Florida.

Numismatic Potpourri Laurel Hoggan let me know about the 50 pence **Brexit coins dated October 31, 2019** of which some 1,000 made it to circulation of the 3 million made. Found in circulation they could easily be worth \$1000 or more. Most will be melted, but there are tentative plans to save 10,000 for collectors and sell them from the mint for \$15. A coin will be made next year for the Brexit (unless it is delayed again).



Gold and silver are at 3 months lows as stock market hits new highs (11-10-2019). Adding gold, silver or platinum bullion coins or ingots to an investment portfolio can be a smart choice, but knowing your seller can be a crucial choice, advises the PNG Professional Numismatists Guild. **In recent months, law enforcement officials in Florida, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania and Utah have charged several reputedly unscrupulous merchants with selling counterfeit coins to unsuspecting investors** and/or not paying for genuine coins submitted for sale by customers. **Four lucky collectors in Arkansas, Louisiana, Maryland, and Mississippi were the first to submit to PCGS the new 2019 Idaho quarters with the elusive W mintmark.** The fortunate finder in Arkansas discovered more than 300 2019 W quarters on October 29, a week before the United States Mint officially began sales of the coins on November 4. As part of the year-long PCGS Quarter Quest program, the four submitters will split a \$2,000 bounty and each receive \$500. Their coins will carry the encapsulation insert pedigree of *First Discovery*. The submitted coins discovered in Arkansas and Louisiana before the official release will also be labeled *Early Circulation*. **100 Greatest US Coins**, 5th ed., Jeff Garrett 144 pp. \$29.95.



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Mauritania beat out our W quarters. On Aug. 12,



Perth mint offers a new Star Trek, Simpson, and a John Wayne coin.



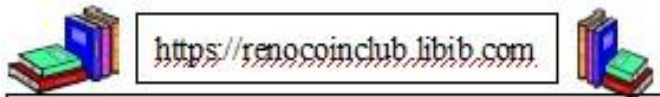
the British Treasury announced it would cease producing pennies due to the overabundance of pennies already in circulation. Don't miss 10 of the Most Valuable Treasure Troves Ever Found [https:// interestingengineering.com/10-of-the-most-valuable-treasure-troves-ever-found](https://interestingengineering.com/10-of-the-most-valuable-treasure-troves-ever-found) Mostly coins, hack silver, and jewelry, nicely illustrated. 2021 silver dollar coin paying tribute to American teacher astronaut Christa McAuliffe, who died in the Challenger explosion, will be a reality thanks to the recent advancement of authorizing legislation. Design for 2020 basketball hall of fame design will be a



Museum mystery:
10,000 shares for the Carson City Mint dated October 24, 1969 and Transferred 3-18-1971 to J F Sam Salman by Edward F. Jackies (?)



curved coin with basketball and diverse players on reverse. There are no designs yet for the 2020 Woman's Suffrage Centennial Silver Medal. 2020 NA coin features Alaska Tlingit civil rights worker.



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October 22 **Happy Birthday NV!** Rusty King

October 25,26 **Nevada Day at the Museum**
Free Admission

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At the Last Meeting 26 members got to take a trip to the Caribbean in Laurel Hoggan's power point show of her first coin collection. I am happy to do power points of your interest or collection too for a presentation to the club, which can also be done by me or you. **The last 2019 quarter (Idaho) comes out Nov. 4th**, and the **next dollar Oct 24, the Pennsylvania polio vaccine. There will be a new dollar coin each month.** The silver club medals are selling well, and we are thinking about making 50 more. We can sell them more easily with a credit card now. To raise the money to have more made, we **will be getting rid half of the park .25 for a .25 next meeting and most of the presidential dollars for \$1** with all of them going in February, except for a few sets. *There will also be a free raffle for a basket of my wife's home made jellies as the early bird prize in November.* The last six quarters come out next year and presumably the famous woman series will begin in 2021 or 2022. New quarters are easier to get in circulation, so we will be getting fewer of them for club members and to take to the museum. **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. Please leave upper right seats open for board members.**

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CONGRESSMAN a day for our Morgan 2021 CC.

Early Bird Prize: partially filled bag of PA .25 won by Larry Demangate

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- Milton Angel: banknote auction catalogs, penny album, US coin books, \$1 and .25 bags
- Mary Long: 1975 proof set, 1990 proof set, set NA \$1 set
- Rick De Avilla: partially filled .01 book, Indian head .01 & arrowhead , Mercury .10
- Jerry Breedlove: 1914 .25, 1 gram silver
- Bill Naylor: 1977 mint set
- Ed Scott: 2003 mint set
- Laurel Hoggan: 5 year set holders
- Joe Wozniak: **mystery box** by Laurel Puerto Rico .25 roll
- Dave Loder: steel .01 set
- George Lee: world coin medal, arcade tokens
- Shannon Holmes: S .25 set
- Leo Rossow: Morgan copper round

Auctions

Paul Williams donated an Arnold Palmer autographed picture and silver round won by Rick DeAvila for \$25.

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Dan Waterman (not present) won the quarter pot.

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October 26-27, Fresno Coin Club Show, Las Palmas Masonic Center, 2992 E. Clinton Ave., Admit: \$2, Tables: 45, Richard Hunter 559 738-8128 www.fresnocoinclub.com

November 1-2, 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 8-9, Sunnyvale Coin Show, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Admit:\$4, Tables: 34, Bill Green 925 351-7605 www.norcalcoinshows.com info@norcalcoinshows.com

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Not the Other Coin: Counterfeits

Frustrated with being unable to complete some of the coin series in my ancient and Russian collections, I decided to turn to copies. Of course, I knew just where to go—China, and China's ebay is Alibaba or Ali Express. There, a replica of almost any coin can be had for \$2 or less, dutifully marked “copy” on-line, but arriving without any such stamp. It is legal in China to reproduce coins. Russian counterfeiters sell on Alibaba as well, so I got a Peter the Great beard token, a tax on beards when he wanted the populace to look more European.



The history of counterfeiting is as old as coinage, and was both an individual and government effort. The first coinage of electrum (natural occurring alloy of gold and silver) soon had its gold content debased by adding silver to make the famous “white gold” coinage by governments. Lead was plated with gold or silver and copper plated with silver and sometimes gold. I have a rare coin of Cassius that is a Roman contemporary furre (silver plated), likely by the poor Cassius himself. The Roman government itself often



make bronze denarii when short of silver to pay the troops called *limes denarii* or border denarii that could be redeemed later by merchants or soldiers.

Today, rare and popular coins are counterfeited by China, Russia and other nations most often in metals



other than gold or silver. The weight will be off, so an investment in \$10 electronic scale is a necessity. A fake 50 peso “gold” coin I was asked to identify among some Roman coins weighed half of what it should.

Attempts to prevent counterfeiting have lead Britain to a 12-sided coin with a hologram and Germany to a blue plastic ring with trace elements that seem to be able to stop counterfeiting so far.



Paper money is even easier to counterfeit since it was invented by the Chinese in the 1300s as our Continental Congress struggled with. Marking pens are frustrated with cornstarch; modern color copiers can reproduce sophisticated engraving. New bills are counterfeited as soon as they are released. China is again the main culprit, but Peru has much of the counterfeiting market now, and it may be of some consolation that Chinese counterfeiters have counterfeited their own currency. Still don't discount good old American know how: Eric Aspden of San Jose, CA profited \$100,000 a year or more from a flood of do-it-yourself printed bills using a laptop and a store-bought printer. Aspden is now charged with making and selling bogus \$20 bills that look so real they may have been in an out of your wallet without you even realizing they were fake. He mailed packages of cash to 30 different states. According to a recent report by Chinese state media, 96.7% of all counterfeit bills circulating in China come

from templates hand-drawn by Peng Daxiang, an elderly painter who was arrested in 2013. 73-year-old Daxiang single-handedly managed to produce dozens of printing plates worth millions of yuan without the use of computers or modern technology. Instead, he relied on simple tools like magnifying glasses and film cameras. He sold these templates to gangs of counterfeiters for \$8000 to \$20,000 per plate. Drug cartels have invested in Peru, which is responsible for producing and distributing an estimated 60% of the world's counterfeit US notes, the Secret Service announced after seizing \$30 million in fake U.S. bills and 50,000 euros along with six counterfeit plants, eight counterfeit manufacturing presses, and over 1,600 printing plates and negatives of varying denominations in Lima. The counterfeiter most relies on people just not looking at their money. Some 30,000 of these \$1 passed in the North-East with blurry seal misspelled Washington, no cotton paper with blue and red threads, blurred lines, etc. See a



Chinese counterfeit coin operation at <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/chinese-coin-counterfeiting-ring-4071202>
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The US government is ordering only \$146.4 billion in bills next year representing about a 27% reduction over the last 4 years and mostly replacing worn bills going out of circulation and August coin production dropped to 767.3 million coins, a

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decline of 36.2%. I am very fond of paintings and sculptures made out of coins, so I was very pleased when I spotted a **bear sculpture in Tahoe City made of pennies**, which made the fur very realistic. The mama



bear has two cubs in the crook of her leg and this is a close up of one of the cubs. The finer of the two known **1975 proof dimes without the San Francisco S mint mark, the most valuable modern US coin**, was jointly purchased on September 6, 2019 for \$456,000 then sold five days later for \$516,000 to an avid Roosevelt dime collector who wants to remain anonymous. William Silber published his deeply researched and beautifully written **The Story of Silver: How the White Metal Shaped America and the Modern World** for \$20.49 on Amazon. The Royal African Company's objective to mine gold was a success. As the supply of the precious metal began to flow into England in the 1660s, the mint increased milled, rather than hammered gold coinage. **The "guinea,"** along with its multiples, was born, the name deriving from one of the areas in which the precious metal was sourced—Guinea being the regional name for the southern coast of West Africa. A portion of the company's logo, an elephant, was placed below the truncation of the monarch's neck. In order to further reinforce the role that the crown held in the company's affairs, later issues featured a castle atop the elephant. These charming notations can be seen on issues from Charles II, James II, and William and Mary, all of which are enthusiastically collected today and are rather rare

due to many having been melted down for recoinage in the 18th century.



The British Museum released details of the **Chew Valley hoard**: 1,236 coins date to the brief reign of King Harold II (which started and ended in 1066) and 1,310 to the first years of William I's reign. Three of the coins represent types known to numismatists as "mules," or illegitimate blends of different coin faces minted by moneyers in hopes of avoiding taxes on new coin dies. Two of the mules depict William on one side of the coin and Harold on the other. (The third mule splits its sides between William and Edward the Confessor, Harold II's predecessor.) According to the British Museum, these are the first known examples of William/Harold mules. The coin hoard adds greatly to the known examples of each type, and offers a new opportunity to study the evolution of English coinage in a period of massive social and political upheaval. Already, thanks to information on the coins, the researchers have learned of mints not previously known to exist.



"Michael V," a manager of a BBQ food truck company from Lewisville, Texas, told PCGS he obtained a box of quarters from a Wells Fargo Bank branch in nearby Grapevine on August 20, 2019. **He was thrilled when he opened it and saw fresh rolls of the new San Antonio quarters which were not scheduled to be released by the Federal Reserve until six days later.** He submitted the two 2019-W San Antonio quarters to PCGS. PCGS has since given the W coins a special pedigree, Accidental Early Release and graded both MS65. **The 2019 US Mint silver proof set goes on sale Thursday, October 17.** Offered every year since 2013, this year's set has a new distinction: **all eight coins are now made of 99.9 percent fine silver,** including the American Eagle silver dollar, which is



usually 90 percent silver. **Free eagle to the person who submits the theme for National Coin Week. 2020** is the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment that gave women the right to vote. The theme is women's contribution in general. Send idea to Andy Dickes adickes@money.org **The S proof set of the innovation dollars went on sale October 11 for \$20.95. An 1871 to 1875 S seated liberty half minted on a quarter planchet sold for \$50,000 last month. Cool coin. The Federal Reserve is storing over a**

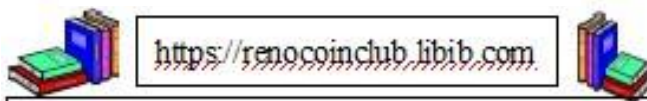


billion \$1 coins and is now just minting 11 million of clad dollar coins distributed among the 4 innovation dollars and the yearly Native American dollar made

just for collectors since 2011. At the 2019 World's Fair of Money the American Numismatic Association asked some of the coin industry's most influential leaders about what they believe is in store for the future of the hobby. **Hear these titans of numismatics share what they believe the future holds.**

Future of Numismatics Symposium: What the Future May Hold on the Coin Television YouTube Channel at: <https://youtu.be/XICTxLS1P6k> **Salvage work on the 1840 shipwreck SS North Carolina off the South Carolina coast has renewed** with the salvage of high grade early 1830s gold coins with the hope that many Georgia coins will be found this time after a 20 year hiatus. **Robert Rodriguez has sent me an interview he gave: The Fed is Clueless.** It is very detailed and technical and argues that the Fed's goal of 2% inflation and 2% growth means that money's purchasing power is reduced by 50% every 36 years. This creates the worst capital spending and capital production since the Depression, all to encourage a monstrous national debt. He takes a wait and see position on gold as it is unclear if we are entering a financial crisis of recession or hyper inflation or both. *Let Robert or me know if you would like a copy emailed.*

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/568344> is the link to the **video interview on the Morris silver centered cent.** On Saturday December 7, **we have been invited to the Vallejo Numismatic Society Christmas Party** with catered buffet \$22 person, 2 or more \$20. Doors open 5PM, drawing for \$2,000 in prizes, 50/50 drawing door prizes include 70+ eagles, goodie bags and table favors. Reservations mandatory on-line at www.splanocoinclub.com questions at dlhcoins@gmail.com Not much room for Canada's cool feather shaped coin. See it on-line.



