Reno Cartwheel-We Meet at LAST!!!!!! November 2021

Next Meeting: At Last November 23

November 23: My Favorite Coin & Minibourse Bring coins to show, sell, or trade.

November 27 New Coins at the Museum

July 15, 16 Reno Coin Show, Reno Ramada Hotel & Casino, 1000 E. 6th St. Bill Green 925-351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com www.norcalcoinshows.com

After the Last Cancelled Meeting

Denny's repaired the floor and did some other nice remodeling, but they will likely be understaffed, so service might be slow. I pleaded and begged (a skill learned when I worked with the Salvation Army) so **WE CAN MEET AT LAST**. **Have NC dollar**, so all four innovation dollars for this year. I will discuss the 2022 designs in December issue along with the NA \$1. I will bring the America the Beautiful quarters to sell for a quarter except for the S mints. I no longer have: 2010 Yellowstone D, 2011 Oklahoma PD, Olympia DP. Glacier D. Bill Green is advertizing a Reno Coin Show for July 15-16, 2022 at the Ramada. We have a coin show again! You can come by if you want to get quarters before the next meeting or have me set some aside by email, mail, or calling. I will continue to sell S sets for \$5 and have them all except 2012. Website at www.renocoinclub.com **Raffling boxed 1884 CC,** selling for \$500 now according to Rusty. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. **Next up** will be an 1851 gold dollar donated by Glenn **Fruehan**. Contact me with any problems or ideas: datbbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625.

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In Memoriam



Sam Dibitonto and Glenn Fruehan passed away recently. It was wonderful to see Sam's seated silver dollar made into a potty dollar and his whole collection of dollars with their many rarities. Glenn had something of a dilettante, mostly

US coins that he bought and sold as the mood struck him. We will be selling his donated 1851 \$1 after the boxed 1884 CC is raffled off. He stopped attending after he could only get around on a scooter, but was very glad to have the club in his life. We will miss the two members. Say a prayer for them.



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Upcoming Coin Shows

November 12-13, Sunnyvale Coin Show, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Admit: \$4, Tables: 34 Bill Green 925-351-7605

November 19-20, South SF Coin, Stamps, Collectibles Show, South SF Conference Center, 255 South Airport Blvd. Admit: \$5, Tables: at least 13 dealers Scott Griffin 415-601-8661

November 27, Vacaville Coin Show, Vacaville Moose Lodge, 6585 Gibson Canyon Road, Admit: \$2,Tables:? Scott Griffin 707-434-9200 www.griffincoin.com

December 11, SF International Numismatic Bourse, South SF Conference Center, 255 South Airport Blvd. Admit: \$8, Tables: at least 13 dealers Scott Griffin 415-601-8661 Great ancient and world show

December 4, Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Weatover St. Peter McIntosh 916-317-9055

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The Other Coin: Anatolian Beyliks



Most nation states have a history of being fragmented minor states coming together over a long period of time. This is especially true of Great Britain, France, Spain, Italy, and Germany, but also of Turkey, the former Ottoman Empire (1229-1922). Turkey is a country known to history as Anatolia or Asia Minor, the heartland of the Byzantine or Eastern Roman Empire. Before that it was a rich part of the Persian Empire with many Greek cities on or near the coasts before and after Alexander the Great's conquest. Lydia the kingdom that created coinage was also in northwest Asia Minor. Collecting the pieces of today's nation states is fun, especially Germany, Italy, and Spain or the ancient little kingdoms called *rus* in Russia or the nations of Eastern Europe and Central Asia that were free, then Soviet, then free again. As a complement to my Byzantine collection, I collect a coin of each of the "beyliks" or petty kingdoms created after the Crusaders of the Fourth Crusade (1204) took Constantinople from the Byzantines and the Mongols invaded the area forming the Mongol Ilkhanate defeating the Muslim Mamlukes and other Muslim states. This was the time the Mongols converted to Islam, finding it a more heroic and martial religion than Christianity, Buddhism, or their own pagan religions.

At the beginning of the 13th century Anatolia was divided between two relatively powerful states: the Byzantine Empire in the west and the Muslim Anatolian Seljuks in the east. Mongol pressure pushed nomadic Turkish tribes to migrate westward from Central Asia into the now poorly-defended Byzantine territory. For the next two centuries, Anatolian Beyliks were under the suzerainty of

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the Mongol Ilkhanate. All coins minted during this period in Anatolia declare Mongols as rulers as did Russia and China. After the Byzantines regained Constantinople in 1261, Anatolia increasingly began to slip from Byzantine control as Turkish Anatolian beyliks were established both in formerly Byzantine lands and in the territory of the fragmenting Seljuk Sultanate. Political authority in western Anatolia was thus extremely fragmented by the end of the thirteenth century, split between locally established rulers, tribal groups, holy figures, and warlords, with Byzantine and Seljuk authority ever present but rapidly weakening. The fragmentation of authority has led several historians to describe the political entities of thirteenth and fourteenth-century Anatolia as "petty kings", a comparison with the history of late medieval Muslim Spain. The power of these groups was largely dependent upon their ability to attract military manpower. Western Anatolia was a Conan-like hotbed of raiders with warriors switching allegiance at will to whichever chief seemed most able to provide them with opportunities for plunder and glory. Among these little kingdoms or beyliks is Osman. The Ottoman dynasty is named after the first ruler of the Ottoman polity, Osman I. He was descended from a Turkic tribe which migrated out of Central Asia in the wake of the Mongol Conquests. As evidenced by coins minted during his reign, the emergence of Osman as a leader is marked by him issuing coins in his name, unlike his predecessors in the last two centuries who issued coins in the name of the Mongol or Seljuk ilkhanates. Osman's principality was initially supported by the tribal manpower of nomadic Turkish groups, whom he led in raids against the Byzantine territories of the region. This Ottoman tribe was based not on blood ties, but on political expedience. Thus it was inclusive of all who wished to join, including people of Byzantine origin.

I admit the coins are uninteresting Islamic coins with Arabic on both sides unlike German and Spanish coins with portraits, shields, buildings, and such. The Seljuks minted large bronzes imitating Roman and Byzantine coins and often have a mounted knight on them and images of people that are striking and violate the Muslim rule of no grave images. The beylik coins have none of that. Still ebay makes them easily available from Turkey and elsewhere. Bronzes for around \$10 and silver for around \$40.





Beylik Osman, Obverse: "Struck by Osman, son of Ertuğrul" Reverse: "May his Kingdom endure." Silver akce 1299-1324 AD



Saruhan Beylik of Ishak Bey AE mangir 1313-1324 AD No date, mint (and I could not find a translation.)

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are out.

A new edition of **Encyclopedia of Physical Bitcoins** and Crypto-Currencies by Alias Ahonen has come out for \$110. This Encyclopedia explores the recent phenomenon of physical crypto-currency and the infrastructure that surrounds it. Hardcover 286pp. A new largest medieval gold cache was found by metal detectorist in Norfolk, England recently 131 coins and 4 gold objects. Dated around 600 AD. Coins are mostly Frankish with nine Byzantine solidi. The first two metal detectorists declared their find to authorities. A third hid the 10 coins he found and will be spending 16 months in jail. ANA is still giving \$5 dollar and digital subscriptions to new members. As promised the Newman Numismatic Portal videos are all on line from this year and last at https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediadetail/539070 ?Year=2021&take=50 Lots of good stuff. Perth mint continues its Simpsons and James Bond coin and the Chinese Year of the Tiger coins

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I like things made out of coins and pennies, but Jim Bulmer of Hornby Island, British Columbia is making **painted penny and other coin art**. Still trying to decide if I like it. A medal accusing England's first de facto



prime minister Walpole of being in league with the devil for proposing an excise text for a second time has come to light with the virtuous Admiral Vernon and Brown opposing the tax (c. 1739) on the other side. Good dragon. A wealthy Chinese man was asked to follow





covid pandemic protocols inside a bank in Shanghai responded by withdrawing all his savings. He first withdrew 5 million Chinese yuan (around \$783,000) from his account (the maximum withdrawal per day) and ordered the staff to manually count and check each 100 yuan banknote. He posted pictures.



A Michigan family made a **bombshell discovery** this weekend when they discovered a non-live WWI-era ammunition round was filled with treasure. The family was cleaning out its house when they came across what

they believed to be a live ammunition round and contacted authorities, Michigan State Police said. Instead, it was discovered that the shell contained a hidden trove of antique coins and bills dating from the 1800s and early 1900s.



The bell from legendary Ship of Gold, the SS Central America, was on display at the World's Fair of Money in Chicago. Recovered during salvage efforts the bell helped identify the shipwreck. Expedition chief scientist Robert Evans discusses the significance of the recovery and tolls the bell. An excerpt of the video is available for viewing on the Coin Television YouTube Channel at: https://youtu.be/sk-7oseUKs4



Probably an urban legend, but it **sums up the counterfeit problem in China**: A farmer in China planted seeds for a major harvest. Nothing grew. The farmer then dug up the seeds and found they were counterfeit. He drank a bottle of pesticide. Later that day, his family found him lying in the field. He confessed his wish to die. The family rushed him to the hospital. The doctors, after an examination, found that the farmer had drunk a counterfeit pesticide that was harmless. Returning home, the family stopped and bought a bottle of Mai Tai. They were all found dead in their home. The Mai Tai was counterfeit and poisonous. **MINT ERRORS TO DIE FOR, 2ND EDITION** by Joe Cronin is a large, 340+ page coffee-table book (8.5 by 11 inches) loaded with big

HD color photos. Written in plain language and great

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for beginners; it is extensive and detailed enough for the advanced collector. Learn about dozens of error types, error vocabulary, how errors occur, how to assess values, tips for error collecting, and how to tell if a coin is damaged, altered, or counterfeit and not a Mint error. \$80 josephcronin@protonmail.com for ordering.



A privy marked 2021CC Morgan dollar struck at the Philadelphia Mint was formally presented Sept. 14 to the Nevada State Museum by Rep. Mark E. Amodei, R-Nev. The museum is located in the former Carson City Mint building. U.S. Mint Director David J. Ryder participated in the Sept. 14 presentation virtually via videoconferencing. A second one will be raffled by the museum in the Spring. Nice article in the November *Numismatist* that emphasizes the Morgan dollars will continue as a silver round, but with what mints and how many is hard to tell. A nice circulating dollar coin celebrating the Klondike to go along with the gold pan:



Maryland has **more painted pennies** in MGM Grand National Harbor casino, and they're standing on their edge. Better than Canadian painted pennies.



Penny coins are back in production in Great Britain after none were minted for general circulation in the previous two years, Royal Mint figures show, due to Covid. The figures show that no new £2 coins have been minted for four consecutive years, and no new 2p coins have been produced for three years. There are going to be holes in coin books now until the Chinese make fakes ones. Prudence Chimutuwah is an emerging contemporary visual artist who is fascinated with collage and uses the still worthless Zimbabwe trillion and billion dollar notes.



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DENNY'S BEING REPAIRED, BUT UNDER STAFFED

October 26 Happy Birthday Nevada Rusty King CANCELLED

October 30 Coins at the Museum on NV Day

November 6 N. California Joint Educational Forum, Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, 734 Marin St. FREE 9:30 AM. 3 presentations on buffalo nickels, Story Coins, and error coins. 707 246-6327

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Treasurer's report: At the end of September our available balance was \$3,744.31. Activity included: Income was \$100 for donation from Bill Green for support of Reno Coin Show. Normal expenses were paid for the newsletter.

Upcoming Coin Shows

October 23-24, Fresno Numismatic Society Coin Show, American Legion Post 509, 3509 N. First St., Admit: ?, Tables: ? John Ward 559 967-8067

October 29-31, Las Vegas Numismatic Society Coin Show, Palace Station Hotel & Casino, 2411 W. Sahara Ave. Admit:?, 125+ dealers Contact: Dawn (888) 330-5188, CKShows.com

November 5-6, 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

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The Other Coin: Coins of Aquileia



Aquileia was one of the largest Roman cities (about 100,000) and situated at the head of the Adriatic in the extreme northeast. Founded as a Latin City in 180 BC to combat Hannibal and the Celts, Aquileia became an agricultural center (grain and wine) and produced high quality bricks. Jewish artisans produced high quality glass (the sand for glass making came from the Negev Desert in Judaea). From the north came iron forged in Aquileia, Baltic amber was made into jewelry and artworks, and later silver came from the north as well. Marcus Aurelius made Aquileia the principal fortress against Celts and Germans, which is when it reached its largest size.





Diocletian created an imperial palace and a Roman mint opened 294 to 324 and 334 - 430 AD. The mint made coins in great quantities of bronze (Maximianus with the goddess Money), silver (Valentinian II with seated city of Rome), and gold (Constantius II with





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the cities of Rome and Constantinople holding a shield pledging to maintain the glory of the republic for the next ten years of his reign). Note the AQ mintmark with



an S, meaning second quarter or minting, PS of pecunia (coin) of secundus minting and SM or Sacred money, meaning minted as an official Roman coin as noted on the bronze coin Sacra Moneta of our Augusti and Ceasars when there were two of each under Diocletian, who divided the empire into Western and Eastern that Constantius II is celebrating as rejoined into one.

Visigoths attacked Aquileia in 401 and 408 and Atilla destroyed the city in 452. The survivors fled to the lagoons and marshes creating the cities of Grado and Venice. Aquileia finally recovered in the mid 12th century as trade routes restored prosperity in an alliance of archbishoprics of Friuli, Carinthia, and Friesach. Aquileia became again the Patriarchate of Northern Italy, striking silver denaro in the style of Austrian coins of Friesach on thin flans. (Anonymous c. 1147 with bishop and towers of church).



Patriarch Poppo (1019-1045), a military commander of the Holy Roman Emperor Henry II, rebuilt the basilica of Aquileia, sacked Grado his competitor for the title of patriarchate, and began minting rare silver coins in his name similar to the anonymous one above and the coin of Patriarch Volcher 1204-1218 below. Coins were minted until 1445 when the Patriarch Trevisan sold the patriarchate to Venice. The bishops were the political and economic power of the region.



