

Reno Cartwheel-No Dues this year.

December 2021

Next Meeting:

December 21: Holiday Coins Bring coins that celebrate Christmas and Hanukah. I'll have some of both and Robert will likely bring something cool too. *Nominations for the board and officers.*

December 25: Christmas and museum is closed

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

13 members met to see David's \$25 Comitia American set and copper rounds of the 12 Labors of Heracles. Robert brought very rare gold coins of Ferdinand and Isabella, Charles I, the Commonwealth, and a 1732 real that have been featured in Robert's Treasures. He also updated us on the research at the Argon cyclotron on the Continental dollar and 1792 disme. Denny's will let us meet in December. Service may be slow. We are working on having our dinner in January at Denny's or somewhere else. Whatever will work. I will bring the America the Beautiful quarters to sell for a quarter except for the S mints. I will be selling the rest off for .25 in January at the museum. **We will not ask for dues for 2022 due to the disarray.** Bill Green is advertizing a Reno Coin Show for July 15-16, 2022 at the Ramada. *We have a coin show again!* **Buy more raffle tickets now \$2 each or 3 for \$5.** 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. **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: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625. **Website at www.renecoinclub.com**

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



2021 NA & All Innovation \$1, Bush \$1 and 2020-1S .25 sets, and Washington Crossing Delaware PD here.



S set (5) 2013-19 quarters in case \$5, 2020S (6) \$10 National Park Quarters PDS .50, PD set \$60
Innovation, Native American \$1 D P \$1.25
Parks P or D set \$30, Presidential set (40) \$50

2022 Coins



The 2022 Innovation dollars celebrate Vermont's skiing industry and invention of snowboarding, Kentucky's bluegrass music, the rural electrification program by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Rhode Island's sailing industry and sport. A nice attractive series. General Ely Parker was a Native American a officer and lawyer that served with U.S. Grant. He even wrote up the surrender agreement for General Lee at Appomattox. There will be commemorative coins for the Negro baseball league, the Purple Heart, and 2022 Peace and Morgan dollar coins along with the five quarters celebrating famous women.



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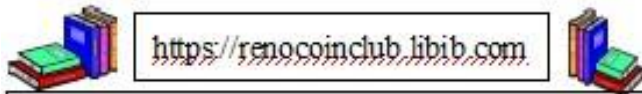
Treasurer's report: Did not get usual update, but Mary Long assures us we can live without dues this year. Buy more raffle tickets for CC boxed dollar. Raffleing high value items has given us a new revenue stream. We cut cost of newsletter in half by going half on-line. Mary found a cheaper bank.

Upcoming Coin Shows

January 7-9, Las Vegas Coin Show, Orleans Hotel, 4500 W. Tropicana Ave., John Ward 559-967-8067

January 14-15, Concord Coin Show, The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnet Ave. Admit: ?, Tables: 30+ dealers Bill Green 925 351-7605

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Fred Holabird houses the club's library at his office located at 3555 Airway Dr. #3555. Call 851-1859.

Early Bird Prize: Joe Lamberson won set of four 2021 Innovation dollars.

Auction

Auction of Eagle donated by Ken Hopple put off until December meeting

Quarter Pot

George Lee (not present, Covid!) won the quarter pot

Raffle prizes winners were:

Andre Azzam: set of 2021 Innovation dollars
 Jim Arden: Indian head .01, free pass to museum
 Joe Wozniak: 1978 proof Ike, candy money in mint bag
 Bill Naylor: 1990 proof set, 1998 uncirculated set, Hawaii boxed dollar, 2 mints bags, 5 uncirculated dimes, uncirculated .01
 Thomas Charleton: 2019 uncirculated set, 1972 uncirculated set, presidential \$1 set
 Don Stamps: 5 uncirculated .05
 Rusty King: NA \$1 set, Mercury dime
 Joe Lamberson: coin pendant, 1968D .50, 1954 PCGS MS64 penny, Israel coin set
 David Elliott forgot **mystery box**

THANKS all for donating to the Raffle & Auction!

The Other Coin: The Three Wisemen

There are about a dozen contenders for the magi or wisemen at Jesus' birth. There were many petty kings around the Holy Land, but we want them to be ones that issued coins. Coin contenders for the Three Wisemen: Azes II of the Indo-Scythians, Phraates IV of the Parthians, Gondophares of the Indo-Parthian (whom St. Thomas is said to have converted to Christianity) and Aretas IV of the Nabataeans:



Azes II, A.II mounted / Athena stands, 35BC-4AD



Phraates IV, head left / king as archer, 37-2BC

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Gondophares, bust right / Nike stands, 10BC-50AD



Aretas IV with wife Shuqailat behind/cornucopias 9BC-40AD, note the script in Aramaic, the language of Jesus.