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Reno Cartwheel

September 2019

Next Meeting:

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

September 24 **Carribean Islands Coins**
Laurel Hoggah

September 27 **New Coins at the Museum**

October 22 **Happy Birthday NV! Rusty King**

October 25,26 **Nevada Day at the Museum**
Free Admission

November 26 **A Panel on Gold and Bullion**

At the Last Meeting 36 members got to hear Dan Waterman's discussion on large cents, and **Robert Rodriguez brought the first 2 1793 cents with a chain or olive wreath reverse.** He also brought a **gold ducat of Ferdinand and Isabella with facing portraits.** He presented Ken Hopple with one of the silver centered Indian head pennies he made and Jeanne LaShelle engraved to help prove that the silver centered large cent was a modern fake, the silver center that is, not the coin. Video: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/568344>
The Club will be accepting credit cards. Mary Long knows how to set that up. **The Innovation dollars designs are out (see below)** and I will get them. We will be getting the last 6 quarters in rolls as they are easier to get in circulation now. **I got a W quarter in change** when noticing my wife was handing a 2019 quarter to a grankid for an arcade game and checked it out. **Got the Texas quarter, the last 2019 quarter comes out Nov. 4th,** and the **next dollar Sept 19.** I will buy the Innovation dollars in PD rolls in case they do not sell well. **There will be a new dollar coin each month.** *Hope you saw Sam Dibitonto's seated Liberty potty dollar.* **We will be getting rid of the park .25 in bags for a .25 next meeting.** And, a former member wants to sell his collection to members. **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.** **Please leave upper right seats open for board members.** Contact me with any ideas or problems: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net

Early Bird Prize: set of steel .01 won by Fred Holabird.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Bart Daniels: 1842 Large Cent, set NA \$1, steel .01 set, buffalo .05

Rick De Avilla: partially filled .01 book, bag of British coins, Mercury .10

Ken Hopple: 1911 .25, 3 smashed .01

Doug Harper: set presidential \$1, Georgia mint book

Dan Waterman: partially filled .01 album

Leo Rossow: 2 Ikes, Indian head .01 & arrowhead, steel .01 set

Andrew Hopple: bag of foreign coins, 2018S .25 set

Milton Angel: standing Liberty copper round

Ed Scott 1 gram silver

Karen Hopple .05 album with .05s

David Elliott: bronze club medal (went to Mark Amodie)

Bill Nailer: 2 coin bags, chocolate coins

Laurel Hoggan: 5 year set holders

Russ Walker: bicentennial medal

Jeff Allen: Barber .25, full date buffalo

Lorrie Walker: 1981 proof set

Thomas Charleton: Pacific medal restrikes in

mystery box by Laurel, old Chucky Cheese tokens

Mary Long: 2016 spiral Red Book

Faye Allen: Merc.10, 1969 proof set

Don Stamps: Fred Holabird catalogs

Auctions

No auctions

Quarter Pot

Leo Rossow WON the quarter pot, over \$20!

THANKS everyone for donating to the RAFFLE!

Texas .25 here, NA & Innovation dollar here.



S set of all five 2013-2018 quarters in case \$5
National Park Quarters PDS .50
Presidential, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

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September 2019

Upcoming Coin Shows

September 13-15, Santa Clara Collectibles Show,
Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America
Parkway, Admit: \$6, Tables:76+, Scott Griffin 515
601-8661 scott@griffincoin.com
www.griffincoin.com

September 14, CA Numismatic Association Forum,
Vallejo Naval Museum, Heritage Theater, 734 Marin
St. Transportation Numismatics. FREE. Michael Turini
707 246-6327 dlhcoins@gmail.comwww.calcoin.org

September 26, Sacramento Valley Coin Clubs Show,
Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Drive,
Admit: \$3, Tables:50, Bob Shanks 916 204-5168
Robert.Shanks@att.net www.sacvalcc.org

**October 12-14, Diablo Numismatic Society Coin
Show,** Elk’s Lodge,1475 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek,
Admit: \$3, Dealers:30, James Laird 925 200-2276
Info@DiabloCoinClub.org www.diablocoinclub.org

October 19-20, Delta Coin Club Show, Eagle’s Hall,
1492 Bourbon St., Stockton, Admit: FREE, Tables:
40+ Ruben Smith 209 982-5961
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The Other Coin: Coins of the Caribbean



Spain, Britain, France, Netherlands, and the US have all had colonies in the Caribbean. Coins were minted as early as the 1505 Spanish cob, the 17th century British Sommer Islands (Bermuda) pence and shilling coins, and coins for Jamaica in the 19th century. France held some 23 Caribbean islands, producing coinage for several of them including Haiti, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, and Saint Kitts. The Dutch Caribbean comprises the islands of Aruba, Curaçao, Saint Marten, Bonaire, Saint Eustatius, and Saba. Sweden made coins for St. Bartholomew. Just as the US swiped Puerto Rico, the various European nations nabbed Caribbean islands and territories from Spain that claimed the entire Caribbean thanks to Columbus. Spain had some 12 mints in the Americas and one in Hispaniola later known as the Dominican Republic. The Spanish cobs, reals, and escudos are



often marketed as treasure or pirate coins and were the primary coinage of colonial Americas as well as the Caribbean. There are some 7,000 islands with 13 sovereign nations (14 if you count Bermuda) , 12 dependent territories, and many uninhabited islands. Major islands are: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican

Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Netherlands Antilles, Puerto Rico, Saint Barthelme, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Martin, Saint Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands, and outlying Bermuda. Early coinage was often counter stamped Spanish coins or the coins of the previous colonial owner. Below, cut Spanish coin with and an



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SV stamp when Britain took St. Vincent, and next to it a cob marked for Curacao of the Netherlands Antilles. By the late 20th centuries Netherlands, France, and Britain made coins for their colonial possessions. Coins



of Bermuda and Jamaica with George II and Victoria. 1794 gulden of Curacao and 2 florin coin with Queen Beatrix of Netherlands. French coins of 1789 Cayenne Island best known as Devil Island and a Haitian coin of 1839 with Liberty, Republique Francaise and Liberte Equalite, and Fraternite. Independent islands coinage nations often have sea life, ships, and fanciful shapes.



Coins of Cayman Islands and Barbados above.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri



The big news is that the **designs for the Innovation dollars are out** and we will get the dollars over the next four months. The Delaware coins has the profile of Annie Jump Cannon who developed a system of star classification at Harvard Observatory on the late 19th century that is still used today. The Pennsylvania dollar celebrates the polio vaccine depicting a period micro scope and the virus. The New Jersey dollar depicts the Edison light bulb, and the Georgia dollar

has plants representing the 1730s experimental garden known as the Trustees' Garden. The designs are clever and attractive. **The designs for the last six quarters are also out:** A Samoan fruit bat, A painter at Weir Farm for



Connecticut, a mangrove tree for Virgin Islands, Vermont has a child planting a tree, Kansas has a butterfly over the prairie, and Alabama has the Tuskegee airmen of WWII. **Robert Rodriguez brought the first 21793 cents with a chain or olive wreath reverse.**

There is quite a story to America's first cents in 1793. The US mint could only make copper large cents and half cents because the officials had balked at the idea of a required \$10,000 bond, which they had to post before making gold and silver. The first 1793 had a chain reverse that for many implied bondage, perhaps bondage to a federal government as onerous as the British. Henry Voight was given the task of changing the reverse, replacing the chain with a wreath. There are some varieties in the 63,353 mintage of the 1793 wreath reverse. The initial examples came with a vines and bars edge while the later ones have a lettered edge which says, "ONE HUNDRED FOR A DOLLAR"; The obverse would show a normal sprig above the date but on four known examples it is a spray of trefoil leaves and small blossoms called the "Strawberry Leaf" variety. No one precisely knows how this happened, but it is very rare with just four well-circulated being known. For most, however, any example of the 1793 will do. It had a low mintage in part because it was discontinued very quickly this time in favor of a new obverse. The new Liberty cap 1793 would have a low mintage of just 11,056 and it is very tough to find. **The new Texas quarter is based on an old Spanish cob** with mission bells instead of a castle, added wheat and waves of the San Antonio River.



From the New York COMEX closes on Dec. 28, 2018, to Sept. 3, 2019, **the price of gold jumped 20.2%**. How have the prices of common-date pre-1934 US gold coins fared over them time period? Here are how the retail selling prices have changed for the 8-piece \$2.50-\$20.00 Liberty and Indian type sets: Extremely Fine condition: +17.1%, Mint State-62 condition: +14.1%, Mint State-63 condition: +10.3%, Mint State-64 condition: +2.6%, Mint State-65 condition: -1.2%, **None of these 8-coin sets appreciated to the same degree as the rise in gold's price.** Evidently there is a 6 month lag between rise and gold and rise of gold coin prices with the less fine coins appreciating first. **Britain's pound coin has been replaced by a 12-sided coin meant to deter counterfeiters.** There are still about 145 million of the older coins round pound coins still outstanding after being demonetized. According to the British Royal Mint, a staggering one in 30 of the round version of the denomination were counterfeits when the newer 12-sided (dodecagonal) version was introduced on March 28, 2017. This statistic sounds even worse when you consider there were about 1.7 billion round variety pounds in circulation at that time. That calculates to about 57.8 million fakes. At the exchange rate current at the time this article was being written this equals more than \$69 million US in fake coins. Banks still allow you to deposit round pound coins. **Edward VIII, who declined the British throne to marry the American divorce Mrs. Wallis Simpson, had a few coins and patterns made and are of the highest rarity.** Few are available to collectors. There are no more than two of any denomination is in private hands, but for half the denominations there is just one. This Edward VIII penny was sold by Mark Rasmussen privately in 2003 for a reported \$35,000. It is offered by Spink on September 24th as part of the Waterbird Collection and is expected to realize more than \$50,000.





It is the **year of the mouse in 2020**, and the Perth mint may have already won cutest mouse coin with a Minion mouse. Other Perth offerings include a dragon and phoenix, a book loving Simpson coin, Captain Marvel ,Captain America's shield, and Bugs Bunny (on line). **6 winners on the PCGS W .25**, splitting \$2000 for Texas quarter. 5 from Utah and 1 from Texas. **San Francisco proof Eagles are selling well.**



You can buy 5 oz of gold dust from the SS Central America in PCGS holders now. *Mystery at the museum. Recognize it? Tell me.*




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August 27 **Large Cents** Dan Waterman

August 30 **New Coins of the Museum**

September 24 **Island Coins** Laurel Hoggah

September 27 **New Coins at the Museum**

October 22 **Happy Birthday NV!** Rusty King

At the Last Meeting: Reno Coin Club had its first picnic in July thanks to David Loder and Laurel Hoggan with a good turnout of about 40 people and lots of food! *Likely to be an annual event.* A few of us participated in the **replica striking of the 1870CC half dollar at the Nevada State Museum August 1.** Robert got several early numbers, and I got to see number 44 struck on the press. The half ounce silver coin will be selling for \$125, and the number of strikes has been raised to 3000. Thomas Rogers, the retired US mint engraver, was there to sign the cards. *It's a beautiful, if overpriced coin. I will bring mine as well as the Littleton Coin Company's painted and gold plated 2009 Lincoln pennies, and the Mary Ross dollar set.* We joined the ANA's effort **to get a 2021CC Morgan dollar made by the US mint** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the transition from the Morgan to the Peace Dollar. **We will need 289 co-signers for House Bill 3757.** Join the effort: <http://www.money.org/coin-legislation> and get others to help us. We only got until December. (See more about it below.) **San Antonio quarter not out until August 26th.** I got new hearing aids finally \$8500!! I can now hear half of what you say, not just 20%. The club could save a few bucks if you read the newsletter on-line. I'll pass around a sign-up sheet. **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. Please leave upper right seats open for board members.** Contact me with any ideas or problems: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net

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Not The Other Coin: A 2021 CC Morgan Dollar (and a Peace Dollar Too, not CC)

Legislation authorizing 2021 Carson City Morgan and Peace silver dollars to benefit (ANA) American Numismatic Association, Nevada State Museum, and WWI Museum. *Collectors urged to contact representatives to become a co-sponsor of House Bill 3757.*

Coin collectors could soon purchase a 2021CC Morgan silver dollar and simultaneously support the American Numismatic Association (ANA). On July 15, legislation was introduced (House Bill 3757) to authorize production of 2021 Morgan and Peace silver dollars to mark the transition in 1921 from the Morgan to the Peace designs. A combined maximum production of 500,000 proof and uncirculated Morgan and Peace silver dollars would be authorized. An unspecified number of Morgan dollars could be struck at the former Carson City Mint (now the Nevada State Museum) on modern US mint presses.