There are also coins of Aquileia from battling noble cousins, the dukes of Anjou and kings of France. They both occupied Aquileia and minted coins as they pressed their claims to become king of Naples, occupying only parts of northern Italy (1382-1505). Aragon took the Kingdom of Naples back (1442, battling until 1468) and as noted the patriarch sold Aquileia to Venice. Coins of Louis II of Anjou (1382-4) and Louis XII of France (1501-1505), who tried one last time as King of Milan.



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Newman Numismatic Portal is doing another free symposium October 15-17, some 23 live programs on any number of topics. You can register and Zoom or watch them later https://nnpsymposium.org

Not seen for a decade, a one ounce gold coin with a denomination of 1,000 Bitcoins is the world's most valuable numismatic item. Purchased in December 2011 for \$4,905, it is now worth \$48 million as of Monday morning, October 4, 2021. Graded by PCGS.





Stack's Bowers Galleries is excited to present a physical Lealana Bitcoin to the passionate communities of cryptocurrency and numismatic enthusiasts in their November 2021 auction. It features an intrinsic face value, or "peel value," of 0.1 Bitcoin (BTC), equivalent to roughly USD\$5,400 at the time of cataloging (October 2021). The value of this piece was buyerfunded and remains unredeemed. Issued on a 25mm planchet of \(^1\)4 ounce of .999 fine silver and minted by Northwest Territorial Mint, the obverse features a holographic sticker with the serial number at left and the public address visible through a rectangular window. On the reverse is the Bitcoin currency symbol at center surrounded by a legend listing the denomination, composition, and the Hawaiian phrase "IKAIKA I HELU NUI" that translates as "Strength in Numbers."





New Website: www.renocoinclub.com

Images for the 2022 American Women quarters, which will be 5 quarters for four years 2022-2025.



The obverse design of all coins in the American Women Quarters Program is by Laura Gardin Fraser, one of the most prolific female sculptors of the early 20th century. Fraser's design depicts a portrait of George Washington, which was originally sculpted to mark Washinton's 200th birthday. Though recommended for the 1932 quarter, then Treasury Secretary Mellon ultimately selected the familiar John Flannigan design. Nice article on Mint Director David J. Ryder in Coin Week, https://coinweek.com/moderncoins/the-coin-analyst-what-will-mint-director-ryderslong-term-impact-be-on-the-numismatic-hobby/ **Director Ryder left October 1**. He made the Mint profitable, reigned in dealer and bulk purchaser deals, improved the art and quality of the coins, ordered the ending of bot purchases, added 100,000 customers and added limited minted coins like the W nickel, many new designs, the new Morgans, WWII coins

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And privy marks, 2017P, W quarters, colorized coins, and much more besides happily coming here to the museum. He will be missed. **One of a few proof**





1899 Morgans and an 1879 pattern Morgan dime.





Canada is celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Klondike gold rush with a cool concave silver coin with gold rim and highlighted nuggets to resemble a miner's gold pan. Cook Island has a Siamese fighting fish, with a bifurcated finish to make it an eclectic fighter like a mixed martial arts fighter. Don't know if this is cool or silly, but it is striking. Canada is also



Minting a UFO coin and a nice colorized blue jay among other. **The Perth Mint** continues its James Bond series, has a coin with an hour glass in it, and is celebrating 2022 as the year of the tiger. Not all Revolutionary War coins and medals cost tens of thousands of dollars. Many in pewter or "white metal" are available for hundreds of a few thousand dollars.





1783 Treaty of Paris Medal, copper Plug. Obv: Europe to left holding laurel branch, America right with liberty pole and cap and 13 striped shield, battle scene of Port Mahon at left, similar scene of Gibraltar on right, shields of Germany, France, England, and Spain by Europe. All seeing eye of God above. In Latin: "Thus concord unites enemies as friends" and in exergue, "By Prudence and the Fates" above a port scene in exergue. Rev: Peace with cornucopia and laurel branch standing on Mars, here as a fallen knight in full armor, radiant sun, Fate as angel with trumpet blowing "Let there be Peace." Clouds above Peace, naval battle scene, "From the clash of arms, the joyful light of peace rises again" and in exergue, "With Vulcan's help," 1783 in exergue. Dies by Johann Christian Reich, The Elder, father of John Reich of US Mint acclaim. Shipments of counterfeit US and euro **currency** have been seized in Philadelphia from Russia and Turkey now competing with China. And our Congress is planning to counterfeit a one trillion **coin** to benefit themselves. 72% of all federal spending goes into the hands of government workers, benefits, buildings, programs, and waste fraud and abuse that benefits the politician and his family. 18% goes to the welfare of the poor or needy, who like the unemployed can simply live at taxpayer's expense and not work, keeping Denny's closed to us.



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DENNY'S STILL UNDER REPAIR

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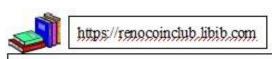
Treasurer's report: Balance \$3,699.08. Activity included: Income was \$302 for coin sales (.25s back to the bank). We also paid Bill Green \$1,369.67 for the Reno Coin Show raffle which included \$902 for prizes and expenses and half of the net proceeds. We netted \$464.67 (Plus \$100 he sent us later.) New expenses for the month included the normal expenses were paid for the newsletter and our bank fees. Thanks to everyone for making the Coin Show in July a success. Bill wants to do it again next year.

Upcoming Coin Shows

September 17-18, Coin Expo San Jose, Double Tree Hotel, 2020 Gateway Blvd. Admit: ?, 30 dealers, coins stamps and collectibles. Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 www.CoinZip.com

September 24-25, Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Four Points, 4900 Duckhorn Dr. Admit: ??, 35 dealers Contact: Bob Shanks (916) 204-5168

October 8-10, Contra Costa Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek Admit:\$4, 30+ dealers Contact: Larry Casagrande (925) 683-1180



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Not The Other Coin: Coin Show Winners and 2021 Morgan CC, First at the State Museum

We made \$564.67 at the coin show, which will be back next year. There were hundreds of unique attendees, good sales, and a lot of variety, even some ancient and foreign coins. Got my 1851 dollar coin appraised and authenticated for the raffle, and got a set of Comitia Americana medals (copies) for \$20, a lot less than Robert paid for his real ones. Trish Elliott, George Lee, Rick DeAvila all helped with club table, set up, and tear down. Saw a lot of members, three old ones renewed, and one new member paid his dues. Winners of the prizes were: Gary Burton, a dealer, 1905 \$5 half eagle MS61; Doug Larson 1945 Mexico 2 peso gold and 2020 silver eagle; Fremont Coins, 2000 Liberia \$25 gold; Jeff Allen, 1881S Morgan MS63; Jarod Middleton 1887P Morgan MS63; Less Taylor, Rick DeAvila, Larry Casagrande (dealer), DEI (dealer), George Lee, Mary Aborgast, Momo (dealer), Robert Rodriguez, and MacIntosh (dealer) all won eagles.



The 2021 CC coin offered for \$85 by the mint was snapped up by robo calls of dealers now selling them for \$500 and on ebay for \$425-\$450. No club member got one from the mint as they sold out in less than 5 minutes. Not to worry fakes are already selling on ebay for only \$85 although withdrawn now, they should be back or available on Alibaba soon for \$10 or less. Note the overlarge CC. The real coins will not ship until October although a few of us got to see and hold a real one that Congressman Amodei brought to the museum September 14th.





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Congressman Amodei presented a 2021 CC Morgan to the museum director Myron Freedman with former Mint Director David Ryder attending by Zoom. The coin Amodei gave to the museum he got to make at the



Mark Amodei, Myron Freedman

David Ryder

Philadelphia Mint himself and had his certificate of authenticity signed by David Ryder, the superintendent



of the mint, and the chief engraver. Amodei praised "Rusty King of Grand Gold Coin" and our attempt to get a commemorative CC dollar for the 150th anniversary of the mint that became a celebration of all five mints to get near unanimous support from Congress

(need 290 co-sponsors). The good news is that Morgans from all five mints will be produced for several years, so we should be able to get one. The museum will be raffling a 2021 CC in the Spring. All the 2021 silver dollars sold out on day of issue in 25 minutes or less. China will have fakes for \$5 now that their first scheme fell apart. Silver for \$25, I suspect. Got to talk to Robert Rodriguez. He is still torturing colonial coins on the cyclotron and finding out new things, which will rock the coin world. George Lee and Milton Angel were in attendance, and we will be at the museum on September 18th as the press will be down for maintenance until November. Paul Williams was also in attendance. My wife got called into work and missed it.

Numismatic Potpourri

England has the best treasure laws in the world, sharing finds among property owner and finder with fair value given to treasure the government wants. Still, **two men have been charged after a hoard of Viking coins worth nearly £1m was found by police**. Durham Police said the haul contained coins of Alfred the Great of Wessex and Ceolwulf II of Mercia. The coins and silver ingot are of major historical significance.

King Farouk's 1933 Double Eagle sold recently for \$18.9 million and is the world's most valuable coin. Got to see it in NY Historical Museum after in sold for \$7.59 million in 2001.



Robert's other treasure, a 1649 Commonwealth unite, 20 shillings. English shield within laurel and palm branch, sun mint mark, The Commonwealth of England. Reverse: conjoined English and Irish shields, value XX above for twenty shillings, God With Us, 1649 above. Coin is finest known and first vear of issuance and from the Chris Salmon Collection. He is a trustee of the ANS and wrote the definitive volume on the various die varieties of 1652 Massachusetts silver coinage. With the execution of Charles I in 1649, Oliver Cromwell became Lord Protector, 1649 is a frozen date used until 1660 in case a king returned and charged the minter with treason. Cromwell did not claim sovereign right to mint coins, so Massachusetts coined silver coins with a frozen date of 1652 too. Charles II returned to the throne in 1659. Continuing 17th century British history, the chief engraver under Cromwell, Thomas Simon, so-called



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petition crown sold recently for \$649,000 making it the most valuable British silver coin. Simon recreated the Great Seal of England that Charles I had taken with him. He struggled to make the turnover from hammered to machine struck coins, but the merchants would not accept the new coins that were developed in France. Upon Cromwell's defeat and restoration of the Stuarts and Charles II in 1660, Charles brought the Dutch coin engravers John and Joseph Roettier with him determined to make machine struck coins. Thomas Simon was in France to recruit Peter Blondeau, who had helped him created the machinery for the first attempt at machine struck coins. King Charles II invited Thomas Simon and the Roettiers to submit dies, but Thomas Simon the much better engraver was away in France and did not have time to make his dies. Once he got back, Simon made the dies from which the coin above was struck with tiny edge lettering that reads: Thomas Simon, most humbly, prays your Majesty to compare this, his tryall piece, with the Dutch, and if more truly drawn & embossd, more grace(ful), fully ordered and more accurately engrave(d), to relieve him. Simon more finely engraved the Roettier's die and retained his position although he died in the Great Plague of London in 1665 a few years later. The crowns have edge lettering, Decus et Tutamen meaning an ornament and a safeguard.



Ole Ginnerup Schytz's first time metal detector proved a rewarding experience in December when **he found a cache of 6th century gold jewelry in a field in Denmark**. In an astounding bit of beginner's luck, Schytz had stumbled across 22 pieces of gold treasure from the Iron Age, weighing just over two pounds in total. It had been buried for some 1500 years. The Jutland gold predates the Viking era when Jutes, Angles, and Saxons were invading France and England. The gold is flat thin medallions with engravings on one side that were common in northern Europe during the Migration

Period (375–568), but also includes a two hundred year old coin of Constantine the Great. The jewelry



is decorated with runes, magical symbols, and religious imagery such as the Norse god Odin, all reflecting delicate craftsmanship of the highest order and noble status. Experts believe the gold was hidden around the time of the Icelandic volcanic eruptions that began in 536 and continued to 547, which triggered a "nuclear winter" with widespread famine in the Northern hemisphere causing migrations of Saxons, Angles, and Jutes into the Roman Empire and British Isles. Famine and migrations caused the first bought of Black Death from Persia to Ireland killing up to two-thirds of the urban population, much worse than the medieval plagues. The number of medallions suggests the hoard was buried to propitiate the gods in hopes to end famine, death, the plague, or for a good journey to new lands. Perhaps it's a stash left by a medallion maker or a thief that robbed the dead of plague or famine.

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A Monaco auction had a run of gold Roman medallions, presentation coins from 1½ to 10 aurei these are nicest.





Maximian (AD 286-305). 2 1/2 Aurei or solidi medallion, Rome mint. Bust wearing the Nemean lionskin facing right. Rv: "Hercules preserves the Augusti." Hercules seated on a rock, lion-skin on his lap, holding a club to his right with his left hand, bow and quiver to his left. Under Diocletian reforms, the Caesars had the patron god of Hercules and the Augusti had Zeus.





Magnentius (350-3), 3 solidi medallion, depicts the liberation of the city of Aquileia (c.351). Bust right. Rv: "Liberator of the Republic." Emperor in military attire on horseback. Aquileia's right hand holds a scroll (law restored) and left hand holds a cornucopia (prosperity restored). The Newman Numismatic Portal (NNP) Symposium is back for their third virtual event with a new round of speakers this October! The entire event remains free and virtual, open to anyone to attend. Join them on October 15-17 for a great group of numismatic presentations. Regisiter now: https://nnpsymposium.org/register?mc_cid=da0b463d4 6&mc_eid=7cc629f901 On August 17, 2021, Stack's/Bowers sold the finest known 1804 Silver Dollar for a record \$7,680,000. Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3x5nDr6BoFw The Royal Mint of Great Britain on Sept. 26 will auction 60 trial pieces The sale is the centerpiece of

the mint's *Collect Week* an annual celebration of collecting, which also features a free webinar series and other virtual events hosted at royalmint.com Victims of Germany's severe summer flooding hope to



get back more than €50 million in damaged currency. Flash floods in western regions claimed at least 183 lives and reduced 1000s of homes to rubble in July. Bundesbank officials are now working on a huge money laundering operation to clean and count notes that became soiled with mud, sewage and oil. Official Inaugural Medals: A Guide by Matthew Chiarello, now in paperback for \$50 on Amazon.





Columbia sits on hippocampus with caduceus on the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition's 2½ dollar gold coin representing the medical triumph over yellow fever in Panama during the canal construction. ½ carat or more diamonds are encased in plastic again with a chip as a \$5000 coin to compete with gold and bitcoins by Diamond Standard Co. \$50 million worth as an approved commodity being produced.



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Next Meeting: ????

DENNY'S STILL UNDER REPAIR

August 24 Board meeting at Denny's 6:30PM

August 28 New Coins at the Museum

September 25 New Coins at the Museum

September 28 My Favorite Coin & Minibourse Please bring coins to show or sell.

After the Last Cancelled Meeting

Denny's dining room is open, but there is an open trench in the meeting room. Not sure if it's a foundation or plumbing problem, but the meeting room is closed this month and maybe next month too. The Reno Coin Show was a success. Well attended and Bill Green was appreciative of all the help setting up and tearing down. Kudos to George Lee, Rick DeAvila, my wife, and I am praying I have not forgotten someone in my smoke befuddled brain. George Lee and Milton Angel have been helping at the museum too. Lots of members attended the Coin Show. We sold over 2.000 tickets and made a few hundred dollars. Mary will figure out the details. The dealers seemed happy. I managed to buy a set of Comitia Americana pewter medals for \$20 inspired by Robert. We moved our website to Go Daddy www.renocoinclub.com I have not found time to make updates yet. I have made up ten sets each of PD National Park quarters, \$30 each. Will sell remaining quarters for a quarter, but not the S quarters, still .50. Got VA Innovation dollar with Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, next one comes out August 31, NY Eire Canal. Liberty gold with bucking horse August 19. Raffling boxed 1884 **CC.** selling for \$500 now according to Rusty. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. Next up will be an 1851 dollar donated by Glenn Fruehen. Contact me with or any problems or ideas: 775 815-8625 datbbelliotts@prodigy.net

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Robert's Treasure



Elizabeth I, one Pound gold, 1598-1600, S2534. These were the largest denomination coins of the period. They were meant to be impressive but were also used to effectuate large money transfers. This coin is the finest or among the top two or three.

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Treasurer's report: Activity included: Income was \$1664 for Reno Coin Show raffle prizes and tickets sales plus \$30 for new member Michael Thompson. New expenses for the month included the normal expenses were paid for the newsletter and our bank fees. Available balance \$4,812.22.

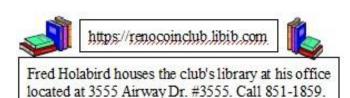
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September 17-18, CoinExpo San Jose, Double Tree Hotel, 2020 Gateway Blvd. Admit: ? 30 dealers, coins stamps and collectibles. Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 www.CoinZip.com

September 24-25, Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Four Points, 4900 Duckhorn Dr. Admit: ??, 35 dealers Contact: Bob Shanks (916) 204-5168



The Other Coin: A Couple of Cool Coins



While looking for St. George coins to complement my Crusader coin where St. George first appeared, I came across a new St. George just as historically significant. The 2018 gilded 3 ruble silver coin bears the patron saint of Moscow and Russia on the front and as a crest on the Byzantine and Russian Empire imperial two-headed eagle. In Russian is "The Russian Federation, Bank of Russia, 3 rubles 2018 year (Γ) , silver (Ag) fineness 999, 31.1 (grams)" with St. Petersburg mintmark below. Behind St. George on the obverse is the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Pokrovka, Moscow built in 1696-1699 and demolished by Stalin in 1930. The gilded steel heart has Dostoevsky's famous saying "Love will save the world." The coin depicts all of Putin's ambitions for Russia in one coin.

Putin slayed the dragons of inflation and war in Afghanistan by ending both. He hopes to restore and expand the Russian Empire and has made the imperial eagle the coat of arms on coins and the Russian flag. The church on the coin is one of the many slated to be restored, part of the fourfold increase of churches, clergy, and believers in Russia since 1988. Some 76% of Russians identify as Russian Orthodox now including Putin himself, who has passed laws to ban Gay Pride marches, penalize homosexuality, curtail proselytizing by Mormons, JWs, and other Protestant groups, made divorce more difficult (not just signing a card at the registrar) and other laws wanted by the Church. Monasteries have increased over 40 fold and the church is active in social work and outreach. All this is summed up in Dostoevsky's proclamation that "Love will save the world," which meant, of course, the love of Christ will save the world as we follow His commandments to love God with all out heart and soul and our neighbors as ourselves. This does not mean that

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Putin is a good Christian and would make a good czar. He divorced under the strictures of his own new laws, has been accused of killing political opponents, invaded weak neighbors, and oversaw the dissolution of Russian Empire in Eastern Europe and even Ukraine the original Holy Mother Russia. Putin did slay the dragon of economic collapse by turning Russia into an energy and precious metal like Nixon and Reagan. He allowed everyone to own bullion coins. The revival of the economy is best seen in the Russian ruble going from a 10,000 ruble note in 1995 to 10 ruble note in 1997.



My second treasure is a tiny coin of Phriapatios, third King of Parthia (185-170 BC). The Parthians (247BC - 224AD) were the chief rivals of Rome and wrested Asia Minor from the Seleucids becoming the latest reincarnation of the Persian Empire. The king wears a bashlik or pointed wool cap as crown of office. The Pathians were one of the many Central Asian tribes like the Huns or Mongols that threatened civilizations from China to Rome. Above the elephant is the Greek APSAKOS in retrograde the name of the founder of the dynasty, which like Caesar and Augustus became a title of office. The

language is Greek because Greek was the official language in Central Asia following the Bactrian Kingdom in flan and language thanks to Alexander the Great. The elephant is the super military weapon like a tank with the chariot being the armored car. The Parthians being on the far side of the Caspian Sea, extended their borders toward India and captured much of what is now Afghanistan, so they had easy access to Indian elephants. I am still after the first two Parthian kings: Arsaces I and II, but do not want to pay several hundred dollars for a silver coin. There are also coins of Seleucid governors of the Parthian region that asserted or claimed their independence from the Seleucid Empire that are even rarer. Cool coins that can bring history alive are what coin collecting is all about for me. Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri





Coast Guard coin out August 17. 2.5 ounces for \$160. And September 2 the palladium 1 ounce with Mercury dime obverse and walking Liberty reverse. Heritage Auction August 18-22 has: 1794 dollar MS66, 1839 Gobrecht dollar PR65, 1920D Standing Liberty quarter MS68+, MS 1944 cent struck on steel/zinc blank already at \$77,500. There's 48 Carson City coins for sale, pattern coins, and lots of gold coins. In the near future they will be selling the Fred Weinberg error coin collection.



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1855 Liberty head Quarter Eagle broadstruck MS63. Failing to properly seat itself within the collar, the planchet on which this 1855 quarter eagle was struck instead lay atop the collar. The resulting impression from the dies, while imparting full detail to all design elements, caused the planchet to spread out.



Archaeologists in Guanzhuang, China discovered the **oldest known coin mint**, where miniature, shovel shaped bronze spade coins were mass produced some 2,600 years ago. The walled and moated city was established about 800 BC, and its foundry where bronze was cast opened in 770 BC. Using radiocarbon dating, the team determined the mint began operating sometime between 640 BC and no later than 550 BC While other research has dated coins from the Lydian Empire in what is now Turkey to as early as 630 BC. They found the spade coins as well as the molds they were made in.



Just completed 2020 (2021) Olympic medals, bronze.

1913 1C PR66 red PCGS. \$2,000. A pretty penny:





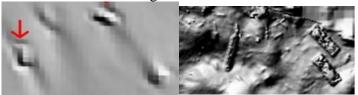
Below the post office 1933 order to turn in all gold.



They are still finding gold coins at the **Atocha wreck** site in as little as 30 feet of water. The gold coin was found with simply diving. Modern sonar has much **improved underwater imagery.** You can see clear images of shipwrecks and foundations under the sea. There are a couple of TV shows doing this revealing WWII ships, ancient cities, and ancient ship wrecks.

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Old and new sonar images of same area:



A gold penny of Ecgberht, King of Wessex and the West Saxons (802-839 AD) is expected to fetch £150,000-200,000 when it is offered in a sale Sept. 7 by Dix Noonan Webb. This is the only late Anglo-Saxon gold coin in private hands; the other eight specimens are in institutions (the British Museum having seven and another being in Lausanne). The gold penny, or mancus of 30 pence, was discovered by a metal detectorist in March 2020, and is unique. It was struck at a West Saxon mint, possibly Southampton or Winchester, and bears the King's title, ECGBEORHT REX, around a monogram of the word SAXON// cross Boza Moneta (moneyer). Grandson was Alfred the Great.





Full step 1969D nickel sold for \$420 and is considered the second finest known even though it has lots of bag marks.





ANA on line Learning Academy has lots of interesting recorded lectures with new live ones every month: https://info.money.org/elearning-recorded-webinars

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The 1880 \$100 legal tender note with portrait of Abraham Lincoln, a small vignette of Liberty (bottom middle), and the vignette titled Reconstruction right. A large brown spiked Treasury Seal is seen right of center. Only nine are in private hands with the brown seal and particular signatures.





A French soldier in World War I tipped off the German he was in the area by the clanking of the silver dollars in his breast pocket. Optatius Buyssens's great-

grandson Vincent posted a photo of the French and Belgium silver dollar sized coins that save his great grandfather's life. Optatius and another wounded soldier played dead, and when the German soldier left they crawled



away to safety. The moral is wear a Bible or bunch of silver dollars as armor in a shooting match. Tell the gang bangers in Chicago and Baltimore.





Only silver medals at the first 1896 Olympics.

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Next Meeting: July 27, Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave, Sparks, 4th Tuesday of month, 7PM

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July 27 My Favorite Coin & Minibourse Please bring coins to show or sell.

July 31 New Coins at the Museum

August 24 Crusader Coins by David Elliott



After the Last Meeting

I got notice Denny's was closed as I was packing the car to go to the meeting. Seems I got hold of most everyone by phone or e-mail. Sending out newsletter early to remind everyone of the **COIN SHOW**. If we want to have a Reno Show, we need to make this show a success, buy and sell lots of tickets and get everyone to come. Thanks for all the volunteers so far. We will be placing tables on Wednesday, July 14 at 2 PM and placing electrical on Thursday July 15 at 9 AM. Please come and help if you can. We moved our website to www.renocoinclub.com because Yahoo killed our website. Still adding and improving things. I will send pdf newsletter to e-mails along with link to new site. Got NH Innovation dollar, next one comes out July 27. July 29th new reverse gold eagles come out. Sale of the 2021 Morgans have been delayed to August 3 (SD mints) and August 10 (P Morgan and Peace). Liberty gold August 19. **Raffling boxed 1884 CC,** selling for \$500 now according to Rusty. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. Contact me with or any problems or ideas: 775 815-8625 datbbelliotts@prodigy.net

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I got 10 PD sets of **National Park quarters** in tubes. Will sell PD set for \$60 or \$30 P or D. Littleton is selling PD set for \$220. I made up 30 S sets and will make 25 more. I will see if the S sets continue to sell and may hang on to the ones in tubes until next year. I will bring the PD coins to sell for a quarter at the next meeting. I no longer have: 2010 Yellowstone D, 2011 Oklahoma PD, Olympia DP, Glacier D. You can come by if you want to get them before the meeting or have me set some aside by calling or emailing (remember I'm deaf so I don't hear names and dates on the phone very well). Littleton is selling S sets from \$9.75 to \$20. Uncirculated older PD quarters are going for around \$1.25 and S for \$2.25. I will continue to sell S sets for \$5 and have them all except 2012 and a limited number of 2015. Missing Nebraska S. Could use ten or so.





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Treasurer's report: Activity included: Income was \$115.5 for RCC medals (adjusted for Square charges), \$90 for box dollar raffle, and \$100.3 Reno Coin Show raffle tickets sales (adjusted for Square fees). New expenses for the month included the normal expenses were paid for the newsletter and our bank fees. At the end of June our available balance was \$3,256.23.

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August 6-8, TheVegas National Show, Palace Station & Casino,2411W.Sahara Ave.,Admit: Free Tables:125, Dawn 888 330-5188, www.CKShows.com

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The Other Coin: St. George & the Dragon





I got a follis with the first image of a haloed St. George and the dragon, a large snake or wyrm. The reverse spells in Greek letters Roger Prince of Antioch (POTZEP ΠΡΙΓΚΠ OC ANTIOK, Ps are Rs). Roger of Salerno (d.1119) was one of the Norman conquerors of Sicily and members of the First Crusade. He was appointed as regent and prince of Antioch (the first Christian city, which the Byzantines dubbed the City of God (θ εοπολις).