Sales of the two coins will include a surcharge of \$10 per coin, 40 percent of which will be paid to the American Numismatic Association for educational programs (after the U.S. Mint has recouped all of its production and associated costs). The National World War I Museum & Memorial in Kansas City also will receive 40 percent

Upcoming Coin Shows

August 18 Fairfield Coin Club Show, Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky St., Admit: \$1, Tables:25, Bill Bartz 707 688-8014, 707 384-3793 Moviesman8@comcast.net w.solanocoinclub.com

August 25 Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit: \$2, Tables:66, Peter McIntosh 916 317-9055 peter@mcintoshcoins.com www.sacramentocoinshow.com

August 30-Sept. 2, Las Vegas Numismatic Society, Tropicana Hotel, 2121 S. Casino Drive, Laughlin, Admit: ?, Tables:?, CK Shows 888 330-5188 info@ckshows.com www.ckshows.com

September 13-15, Santa Clara Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Admit: \$6, Tables:76+, Scott Griffin 515 601-8661 scott@griffincoin.com www.griffincoin.com

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Not The Other Coin: A 2021 CC Morgan Dollar (and a Peace Dollar Too) *continued*

of all net surcharges, while the Nevada State Museum located in Carson City will receive 20 percent. The enabling legislation, jointly introduced in the House of Representatives by US Reps, Emanuel Cleaver, D-Mo., and Andy Barr, R-Ky. 289 co-sponsors are needed by mid-December.

The commemorative coin initiative is being led by Tom Uram, chairman of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC), president of the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists, and current board member of the ANA; and Mike Moran, a member of the CCAC. "It's critical that hobbyists reach out to their Congressional representatives immediately to press them to co-sponsor the bill," says Uram. "We need the required number of co-sponsors by mid-December in order for this to become reality."

ANA President Gary Adkins noted that the silver dollar commemoratives could ignite additional interest in the hobby. "I encourage every collector to contact their Congressional representatives to co-sponsor H.R. 3757 commemorative coin legislation," he said. "Not only is this great for the hobby, but for the first time ever proceeds from a commemorative coin program will support numismatics." The Peace dollar was approved in December 1921 upon the declaration of peace between the United States and the Imperial German government, replacing the Morgan dollar. According to information provided in the proposed legislation, the design conversion from the Morgan dollar (minted between 1878 and 1904, and again in 1921) to the Peace dollar (struck from 1921 to 1935) reflected a pivotal moment in American history. "The Morgan dollar represents the country's westward expansion and industrial development in the 19th century. The Peace dollar symbolizes the country's coming of age as an international power while recognizing the sacrifices made by her citizens in World War I and celebrates the victory and peace that ensued." The output of the 2021 silver dollar issue will likely involve transporting a press currently used to strike U.S. coins, according to Uram. Uram said he met earlier in 2019 with U.S. Mint Director David J. Ryder, who

was receptive to the idea of the commemorative coin and its striking in Nevada with a current U.S. Mint coinage press. Striking coinage outside a Mint facility requires congressional approval, with the legislation to have a provision permitting production at the former Carson City Mint. In the last such striking, the U.S. Mint ceremonially struck 1989 Bicentennial of Congress copper-nickel clad half dollars and silver dollars on three seven-ton coinage presses hauled from the Philadelphia Mint on a flat-bed trailer and parked under a tent in the east parking lot of the U.S. Capitol.

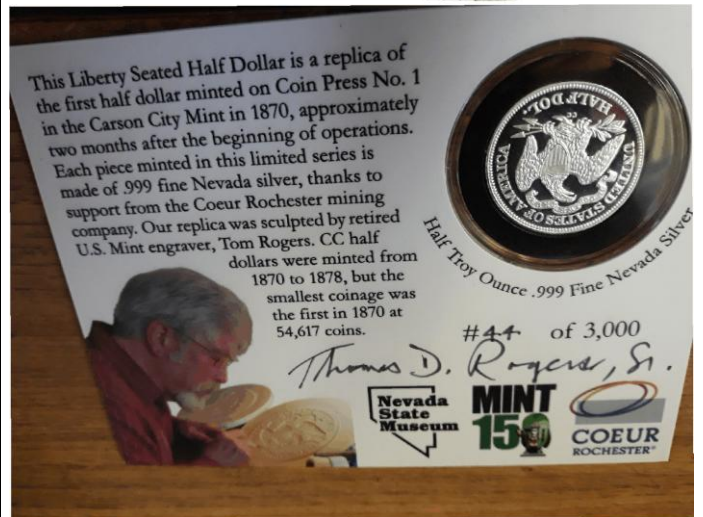
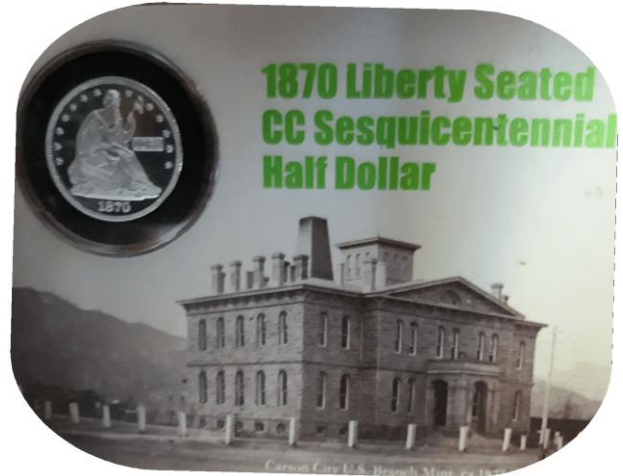
See bill and how to contact legislature: <https://www.money.org/coin-legislation> The best way to do this is to call the DC representative office and ask for the person in charge of dealing with Treasury Department matters. Ask them to co-sponsor HB 3757 to have new 2021 commemorative Morgan and Peace silver dollars made. So says Congressman Mark Amodei's legislative assistant. If you have friends and relatives in other states that would help that would be great.

Not The Other Coin 2: CC 1870 Half Dollar



Looked like there was about 200 or more people at the museum to take in the nice appetizers and drinks before the drawing for the order of minting, a \$5 surcharge. The CC half dollar costs \$125, very steep, but it was nice and the engraver from the US mint was there to sign the card.. 3000 will be made from Lovelock silver mines, Couer Rochester. I got number 44, about half way through, so a hundred or more coins were sold

that night with you being able to see your coin made on the old press. There was a band or fiddle and guitar anyway. The \$25 party fee was a good value.



Overall, it is a nice coin to have, a high grade original would cost a lot more. You're supporting the museum, and being made on the original press makes it a likely to recuperate its cost. Please call a few congressmen for the CC Morgan dollar, and you might suggest a W nickel should be made to complete the series.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

August 2019

Numismatic Potpourri

The California Numismatic Forum in Vallejo is well worth attending Saturday September 14 for free. The theme is on transportation and will have 4 lectures on 1906 San Francisco transit tokens, Transit on Ancient Coins, our own Jeff Shevlin "So-Called Dollars with Transportation Themes," and from Canada "Banks on Wheels." There are door prizes, last time for everyone, onsite luncheon service (that you pay for), and free admission to the naval museum. Nice day trip. Begins 9:30 AM. Or go down a day early for the Santa Clara Show that is always nice. **Still no schedule for the 2019 Innovation dollars yet.** Archaeologists from the University of Gdansk were working in the presbytery of the 14th century Church of the Saint Andrew the Apostle in the town of Barzewo in Poland when they found **a glazed ceramic mug handle filled with nearly 1,000 coins of King Sigismund III Vasa (1587-1632).**



Armed robbers stole more than \$2 million worth of gold coins from a vault that had been left open at a mint in Mexico City. The daylight robbery was the latest high-profile crime to hit the capital city amid record levels of lawlessness across the country. Two people, one wielding a firearm, broke into the government coin manufacturer on Tuesday, threw a security guard to the ground, and took his gun. One of the robbers then went to the vault, which was open, and filled a backpack with 1,567 gold coins. The coins, known as *centenarios*, have a face value of 50 pesos, but trade for 31,500 pesos (\$1,610) apiece. That makes the total value of the haul at least \$2.5 million. **Encased postage stamps** were among several forms of substitute

or emergency currency issued during the second year of the Civil War as gold, silver, and even copper coins disappeared from circulation. David Bowers, co-author of The Standard Catalogue of Encased Postage Stamps published in 1989 is gathering expanded information for a new book on the subject, perhaps for publication next year.



Silver Eagle lovers will have a new coin to add to their collection beginning August 6 with the United States Mint's **release of the 2019-S Proof American Silver Eagle.** This proof is made at the San Francisco Mint, is struck on a 1-ounce 99.9% fine silver blank, is priced at \$55.95, and is available without limits.

Robert Rodriguez has three new articles on the Newman Portal: 1. "1792 Morris So-Called Silver Center Cent Research Presentation: Responses and a Call to Action," which contains a brief introduction, excerpts from some of your responses, a discussion of PCGS' position, and a call to action. The link is: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/567274>

2. "1792 Silver and Non-Silver Center Cents, Responses from the Numismatic Community," includes the complete responses from all 19 coin experts. This link is: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/567273>.

3. 50 pages: "1792 Silver and Non-Silver Center Cents: Further Studies of the Silver Plug Contained in the Morris So-Called Silver Center Cent." Link is: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/538104>

Tons of California Gold Rush-era coins, ingots, and gold dust were recovered from the 1857 sinking of the *SS Central America*, "the Ship of Gold." In Q. David Bowers and Dwight Manley **America's Greatest Treasure Ship: the S.S. Central America: the Second Treasure-Finding Journey**, 224pp. \$50. A complete inventory of the more than 15,000 U.S. and world coins and 45 assayers' ingots..

The Perth mint has a can of beer shaped coin of the Simpson's Duff beer. An unimaginative gold moon landing coin, 5 ounce Chinese zodiac, the Hindu goddess Lakshmi, and a Christmas minion coin, but the prize goes to this 2oz silver antiqued coin commemorates the 100th anniversary of the first flight from England to Australia. Featuring a gold-plated rotating propeller insert, the coin design includes a representation of the aeroplane that made the 17,910 kilometre journey, an ex-WWI Vickers 'Vimy' bomber aircraft, and the flight path.



The new basketball domed coin favored designs and runners up:



Winston Zack's new **Bad Metal: Copper and Nickel Circulating Contemporary Counterfeit United States Coins** covers the history of US counterfeits with two other volumes planned on silver and gold coins. 320pp. \$69. The United States Mint unveiled **images of its high reliefs American Liberty 1-ounce gold coin and 2.5-ounce silver medal.** The 2019 collectibles are scheduled to launch Aug. 15 at yet to be announced finishes and limits.



Encased dimes were produced at atomic energy exhibits during the 1950s and early 1960s. More than 250,000 dimes were irradiated, encased in plastic and returned to their owners as souvenirs. A mixture of radioactive antimony and beryllium is enclosed in a lead container. Gamma rays from the antimony are absorbed by the beryllium atoms and a neutron is expelled by the beryllium atom in the process. These neutrons penetrate silver atoms in the dime. Instead of remaining normal silver-109, they become radioactive silver-110. Radioactive silver, with a half-life of 22 seconds, decays rapidly to cadmium.



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At the Last Meeting Favorite coins were a set of W mint coins, a boxed CC dollar won at the museum raffle, gold 1976 NV bicentennial medal, a medal of the home town Cunningham San Joaquin jail, and **Sam Dibitonto's best of show collection of seated liberty dollars**. I was able to buy some more raffle prizes and got **donations from Larry Demangate and Allen Rowe**. Don't forget **the minting of the CC half dollar replica on August 1 at the museum**, a bunch of us are going. The museum is also having a **week long celebration of the moon landing** noted below. **Picnic July 23 at Silver Sage Senior Residence, 4885 South McCarran by Jamaica Park thanks to Laurel Hoggan and David Loder**. We'll have hot dogs, pulled pork, plates, etc., and whatever else you bring for the **pot luck**. There is a full kitchen and patio, a dining room and attached patio. Please bring friends and family. There's a sharp right turn before bus stop on the north side of South McCarran, so best to come off Airway Drive to make right turn. (See map below). The club could save a few bucks if you read the newsletter on-line. I'll pass around a sign-up sheet. **San Antonio .25 August 26. I will not bring coins to picnic**. We will start set up around 4 PM.

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Clay Thomas 1 gram silver bar
Rose Moratti: 2018S .25 set, blue books
EdScott: presidential dollars
William Naylor: Guam .25, US coin books
Cole Allen: tokens
Ken Hopple: world coin books
Laurel Hoggan: 2009 .01set

Auctions

No auctions.

Quarter Pot

Judy Thomas (not present) won the quarter pot.

THANKS everyone for donating to the RAFFLE!

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Not The Other Coin 2: Littleton Coin Creations

Gave the rockets from the US mint with the Kennedy half and NA dollar to my grandkids before I knew I would have to present my moon coin display for Apollo XI week at the museum (see above). In scrambling to fill the holes, I found Littleton Coin Company had made a nice display of the 2019 NA coin with Mary Golda Ross, who worked at Lockheed from 1942-1973 designing rockets and satellites when my grandparents and mother worked there. (2 secret service guys raided our house to retrieve dinosaurs molded from heat shield polymers my mother had made me. Those guys have no sense of humor.)