The legend of St. George and the Dragon came back with the Crusaders to Europe. There was a St. George of Lydda (Lod), Israel, who was a Roman soldier that became a Christian and burned down the local pagan temple. He was put to death in gruesome ways for his crime under Diocletian, but kept being resurrected. This St. George was conflated with another St. George, also of the late 3rd century AD of Cappadocia in Eastern Turkey or Silene (Kyrene), Libya, west of Egypt. In this story a fierce dragon is attacking a city and the citizens decide to feed it sheep, but then it wants virgins and the king's daughter is the next meal. A Roman knight says he will save the princess if the city agrees to convert to Christianity. The knight defeats the dragon and the princess tames the dragon bringing it into town. This last detail suggests a retelling of the Greek story of Jason and Medea, which happened somewhat north of Cappadocia. The dragon being killed suggests the story of Perseus and Andromeda occurring in Ethiopia south of Egypt. The Crusader story came to Europe in the 12th century and Edward III in 1350 made St. George the patron saint of England as did Catalonia, Venice, Genoa, Portugal, Moscow (Russia), Slovakia, Hungary, and a number of German states. St. George represented the ideal of a

Selfless Christian warrior who does not fight for money or the princess' hand, but for the Kingdom of God. The dragon can be the pagans (St. George), Muslims (Crusaders), French (Edward III), Tartars (Russia), or whoever the current non-Christian enemies are, even just sin or hard times, a popular trope among the Germans and Eastern Europeans. A Hungarian coin with the



patron knight St. George represents security in a storm like Christ with His disciples in a storm on the Sea of Galilee. George IV has the first to put St. George on coins, now an emblem of the gold sovereign and silver



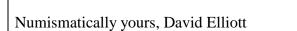
crown. Many colonies like Canada and Tuvalu have





St. Georges. Russia makes bullion coins with St. George and has always made St. Georges. St. George was the patron saint of Moscow that grew to rule all the Russias. Dragons from Tver, St. George on medieval wire dengas of Vasili the Blind, coins of all the czars like Peter the Great and Catherine II. Slovakia and the German states

of Saxony and Friedberg also had their St. Georges.



Numismatic Potpourri





Robert Rodriguez collected a great many Continental **Dollars** and then dove into the question of what distinguishes a medal or token from a coin. A survey of thousands of medals from 1760-1799 demonstrated that coins unlike medals were often made in two or three medals e.g. copper, silver, gold and have rim and edge devices to prevent scraping metal from the coin such as dentils or dots on the rim and reeding, lettering, or decoration on the edge from the collar die. Coins also have a number of die varieties, since coins are massed produced and medals generally are not. He concludes that the Continental Dollars are a coin. Details coming to the Coin Club soon. Robert also got this 1801 Thomas Jefferson Inaugural medal, which is in his opinion, tied for the finest. There are an estimated 12 survivors but Robert has only been able to locate 10. This was the very first silver medal coined by the new mint.





Minerva stands with Liberty cap on pole. Eagle presents wreath above with Minerva pointing to Declaration of Independence and Constitution, arms, and cornucopia of fruit, grain, and coin. Above Under His Wing is Protection and below is To Commemorate July 4, 1776. Obverse Th. Jefferson President of the U.S. 4 March 1801. A chance purchase from a junk box full of coins at a French flea market has left one coin collector almost

\$100,000 richer. The anonymous buyer picked up a rare 1776 Continental dollar in June 2018 for just 56 cents but the coin has now been valued in the range of \$97,500, according to the Professional Coin Grading Services (PCGS). Swedish coins from 995 to 2021 in 512pp, full color, 8.25×5.75 inch format, and at a price of just \$9.95 Myntårsboken 995-2021 (or Coin Yearbook 995-2021), is by Roberto Delzanno. Bunch of fake \$2 Canadian coins with polar bear going around. Clue: polar bear has 5 toes





not 3. The new 4 year American Women Quarters Program will run from 2022 to 2025. The mint will issue up to five new designs each year from 2022 to 2025. First five: Maya Angelou, poet; Wilma Mankiller, the Cherokee Nation's first female principal chief; Adelina Otero-Warren, New Mexico's suffragette; Sally Ride, the first US woman in space; and Anna May Wong, the first Chinese American Hollywood film star. Stacks Bowers has uploaded hundreds of Coins in Motion on youtube. US, modern, and ancient. You can pick what coin to ooh and aah over for 20 seconds or so at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-I65wvc5K3_ZnR8lBd8W008UH-BqMZ3m





1909S Indian Cent, MS66 Red (NGC). This is an exceptionally well preserved and attractive example of an eagerly sought key date issue. Softly frosted in texture, both sides are bathed in original golden tan color with deeper bronze toning on the reverse. The second mint marked cent in US coinage history, the 1909S boasts the lowest mintage in the Indian series with a mere 309,000 pieces produced. A new 2021 edition of The Die Varieties of United States Large Cents 1840-1857 by John R. Grellman, Jr., \$125.

Coins of Jesus is an exhibition highlights the gallery's collection of Judeo-Christian coinage, "Beginning with Persian Imperial coins and Phoenician shekels, the exhibition presents Jewish, Judeo-Roman, Roman Christian and Byzantine coinage, concluding with Islamic and Medieval money – an intellectually and artistically rewarding journey."

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A hoard of silver coins minted in the Carolingian Empire about 1,200 years ago has been unearthed in northeastern Poland and may have been part of a historic ransom to save Paris from a Viking invasion. A total of 118 coins from the field, 117 of them minted during the reign of Louis the Pious, who ruled from A.D. 814 until 840, and one coin minted during the reign of his son Charles the Bald, who ruled until A.D. 877. AR ingot (158.69g), VF, 33x50x9mm, issued by



the Nevada Silver Co., stamped 999 FINE / 5.09 OZS. / VAL. \$6.56 on obverse, with the serial number 266 at the top, lovely example with slate gray toning and a touch of rainbow coloring, ex Charles Opitz Collection. The Nevada Silver Co. was located in Tonopah, **NV**, and produced this type of ingot during the early to mid-20th century. Sold for \$3,500

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1863 Civil War Token "The Federal Union Must Be Preserved" struck over 1860 Indian head cent.





\$5 1886 Silver Certificate PCGS Superb Gem 67.



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Stack's Bowers Galleries presents a **newly discovered 1794 Flowing Hair silver dollar** in their official auction for the 2021 ANA World's Fair of Money in Chicago this August. Discovered in an accumulation by a southern UK dealer over 25 years ago, this piece is a newcomer to the census of known examples and was only recently authenticated.

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21 members got to see Stanley Paher's slides on the ghost towns of northern NV. He teaches a class with field trips three times a year at TMCC now. We can fill the room at Denny's. Trish, I, and George Lee had good time at the museum. We sold the last two RCC silver medals to the American Numismatic Society to become part of their collection. Got the club's credit card processor working and sold lots of raffle tickets for the Coin Show. If we want to have a Reno Show, we need to make this show a success, buy and sell lots of tickets and get everyone to come. We moved our website to RENOCOINCLUB.COM because Yahoo killed our website. Still adding and improving things. Noticed club pictures are fuzzy and plan to add videos and other power points. I will send pdf newsletter to e-mails along with link to new site. Got Washington Crossing Delaware .25 from third party. The new silver (July 1) and gold (July 8) eagles go on sale and NH Innovation dollar, the video game one, comes out June 15. Sale of the 2021 Morgans have been delayed since they messed up so bad. Raffling boxed 1884CC. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. Please mail me a check at 2845 Edgewood Drive, Reno 89503. Contact me with ideas or problems: datbbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625

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Ken Hopple: candy coins, Complete Buffalo Nickel Book,

storage boxes

Danny Clifton: slabbed penny George Lee: 1935 buffalo .05

Faye Allen: 1923 .10, 1963 Seattle world fair medal Sam Dibitonto: set presidential dollars, 2019S .25 set

Rusty King: RCC bronze medal Jeff Allen: 1978 proof set Joe Lamberson: bag of tokens

Gerry Breedlove: 1989 proof set, 2 storage boxes

David Elliott: yellow maple leaf storage box, 2 mint bags

Auction

Rick DeAvila won Round Mountain silver round donated by Rusty King for \$65

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Treasurer's report: (by David Elliott, Mary Long went on vacation) \$222 (\$101 at museum) in Coin Show raffle money, \$180 in sale of last 3 silver RCC medals, \$65 in auction money and \$120 in raffle money. Also sold \$90 so far in CC box dollar tickets. At the end of May our available balance was \$3,018.57.

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The Other Coin: Griffins





I got a couple more griffin coins this week both 2 euro coins. One from Greece with on ancient coin from Abdera, Thrace celebrating 100th anniversary of Greece getting Thrace back from the Ottoman Empire after WWI. The other is a coin of Latvia celebrating the provinces that make up the country, one of which is Vidzeme known more commonly as Livonia. I collect mythological beasts, especially dragons and griffins.

The griffin has an interesting history. Griffin images go back to 4000BC as a winged lion with the head of an eagle. It variously has a mane of fur or feathers. The griffin is associated with gold, the sun, and is a protector of the throne as a combination of the king of birds and the king of animals. It is the association with gold that suggests the griffin's origins.

In the ancient world the sources of gold were India, Egypt (coming from Ethiopia and West Africa), Anatolia (Turkey, especially Lydia), and South Russia, the land of the Scythians and the Amazons. These are just the places the gold eating or gold nesting griffins come from.

The "griffin" of India is likely the garuda bird that is associated with the sun and conveys the king of the gods Vishnu. The garuda appears on coins of India, Cambodia, Thailand, and Indonesia. Egypt's griffin



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is also associated with the sun, the pharaoh, Horus, and the war god Munos. The pharaoh can be depicted trampling his enemies as a falcon headed griffin (the falcon of Horus the sun god). Egyptians did not mint





coins and the griffin appears on Roman Egyptian coins with the wheel of the goddess Fortuna or Nemesis, bestower of wealth and luck. The griffin is horned and has lion teets. The Greeks, Lydians, and Persians of Anatolia often used griffins on their coins. The Greeks associated Apollo, the sun god with the griffin.





The Persians, starting with Cyrus also made the griffin a guardian animal of the throne and often man-headed. On





The coin of Cilicia he Persian king is battling a griffin, probably a sign of the constant battles between the Persians and Scythians. The Scythians in the Greek and Roman times were the traditional home of the griffin and rich sources of gold. The Scythian and Amazon griffin were guardians or eaters of gold. They pulled the

Chariot of the sun god, and their favorite food was horses. Some think griffins are from fossils of triceratops where the bony frill was interpreted as wings. I don't think so. They were companions of the sun god and king and guardians of gold. Pantikapaion coins with river god/Dionysius.





The griffin in the Bible is the cherub. Not the cute baby Eros, but the four winged many headed guardian of God's throne found in Ezekiel. The cherub has the



heads of a bull, eagle, lion, and man. This combines the winged ceatures of Persia with the various Semitic images of God derived from Persian and pre-Persian deities. The four winged Sandan is depicted on a Seleucid (Syria) coin riding a griffin. He is on a baetyl on an altar with Fortuna on the obverses.

The griffin appears on coins of Rostock, England, Norway, Sweden, and city and regional coins of Russia. The Christians adopted the griffin as a symbol of monogamous marriage and the unity of man and God in Christ. Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

Mel Wacks has updated his <u>Handbook of Biblical</u> <u>Numismatics</u>, which is now available on Newman Portal for FREE. Every important Jewish period

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is covered and every significant coin type illustrated. https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/600117 The ANA

World Fair of Money in Chicago, August 10-14 will display the US portion of the Tyrant collection, which includes the King of Siam 1836 proof set. There is also proof 1793 flowing hair cent and proof 1804 dollar, 1796 JR-1 Draped Bust, small eagle dime, PCGS SP67 CAC ex. Simpson Collection; 1797 O-101a Draped Bust, small eagle half dollar, PCGS MS66 CAC ex. Pogue Collection;1795 Draped Bust, small eagle dollar, PCGS SP66, ex. Garrett, Hayes and Pogue Collections; 1796 BD-2 Draped Bust, no star quarter eagle, PCGS MS65 ex. Jung Collection; and 1907 ultra high relief double eagle, PCGS PR68, ex. Augustus Saint-Gaudens estate. Federal law enforcement agents in the Los Angeles area seized more than 40,000 fake Morgan and Peace dollars, American Eagle silver bullion coins and \$21/2 Indian head gold coins. Harriet Tubman is not scheduled to go on the \$20 for 16 years. 1st and 2nd place winners in the American Medallic Sculptors Association (AMSA) 2021 American Medal of the Year (AMY) competition: both George Floyd. Three WWI





coins caught my attention. The first is a medal given the black soldiers struck privately to honor the black units who served in the armed forces during WWI.

The reason they gave it to them was because many black soldiers were not allowed to march in the victory day parades due to segregation so they received the medal instead, Found in Holly Springs, MS. Obverse says, Our

Colored Heroes/ World War began August 1,1914 US entered April 6, 1917 War ended Nov 11,1918.



Battle of Marne medal issued in 1916 with busts right of the generals: Joseph Joffre, Michel-Joseph Maunoury, and Joseph Gallieni, Marianne-Victory flying right. Battle stopped German advance. The



Ravages of War issued in 1915 by BH Mayer's mint in Pforzheim, Germany. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse holding bomb, torch, sword, and scythe, respectively ride over the globe plunging torch into Russia and a bomb explodes over Eastern Europe.

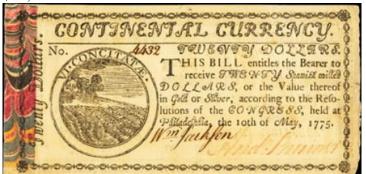


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An early anticounterfeiting attempt. **Marbled edge Continental Currency** note of May 10, 1775 realized \$26,400.



1786 New Jersey Copper overstruck on 1772-dated REGAL British halfpenny. Very Fine.



A 196 year old Russian silver ruble pattern coin sold at auction this month for \$2.64 million, the highest priced world coin sold by a US auction house, which quadruples estimate and is the most valuable world coin sold by US auction house. An 1825 silver ruble pattern coin, one of only 3 known examples. Constantine declined throne to younger brother Nicholas I, refusing to divorce his non-noble Polish wife.



1757 George II Indian Peace Medal, Treaty of Easton, MS62 NGC. 43.7 mm overstruck on Spanish eight reales. This medal is also identified as the Quaker or Duffield medal as Edward Duffield engraved the dies for the Philadelphia Society of Friends. In Historical Medals of America, Betts writes: "This is thought to be the first Indian Medal executed in America, and is said to have been presented by 'the Friendly Association for Regaining and Preserving Peace with the Indians by Pacific Means." Martha Wilson Hamilton, in Silver in the Fur Trade: 1680-1820, describes Duffield as "a Philadelphia clockmaker, friend of Benjamin Franklin, and executor of Franklin's estate." A Robert Rodriguez treasure.