Numismatic Potpourri



Canada's 3 ounce moon bar wins for coolest Apollo XI coin so far although Littleton's painted half dollars are cool too. The mystery of the 1894S dime has never been a mystery at all. Rich Kelly & Nancy Oliver discovered an article in the October 1895 issue of the *San Francisco Bulletin* which explained, directly from the weigher of the SF mint, as to the reason why the 24 1894S dimes were struck. The weigher, Frank Berdan, said that he had purchased 2 pieces as he always did, a family tradition. And, word also came that the ex-coiner, Charles Gorham purchased two as well. What better sources could you have to explain the coin's creation? In addition, there were 3 pieces set for assay not 5. Two for special assay at the Philadelphia mint, and one for the annual assay. This left a total of 17 sent into circulation. Since 9 are known, 8 are still missing. *Keep looking.*



1938S PCGS MS68+ brought \$364,250 in Legend's Regency Auction for those seeking the finest known PCGS graded coins. Bureau of Engraving and Printing includes a \$50 bill for their Apollo XI offering for \$86. An 1876CC twenty-cent piece is one of the most famous and most desired of all American coins, and the offering of an example attracts great attention in the numismatic community. Not only is it a great rarity with fewer than 20 pieces believed to exist,

but it also possesses the added romance that accompanies coins from the historic and short lived Carson City Mint. Stack's Bowers Galleries is pleased to announce that it will be offering a PCGS- graded Gem MS-65 1876-CC twenty-cent piece in the Rarities Night session of the firm's Official Auction on the evening of August 15, 2019, at ANA World's Fair of Money in Rosemont, Illinois. It last appeared as lot 1405 in The 400 Sale held by Stack's in January 1988 and will be the first Gem 1876-CC twenty-cent piece seen on the market since Stack's Bowers Galleries' sale of the F.C.C. Boyd specimen in January 2013.



Rob Rodriguez and friends study of the silver center cent appears in *E-Sylum* and elsewhere: Complete article on Newman Numismatic Portal: 1792 Silver And Non-Silver Center Cents: A Study (<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/538104>) Lots of nice detailed and conclusive photos. SILVERINGOTS.COM is a website dedicated exclusively to silver ingots produced by the United States Government. Fine silver ingots were made at United States Government facilities in Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco, New York and Denver, from 1892 through 1984. Ken Conaway has created a new site featuring silver ingots of the US government and Englehard ingots. See: <https://silveringots.com/> and <http://allengelhard.com/> Heritage has held their third sale of Neil Armstrong memorabilia with many coins and medals flown in space and to the moon and bits of Orville Wright's plane. Anyone score any of the treasure? Perth Mint is continuing their Simpson series of silver rounds. Someone likes them. Also super heros, Suicide Squad, Star Trek and Star War coins, an Egyptian series.



The fourth known 1854 San Francisco mint Liberty head half eagle, discovered just last year and sold at auction for \$2.16 million, will be publicly exhibited for the first time during the American Numismatic Association Chicago World's Fair of Money, August 13-17, 2019. It will be a featured display in the Museum Showcase. **The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has made "an exact reproduction of the original Declaration of Independence on parchment paper."** It is 26" x 31" and the largest hand engraved print ever produced by the bureau. The print is \$195.95 and includes an illustrated booklet detailing the history of the Declaration of Independence. **The 1933 Indian head gold eagle** is called a poor man's 1933 gold coin.

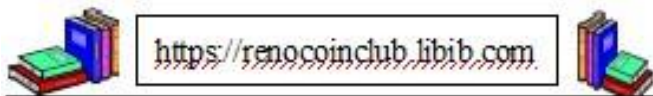


Considering the 1933 gold eagle currently lists for \$600,000 in MS-65, it is hard to credit the word "poor," but since the only other gold coin of 1933 (the famous Saint-Gaudens double eagle of 1933) which once sold for \$7 million, the gold eagle is a bargain. The Indian head eagle was barely released at all due to the Gold Recall Order of 1933. As things worked out, the recall order stopped the release of gold coins and gold certificates, and also called for the return of both gold coins and gold certificates. Only collectors were allowed to keep their gold coins, and all the 1933

Indian head gold eagles still in the bank vaults were melted and never released. Interestingly enough, the government has always taken the position that the 1933 Indian head gold eagle was officially released while the 1933 Saint-Gaudens double eagle was not. That meant the difference between the double eagle being seized and the gold eagle being a very valuable coin, which is perfectly legal. Whether the government position makes much sense does not matter in the case of the 1933 gold eagle as it is legitimate to own and legitimately scarce as well. **The British Royal Mint is selling off many of its rarities at a fixed price by raffle.** You agree to pay the price asked and hope your name is drawn. To mark the 50th anniversary of the *Give Peace a Chance* recording, The Royal Canadian Mint has produced a 38 mm, silver proof \$20 with a mintage of 9,999. The reverse presents the original photo by Ivor Sharp of John and Oko taken during their *Bed-in for Peace* protest on June 1, 1969. The song by John Lennon was performed by the *Plastic Ono Band*. To mark the launch of the Perth Mint gold



fund on the NY Stock Exchange, **the Australian Kangaroo One Tonne Gold Coin** came to New York City. The colossal coin tips the scales at 1 ton (2,205 lbs) of 99.99% pure gold. Measuring more than 30 inches in diameter and over 5 inches thick, this gold icon is worth in excess of \$45 million. As the biggest, heaviest and inherently most valuable gold bullion coin in the world, it holds the title of the "largest coin" ever made by Guinness World Records.



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31 members got to see Jeff Shevlin's new book on the **Pacific Coast Expositions So-Called** dollars. Slow at the museum, so we left a little early to go see the railway car on the new museum coin at the Railroad Museum. **You'll be getting an invitation from the museum for the minting of the CC half dollar replica on August 1.** Got my W penny, to go with my W half and dime. Haven't found a W quarter yet, but Russ in the club did. They're selling for \$50 at Smyrna coins and Littleton and under \$20 on e-bay. Milton found a Mercury dime in his change. **Bill Green cancelled the July coin show**, hotel will not be ready in time. **WWII Guam .25 in the mail** ordered June 3. **Laurel found a place for a picnic in July thanks to David Loder.** Learned to set up microphone and reminded everyone, I am deaf. The club could save a few bucks if you read the newsletter on-line. I'll pass around a sign-up sheet. 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.** Please leave upper right seats open for board members. Contact me with any ideas or problems: 815-8625

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Bart Daniels: 1999 unc. set, half cents album
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Bill Mailer: 1 gram silver
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Don Stamps: Fred Holabird catalogs

Auctions

1 ounce silver buffalo donated by Larry Demangate sold to Rick DeAvila for \$21.

#5 Reno Coin Club silver medal won by Milton Angel for \$65

Quarter Pot

Frank Wheeler won the quarter pot, but did not put in .25. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO DONATES TO THE RAFFLE!



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Not The Other Coin 2: West Point Mint

Got my 2019 W penny, ordered a 2019 W quarter from e-bay, have the 2015 W dime from the March of Dimes set, and a 2014 W half from the Kennedy set as well as an 2007 eagle minted, but not marked with a W. I should have the 2015 W Sacagawea \$1 soon as well. They will be My Favorite coins this year. The Mint better be planning to make a W nickel soon to complete the set. I’m starting a campaign to have a W nickel. US Mint can be contacted: Telephone (202) 756-6468, Weekdays 9:00am to 4:30pm EST, except holidays. Fax (202) 756-6200 Email: inquiries@usmint.treas.gov We need a W Nickel! The West Point Mint Facility was built in



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1937 near the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York as a bullion depository. It produced pennies from 1973 to 1986 without mint mark to help out the other mints. It became an official branch of the US Mint on March 31, 1988. From 1977 to 1979 West Point minted quarters for the bicentennial and after again without mint mark. September 1983 saw the first appearance of the W mint mark (from this still unofficial U.S. Mint) on a \$10 gold coin commemorating the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. This was the first legal tender US gold coin since 1933. In 1986, American Gold Eagle bullion coins were solely produced at this facility, again with no mint mark. Starting in 1999 American Silver Eagle bullion coins were also produced at West Point without W mint mark except for 1995 in proof and then in proof with the W mint mark from 2001



on. In 2002, the US Military Academy at West Point had its 200th anniversary, and a bicentennial commemorative silver dollar was issued, featuring a cadet color guard on the obverse and the helmet of Pallas Athena on the reverse. In 1996 a commemorative Roosevelt dime



was produced for the 50th anniversary of the design. Over 1.457 million were produced as an insert to the mint set. Thus this W mint marked dime is not particularly scarce. In 2015 another W mint marked dime was issued along with a 2015-W dollar, these as part of a three coin set to commemorate the March of Dimes. Only 75,000 sets were produced.



In 2014, a reverse proof silver Kennedy half dollar which was part of a commemorative set, along with the 24K gold proof Kennedy half dollar were produced there to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy half dollar with the W mint mark at base of neck and under olive branch in gold.



In 2015, the West Point Mint struck Sacagawea dollars for the first time. Released as part of a special Native American Coin and Currency Set, only 90,000 were produced. The first cents to display the W mint mark were produced for collectors in 2019. These W Lincoln cents are added to traditional mint sets in three different finishes. An uncirculated 2019 W cent is included with uncirculated set, a proof 2019 W cent is included with the proof set, and a reverse proof 2019 W cent is included with silver proof set. There

are no limits for these sets. On April 2, 2019 the United States Mint announced that 10 million quarters will be introduced into circulation containing the W mint mark in order to promote the hobby of coin collecting.

Although quarters have been produced at the West Point Mint, none of them included the W mint mark. These quarters will also be a part of the America the Beautiful quarters program with 2 million of each of the 5 national parks to be released in 2019 carrying the W mint mark.

American eagle bullion coins in gold, silver, platinum, and palladium are produced at West Point, along with all gold commemorative and a few silver commemorative coins. Gold eagles and some uncirculated and all proof silver Eagles, as well as all commemoratives from West Point are struck with the W mint mark. Beginning in 2006, the West Point Mint also made all American buffalo gold bullion coins. Visit their website at:

www.usmint.gov/about/mint-tours-facilities/west-point And, as noted, in last month's issue, there is a tour by a local Fox affiliate at www.fox5ny.com/news/west-point-mint-gold-inside-look

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

The American Legion coins are selling well, especially the set with the American Legion silver dollar and American Service silver medal. Stack's Bowers will be offering a large group of **Indian Peace medals** at the August ANA World's Fair of Money auctions. The American Numismatic Society (ANS) is pleased to announce the launch of a new online resource, **Hellenistic Royal Coinages (HRC)**. HRC is a web-based resource for users to learn about, research, and conduct different types of statistical analyses on the coinages produced by the different dynasties and rulers of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East during the Hellenistic period (ca. 323-31 BC). These include the coins struck by (and in the name of) Alexander the Great and those struck by his successors, such as the Seleucids in the Near East and the Ptolemies in Egypt. See <http://numismatics.org/hrc/> **Canada is celebrating 75th Anniversary of D-Day** with a series of coins commemorating the landing on Juno Beach.



David Lisot's Video Library will be housed at the Newman Numismatic Portal with weekly excerpts found at CoinTelevision on the YouTube. Since 1985 David has been taping programs and interviews at coin shows across the nation. **The other ANA in NY is already making the medals available they got from NW Territorial Mint.** A great **on-line book Medals of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New York University** by David Alexander is available giving the images and details of some 94 medals by great sculptures hired by Medallic Arts and produced from 1962 to the mid-1970s. <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/565080> A haul of





Viking coins worth \$750,000 found during a police raid could "change British history." From the reign of Alfred the Great, King of Wessex, and his less well-known contemporary Ceolwulf II of Mercia. King Alfred inflicted a major defeat on the Vikings in AD 878 and experts from the British Museum believe the coins were found in the location of the Viking army at that time. Until now, accounts have suggested Ceolwulf of Mercia was a puppet of the Vikings and a minor nobleman rather than a proper king. However, the coins tell a different story and show two rulers standing side by side as allies. The American Medallic Sculpture Association (AMSA) is pleased to announce that the **winner of the 2019 American Medal of the Year (AMY) award** is "Breakout" by Michael Meszaros, commemorating the breakout of Australian soldiers in

The **English penny and 2 penny will continue** in circulation even through reduced in size. The Perth mint has Kirk and a coin with an abacus celebrating the Silk Road. Q. David Bowers has released the third edition to A Guide Book of Lincoln Cents to rave reviews. Harriet Tubman will not be replacing Andrew Jackson on the \$20. So says Steven Mnuchin. A coin that shouldn't exist, a 1959-D Lincoln cent with the wheat reverse that was retired in 1958 rather than the Lincoln Memorial reverse introduced in 1959 was sold at Ira and Larry Goldberg's June 2 Pre-Long Beach Auction in California for \$48,300. An Australian man



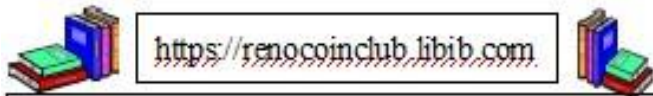
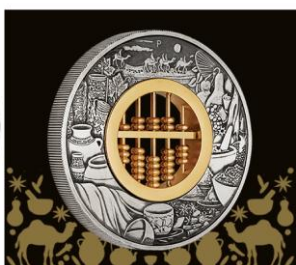
has unearthed a 1.4kg (49oz) gold nugget with a metal detector while wandering Western Australia's gold fields. A shop in Kalgoorlie shared pictures of the rock online, estimated to be worth \$69,000.



Don Kagin offers his new 2 cent piece to those asking for one after visiting his 2 cent suggestions and viewing over 80 initiatives adopted from 1,000 suggested. Website: www.Kagin4ANApresident.com



WWI. And, a cool **1936 buffalo nickel error**.



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Rick De Avilla: partially filled .01 book, Barber .25

Doug Harper: 2001 mint set

Laurel Hoggan: 2000 Peace medal

Bart Daniels: NA \$1 set, Mercury .10

Mary Long: Presidential \$1 set, Mariana PDS .25

Conn David: full date Buffalo .05

Russ Walker: 1 gram silver

Leo Rossow: 2 magnifying glasses

Faye Allen: Barber 1962 Canada .01 roll

Ken Hopple: unc. Ohio space .25

Cole Allen: dollar coin albums, mint bag

Rusty King: Canadian coin books

Dan Waterman: 5 year set holders, 2x2 albums

Auctions

NV silver state .25 donated by Bill Green sold to Jim Arden for \$20.

Rare books from Don Kagin sold for \$18 thanks to Don Stamps and Rick DeAvila.

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Gary Meckler won the quarter pot, about \$7.

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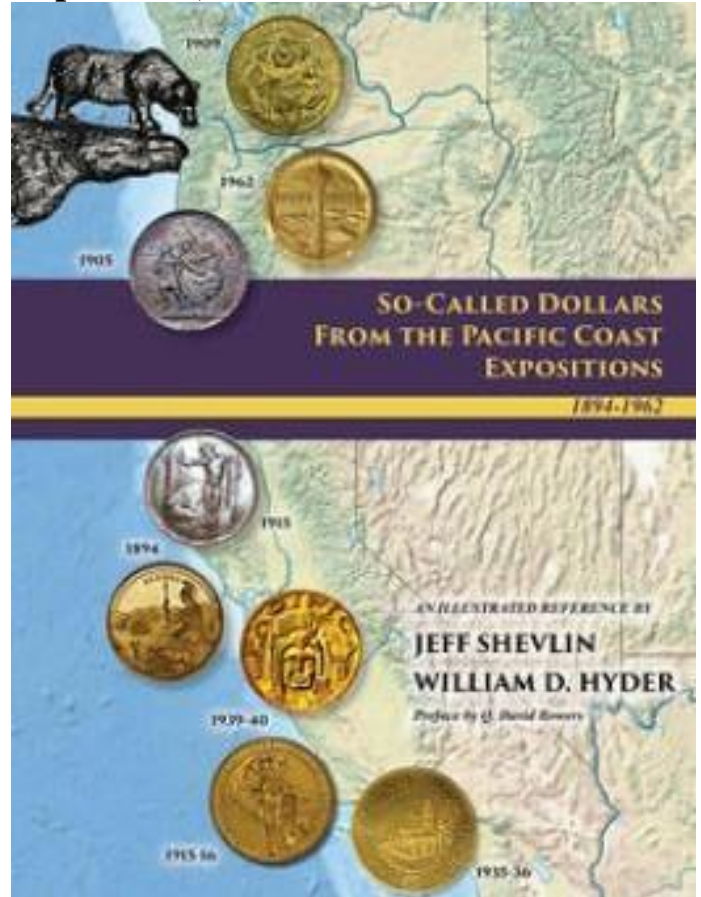
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Not The Other Coin: Jeff Shevlin's So Called Dollars from the Pacific Coast Expositions, 1894-1962



Jeff Shevlin's new well illustrated book features medals from the Pacific Coast Expositions: 1894 California Midwinter Exposition, 1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition, 1909 Alaska-Yukon- Pacific Exposition, 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition, 1915-16 Panama California Exposition, 1935-36 California Pacific International Exposition, 1939-40 Golden Gate International Exposition, and 1962 Seattle World's Fair. There is a preface by Q. David Bowers. Shevlin and co-author William D. Hyder share the stories, history, and events of the expositions that were held on the Pacific Coast. From the 1894 California Midwinter Exposition through the 1962 Seattle World's Fair there were eight major expositions held on the Pacific Coast. There is an in-depth analysis of all of the So-Called Dollars and historical US medals associated with those great expositions. Dozens of previously unknown medals

and varieties are identified that will help collectors interested in this fascinating series. Hardbound editions with over 300 full color pages, 8 1/2 x 11, are \$59.95. A very special signed and numbered edition for collectors with a medal encased in the cover is limited to 95 copies. It is available for \$149.95. Shipping is \$4.50 per book. The first edition of the Pocket Price Guide, with photos of each type, info on the metal compositions, rarity information and values in five grades is available for \$19.95. To order, please contact: Jeff Shevlin, the So-Called Guy, 1894 E. William St., Suite 4-240, Carson City, NV 89701. He will have some copies available at the presentation. As you can see the medals are often works of art, by some of the great sculptures and coin engravers.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

Laurel and I will be at Nevada State Museum when they begin to make the **Transcontinental Railway medal**. Evidently, the coin will be struck weekly in June and presumably on May 31 as well. No date for the 1869 CC half replica yet. Nevada State Museum will mint the Promontory Car medal May 18 with the coin press reverse. Half ounce silver you can buy for \$60 at the museum store and then watch being made on the 1869 press. **Canada is celebrating a hundred years of their railroad with a cool nickel plated steel quarter for \$22.25.**



Starting around May 2018, the Fairmont Collection, one of the most amazing hoards of United States gold coins started appearing for sale. Graded by PCGS and marketed by Stack's Bowers, this massive group of thousands of eagles and double eagles dated as early as 1850 and as late as the 1920s came onto the market after 75 to 125 years. **Australia and the US have begun**

their cooperative coin ventures by pairing a clad half dollar Apollo XI coin with a 1 ounce silver coin from Australia for \$125. The US presidential coins on eagle flans continue with James Madison. After protests, Britain has decided to continue their 1 and 2 pence coins without change. **Perth mint continues their Simpson series, but the cool coins this month are Gone with the Wind and Alien.**



A 1964 Kennedy Half Dollar sold for a world record \$108,000, making it the most expensive coin of its type, during a public auction of rare U.S. Coins held Thursday, April 25, 2019, by Heritage Auctions. The rare example of the rather common piece of pocket change is one of about a dozen special issues struck in 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper for special coin sets issued by the U.S. Mint during the mid-1960s. **A second 1982-D small date homogeneous copper alloy Lincoln cent has been discovered.** Like the original discovery coin, this latest find is also graded AU-58. According to the PCGS label it weighs 3.07 grams, close enough to be within reason able tolerance. Copper-alloy cents weigh 3.1 grams and the copper-plated zinc cents weigh 2.5 grams give or take a few tenths of a gram either way. Due to the rising cost of copper, cents transitioned from bronze to copper-plated zinc during

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1982. This 1982-D small date bronze cent in AU58 NGC is a very rare transitional alloy error, cousin to the famous 1943 bronze cents. The first discovery coin, graded AU58 by NGC, appeared in an August 2017 Stack's-Bowers auction and realized \$18,800. **Krause Publications has filed for bankruptcy and the future of *Numismatic News* and *Catalogs of World Coins and Paper Money* is in doubt.** On-line sites have been replacing the paper catalogs. **The Newman Portal has all the available die information on-line now,** collecting Roger Burdette's research, who has gathered together the known archival data, and consolidating research from Bob Julian and others. Although records were never complete, all available records are now on-line. If Krause Publications goes under, hopefully Newman Portal will put their publications on-line. **The first 2019-W Quarter certified by NGC was found by actor Shawn Pyfrom,** best known for his recurring role on ABC's popular *Desperate Housewives* series. **The US Mint announced that 10 million quarters with the W mint mark of the West Point Mint would be released into circulation at random.** These are the first quarters to feature a W mint mark and they are comparatively rare, less than 1% of all 2019-dated quarters will have W mint mark. Five different 2019W Quarter designs will be released this year as part of the America the Beautiful Quarters Series. Each design will have a mintage of just 2 million pieces with the W mint mark. **India has joined China in making fake coins starting with 18th and 19th century Indian coins.** The **Monnaie de Paris has launched new silver coins and base metal medallions which are offered for sale to aid in the reconstruction of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris** that caught fire and burned on April 15. Preliminary reports have offered the encouraging information that the 850-year-old structure is still sound and can be

renovated over what is expected to be a lengthy period of time. Many of the silver and bronze coins are sold out, but the copper-nickel is available for 8 euros or about \$10.



A pricey (200 euros) new book on the **Coins Minted by the Knights of Malta** by John Gatt is out with a video promoting it: **Coins Minted by the Knights in Malta** by John A Gatt on youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smo_KkendKI&feature=youtu.be A hard bound book with 427 full color pages and over 5,800 photos. The size, weight, rotation and edge type for over 2850-coin varieties has been listed which is close to twice the number listed in all previous catalogs. Images of all the coins are shown indicating the differences of each variety. **Nearly a quarter of the US gold sits in a windowless building on the campus at West Point.** "We've got approximately 54 million ounces here that we store, which is about 22% of the nation's gold" Ellen McCollum, Superintendent of the West Point Mint says, facility built the same year as Fort Knox that originally housed the nation's silver. In one vault, there are 2,600 bars of gold bullion. At today's market value, each bar is worth about \$500,000. That means that in that one vault, there is about \$1.3 billion worth of gold, and that's not counting the silver. The article and video tour are found: A rare look inside the West Point Mint's massive gold vaults and coin operations <http://www.fox5ny.com/news/west-point-mint-gold-inside-look> **The Basque have successfully printed their own euro currency** to be used at local stores. **Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) is planning to move all its production facilities out of DC to Maryland.** Spink is offering Jonathan Callaway and Dave Murphy **Paper Money of Scotland.** The definite guide to the paper money



issues of Scotland from 1695 to the present day. 2 vols., 50 pounds and **Jeremy Cheek, Monarchy, Money & Medals: Coins, Banknotes and Medals from the Collection of Her Majesty the Queen**, 40 pounds, www.spink.com **Standard Catalog of World Paper Money, Modern Issues, 1961-Present, 25th edition**, provides the most comprehensive and complete reference on the market to world bank notes issued since 1961. You'll be impressed to find all circulating paper money issued worldwide in this fully illustrated catalog with current and completely vetted pricing for 22,000 variety listings and more than 14,000 note images. Available at Amazon for \$50. **In 1866, West Virginia legislature passed a resolution authorizing the distribution of medals for officers and soldiers who were honorably discharged, killed in battle or who had died of causes related to battle wounds.** The medals were a slight testimonial of the high appreciation, by the State, of your Devotion, Patriotism and Services, as West Virginia's first Governor, Arthur Boreman, wrote in a letter to a veteran in 1867. And the war was important to West Virginians, as it only became a state in 1863, after a two-year effort launched by Virginians who wanted to stay in the Union. The state authorized the minting of 26,000 medals to honor the men who fought in its regiments during the Civil War. But, of that number, there are 3,392 that haven't been claimed yet. Now, with the help of new technology, the state is making an effort to see that those medals get to the descendants of those who served. People who believe they have ancestors who served in West Virginia can search the list of names of medal



recipients on the website for the state's archives and apply to prove that they are related. **In 1861, Congress needed to find a practical way to pay for the Civil War and its soldiers with a currency that didn't rely on gold or silver. So the United States introduced paper money. A non-erasable ink was used prevent counterfeiting. The ink happened to be green, and the soldiers called the notes greenbacks.** Q. David Bowers has a new **Guide Book of Civil War Tokens** out for \$40. Full color, 512pp., and including Sutter tokens for the first time. There is also **A Guide Book of United States Paper Money**, 6th edition by Arthur L. and Ira S. Friedberg, intro by David Ganz. Full color, illustrated, 6 x 9 inches, softcover, 416 pages, retail \$24.95. **The Tyrants of the Tiber collection will be featured at the Long Beach Show in June.** This unprecedented display will encompass the tyrants of Rome from the earliest Roman Republic portrait coins over 2,200 years ago through the Imperial and Empire Periods, and ending with the fall of Rome and the invading tribes. In addition, since the Vatican practically sits on the Tiber River, this amazing exhibit will include the coinage of the Popes explained Ira Goldberg. *Someone can bring me the catalog.* Hettie Anderson was an African American model who likely posed for Liberty on Saint-Gaudens' eagle and double eagle coins, as well as Adolph Weinman's Walking Liberty coin.



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April 23 **Space Related Coins** I'll show my space coins, you brings yours. National Coin Week! Celebrating the moon landing in 1969 and new American Innovation dollar series.