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Perga was a rich town in Pamphylia, now southern Turkey on a river with a port seven miles away. Paul visited twice. The first coin mid 3rd century BC has the Greek sphinx with a kalathos hat shaped like a top hat worn "upside down" to carry wool or fruits and flowers like a vase symbolizing abundance. The Greek sphinx unlike the man headed lion of Egypt was a winged female with lion body and snake tail, a guardian goddess. Artemis stands on reverse with a victory wreath and long torch, symbols of the mysteries. Artemis is the twin sister of Apollo a virgin goddess of the wild found on the early US coins as wild haired Liberty. Here her ancient name ANASSAS (ANA Ψ A Σ) is on the right and Perga on the left. Anassas is the old Great Mother goddess of Neolithic times known throughout the ancient world as "The Lady" when women ruled and were believed to produce children without the aid of men or sex and controlled the food resources, religion, and dwellings worshipped especially on Cyprus, Thera, and Knossos.

The 1st century BC coin has a "statue" of Perga's Artemis, which is a baetyl or meteorite in a temple with an eagle on the pediment. Baetyls were worshipped throughout the ancient Near East. The two most famous ones are the "abomination of desolation" when three baetyls were placed on the

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great altar of Jerusalem to symbolize a union of Greek and Jewish gods in a form that was not a graven image. The Roman Emperor Elagabalas from Syria was a priest of the sun god Baal had his baetyl moved from Emesa to Rome to be worshiped there. Another cool coin I recently purchased shows the emperor driving the baetyl on a chariot with Mount Gerizim on the right top.



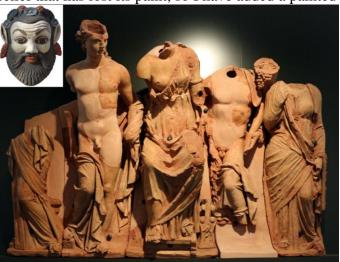
Baetyls were usually, but not always meteorites, and were the House of God (Beth-El) recognized by ancient, dissident, and Samaritan Jews and most other Near East religions from prehistoric times.

A copy of Perge's Artemis baetyl was found in Perge with images on the bullet shaped stone. Although some baetyls were carved or etched, it was more normal to hang things or images on the stones made of clay or terracotta and painted. Here is the extended kalathos on



the goddess' head, a crescent moon, and dancing females. The striking difference among ancient and Christian religions is the loss of sacred dance. Classical Greek philosophy and science are the heart of Christianity as is the blood sacrifice of Christ, but nodancing.

Both Greeks and Etruscans placed pottery gods on the roof and pediment of temples before carved sandstone or marble. Columns of wood, walls of clay and stone, terracotta tiled roof, and terracotta statues of gods and myths. On Artemis' baetyl were hung or attached painted terracotta similar to this Etruscan's temple relief that has lost its paint, so I have added a painted



Silenus in the corner. Greek marbles and ancient terracotta were all painted.

A final lesson from the two Perge bronzes is that bronzes are a lot cheaper and often more interesting than the comparable silver coin. Same Artemis with



deer and nice classical head for several hundred dollars rather than \$20-40 of a bronze and without all the local history.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

ANA starts selling duplicate coins and books on e-bay in June and for several years. ANA has also put on line several virtual tours of museum and exhibits. The exhibit option is easy and gives details in writing and view of the objects. There's a comprehensive *History of Money* on-line now. https://www.money.org/money-museum/virtual-exhibits

Felix Schlag won the contest to design the new nickel in 1938, winning \$1000 dollars and beating over 390 other artists. Although the bust of Jefferson remained the same the reverse was radically changed and Roman lettering substituted for more modern type. Delay from changes caused millions of 1938 buffalo nickels to be made.



A Penny Saved: R.S. Yeoman and His Remarkable Red Book, by Kenneth Bressett, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Yeoman's *Guide Book of United States Coins* (the "Red Book"), 352pp. \$40.



Jailed for minting a token. This 1796 Mydellton token was made in Birmingham, England, with inscriptions for a proposed British settlement in Kentucky. "Myddelton, an Englishman, acquired a tract of land in northern Kentucky along the Ohio River and sought to create an extensive settlement there to be populated by his countrymen." After having these tokens minted, Mydellton was convicted in London under a 1783 act that prohibited the enticement of craftsmen and artistic

workers to emigrate to America. He spent 3 three years in Newgate prison, ending his dream of a British settlement in Kentucky. A house left



to a small French town yielded jam jars filled with almost a million dollars in gold coins and kilo bars.

1980P 5C Jefferson nickel struck on penny planchet MS64 red and brown PCGS. One of a kind United





Kingdom 1 kilo gold coin with all the royal animal insignia. Already sold, I hear. 2020s below.







Lot 182: Elizabeth II gold One Kilo Three Graces

Paul Tawrell's Empires & Money: Gold, Paper Money, Crypto – Money & Fall of Empires, 384 pp, over 4000 images covers the history of money focused on gold and reflects upon ancient and modern empires that had access to gold and silver to strike coins to increase their money supply, help trade, and pay for arms and mercenaries to their project power. Empire status was assured by having a stable gold &

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silver ratio or paper notes backed by gold coin. Includes mining, modern gold strikes, and processing gold. See it in great detail: https://exxa.com/tawrell/empires-money/ Harriet Tubman's father's home was located with the aid of the find of on 1808 half dollar. A Freedman's badge was discovered by a metal detectorist. The word "FREE" embossed upon an image of a liberty or pileus cap on a pole. Along the edge were the partially abraded words "CITY OF CHARLESTON" and etched beneath the Phrygian cap was the number 147. Freedman's badges were made for free Black people in Charleston in the late 1700s, all were required by law to register with the Office of the City Clerk and obtain a badge, for which they paid 5 shillings.



Ando Orand created **the squared quarter** in 1982 to satirize Reagan's attempted to square the circle between supply-siders and monetarists. Smithsonian has the dies and about 300 more made. It is also the first coin made with aid of a computer. It was hard to design and make with reeding. Often called America's first commemor-





ative **coin, the 1848 CAL quarter eagle**. 1,389 were struck with the first gold sent to the Philadelphia mint from California gold fields.





The International Bank Note Society (IBNS) selected the Banco de Mexico to receive its annual prestigious "Bank Note of the Year Award" for 2020. The vertical format note is printed on polymer and features one of Mexico's national heroines, the 17th century poet and writer Sister Juana Indes de la Cruz. The reverse image features a temperate forest, which is known worldwide as the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve.





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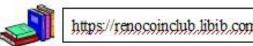
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Perga was a rich town in Pamphylia, now southern Turkey on a river with a port seven miles away. Paul visited twice. The first coin mid 3rd century BC has the Greek sphinx with a kalathos hat shaped like a top hat worn "upside down" to carry wool or fruits and flowers like a vase symbolizing abundance. The Greek sphinx unlike the man headed lion of Egypt was a winged female with lion body and snake tail, a guardian goddess. Artemis stands on reverse with a victory wreath and long torch, symbols of the mysteries. Artemis is the twin sister of Apollo a virgin goddess of the wild found on the early US coins as wild haired Liberty. Here her ancient name ANASSAS (ANA Ψ A Σ) is on the right and Perga on the left. Anassas is the old Great Mother goddess of Neolithic times known throughout the ancient world as "The Lady" when women ruled and were believed to produce children without the aid of men or sex and controlled the food resources, religion, and dwellings worshipped especially on Cyprus, Thera, and Knossos.

The 1st century BC coin has a "statue" of Perga's Artemis, which is a baetyl or meteorite in a temple with an eagle on the pediment. Baetyls were worshipped throughout the ancient Near East. The two most famous ones are the "abomination of desolation" when three baetyls were placed on the

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great altar of Jerusalem to symbolize a union of Greek and Jewish gods in a form that was not a graven image. The Roman Emperor Elagabalas from Syria was a priest of the sun god Baal had his baetyl moved from Emesa to Rome to be worshiped there. Another cool coin I recently purchased shows the emperor driving the baetyl on a chariot with Mount Gerizim on the right top.



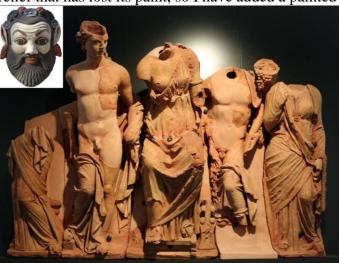
Baetyls were usually, but not always meteorites, and were the House of God (Beth-El) recognized by ancient, dissident, and Samaritan Jews and most other Near East religions from prehistoric times.

A copy of Perge's Artemis baetyl was found in Perge with images on the bullet shaped stone. Although some baetyls were carved or etched, it was more normal to hang things or images on the stones made of clay or terracotta and painted. Here is the extended kalathos on



the goddess' head, a crescent moon, and dancing females. The striking difference among ancient and Christian religions is the loss of sacred dance. Classical Greek philosophy and science are the heart of Christianity as is the blood sacrifice of Christ, but nodancing.

Both Greeks and Etruscans placed pottery gods on the roof and pediment of temples before carved sandstone or marble. Columns of wood, walls of clay and stone, terracotta tiled roof, and terracotta statues of gods and myths. On Artemis' baetyl were hung or attached painted terracotta similar to this Etruscan's temple relief that has lost its paint, so I have added a painted



Silenus in the corner. Greek marbles and ancient terracotta were all painted.

A final lesson from the two Perge bronzes is that bronzes are a lot cheaper and often more interesting than the comparable silver coin. Same Artemis with



deer and nice classical head for several hundred dollars rather than \$20-40 of a bronze and without all the local history.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

ANA starts selling duplicate coins and books on e-bay in June and for several years. ANA has also put on line several virtual tours of museum and exhibits. The exhibit option is easy and gives details in writing and view of the objects. There's a comprehensive *History of Money* on-line now. https://www.money.org/money-museum/virtual-exhibits

Felix Schlag won the contest to design the new nickel in 1938, winning \$1000 dollars and beating over 390 other artists. Although the bust of Jefferson remained the same the reverse was radically changed and Roman lettering substituted for more modern type. Delay from changes caused millions of 1938 buffalo nickels to be made.



A Penny Saved: R.S. Yeoman and His Remarkable Red Book, by Kenneth Bressett, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Yeoman's *Guide Book of United States Coins* (the "Red Book"), 352pp. \$40.



Jailed for minting a token. This 1796 Mydellton token was made in Birmingham, England, with inscriptions for a proposed British settlement in Kentucky. "Myddelton, an Englishman, acquired a tract of land in northern Kentucky along the Ohio River and sought to create an extensive settlement there to be populated by his countrymen." After having these tokens minted, Mydellton was convicted in London under a 1783 act that prohibited the enticement of craftsmen and artistic

workers to emigrate to America. He spent 3 three years in Newgate prison, ending his dream of a British settlement in Kentucky. A house left



to a small French town yielded jam jars filled with almost a million dollars in gold coins and kilo bars.

1980P 5C Jefferson nickel struck on penny planchet MS64 red and brown PCGS. One of a kind United





Kingdom 1 kilo gold coin with all the royal animal insignia. Already sold, I hear. 2020s below.





Lot 182: Elizabeth II gold One Kilo Three Graces

Paul Tawrell's Empires & Money: Gold, Paper Money, Crypto – Money & Fall of Empires, 384 pp, over 4000 images covers the history of money focused on gold and reflects upon ancient and modern empires that had access to gold and silver to strike coins to increase their money supply, help trade, and pay for arms and mercenaries to their project power. Empire status was assured by having a stable gold &

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silver ratio or paper notes backed by gold coin. Includes mining, modern gold strikes, and processing gold. See it in great detail: https://exxa.com/tawrell/empires-money/ Harriet Tubman's father's home was located with the aid of the find of on 1808 half dollar. A Freedman's badge was discovered by a metal detectorist. The word "FREE" embossed upon an image of a liberty or pileus cap on a pole. Along the edge were the partially abraded words "CITY OF CHARLESTON" and etched beneath the Phrygian cap was the number 147. Freedman's badges were made for free Black people in Charleston in the late 1700s, all were required by law to register with the Office of the City Clerk and obtain a badge, for which they paid 5 shillings.



Ando Orand created **the squared quarter** in 1982 to satirize Reagan's attempted to square the circle between supply-siders and monetarists. Smithsonian has the dies and about 300 more made. It is also the first coin made with aid of a computer. It was hard to design and make with reeding. Often called America's first commemor-





ative **coin**, **the 1848 CAL quarter eagle**. 1,389 were struck with the first gold sent to the Philadelphia mint from California gold fields.





The International Bank Note Society (IBNS) selected the Banco de Mexico to receive its annual prestigious "Bank Note of the Year Award" for 2020. The vertical format note is printed on polymer and features one of Mexico's national heroines, the 17th century poet and writer Sister Juana Indes de la Cruz. The reverse image features a temperate forest, which is known worldwide as the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve.





REMEMBER: New Website: www.renocoinclub.com

Next Meeting: April 27, Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave, Sparks, 4th Tuesday of month, 7PM

April 24 National Coin Week at Nevada State Museum 10-3, new coins, press running

April 27 **Nevada Mining and Ghost Towns** by Stanley Paher **and dinner** May 25 **Crusader Coins** by David Elliott

May 28-30, Reno Coin Show, Silver Legacy, John Ward 559 967-8067 CANCELLED

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After the Last Meeting

20 members attended our first 2021 meeting. **Bart Daniels will replace Shannon Holmes on Board and George Lee will replace Laurel Hoggan.** Thank you Shannon and Laurel for all you help and work. The Reno Coin Show in May got cancelled. We will be back at the museum starting April 24th for National Coin Week and hopefully the last Saturday of the month form now on. Meetings at Denny's are limited to 24 (50%) of the room space. Got Tuskegee airmen coin, last American the Beautiful .25. Got Kansas butterfly .25, Bush \$1, Hubble \$1, last 2020 Innovation dollar, and NA 2021 dollar. Have ordered Washington Crossing Delaware .25 from third party. Mint said released April 5th, but you cannot buy it from them! ANA Coin Week April 18-24 *Money, Big and Bold* celebrating 50th of Eisenhower \$1 and 100th of Morgan and Peace \$1. Holabird is moving and we need a new place for our library, maybe we will sell or raffle off the books. Thomas Charleton won 1/10 oz. gold eagle. Now boxed 1884CC. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. Please mail me a check at 2845 Edgewood Drive, Reno 89503. Contact me with ideas or problems: 775 815-8625 datbbelliotts@prodigy.net

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2020 NA & CT, MA, MD, SC Innovation \$1, Bush \$1 and 2019S .25 sets and Tuskegee .25 here. Washington Crossing Delaware ordered.



S set (5) 2013-19 quarters in case \$5, 2020S (6) \$10 National Park Quarters PDS .50 Innovation, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25

Early Bird Prize: I forgot.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Joe Lamberson: Star Wars medal, 2000 proof set

Gunter Heidig: 2021 NA \$1PD Jeff Allen: Mercury .10, 2 mint bags

Douglas Harper: **mystery box**: set 2020 Innovation \$1s David Elliott:1986 proof set,PD Bush \$1,exonumia books

Sam Dibitonto: folding knife

Robert Rodriguez: PD Innovation dollars Thomas Charleton: 2020-2021S .25 set Joe Wozniak: 1971 proof set, 2018S .25 set

George Lee PDS 2020 .25 set, old roll of .01, PDS .25 set

Doug Larson: RCC medal Jerry Breedlove: 1 gm silver

Bart Daniel: PDS 2020 .25 set. PDS .25 set twice more

Mary Long: PD Innovation dollar

Faye Allen: 1961 AR .10

Ken Hopple: mint bag of coin candy

Auctions

No auctions

Quarter Pot

AJ (not present) won the quarter pot

THANKS everyone for donating to the RAFFLE!

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Treasurer's report: Income was \$70 for 2021 dues (2 renewals and 1 new member Joe Lamberson), \$60 for RCC Medal Sales, \$10 for coin sales, \$98 for monthly raffle, and 13 raffle tickets for 1/10 oz gold eagle. New expenses for the month included the normal expenses were paid for the newsletter, our website, and bank fees. We also spent \$8 for 1 new member name tag.

Upcoming Coin Shows

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May 1, **San Francisco International Numismatic Bourse**, South San Francisco Conference Center, 255
S. Airport Blvd., Admit \$8 Contact: Scott Griffin, (415) 601-8661 www.griffincoin.com

May 7-9, **Las Vegas Coin Show**, New Orleans, 4500 West Tropicana Ave Admit: \$3 John Ward 559 967-8067, www.CoinZip.com

May 28-30 **Reno Coin Show**, Silver Legacy, Admit: \$3 John Ward 559 967-8067-CANCELLED

June 4-5. **Sacramento Coin Show**, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St. Admit: FREE, 12 tables McClellan Contact: Peter McIntosh (916) 317-9055

July 25-26, **Reno Coin Show**, Ramada Hotel & Casino, 1000 E. 6th S. Bill Green 925-351-7605



Not The Other Coin: 1794 and 1795 Dollars

We were hoping to display Robert Rodriguez's 1794 and 1795 dollars at the Reno Coin Show in May and had prepared write up for them that I have shortened below: 1794 B-1, BB-1, grade AU58 NGC CAC. "In the Mint Act of April 2, 1792, Congress established a bimetallic coinage system based on the silver dollar. Dollars were not coined until 1794 because of bureaucratic issues. Robert Scot designed our first silver dollar. The first silver dollars were struck on October 15, 1794, from silver ingots deposited at the Mint by Mint Director David Rittenhouse on August 22, 1794. A hand-written warrant by Mint Director Rittenhouse on October 15, 1794, transferred 1,758 silver dollars from the custody of Chief Coiner Henry Voight to the custody of Mint Treasurer Dr. Nicholas Way. On October 15, 1,758 dollars were transferred to Director Rittenhouse, as partial coin return to his August 22 silver deposits. Virtually all 1794 dollars were poorly struck in various areas because the Mint had an inadequate coining press to accomplish the task. The press was really designed to only strike coins up to the size of a half dollar. Not until 1795 was the Mint able to strike dollars effectively since the new more powerful coining press had finally arrived. Almost all known specimens show weak

strikes of the stars and dentils in the lower left obverse. This occurs as well in the corresponding area of the reverse. This weakness also reflected the issue of misaligned dies. Approximately 2,000 coins were struck, with 250 rejected as being unsuitable. This lack of perfection reflects the fact that our country was very young and inexperienced at the process of minting coins. These characteristics add to their charm. This coin is nicely detailed on both sides but it does have the typical striking weakness along the lower obverse border. A few adjustment marks can be seen on the obverse. These are remnants from the Mint's rudimentary quality control process. When a blank planchet was determined to weigh too much, it was manually filed down to its proper weight. These are viewed as Mint caused and, therefore, they do not affect its grade. The ones you see on this coin are very minor by comparison to other 1794 dollars. Typical of most 1794 dollars is weakness on the Eagle's breast. This is caused by the inadequate flow of metal into this area of the die. This coin's appearance is very natural and the owner considers it to be among the finest non-mint state examples in existence. Today, it is estimated that about 150 1794 dollars survive, in all conditions, from the original 1,758. This silver dollar is estimated to be the 10th finest. 1795 finest with silver plug, B-7, BB-18, MS65+ PCGS CAC. This is an extraordinary American silver dollar rarity. It was acquired from the mint in 1795 and was in the same family collection until it was consigned to be auctioned in 1964 through Christie, Manson & Woods Ltd. by the 4th Lord St. Oswald. This Ex. Lord St. Oswald specimen reflects more the 220 years of outstanding preservation and careful numismatic stewardship. Its finishes are completely natural and show the gradual aging process of silver. According to the Heritage Auctions description, this coin spent the majority of its years in a cabinet crafted by Thomas Chippendale and it was located in the renowned English country house, Nostell Priory. The coin was acquired by Sir William Strickland from the mint on his visit to the United States in 1795. He spent the better part of ten months in America and visited Monticello and Mount Vernon where he met Thomas Jefferson and George Washington. Note the detail on the breast of the eagle. You will not see any that are finer. The coin contains a silver plug, which is more clearly visible in the center reverse through the eagle's breast. A silver plug was inserted

into the blank planchet to bring it up to its exact weight. If a planchet was overweight, file marks remain from this adjustment process, which is very typical of the 1794 dollars. As an emerging country, our leaders were keenly focused on issuing silver coinage to exacting standards so that they could compete and be accepted on the world market.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

New Coins

I am tracking down the **mystery of the Crossing the Delaware quarter**, released, but only available from third parties and not the mint. Here is the final decision of the **2021 Innovation** dollars. The **2021**



Morgan and Peace dollars start coming out May 24th with CC privy mark and O privy mark, then June 1 D and S mints, June 7 P Morgan and Peace dollars. No price and pictures yet. The silver presidential medals continue May 3 with William Henry Harrison for \$65. Gold buffalo May 13 and silver proof set April 22 \$105.





Numismatic Potpourri

A **disputed 1792 pattern coin** entered the market from ANA New York after they found a fourth one.

At least one of them entered ANA collection in 1808. This may be a trial strike of a US quarter. One of only five such pieces known to survive, which was made from a die engraved by Mint engraver Joseph Wright. The die broke in hardening, and no coins were ever minted from the pattern. The worst year to be alive was 536AD. A mysterious fog plunged Europe, the Middle East, and parts of Asia into darkness, day and night for 18 months. "For the sun gave forth its light without brightness, like the moon, during the whole year," wrote Byzantine historian Procopius. Temperatures in the summer of 536 fell 2.7 to 6.3 degrees F, initiating the coldest decade in the past 2300 years. Snow fell that summer in China; crops failed. The Irish chronicles record "a failure of bread from the years 536–539." Then, in 541, bubonic plague struck. What came to be called the Plague of Justinian spread rapidly, wiping out one-third to one-half of the population of the eastern Roman Empire, preventing the restoration of the Roman Empire after Justinian's defeat of Goths and Vandals and paving the way for the rise of Islam. **There** is also a numismatic connection. Analysis of ice from a Swiss glacier tracks the emergence of silver mining and the use of silver in coinage. Silver was smelted from lead ore, so the lead is a sign that the precious metal was in demand in an economy rebounding in 640-660 as trade increased, forcing a shift to silver as the monetary standard. Lead vanished from the air during the Black Death from 1349 to 1353, revealing an economy that had again ground to a halt. A coin hoard containing nearly 600 silver coins (denarii) from the 1st – 3rd century AD, most likely hidden during the first large-scale barbarian invasion of the Roman Empire, the invasion by the Goths in 250-251 AD, has been discovered by archaeologists in Bulgaria.





Nice **uncirculated 1797 half** recently came to auction. **High quality counterfeits seized in Bulgaria.** \$4 million in US \$100 and 3.6 million in 100 euro notes.



With only two examples known to collectors today, the 1866 No Motto Seated Liberty dollar is likely the rarest US dollar. The banner above the eagle proclaiming In God We Trust is absent. The 1804 dollar has 15 examples, the 1913 Liberty nickel (5), and the 1894S Barber dime (9). One of the two known specimens is impounded in the National Numismatic Collection at the Smithsonian Institution, where no collector will ever acquire it. Heritage Auctions is offering the only available example of this overlooked rarity in its April 2021 catalog Chief Coiner Archibald Snowden was probably the man who struck the 1866 No Motto coins for Robert Coulton Davis, who obtained a set of the three silver denominations dated 1866 that were struck without the motto. Snowden acquired a massive collection of patterns and other rarities during his service at the Mint, which lasted for decades. He was able to purchase the coins by exchanging an equivalent value in coins or bullion for them, a practice that remained legal for Mint employees until the 1930s. Videos from the recently concluded NNP Symposium (March 19-21) are now posted on Newman Portal. https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediadetail/539070 ?Year=2021&take=50

There have been a string of counterfeit \$2 coins passing in Canada reported in cities and towns, bid and small, across the country. Counterfeit coins are now more common than counterfeit notes

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Heritage is selling modern high grade US bullion coins for record prices: 1987 G\$25 half ounce gold eagle MS70 NGC sold for \$32,900; 2009 \$20 ultra high relief MS70 prooflike NGC sold for \$21,738; 1993P G\$25 half once gold eagle PR70 deep cameo PCGS sold for \$16,450; 1990 \$10 quarter ounce gold eagle MS70 PCGS sold for \$16,450; 1990P G\$25 half ounce gold eagle PR70 deep cameo PCGS sold for \$16,450; 1988 G\$50 one ounce gold eagle MS70 PCGS sold for \$14,100; 2020W G\$50 ounce gold eagle, v75 privy mark first day of issue, PR70 ultra cameo NGC sold for \$13,200; 1989 \$25 half ounce gold eagle MS70 PCGS sold for\$11, 456; 2015W \$100 high relief one ounce gold. First strike, Moy signature, MS70 prooflike PCGS sold for \$11,163. It appears special issues do have a premium value. A 1981 cent die cap on a nickel planchet. Die caps



occur when a struck coin fails to eject from the press and successive strikes on new planchets warp the original coins around one of the die faces, resulting in a uniface "cap" with the design of the capped die struck into the depths of the cylinder. Virtually every instance of such an error involves a die cap produced with a planchet of the same denomination as the die, sometimes bonded with other planchets of the same denomination. The present piece, however, is a die cap formed by a nickel planchet on a cent die, making this a double error of sorts, a die cap and a wrong planchet. Heritage is also selling high grade circulating coins at a premium: 1992D 1C close AM MS64 red and brown PCGS FS901 sold for \$20,00; 1969D 50C MS67 star NGC sold for \$15,600; 1973D \$1 MS67 PCGS sold for \$12,295; 1976D \$1 type one MS67 PCGS sold for \$11,161; 1972D \$1 MS67 PCGS sold for \$9,775; 1968D 25C MS68 PCGS sold for \$8,813;

1977D\$1 MS67 PCGS sold for \$7,638; 1969D 1C MS67 red PCGS sold for \$7,475; 1977D 1C MS68 red PCGS sold for \$7,050; 1978D \$1 MS67 PCGS sold for \$7,050.





1876 US Centennial Medal, copper, 57.6mm, Designed by William Barber. Obverse: kneeling Art and Industry being crowned with wreaths by Liberty, In Commemoration of the Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence, Act of Congress June 1874 around, 1876 in exergue. Reverse: Rising Liberty with sword in right hand, left hand reaching to 13 stars, These United Colonies are, and of Right Ought to be, Free and Independent States, 1776 in exergue. YouTube channel the International Banknote Society's 2020 Banknote of Year competition videos, short videos all notes: 24 https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLX2ZeuXKeu JVgGTgA5JaVp1-8xpW5KaH3

The Everycountry group is a forum for world coin collectors who collect one coin per country or per coin issuing authority, A to Z. Members discuss and research coins from different countries, especially unusual or hard-to-find locations. Of particular interest are countries such as Germany, Italy, China, India, Switzerland, and Mexico, which have seen countless coin-issuing authorities over the past several centuries. Our 6,800-line checklist can be downloaded by members and then edited to conform to their own collections. In addition to current countries, the checklist includes state and local coinage, siege and other emergency coins, and rebel issues for the past several hundred years. New group members are always welcome, whether you are an A to Z collector or have a general interest in world coins. The homepage coin is from Cambodia. https://groups.io/g/Everycountry

Next Meeting:

March 23 7PM My Covid Coin, Nominations, Elections, and Annual dinner

Dennys, 205 Nugett Ave, Sparks

WE'RE BACK!!!