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The Last Meeting

29 members got to see a power point of the history of Ukraine and Crimea in coins. The Ukraine became a no man's land after the Mongols of the Golden Horde killed everyone and kept Crimea until the late 1700s. Stalin slaughtered tens of millions of Ukrainians and made the Nazis look good. The Ukraine, the original land of the Rus, wanted nothing more to do with Russia after 1991. **Please bring your moon landing and space coins for April meeting.** I will bring a display made for National Coin Week at the museum. **Bill Green will tell us about the coin show here in Reno in July at the April meeting. I expect Robert to bring in his new fugio cent and some other treasures in April as well. The US Mint will be placing 2 million W .25 in circulation this month Look for them. The Mariana Islands .25 is ordered and on its way.** Still no schedule or designs for the Innovation dollars , just Friday April 26. Got bumped by Hawaii thing. Looking forward to Jeff Shevlin in May. 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 with any ideas or problems : 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net

Early Bird Prize: 1975 mint set won by Ken Hopple

Raffle prizes winners were:

Gary Meckler: Slot machine books, 2005 proof set, 2018S .25 set

Bart Daniels: 1992 proof set **mystery box** by Laurel

Faye Allen: Merc .10

Bill Naylor: 1980 proof set

Leo Rossow: 1984 proof set

Milton Angel: Israeli coin books, presidential \$1 set

Dan Waterman: chocolate coins

Trish Elliott: Bicentennial medal

Rick De Avilla: Jeff. .05 with .05, game tokens, 1 gram silver

Mary Long: NA dollar coin set, 2009 penny set

David Shapiro: 1975 mint set

Faye Allen: Barber .25, full date buffalo

Jerry Breedlove: 5 year set holders

Auctions

#4 club medal sold to Gerhard Dohne for \$75

Quarter Pot

Rusty King won the quarter pot, about \$7

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April 12-14 Sacramento Valley Coin Clubs Show, Four Point Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Admit: \$3, Tables: 50, Bob Shanks 916 204-5168 Robert.Shanks@att.net www.sacvalcc.org

April 28 Vallejo Numismatic Society Coin Show, Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador, Admit: FREE, Tables: 40+, Vince Lacaier 510 366-1365 coinvince@aol.com www.solanocoinclub.com

May 17-19 Las Vegas Numismatic Society Coin Show, Westgate Resort and Casino, 3000 Paradise Road, Admit: \$3, Tables: ?, CK Shows 888 330-5188 info@ckshows.comwww.ckshows.comJ

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Not The Other Coin: National Coin Week: Discover the Past, Envision the Future



2019 National Coin Week is celebrating the moon landing and the new innovation \$1 series that began with George Washington's signature on the first US patent in 2018 (see above) and a new statue of Liberty design. The medals celebrating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing include \$5 dollar gold coin, 5 and 1 ounce silver coin, and a silver clad half dollar all curved. The obverse has the helmet reflecting the lander, flag and astronaut while the reverse has the first footprint on the moon. In addition, the mint has created a glow-in-the-dark rocket ship for children at \$10 with the new Native American dollar (also above) with a NA woman engineer and NA space walker, a 2019 Kennedy half, and a space for a quarter. I put in the Florida state quarter that had the shuttle on it. There are dozens of coins and medals made at the time, 10th and 25th anniversary and being made now. I have the Apollo series from NASA purchased decades ago at the Kennedy Space center.



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Russia has several coins celebrating Sputnik, Yuri Gargarin, and Valentina Tereshkova. China has a nice 2013 moon landing coin, Australia has been doing award winning coins of constellations, several countries have done the solar system and planets, some colorized. Cook Island and Australia planet sets are especially nice. I picked up several coins celebrating the moon landing for under \$10 on e-bay and saw many real and mock bills and celebrating the moon landing and a great many



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Numismatic Potpourri

I had hoped to have an image of the Transcontinental railroad coin to be minted at the museum, but there still working on the design. Must be a government operation. The Government Accounting Office (GAO) has reported that the **savings from going to \$1 coin from paper has evaporated as the new dollars are better made and last twice as long.** There may even be a net cost to going with the dollar coin. Financial Benefit of Switching to a \$1 Coin Is Unlikely, but Changing Coin Metal Content Could Result in Cost Savings (<https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/697778.pdf>) The **bronze Libertas Americana medal designed by Benjamin Franklin in MS64 sold for less than \$18,000, quite a steal, hope Robert snagged it. 1703 five guinea Queen Anne coin made from the gold captured from a Spanish treasure fleet after battle at Vigo Bay sold for over a million dollars at auction, the most ever made for a British gold coin. 11 best coins sites? www.thesprucecrafts.com/best-coins-sites-on-the-web-3898464**



stamps as well. I particularly like the bicentennial coin with the freedom train on reverse and the ANA coin made in Turks and Caicos Islands. Marshall Islands that have a tracking post makes coins every decade or so, and a cheap commercial coin is not so bad with the astronauts. I know you have even better ones.

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A rare 24-carat gold aureus of Allectus (293-296 AD) has been discovered by an amateur metal detectorist in a field in Kent, England, near the site of an ancient Roman road. Now it could sell for as much as 100,000 pounds (\$130,000) when it hits the block at London auctioneers Dix Noonan Webb on June 12. **The seal impression, dated to the First Temple period, features the words: [belonging to] Nathan-Melech, Servant of the King** The name Nathan-Melech appears once in the Bible, in the second book of Kings 23:11, where he is described as an official in the court of King Josiah (648-609BC). 13 individuals, who were the engineers,



technicians and owners of high-end sonar equipment, which found the **SS Central America in 1988 took nearly 30 years of litigation and reams of legal documents before a court settlement got them at least a portion of what they were owed.** The last of two payments arrived in February. For the 12 men and one woman, after attorney and legal fees totaling \$522,000 - \$678,000, got enough for a decent car, better than I was expecting. **April 17 is your second chance to get a W mint penny with the purchase of a silver proof set.** Last chance this Summer with a mint set, your cheapest alternative. **Basketball Hall of Fame will get a medal next year** with a basketball on obverse and public design competition choosing the reverse. **Mint made 1.25 billion coins in February.** Perth mint is celebrating the **200th birthday of Queen Victoria with a cameo coin and her various coin images.** The new **director of the mint David J. Ryder will be doing**

joint programs not only with the Bureau of Printing & Engraving, but also with foreign mints.



Hooray! Metal detectorists Richard Miles, 56, and Reg Mead, 77 after searching for 30 years are at odds with French officials over the valuation of their discovery in Jersey that is recognized as the world's largest hoard of Celtic coins. Buried 2,000 years ago by Celts fleeing Julius Caesar's Roman armies, the treasure contains about 70,000 coins as well as gold jewelry. The coins were found in a single mass, and it took 3 years to separate the coins and jewelry.



China is making knock offs of our moon coin for \$4 each in gold and silver pot metals, of course without denominations. The Monnaie de Paris

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(Paris Mint) has made coins celebrating **30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall** in the shape of wall pieces. They are also depicted on round coins).



The Simpson coins from Perth Mint for Tuvalu have sold out except for the donut. In late April 2019, the **Great American Coin Hunt is planned to launch as part of National Coin Week**. Initially, the Great American Coin Hunt started as an idea formed between several coin dealers, but has taken off in the online numismatic community with tens of thousands of enthusiasts planning to participate in the phenomenon. The plan urges hundreds of coin dealers and collectors to drop over one million vintage and collectible coins back into circulation in the United States in an effort to generate renewed interest into the hobby. Coins and notes planned to be released include Buffalo nickels, Ike dollars, Silver Certificates, wheat cents, five and 10-dollar blue and red seals - and more. These desirable numismatic treasures will be gracing venues ranging from grocery stores to restaurants from April 21, 2019, to April 27, 2019. Keep an eye out. **The US mint will be putting 2 million W .25 in circulation as well.** An English coin collector was stabbed to death in his home by a fellow enthusiast who wanted his limited edition Beatrix Potter 50 pence pieces, a court heard. So much for mild mannered British and coin collectors.

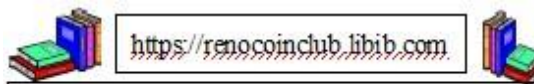


The finest-known 1885 Trade dollar, among the rarest and most enigmatic issues in all of American coinage, sold for \$3,960,000 million through Heritage Auctions. At Legend Rare Coin Auctions this **1795 \$10 gold piece**, graded MS64+ by PCGS sold for \$822,500 and **1893CC proof Morgan dollar** realized \$305,500.

Finally, cool **Wizard of Oz** coin from Perth mint and



Ukrainian Easter eggs from Royal Canadian Mint.



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At the Last Meeting 25 members watched a power point by Ken Hopple on the Carson City mint with many photos from his years as chief coinier and restorer of the old dies and much more. I also brought the Abraham Curry medal made to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the mint and press. We have been assured we will be at the Transcontinental Railroad medal mining on Saturday May 18 and the replica of first CC half dollar to be determined. **Mariana Islands .25 out April 1.** Still no schedule or designs for the Innovation dollars. Finally got 5 ounce moon landing coin, waiting for rocket ship coins and got other things for Coin Week Display at museum. Will not be going to the museum Saturday April 27 as got bumped by Hawaii thing. Mary Long, the new treasurer is getting everything in order at a very rapid pace. **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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 Mary Long: 1976 proof set
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 Rick De Avilla: Merc. .10, coin albums, Chico state album
 Leo Rossow: 1976 George W. Medal, 2019 NA \$1 set, 5 2018 penny blanks, 1 gram silver bar, bag of tokens, 2000Red Book
 Jeff Allen: Barber .25
 Bart Daniels: 2018S 5 .25 set, full date buffalo
 David Elliott 1984 mint set
 Milton Angel: 2005D mint set, coin book
 Rich Atkinson: PDS Lowell .25
 Ed Scott: trade token
 Charles Russow: token
 Faye Allen: state quarter album
 David Loder: 2 coin books

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1998 1 oz. Buffalo coin donated by Larry Demangate sold to George Lee for \$30.

Quarter Pot

David Elliott won the quarter pot, about \$5. (Fix,fix!)
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March 22-24 Western State Token Society, Veterans Memorial Bldg.,1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA Admit:?, Tables: 25 Merle Avila 707 585-3711 merle@avilaarchitects.com http://www.norcalcoinshows.com

March 28-30 ANA Coin Show, Pittsburgh, PA http://www.norcalcoinshows.com

April 6 Visalia Coin Club Show, Sons of Italy Hall, 4211 W. Goshen Ave., Admit: \$2, Tables:?, Leo J. D’Andrea 559 738-8128 dandreaeololar@yahoo.com http://www.norcalcoinshows.com

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Not The Other Coin: Bullion Coins

It appears that there is a return to the original coinage of bullion and tokens as a hedge against inflation and for investment purposes. The world used shells as small token change and copper, silver, and gold jewelry, bits, bars, and ingots for a universal currency in local and international times since Sumerian times 6,000 BC. Below are bronze age hoards from Egypt of silver and gold from Bulgaria.



Barter had proved unwieldy in local markets and cumbersome if long distance trade, so various metals became a universal currency.

With the ability to purify silver and gold in late 7th century BC Lydia gold and silver coinage replaced bits bars and jewelry. Copper mixed with other metals became a fiat currency, although large copper coins or many copper coins could be exchanged for silver on occasion. Gold and silver were the means of exchange and accumulating wealth until modern times when paper and electronic money replaced gold and silver and coinage became entirely fiat money of the cheapest metals. Most of us remember the transfer from silver coinage to copper nickel coins in 1965. Americans were forbidden to old gold by FDR in 1933 and bullion was not minted or allowed to Americans until Ronald Reagan in 1985. The US mint now makes silver, gold, platinum, and palladium bullion coins.

By detaching currency and coins from gold and silver with intrinsic value for millennia, inflation is inevitable with the only question being how much inflation. Money had value depending on the “full faith and credit” of the issuing government, which meant that weak governments could experience inflation in thousands or even millions of percent per year. Post WWI Germany purposely inflated their

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money to make it worthless, so the war reparations could be repaid in worthless money, which caused the Allies to seize land, mines and other things of intrinsic value. Vladimir Putin is so beloved in Russia because he ended the 10,000 percent inflation in post-Soviet Russia. 1924 German note of a hundred billion marks.



The 1994 Russian 10 ruble note becomes 10,000 rubles in 1995. In 2003 when I was in Russia the ruble was



worth 3 cents. The czars lead the gold standard with their rich reserves in gold, copper, and silver and introduced platinum coinage.

Fiat money was adopted on the basis that there is not enough bullion to allow international trade and a little inflation is to the benefit of creditors who can repay loans with money worth less over times. However, governments have invariably sought to inflate money by deficit spending and printing money to the extent that uncontrolled inflation ruins the value of fiat money, so that buying bullion, even at 200% of current value is both a hedge against inflation that can confidently

reclaim and exceed its initial expense over time. American silver, gold, platinum, and palladium bullion coins. Most countries are happy to sell



bullion at a mark up to gain money now. South Africa, Britain, Canada, and China are the most aggressive sellers with Canada and Australia consistently produces the most imaginative and artistic coinage. Bullion coinage on the secondary market can often be bought for under 10% of bullion value, especially in quantity. Some bullion should be in everyone's savings.