We will have \$10 off dinner with nominations **and elections.** Please bring mask and bring your new favorite coin you bought or found in your collection this Covid year. I will bring the W .05 and Russian WWII set celebrating the designers of Russian weapon systems. Sam Dibitonto will brings his seated liberty dollar set including the potty dollar and a proof 1856 flying eagle. 2021 **NA \$1 on way.** Will bring new coins and last six S .25 sets for \$10 (the holder cost \$5). John Ward's coin show on, at Silver Legacy May 28-30 Info: 559 967-8067. Details at CoinZip.com We get a table and will do a raffle of 4 PCGS Morgans, 1964 half, and Lincoln pennies. A lot of members came to the show and we did well on raffle of club members, entry fee, and people paying dues or buying medals. Only 3 silver club medals left. ANA Coin Week April 18-24 Money, Big and *Bold* celebrating 50th of Eisenhower \$1 and 100th of Morgan and Peace \$1. 2021 Morgan dollars minted at PDS with CC and O privy marks whatever that means. Holabird is moving in May, and we need a new place for our library. Thanks for buying 1/10 oz. Gold eagle raffle tickets. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, have 23 of 40 tickets. Please mail me a check at 2845 Edgewood Drive, Reno 89503. Stay safe. Contact me with any ideas or problems: 775 815-8625 datbbelliotts@prodigy.net

Treasurer's report: Income \$110 for 2021 dues (4 renewals & 1 new member), \$60 for newsletter ad, \$185 for medal sales, \$86 coin show entry fees, \$205 for raffle of medal set at coin show, and 15 raffle tickets for 1/10 oz gold eagle. New expenses for the month included the normal expenses.

We meet at **Denny's** 205 Nugget Ave at E. McCarran, Sparks



2020 NA &CT, MA, MD, SC Innovation \$1, Bush \$1 and 2019S & 2020-2021S .25 sets here. Tuskegee .25 here. 2021 NA \$1 ordered.



S set of all five 2013-2019 quarters in case \$5 S set of all six 2020-2021 quarters in case \$10 National Park Quarters PDS .50 Innovation, Native American, Bush \$1 D P \$1.25

New Coins

Proof set came out March 5 with just two quarters, \$32. The gold four eagle set and other gold eagles separately come out March 11. The last of the old design. Silver proof set \$105 April 22. Innovation dollar designs: New Hampshire coin paying homage to Ralph Baer, inventor of the home video gaming system. Remember pong? Virginia design for Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, a transportation route that opened in 1964 and spans over 17 miles of open water won over designs dedicated to Barbara Rose Johns' 1951 student strike seeking equality in education for students of color and Norfolk Naval Base. New York design for the Erie Canal won over Abner Doubleday's "invention" of baseball and the lunar module built in the state. North Carolina designs for innovations of higher education were all rejected. I liked the Athena one. Steve Mnuchin still gets to pick.



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The Other Coin: Primitive Money

I got a second piece of 19th century African primitive money from Joel Anderson for the display case I take to the museum. I added a manilla or slave copper bracelet to my iron Kissi penny. The Kissi penny named for the



Kissi tribe in Western Africa is 9-15 inches long and is thought to have a soul trapped in it. Worth about penny, they were often bundled in groups of 20 to buy more expensive items. The manilla from Portuguese "bracelet" was made in copper or brass and also used in West Africa and in the Congo. The Katanga cross, which I do not have is a large cross of copper from the Congo. The province of Katanga broke from the Congo from 1960-1963 and minted their own coins including one with a Katanga on it (bananas on the other side). Cross go for \$75-100+ and the coin for only \$4. Other African primitive money usually sells for under \$20. Like the Celts the primary universal currency was salt.

Small change in ancient times began with the cowry all through Asia, eastern Africa, India, and the southern Middle East, larger purchases were made with jewelry or metal bars. The Sumerians began this practice by 6,000 BC although it was probably part of Indian and African economy at nearly the same time. The ancient Near East has written records and hoards of the shell, jewelry, metal bars have been found. The



Sumer shell money on the left was carved from conch shells and could be worn as a ring or necklace. The cowries were also usually made into necklaces and came in a variety of colors and sizes. The Chinese were just the same as today. They used cowries as small change, but went on to make knock offs in bone, clay and cast bronze. The last on the far right is also called ant nose or ghost face, but says "cowry."



Cast bronze became currency in many shapes throughout Europe, North Africa, the Middle East

and Asia. China wins in variety: bridge and two bells on top. Two hoes on left, an oval and round cash coin, a fish, a key (actually a knife coin), and a knife coin on the bottom right. Note all the coins have holes, so they can be strung together to make larger purchases. China had very little silver and the Spanish grew rich exchanging South American silver for Chinese gold. Chinese would need cartloads of brass cash coins to buy land or a silk suit. That's why even very ancient Chinese coins are usually less than \$5 and found by the ton.



Greeks, Romans, and Celts also used token metal coins of bronze or copper. Greeks on the Black Sea had a variety of dolphin and arrowhead coins. The Romans had scallops, acorns, and knucklebones, a type of dice. Early cast bronze round coins had the scallop, acorn, and knucklebones on the round cast coin. The Celts win



in Europe for greatest variety of cast bronze primitive money: beads, bell, rings, and wheels in a variety of sizes that can be worn as necklaces, rings, and torques. Unlike the Chinese, the Celts had lots of silver and made these designs in silver and gold. Rather than a cash coin with a hole to string, they imitated Greeks and Roman and made cast bronze coins called potins. The coin on the left has a warrior with torque and spear marching right and reverse with snake and beast (horse, boar, deer?). Potin on the right has a wild man head right with

a horse reverse.

Cast bronze or copper won over shells and salt throughout the world. Mixed silver and gold in lumps and bars replaced jewelry, which in turn was replaced by coins. In China with very little silver, cast bronze cash coins were the main



currency into the 20^{th} century with gold coins for international payments.

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Numismatic Potpourri

2021The Coin of the Year (COTY) finalists are out:



Most Innovative: NumisCollect's Cook Islands "Meteorites: Chicxulub Crater 20-dollar 3 oz. silver coin. A bit of the meteorite that killed the dinosaurs!



Berlin Wall fall won best circulating Germany 2 euro and Paris most artistic 10 euro. We won for best silver coin and best contemporary event. 5 ounce silver 50th anniversary of moon landing.



Best Historical: Austria 100 euro gold, Mesopotamia. Best Bi-Metallic Coin Austrian 25 euro silver and niobium coin, Artificial Intelligence.



Best Crown: Paris City of Lights: Eiffel Tower 130th 10-euro coin composed of silver, gilt, and rhodium



China won Best Gold Coin for a celebration of calligraphy and Britain won Most Inspirational for 50 pence coin for Stephen Hawkins with a black hole. Overall winner next month. Netflix series Murder Among The Mormons on Mark Hofmann, great counterfeiter of documents, banknotes, and coins and the chief suspect in 1985 Utah pipe bombing. Starred reverse 1794 Liberty Cap cent is up for sale in March Stacks Bower sale. The large cent has 94 stars on the reverse with a surviving population of less than 60. 100 years ago, the 1921S proof Morgan dollars were struck at the request of numismatist Farran Zerbe

The official mintage total is unknown, but the most-



often quoted figure is just 24 pieces struck. Zerbe, promoter of the Peace dollar, was called to the San Francisco Mint when the new dies for the Peace dollar arrived. When he got there, the dies turned out to be Morgan dies, and Zerbe talked the mint officials into running off a few 1921S Morgans. The Dubai Court of First Instance sentenced a Dubai based businessman to two years in jail after a video went viral showing him throwing 50,000 fake euro notes at a group of workers while driving a luxury car. Millions of dollars of fake euros and dollars were found at his residence. The fake dollars came from China and the fake euros from India. Venezuela has issued 200,000, 500,000 and 1,000,000 notes as hyperinflation goes on in its socialist paradise. 1,000,000 bolivars is worth 52 cents now.



ANA eLearning continues with March 23 Seige Notes of WWI. March 25 Women on World Currency, and March 30 Grading 101. All free info.money.org/elearning The ANS Lyceum, Chief Curator Peter van Alfen will lead a six-week course that explores the coinages of the ancient Mediterranean world, from the Archaic period to the end of the Hellenistic period (ca. 650–30 BC).

These sessions will be held every Wednesday between 12:30-2:00 pm (EST) starting on March 31, 2021 and ending on May 5, 2021. Topics include ancient mints, the earliest electrum coinage, and Greek, Persian, and Hellenistic numismatics. The second offering from the ANS Lyceum, a course on Roman coinage taught by Assistant Curator of Roman Coins Lucia Carbone and Executive Director Gilles Bransbourg, will begin in late May 2021. Tuition for the first six-week course is \$250.00 for non-members; tuition for members of the ANS is \$100.00. numismatics.org/membership/ join and receive the member rate. Prospective students can register for the course with Austin Goodwin Andrews at aandrews@numismatics.org. Scholarships are available. Kagin just completed an auction of Russian walrus skin money. As early as 1741 Alaska





had become part of Russia's land holdings and by 1790 the local fur trading industry flourished. In 1799 Czar Paul I purchased shares in the Russian-American Company. By 1811 their holdings encompassed parts of California as far south as Fort Ross. A major aspect of the fur trading Russian-American Company enterprise consisted of shipping otter and seal skins to China in waterproof bags made of walrus leather skins. The bags were reused to wrap shipments of various spices bound for Russian ports. In 1816 pieces were cut from the walrus bags and stamped with seven different values including 10, 25, and 50 Kopeks, and 1, 5, 10 and 25 rubles to pay colonial employees. More issues were printed in 1822, 1826, 1834, 1842, 1845, and 1852 although according to the cataloger less than 50 of these notes are currently extant. The Half Cent Handbook (Draped Busts Varieties 1800-1808) is the first in a series of four books by Ed Fuhrman. The book is 177 pages, hardcover, full color, \$105 shipped. Nice, but expensive. Buy: Guitarman68@optonline.net

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The Chopmark News is the newsletter of the Chopmark Collectors Club. Dues are \$10/year for the e-edition and \$25/year for print plus e. Rich Licato, 1905 N. Hancock St., Arlington, VA 22201 March of Dimes encased coins:









ANA highlights the US Mint's early silver commemoratives (1892-1954), providing detailed images and information for all 50 coins in the series and the historical perspective surrounding each coin. https://www.money.org/commemorative-coins

Two coins sold for over million dollars at Heritage 1907 double-eagle and 1880 proof pattern \$4 Stella.





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Next Meeting:

MARCH MAYBE??!!

February 19-21, Reno Coin Show, Silver

Legacy, Admit: \$3, \$1 with registration, 10-6 Friday and Saturday, 10-4 on Sunday.(COVID-19 restrictions: first hour maximum of 50 people in the room). Additional hours are \$1 when the show is at maximum capacity. PCGS submissions will be accepted. John Ward 559 967-8067 Info www. coinzip.com/Reno-Coin-Show-Silver-Legacy

February 23 6:30PM Board Meeting only Dennys, 205, Nugett Ave, Sparks

After the Last Cancelled Meeting

Reno Coin Show and Board meeting this month. Ordered Tuskegee airmen coin, last American the Beautiful .25. Got Kansas butterfly .25, Bush \$1, Hubble \$1, and last 2020 **Innovation dollar.** Call and come by to get any of the new coins if you want. John Ward's coin show on, at Silver Legacy February 19-21 Info: 559 967-8067. Details at CoinZip.com We get a table and will do a raffle. Need help on Friday 19th. ANA Coin Week April 18-24 Money, Big and Bold celebrating 50th of Eisenhower \$1 and 100th of Morgan and Peace \$1. Holabird is moving and we need a new place for our library. Thanks for buying 1/10 oz. Gold eagle raffle tickets. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. Please mail me a check at 2845 Edgewood Drive, Reno 89503. Stay safe. Contact me with any ideas or problems: 775 815-8625 datbbelliotts@prodigy.net

Treasurer's report: Minimal activity. Income was \$240 for 2021 dues (10 renewals), and 2 tickets for 1/10 oz gold eagle. New expenses for the month included the normal expenses were paid for the newsletter, our website, and bank fees.

We meet at **Denny's**, 205 Nugget Ave at E. McCarran, Sparks



Reminder for everyone to pay 2021 dues.

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Law Enforcement medals out. Clad half \$35 bottom, Silver dollar \$74 left, and \$5 gold \$659 right. Proof set \$734.50. March 5 proof set of gold eagles out: 1, ½, ½, ½, 1/10 ounce and individually March 11. McAuliffe silver \$1 out for \$74. Room for new quarter out April 5.



Robert's Treasures



1792 One Cent silver center pattern cent. Ex: Garrett-Simpson. Historically important 1792 pattern, the silver center cent is perhaps the most famous of those early patterns. Finest known example of only 12 original examples known. Have to see that.

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The Other Coin: Byzantine "Cup" Coins



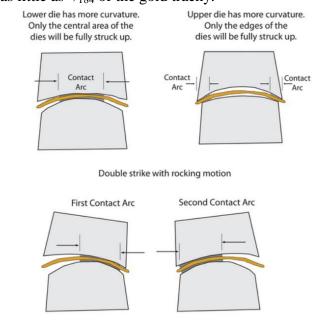
Byzantine cup coins, also called scyphate or trachea coins were introduced by Alexios I (1081–1118), who was forced to reform the currency. The gold solidus or bezant of Constantine (307-337) was being struck from billon (a greyish alloy of copper and silver) with out a trace of gold. To restore confidence in the currency, Alexios created a new concave coin, the gold trachy or hyperpyron, struck at the old weight of 4.5 grams, in an alloy of 20.5 carat gold. The solidus of Constantine was about the size of a nickle 21-23mm (.8-.9 inches.) The new trachy or cup coin measured about 31mm (1.22 inches) in diameter. A bigger coin is just more impressive, and the thin

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flan and design made counterfeiting more difficult. A simple cut or punch proved the coin was gold and not plated. Its success for 300 years was also due to the coins being perfect for the ancient Greek version of tiddlywinks. The typical design bore a portrait of Christ on the convex (obverse) side, and the figure of the emperor on the concave (reverse) side. A gold trachea or



hyperpyron of Manuel I Komnenos (1118 –1180) with lightly bearded Christ nimbus IC XC, an abbreviation of Jesus Christ Incous Xpictos. The C is the Byzantine Greek S. The inscription reads (Lord) help us. The reverse has Manuel with scepter and globus cruciger and the inscription Manuel Lord (despot) and born of he purple. Legitimate Byzantine emperors were born in a room of purple porphyry stone and clothed in purple silk. Alongside the gold hyperpyron, Alexios created an electrum (mostly silver) aspron trachy coin worth $^{1}/_{3}$ of the gold trachy, and a low value silvered copper alloy coin, also called a trachy. The silvered copper trachy was valued at $^{1}/_{48}$ of a gold trachy, but gradually depreciated to as little as $^{1}/_{184}$ of the gold trachy.