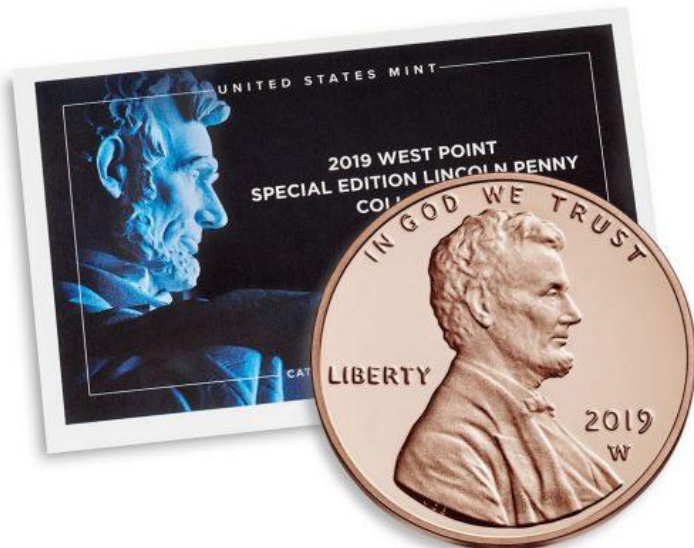
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Numismatic Potpourri

The American Legion medals came out March 14. The mint is offering a **2019 W (Westpoint) penny in different finishes in the mint and proof sets as a premium.** The penny is already selling for \$15-\$20, so besides being cool, it is likely to be a good value 2019 Proof Set with a proof 2019-W Lincoln cent sells March 1 for \$27.95, 2019 Silver Proof Set with a reverse proof 2019-W Lincoln cent sells April 17 for \$54.95, 2019 uncirculated mint set with an uncirculated 2019-W Lincoln cent sells May 14 for

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price unknown at this point, but less than the proof set, so I'm waiting for that. The W penny is packaged separately. Some lucky people found a glitch in the Mint's website and got the W penny for a penny. Almost 1,000 went out before they noticed. The proof W penny has sold more proof



sets so far. **John Frost found a photo of engraver William Barber** working with the family. First photo ever discovered. **The glow in the dark rocket ship coin set with 2019 half dollar and 2019 Native American coins are selling well.** I got the Florida state .25 with the space shuttle to go on top .25 holder for grankids. **THE HALF CENT, 1793-1857** by Bill Eckberg will be released on May 3. The hardcover is \$125. For more information: <http://halfcentbook.com/> **A Guide Book of Lincoln Cents**, 3rd edition, by Q. David Bowers; foreword by David W. Lange is out, 320 pages, full color, \$19.95 retail. **NGC certified a 1943 Copper Cent that was found in a gumball machine** decades ago. Examples are known from all three mints that produced cents that year: Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver, with the Philadelphia examples being the most numerous. Still, only about 20 Philadelphia examples are known to exist. The 1943 Copper Cent recently certified by NGC was found in a gumball machine in Philadelphia in 1976. It was then sold to a collector for the then significant sum of \$1,000. The copper penny can sell for more than \$200,000. **The number of \$100 bills in circulation is surging.** And it's leaving some economists scratching their heads. The number of outstanding U.S. \$100 bills has doubled since

the financial crisis, with more than 12 billion of them across the world, according to the latest data from the Federal Reserve. C-notes have passed \$1 bills in circulation.



Universal Coin Bullion of Beaumont, Texas, is now **selling the coins from the lock box of the SS Central America** from dimes to half eagles. Info: 800 822- 4653, or www.UniversalCoin.com It appears you have to call them. The spectacular **1857-S Double Eagle, recovered in 2014 from the fabled S.S. Central America** and now nicknamed Supernova; because of its amazing, unique natural toning, will be offered to the public for the first time through Legend Rare Coin Auctions May 16. This **1879 \$4 Flowing Hair, PR66 Cameo** sat untouched in a family safe for decades in Stockbridge, Massachusetts is expected to sell for over a million dollars.

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The US and Austria were the big winners of the Coin of the Year (COTY) awards. The US won for best gold coin and most inspirational:



Austria for most historically significant for 175th anniversary of Vienna orchestra and most artistic celebrating Freud:



Palau won most innovative for a micromosaic of Botticelli's Venus, Mauritania for best circulating coin, a trimetal coin, and South Africa for best contemporary event recognizing open heart surgery. France won for best coin of year on French cuisine (not my choice) fried egg, frying pans and a hand made of food honor chef Guy Savoy George Ramsay's mentor:



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Next Meeting:

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

February 22 No museum (I will be at Comic Con)

February 26 the Carson Mint by Ken Hopple

March 26 Ukraine & Crimea Coins D. Elliott

March 29 New Coins at the Museum

April 26-27 National Coin Week at the Museum



The Last Meeting

35 members re-elected the board with the addition of **Mary Long as the new treasurer, allowing Jerry to retire. Thanks for all your hard work! Andre Assam became life member #15 for all his hard work as secretary and great handwriting!** Did not sell very many of our excess National Park quarters and presidential dollars. At the museum **there were 100 or more happy grade schoolers with pencils and penny blanks at the museum.** Milton Angel, Bill Naylor, and Jerry Breedlove all had a good time at the museum. The new Innovation dollar sold well. Got adds in Fred Holabird catalog, ANA Mintmark and E-Esylum for medal for free. I also did ancient Greek coins in a third grade class near my home. **Lowell .25 on way and NA \$1 ordered on February 14th** should get here. Ordered 5 ounce moon landing coin, but no word on shipping yet after two weeks. Mint offers 2 day shipping, but can take weeks to fill an order. Selling things they do not have. **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

Early Bird Prize: 5 2018D penny blanks won by Trish Felkner.

Raffle prizes winners were:

- Thomas Charleton: **mystery box** \$20 bill (*wow*)
- Bill Naylor: 1975, 1976 mint set
- Philip Shallit: Nixon dollars
- Rick De Avilla: tokens, 2018D penny blanks
- Ken Hopple: 1977 proof set, buffalo .05
- George Lee: 2016S .25 set
- Cole Allen: Bicentennial medal, Gold Strike casino chip, Mercury .10 album set
- Joseph Drapula: Merc..10
- Faye Allen: Barber.25
- Mary Long: 2018 Innovation \$1, Indian head .01, buff .05
- Trish Elliott: SF Giants puzzle, large binder 2x2 sheets
- Bart Daniels: Unc. NV state quarter
- Laurel Hoggan: 50 state quarter album
- Joe Wozniak: 2014D penny roll
- Gary Meckler: Civil War coin books, Heritage catalogs
- George Lee: Morgan dollar albums

Auctions

Coin Club Medal #1 sold to Laurel Hogan for \$80..

Quarter Pot

Trish Felkner won the quarter pot, about \$5.

THANKS everyone for donating to the RAFFLE!

1st 2019 .25 on way, NA dollar ordered.



S set of all five 2013-2018 quarters in case \$5
 National Park Quarters PDS .50
 Presidential, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

Upcoming Coin Shows

March 3 Livermore Valley Coin Club Show, Elk's Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Admit: FREE, Tables:33, Jonathan Mitchell 925 954-5221 jmitchell@neighborhoodam.com

March 15,16 Sunnyvale Coin Show, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Admit: \$4, Tables:34, Bill Green 925 351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com www.norcalcoinshows.com

March 22,23 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

March 22-24 Western State Tote Society, Veterans Memorial Bldg.,1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA Admit:?, Tables: 25 Merle Avila 707 585-3711 merle@avilaarchitects.com www.norcalcoinshows.com

July 19, 20 Reno Coin Show, Best Western, Bill Green 925 351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com

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Not The Other Coin: 150th Anniversary of Coin Press #1 at Nevada State Museum

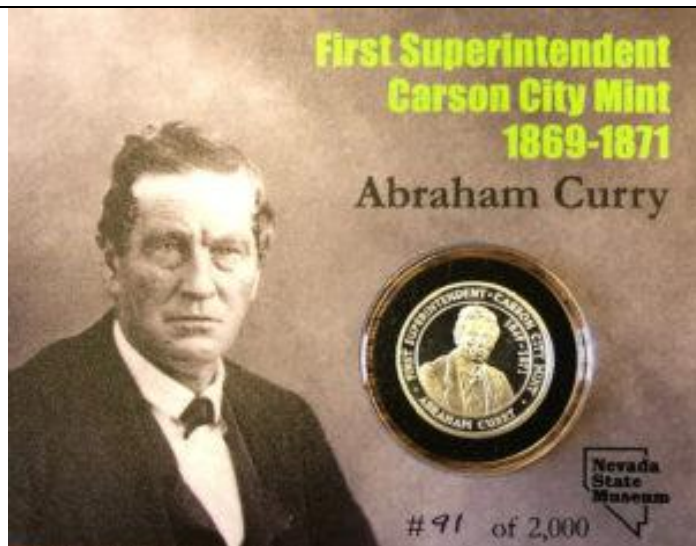


Rusty King, Doug Larson, Ken Hopple, David Elliott minting coin club medal 2014

2019 marks the 150th anniversary of the Morgan & Orr steam-powered coining press, which arrived at the Carson Mint in 1869. On February 11, 1870, this press struck the first coin bearing the famous CC mintmark. The mint produced coins, from 1870 to 1885 and again from 1889 to 1893. When the press suffered a cracked arch in 1878, it was repaired at the local shop of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad. Proud of their handiwork, V&T machinists replaced the original brass Morgan & Orr plate with one bearing the name of the famous railroad. The Carson City Mint ceased coining operations in 1893 and the press was removed in 1899 to the Philadelphia Mint, where it was remodeled in 1930 to operate with electric power. In 1945, it was transferred to the "new" San Francisco Mint. When circulating coin production was halted at San Francisco in 1955, the old press was due to be scrapped. Through the efforts of Judge Clark J. Guild, the antique press was purchased by the state of Nevada for \$225 and arrived back in Carson City in 1958. However, when US Mint Director Eva Adams, who was herself a native Nevadan and now famously on our club medal, was faced with a severe coin shortage in 1964, she requested the loan of the venerable press. It was soon trucked to the Denver mint and placed in operation, striking more than 188 million coins during the next three years. Once again returned to the Carson City museum in 1967, press No. 1 was converted to a much slower electric drive. In 1976, it was used to strike Nevada Bicentennial

medals in gold, silver, copper and bronze. Don Schmitz, owner of the Nevada City Mint in California, began operating the press for the state of Nevada on a limited basis from 1977 to 2001. Coin Press No. 1 was operated by our own Ken Hopple for many years afterwards until 2017.

After a severe break in 2017 when minting 1000s of sterling silver Morgan dollar replicas, the press was repaired several times and out of commission for most of a year. It was decided to limit coining to half dollar silver coins requiring less stress on the old press. This, required the recutting of dies including the collar die. The coin press began production again in November 2018 and has 7 designs in stock now: pony express, Virginia Truckee railroad, CC Mint building, state seal, and John Fremont. There is a new design of Abraham Curry first director of the mint to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the coin press in operation. I bought one of these and will bring it to the club. The packaging is much improved with historic photographs, but the half ounce silver is reduced only \$5 from the dollar sized one ounce silver rounds and there will no longer be any inexpensive copper or brass coins. The smaller format works well with simpler designs, which includes the designs now being made except for the state seal. There are plans to have Marshall Mint, now at 4001 S. Virginia in the Old Town Mall, Reno across from the Convention Center, make dollar size coins for the museum. There are also plans to make a replica of the first CC half dollar and a medaln celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Transcontinental railroad. The coin press operates the last Friday of each month, which is also the time that school tours are arranged. We hope to go most months with the new coins and displays of ancients, obsolete US coins and various other displays. I want to thank Bill Naylor, Laurel Hoggan, Milton Angel, and Jerry Breedlove for helping with this monthly venture and Rusty King, Robert Rodriguez, Ken Hopple, Trish Felkner (my wife), and others who have helped (as well as anyone I am forgetting). The museum has many other fine displays besides coins and the press, it is a fun place to go.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri



The Royal Mint in England is minting a set of coins celebrating the Tower of London in 5, 1, and 1/4 ounce gold and 5, 1 and proof silver all pricey, but the uncirculated silver is only 13 pounds of \$17 dollars. The raven is the first of 4 coins. The tower is supposed to fall if all the ravens leave, so there are at least 6 pet ravens in attendance at all times. Nice cheap bullion coins. **New Zealand is offering 1 ounce silver Disney coins** for about \$90 each, not so great bullion deal, but they can be bought on the

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Royal Canadian mint site (www.mint.ca), which also has Perth and Polish coins and a lot of other countries bullion coins, which can be collected by topic. The



Canadian Mint also has **cool set of dinosaur coins for \$15** and about \$3 postage in a pop up card along with other countries dinosaur coins.



Jeff Shevlin and Bill Hyder, So-Called Dollars from the Pacific Coast Expositions 1894-1962 is out. The Pacific Coast fairs showcased modern scientific and technological advances while celebrating the richness and bounty of the West. The most prominent off these spectacles were as follows: 1894 California Midwinter Exposition, 1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition, 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition, 1915-1916 Panama-California Exposition, 1935-1936 California Pacific International Exposition, 1939-1940 Golden Gate International Exposition, and 1962 Seattle World's Fair. \$60 plus shipping \$4.50 per book. The regular and deluxe versions (\$150) of So-Called Dollars from the Pacific Coast Expositions 1894-1962 and the pocket price guide may be ordered from Jeff Shevlin, 1894 E. William St., Suite 4-240, Carson City, NV 89701, phone: (916) 955-2569 or email: SoCalledGuy@Hotmail.com. On February 28th the **US mint will launch a glow in the dark rocket ship** with a Kennedy half and the new Native American dollar and a place for a quarter (I would suggest 2004 Florida state with shuttle), limit 2 per household. \$10. I'll try and get 2, since I will be putting together a space display for National Coin Week.



The Apollo XI coins did not sell out, although the 5 ounce silver is close. **Thomas Jefferson is the latest presidential silver coin** on an eagle planchette for \$40. **The US Mint produced \$13.1 billion in coins last year**, which is a significant decrease over the last 2 years except for half dollars. Police are warning Albertans to watch out for **phony Canadian bills, particularly the \$50 and \$100, which fraudsters are splicing together in a "frankenstein" creation, using the holograms of real five or 10 dollar bills.** Here's a long web address if you want to see a couple year of the pig coins:

https://www.numismaticnews.net/article/year-of-the-pig-brings-plenty-of-coins?k=4V18ybH3sHSdbvbjxZwEyYKTvo9Cqm9p5eLY9xLI98Q%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=nmn-kfa-nl-190205

The Perth Mint has Simpson coins:

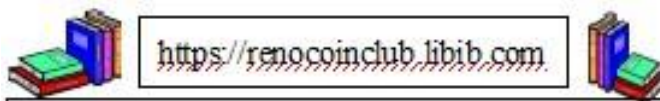


The end of the tale of the theft of the 100 kilograms Big Maple Leaf gold coin with a diameter of 53.34 cm and a thickness of 3.81 cm draws near with four men on trial in Germany. The 100-kilogram coin struck in 2007 by the Royal Canadian Mint was stolen from Berlin's Bode Museum in 2017. The men are accused of stealing the coin by entering the museum through a second-storey window, breaking a bulletproof cabinet, carrying the coin on a roller board and using a rope and wheelbarrow to transport it across railroad tracks and through a park to a getaway car. No alarms were triggered in the theft of the coin, which has a market value about \$2.5 million. In court, prosecutors alleged brothers Wayci Remmo and Ahmed Remmo as well as their cousin Wissam Remmo, all under the age of 25, executed the night-time theft with the help of a friend who was contracted as a security guard at the museum weeks before the incident.

Judge Frank S. Robinson, of Albany, NY is selling his personal **collection of Vietnamese cash coins** in an auction closing March 17. The collection of 383 different coins, includes many rare and choice pieces. They will be offered individually, with an option to bid for the entire collection. Vietnamese square-holed cash coinage began in the 10th century and ended in the 1926-1945 reign of Emperor Bao Dai and is the world's last cast cash coinage. A catalog of collection can be purchased from Robinson at Box 8600, Albany, NY 12208, e-mail: frank@fsrcoin.com The complete catalog will remain online:

<http://www.fsrcoin.com/Vietnamcash.html>

The American Numismatic Society (ANS) is pleased to announce the release of a new web-based research tool: **Ptolemaic Coins Online (PCO)**. As part of the National Endowment for the Humanities-funded Hellenistic Royal Coinages project, PCO is a new research tool intended to provide wide access to the coins listed in the print volumes of Coins of the Ptolemaic Empire by Catharine C. Lorber, the first attempt to provide a new, comprehensive standard typology and catalogue for the coinage produced by the Ptolemaic dynasty of Egypt since Ioannis Svoronos's Coins of the Ptolemaic Rulers published in 1904–1908, which is available on-line. The PCO can be found at: <http://numismatics.org/pco/> It will be printed in four volumes by 2020. *Several major medieval And Ancient collections are being digitized and it will soon be possible to identify coins through facial recognition hardware.* **NGC is releasing two hole coin holders**, so both the obverse and reverse can be shown or different finishes. Heritage is selling a **1943 bronze Lincoln cent, expecting to sell for \$170,000**, so it's still a good idea to check your pocket change. **Guide Book of Civil War Tokens** by Q. David Bowers, a 512-page book is now available online for \$39.95.



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- Tuesday, 22nd of January (4th Tuesdays)**
Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave. (at E. McCarran), Sparks
- January 22 Dinner, Elections, and The Carson Mint** by Ken Hopple
- January 25 New Coins at the Museum**
- February 22 No Museum** (at Comic Con)
- February 26 Something Presidential** Doug Larson
- March 26 Ukraine & Crimea Coins** David Elliott
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- April 26-27 National Coin Week at the Museum**



THE BEAUTIFUL NEW CLUB MEDAL IS HERE! Lowell, MA first 2019 .25 out Feb. 4. The redesigned Native American dollar with woman rocket engineer and space walker is out Feb. 13 much better than feathers and planets that would look like beads. No word on pricing of moon landing medal out January 24th, 9AM, but it is a likely sell out in spite of one per family limit. Contact me: 815-8625 datbelliotts@prodigy.net if any problems or ideas.

Reno Coin Club Blow Out Auction

With the new dollar program starting and the final National Parks quarter slated for early 2021 it is time to thin out the presidential dollars and National Park quarters. In particular we have all



five unopened bags in boxes of 2015 and 2016 S quarters that cost \$35 each without postage. We have unopened rolls of presidential dollars: Herbert Hoover D and P, Lyndon Johnson P, Taft P, Andrew Johnson?, Franklin Pierce D, Kennedy P, Reagan P and a roll of Puerto Rico territorial quarters. We paid \$30 each presidential roll. Also lots of individual quarters and dollars and a 12 dollar Monroe in plastic case. If we give them back to the bank we lose .18 on dollar and .09 on a quarter, so want you to have first chance and hope to auction or sell them for more than face. I will be keeping presidential dollars for another year or two then let them all go and the quarters through 2022 when the famous woman series begins. Please consider buying a set of 39 presidents (our cost \$46, yours for \$50) or 45 P or D quarters (our cost \$15.30, yours for \$20). I have all the S quarters expect for two of 2012. These make great presents for kids and grandkids.



- SF set of all five 2013-2018 S quarters in case \$5
- National Park Quarters PDS .50
- Presidential, Innovators, Native American D P \$1.25
- Club medal silver \$65, copper or brass \$15



Dues are Due, \$20 January 1

Upcoming Coin Shows

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

February 9-10 San Francisco Area Coins, Stamps & Collectibles Show, South SF Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd. Admit:\$4, Tables:35, Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 scott@griffincoin.com www.griffincoin.com

February 15-16 Redwood Empire Coin Club Show, Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial, 1351 Maple Ave. Admit:\$2, Tables: 60, Merle Avila 707 585-3771/707 824-4811 evenings

February 17 Cupertino Coin Club Show, Saint Joseph of Cupertino Parish gym, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd. Admit:\$2, Tables: 45, Bruce Braga 408 839-1883 BruceBraga1@aim.com

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The Other Coin: Ukraine and the Crimea Coins, Part 2: The Re-emergence

So complete was the devastation of the Ukraine and Kiev that the land became a no man's land between the Mongol Empire and the kingdoms of Poland and Lithuania, which battled the Golden Horde. At the very end of the 14th century Lithuania minted coins in Kiev with a crude chapel, cross, spear and a plea to the Mother of God for help in Russian. Below Toqtu Khan of the Golden Horde (1291-1312) with tamgha of a man and dated 692AH=1293 minted Krim (Crimea and with tamgha Khan Toqtu the Just. Silver coin of Vladimir Olgierdovich, (1362-1390) Lithuanian prince of Kiev, head around Mother help



us in Russian and reverse traditional Kievian trident.



Above coins of Kievan Prince Vitovt (1401-1430) columns of chapel, reverse cross and spearhead. Crimean Khan Mengli I (1466-1514) with trident tamgha and clear date of AH913=1507AD minted Krim and Mengli son of Hajji. The Golden Horde, Lithuania, and the Crimea Khans minted coins in the Crimea complete with tamgha or sigil (a trident), name, titles, date and mint in Arabic. The Ukraine became a borderland among the Crimean Tartars, the Ottoman Empire, Poland, Lithuania, and Russia inhabited by bands of roving Cossacks. Attempts at Cossack independence or state formation was prevented by the contending empires, and the Russian Empire gradually assumed control of the Ukraine, the original homeland of the Rus or Russia. In the 1700's Russia conquered Poland, Lithuania, and forced the Ottoman Empire to retreat.

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By the end of the 18th century the remnants of the Golden Horde in the Crimea was also subdued and both the Crimea and the Ukraine became part of the Russian Empire. The defeat of Russia In WWI caused the Ukraine to be ceded briefly to Germany (occupation note with young girl) and the subsequent Russian Civil War 1917-1921 allowed the Ukraine a brief independence and a production of a variety of Russian Civil War notes. Since Kiev and the Ukraine were the homeland of Russian language and culture and differ about as much a



as British English and culture and American English and culture; or not at all to outsiders and a lot to insiders. What divided Russia and the Ukraine was not language and culture, but Stalin. The Ukraine as the granary of Russia like our mid-West bore the brunt of collectivization with some 20 million deaths by government sponsored famine and government executions in the 1920s and 1930s, continuing through 1962. Similarly, the Crimean Tartars found themselves transported to Siberia before and during WWII, unable to return until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Hatred of Stalin caused resentment of all things Russian in both countries. It is thought that Khrushchev gave the Crimea to the Ukraine in 1954 as amends Stalin's slaughter and his own direction of troops against the

Ukrainians in the Russian Civil War, but Khrushchev also wanted to increase the number of Greater Russian inhabitants in the Ukraine. Whether as gesture of goodwill or further Russification, the Ukrainians and Crimean Tartars were not impressed and happily broke away at the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Ukraine became independent and the Tartars returned home and tried to set up an independence movement. Modern Ukrainian coinage focuses on all things Ukrainian, rich in history and monuments. So below I Vladimir's (spelled and pronounced Volodymyr) trident between two angels and a reverse celebrating Rus (Рус in Russian) becoming Christian in 988 AD, spelled with the pre-Soviet i at then end. Similarly, Vladimir's trident has Ukraine with the pre-Soviet i (they abolished the bourgeoisie letter i along with some others) and the reverse spells Russian kopeck (kopeck) kopyok with the i and added y being a diminutive of kopok.



The Crimea has just produced a few fantasy coins, but there are more Ukrainians and even more Russians living in the Crimea than Crimean Tartars. The dissident coinage is all in Russian and celebrates the ancient Scythian heritage more than the Golden Horde heritage. Russia, of course, has a number of



of coins and banknotes celebrating the Crimea's "liberation" in 2014 and in WWII featuring WWII

monuments in the Crimea. There are also fantasy coins of the future liberation of the Donbass coal mining region of the Ukraine with its Russian majority population in the Eastern Ukraine.



The Ukraine and the Crimea like horribly abused spouses left when they had a chance and have no desire to return. Nevertheless, the Crimea is at best a stepchild to the Ukraine and not a son or daughter.

.Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

As we await the prices for the moon landing medal, the theme for **National Coin Week, April 21-27 is Discover the Past, Envision the Future** to celebrate **Apollo XI and the new American Innovator series**. There will be a lot of emphasis on the moon landing, so are medal should sell well and if someone has Susan B. and Eisenhower dollars with the eagle has landed motif they would like to sell me for \$1.10 or consign me to sell for \$1.25 for National Coin Week. Let me know.



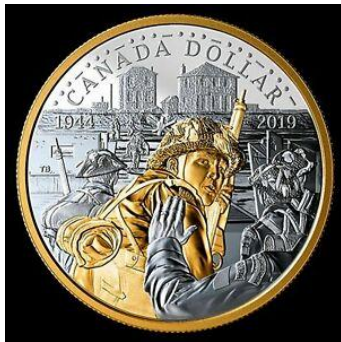
Came across a cool bit of history. **Calvin Coolidge and Hugo Eckener bronze medal issued 1924**, commemorating the flight of the blimp USS Los Angeles to Lakehurst, NJ. Eckener and Coolidge face one another with winged figure of Peace between. On reverse is a zeppelin flying over the Atlantic Ocean with Statue of Liberty and steam ship. After the death of the Graf von Zeppelin in 1917, Dr. Hugo Eckener became the head of the company Luftschiffbau Zeppelin and oversaw post-war production. Built as a part of the German reparations for their participation in WWI, the USS Los Angeles, was completed in



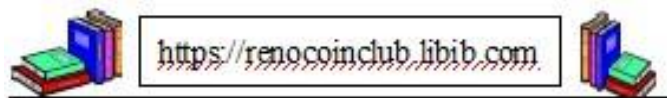
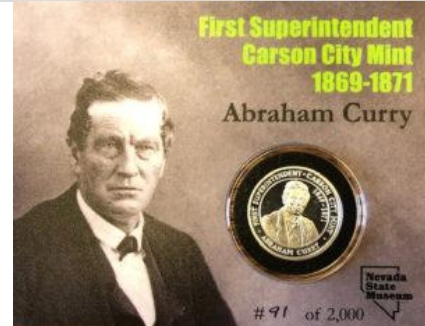
August 1924 and flown to the United States. Eckener, along with his crew, was received by President Calvin Coolidge at the White House. **500 euro note is being phased out to battle criminal money laundering.** 17 of the 19 European nations have stopped making the note with Austria and Germany to follow in April. The Swiss 1000 franc note will become the new criminal favorite now. **The Innovator dollar is the top seller at**



the US mint. Canada has a nice 75th anniversary coin for D-Day, but the Perth Mint has a Barbie coin, Star Trek Discovery coin, an opal pig and a Bugs and Lola coins.



A hoard of 60 gold coins from the mid-1600s was found in a pasture in the Czech Republic. Coins from Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, and Turkey worth over a million dollars were likely buried as Swedish Army advanced into Czechoslovakia during the Thirty Years War. **On December 28th to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the coin press a new medal featuring the mint founder Abraham Curry was made.** During World War II, 425,000 Germany, Italian, and even some Japanese prisoners of war were held at 700 POW camps in 46 US states. A new book, **The Complete Book of World War II USA POW and Internment Camp Chits. Prisoner of War Money in the United States** by Dave Frank & David E. Seelye, \$40 in print or \$20 as an e-book. **NGC is now certifying coin dies and US Mint coin production continues at a billion dollars a month.** Based on responses to a year-end Professional Numismatist Guild (PNG) questionnaire, the aggregate prices realized for all US coins sold at major public auctions in 2018 totaled more than \$345 million, compared to \$316 million in 2017. The PNG estimates the overall US rare coin market in 2018 was over \$4 billion not including sales by the United States Mint or bullion coins, such as gold and silver American Eagles.



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