A concave and convex die were made. The upper die was rocked, or even repositioned for at least two blows of the hammer at different angles, to ensure that as much of the design as possible would be transferred to the coin. This is easily seen in doubling or overlap of the coins. Two headed Christ on an







electrum trachy, doubled halo Christ on an aspron trachy, and Christ missing the middle of his face on a copper trachy. The top die would slip on its second or third strike. The copper is a Latin trachy made by the crusaders that conquered their fellow Christians in Fourth Crusade in 1204, ruling until 1261.

It is not generally recognized that the trachy coins were copied by many other nations like Hungary (Bela III) top, Cyprus (Henry I) bottom and the Normans in Sicily (William I) right:



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https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediadetail/522852 They are indexed by year, not subject, but there is a lot to browse. The United States Mint said it was unable to meet surging demand for its gold and silver **bullion coins** in 2020 and through January, due partly to pandemic-driven demand and plant capacity issues. Sales of US gold bullion coins rose 258% in 2020 while silver coin demand was up 28%, the US Mint said. Heavy buying continues in 2021, squeezing supplies, which had already been tight. Hunter Collection of colonial and Continental notes went to auction February 11. You can get a note from each of all 13 colonies. Let's encourage Robert to do that. Rest of us might want to get the Heritage auction catalog or A Guide Book of Continental Currency and Coins for \$20 to be released 2nd Mar 2021 by Whitman.







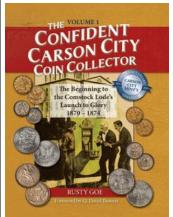
This important silver Lincoln peace medal in Holabird's current auction is the smaller of two sizes made by the US Mint. Dated 1862, it is the only Presidential peace medal issued in a year other than the inauguration date of the president. This medal is ex-Stacks c1993, lot 1518 and is part of a known census published of twenty-two 1862 Lincoln medals, of which at least 6 are in institutional homes. Two hundred of the 1862 Lincoln medals were made at the Philadelphia Mint, with 100 of each size. This silver 1862 Lincoln Peace medal with "Osage Indian" inscribed lightly on the obverse belonged to one of the chiefs of the Osage tribe who signed the September 29, 1865 Canville Treaty in Kansas. Enjoy free online courses and lectures from fellow collectors and experienced numismatists. Can't wait to get started? Explore the ANA's recorded webinars! https://info.money.org/elearning-recordedwebinars Register for new classes coming up such as:

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ANA 2021 Summer School is canceled. More elearning classes will be offered. Stack's Bowers Galleries' March 2021 Auction has been relocated and will now be held in Las Vegas, March 23-26 at the Bellagio Hotel and Casino. By invite only.

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Rusty Goe, The Confident Carson City Coin Collector, 3 volumes, 2,500 pages, hardbound, color images \$299 plus \$16 shipping. Order now https://www.southgatecoins.com/ Soon on Amazon. The massive three-volume hardback set, comprising 2,500 pages (1.5 million words). Some \$10,000 bills





have come to marker, which prompted reminisces about the hundred \$10,000 bill at the Horseshoe Casino. Congress has passed a new bill for the circulating commemorative coins revamping and brought Harriet Tubman back on the \$20. The animal series



of quarters is gone. After the Washington crossing the Delaware quarter, a series of quarters will be issued from 2022 to 2025 with up to five designs per year that are "emblematic of the accomplishments and contributions of prominent woman of the United States." The 250th anniversary of the US in 2026 will have five different quarter designs with one of the quarter designs to depict women's contributions to the founding of the nation as well as new dollar coin designs commemorating the beginnings of the American Republic in 1776. The cent, nickel, dime, quarter, half dollar, and dollar will have new designs in 2026 as well. 2027 to 2030 retained original sports theme on quarters and half dollars with up to 5 new

.25 commemorative reverse designs on a single sport played by American youth per year and half dollars designs for sports dedicated to people with disabilities. In addition, medals honoring the 2028 Olympic Games to be held in Los Angeles are also authorize. **Netflix's** *The Dig* tells the story of the Anglo-Saxon longship that was unearthed at Sutton Hoo in 1939. There were feasting vessels and drinking horns and elaborate jewelry, a lyre and a scepter, a sword, jewels from Asia and silverware from Byzantium and coins from France.



the time of Augustus period has been found in a jug during the ongoing excavations in the ancient city of Aizanoi in Turkey. The silver coins were found in a jug in a stream passing through the ancient city and covered by three terra cotta plates indicating the owner's attention to retrieve the coins. The hoard may represent the savings of a Roman officer or official. Following several months of enquiries, including mobile phone analysis of those believed to have been involved in its production, a search warrant was carried out at a business premises owned by Mr. Winter in Beckenham, England on Saturday 4 May 2019. Once inside the premises, officers found Brown and another man surrounded by printing equipment and large piles of counterfeit £20 notes, which were later confirmed as having a total face value of £5.25 million and the single largest face-value seizure of **counterfeit currency in history**. They were printing the last non-polymer note without all the new safety features. Police arrested a mother daughter pair and seized 54 bogus Hong Kong \$500 banknotes. Bogus banknotes rose by 68 per cent a year in 2020. The notes were of poor quality and without security features and an embossed feel.

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Next Meeting:

FEBRUARY MAYBE??!! CANCELED

January 26 Diner and Elections.

After the Last Cancelled Meeting

Everything January is cancelled. Daughter-inlaw that works in ER got vaccine, wife signed up, daughter is pregnant, so can't have it. My MD says we high risk will get vaccine soon, but not this month. Got Kansas butterfly .25, Bush, and **Hubble \$1.** Please call and come by to get any of the new coins if you want. John Ward's coin show still on, at Silver Legacy February 19-21 Info: 559 967-8067. Details at CoinZip.com We get a table and can do a raffle. ANA Phoenix in March is cancelled. ANA Coin Week April 18-24 Money, Big and Bold celebrating 50th of Eisenhower \$1 and 100th of Morgan and Peace \$1. W quarters are selling for \$12 on e-bay. Thanks for buying 1/10 oz. Gold eagle raffle tickets. Same deal 40 \$10 tickets, winner drawn when 40 tickets are sold. Please mail me a check at 2845 Edgewood Drive, Reno 89503. Stay safe. Contact me with any ideas or problems: 775 815-8625 datbbelliotts@prodigy.net **DUES ARE DUE.**

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The feathers are from 2019 NA \$1 proposed design with stars instead of planets. Dumb then Dumb now. They had a lot of nice designs to choose from.



2019 NA feather design that was rejected. It's worse on a military coin as giving a white feather is accusing someone of cowardice. It is extra stupid this time. The Washington crossing the Delaware quarter that will be the regular design from now on. Three favorite Air Force designs for the silver medal:



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Not The Other Coin: No Coin Shows



The National Coin Show at Phoenix in March that I was planning to attend got cancelled along with most other coins shows. I miss being able to see dealers I buy from, see rare coins and interesting displays, search for that hard to find ancient coin. I remember the World's Fair of Money at Anaheim in 2016 where several dealers had junk boxes, and I got for \$12 each coins of Cleopatra, Parthian kings,

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several huge Alexandrian drachms, and a complete set of Canadian 1 ounce silver Star Trek Coins for less than they cost at the Canadian Mint. The copper drachm of



Alexandria was an attempt of a copper rich nation to substitute a copper coin for a silver coin, which created a huge copper coin. Catherine the Great of Russia's huge 5 kopeck coins, our own large cents, and the famous plate money of Sweden are examples. These 33mm and above copper coins of 24 grams or so created a large canvas full of Egyptian themes. This coin depicts the annual rise of the Nile with the personified Nile reclining above a crocodile and holding a cornucopia from which emerges a child as a personified cubit with growing grain behind the Nile. The inscription TPICKA Ιζ Tris ka(i deka) or a 3 and 10 (13) of 16 cubits rise of the Nile on the nilometer in upper Egypt signaled a good year of irrigation, which is why the cubit child is holding a wreath. Like many ancient coins the image of the god is from a famous statue. This Nile statue was taken from Alexandria to Rome in ancient times. Several copies were made, the most famous is in the Vatican. Note the crocodiles with cubits, the original had all 16 cubits.



There is a cornucopia behind the sphinx. These statues served as monuments in the temples of Isis as well as garden decorations or both like statues of St. Francis or the Blessed Virgin in Catholic gardens. That's why there are so many of them. Anaheim was a great show allowing me to feed my two great passions of ancient coins and Original Series Star Trek.



Let us hope that being at the Silver Legacy John Ward's first show in a long time in Reno will take off in February 19-21. So far they will allow 50 people at a time in the show room. Bill Green of NorCal Shows is also hoping to restart in May:

May 21 &22: Domain Hotel, Sunnyvale, CA June 25 & 26: Clarion Hotel, Concord, CA Jully 16 & 17 Ramada Inn, Reno, NV November 12 & 13: Domiain Hotel, Sunnyvale, CA

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In February two new guidebooks are coming out: **Red Book Official Guide Book of Continental Currency** and Coins 288pp. \$23 and Red Book Official Guide Book of Gold Eagle Coins 448pp. \$30 Both by Q. David Bowers. In January and February the ANA free learning Academy will continue with programs on euros, elongated coins, siege money, masonic pennies, Parthia, making ancient coins, half cents, Lincoln, Black death coinage and more https://info.money.org/elearning ANA has also created The Grading Game for those that want a better understanding or practice grading US coins: money.org/games/grading-game ANA podcasts continue at Two Bits with a Dawn of Coinage episode. money.org/podcast The theme for this years Coin Week **April 18-24 is Money, Big and Bold** celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Eisenhower dollar and the 100th anniversary of the change from the Morgan dollar to the Peace dollar. With luck we will be at the museum again. The Newman Numismatic Portal is also offering its **second free symposium** March 19-21 from 7AM to 4 PM at https://nnpsymposium.org/register Collecting Colonials, Collecting Washington Medals, and US Classic Gold 1834-1839 look especially interesting. Also research on the little square Japanese coins and countermarked Spanish 8 reals by Britain. Effective January 1, 2021, the Government of Canada will remove legal tender status from some older bank notes that are no longer produced: the \$1, \$2, \$25, \$500 and \$1,000 notes. Essentially, This means that Canadians will no longer be able to use them in cash transactions. The notes are too easy to counterfeit. These bank notes will not lose their face value, since the Bank of Canada will continue to honor them. People wishing to redeem their notes can do so at financial institutions or by sending them to the Bank of Canada. A nice hour long video on coin engraving What I Learned from 3000 Coin and Medal Artists lecture by Richard Wayne "Dick" Johnson (2002)is available https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/557085 discussing the engravers and technology of coin making. Fake Hobo nickels are flooding the market from China. I will add that Spain is producing fake medieval British, French and other coins designed to deceive as well. One more reason to have coin shows with reputable dealers return.





On December 17 H.R. 6192 passed by unanimous consent authorizing production of 2021 Morgan and Peace dollars in not less than .900 fine silver, with any balance of the alloy in copper. Options would include issues struck at the Denver. Philadelphia and San Francisco Mints. Privy marks could be added to specific Morgan dollar issues to pay homage to the silver dollar output at the former Carson City Mint in Nevada and New Orleans Mint in Louisiana. Also included is options for proof and uncirculated releases, with the possibility for special sets to include coins of different finishes from multiple mints. While the provisions of the enabling legislation authorize the production and release of silver dollars beginning in 2021, the law does not state a closing date. Mark Amodei helped with this over the last two years at my and Rusty King's urging. 1964 Kennedy on clad quarter planchet:





1 of 3 known gold coins of *Ides of March* celebrating the death of Julius Caesar sold for \$4,188,393.





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Smithsonian displays **Ulysses S. Grant Congressional medal for victory at Vicksburg** in a presentation box of ebony and gold with commemorative medal of well over a pound of gold. On the obverse is a bust of Ulysses S. Grant to left with legend, "Major General Ulysses S. Grant / Joint Resolution of Congress / December 17. 1863" Thirteen stars and a wreath surround the design. A contemporaneous bronze medal show the reverse and dimension of 105 mm, 10 mm thick, 502 grams. Reverse has Commerce over maps of



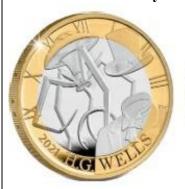


Vicksburg and Chattanooga and pile of armaments. A striking medal by Marika Somogyi called Vanitas made in 1986 for the Society of Medalists. It is a wonderful image of the chief sin of Vanity/Pride/Envy as taught by the Christian Church of Adam and Eve and the Devil. Vanity is the cause of greed, hate, and envy, and since it leads people to steal, desire, and harm others for selfish ends. The Devil envies us our ability to repent our sins and to have and requite God's love. A bejeweled naked woman admires her beauty and wealth while the Devil peers at her with lust promising the skull of death, a book of false know-ledge, and a compass to measure only the material world.





Britain's new coin commemorating HG Wells and Australia's tooth fairy coin.





For a short time the mint will produce the old designs for the 2021 silver and gold eagles. It is likely to be low mintage and nice to have with the new eagle designs. Both designs on-line.





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