Don't forget that Jesus was born at 7BC or 4BC to take into account all the personages mentioned at his birth (Herod died 4-1 BC, Emperor Augustus 14BC-37AD, Governor Quirinius 6-12AD), which was how time was kept back then, e.g. *about* the 7th year of emperor, king, governor so and so. Herod and Quirinius were not there at the same time. Likely Quirinius was taking the census roles for taxes ordered by previous governor as every governor did every ten years or so. They were there to collect taxes for Rome. Our year 0 was a pretty good medieval guess. Comets for the star of Bethlehem noted by Chinese astronomers make 7BC or 4BC the favored dates.

The Wisemen or magi could be kings, but might be just priest astronomers, the most respected scientists and religious men of the time, who rarely minted coins.

Augustus and the Jewish kings before Herod were both king priests that employed magi as astrologers.

Besides wisemen candidates, Biblical related coins can be collected by person, place, or event mentioned in the Bible. Jewish kings minted their own coins starting around 140BC with the lily of Jerusalem on the coin. Jewish related coins begin with the end of Babylonian captivity in the 6th century BC with Judah as the name

of a Persian province placed on some Persian coins. Of course, coins can be collected from almost all the cities in the Bible, although not from Old Testament times since coins were first minted in the 7th century BC and Biblical events began with Abraham in the 17th or 18th century BC and Moses in the 13th century BC.

Popular collecting themes include a coin from each of the cities Paul ministered in or a coin from each city that minted them in the Holy Land. Coins showing a history of Jerusalem or the Jewish kings, Roman procurators of Judaea including Pilate, Jewish coins of revolts against Rome in 70AD and 135 AD. The Roman emperors minted coins commemorating their victories over the Jews known as Jewish Capta coins, often showing a weeping Jewish woman under a palm tree. You can also collect coins mentioned by Jesus like the Widow's mite, tribute penny, or one of the 30 pieces of silver (shekels of Tyre) paid to Judas. Most of the cities Jesus ministered in minted coins, often during the time of his ministry. [The Handbook of Biblical Numismatics](http://amuseum.org/book) on-line: amuseum.org/book See James B. Lovette's, [Biblical Related Coins](#) (2000) and new Hendin book [Guide to Biblical Coins](#) below. By the way, very nice Widow's mites can be had for \$10 or less. Almost anything of this nature can be found on ebay or at www.vcoins.com.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

American Numismatic Society is releasing the 6th edition of David Hendin's [Guide to Biblical Coins](#) at the end of the year. Preorders are available for \$90 on Amazon. David Hendin has spent more than 50 years studying Jewish and Biblical coins and this will be his final edition. He has given the ANS full copyrights.



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One of only two privately owned 1937 Edward VIII £5 sovereigns was acquired at an auction this October for €2.11 million (about \$2.4 million US), the highest price ever paid for a British coin. It previously sold in March for a record \$2.28 million US. Jerry Siegel and



Joe Shuster, creators of Superman, were inducted into the Jewish-American Hall of Fame and received the accompanying medal. All honorees get a medal, and it is quite a collection. Robert is not the only one to

torture coins in atom smashers. **Roman gold coins are being examined from the first to fourth century AD to ascertain their purity.** To measure the purity of the gold coins they used muonic X-ray emission spectroscopy, a totally non-destructive analytical process that involves firing negative muons at the artifact. The muons are then captured by the atoms within the coins, which then emit a 'fingerprint' of muonic X-rays that are unique to the chemical element they came from. British scientists were aware that Roman silver coins decreased their content from 90+ percent to less than three percent over this time and soaked the coins in wine lees to bring the silver to the top of the coin, so the copper coin looked silver. You still can find Roman bronze coins with a silver "wash" on them like the "late Roman bronze" (LRB) coin of Constantine below. The 3-5% silver has been raised to the surface by a chemical process that makes the copper coin look like an old



denarius. The study conducted by Oxford University showed Roman gold coins maintained their purity of 95% or more throughout the Roman Pax Romana. Gold

paid high government officials and were used in foreign trade, so had to maintain their worth in bullion. A first century aureus of Tiberius with Pax



or Peace seated proclaiming Tiberius as chief priest or Pontif Maximus, a title the pope maintains. And a solidus of the fourth century of Julian II proclaiming



the virtue (power) of the Roman army (exercitus). We get our word exercise from the Roman army because the soldiers were kept busy drilling or exercising or building roads and bridges when they were not fighting. The Roman soldier is holding a trophy of arms and the defeated captive is kneeling in submission about to begin his life of slavery. Notre Dame is using Raman spectrometers, transmission electron microscopes (TEM), a 3MV tandem accelerator, handheld X-ray fluorescence (XRF) scanners, micro-XRF scanners, and X-ray diffractometers among others to test the silver content of Roman coins without destroying them, confirming that the silver content dropped from 95%+ to 3% with the use of mercury or various vinegars to bring the silver content to the surface of the coin. Notre Dame is also testing Continental dollars to see if they are fake or genuine by analyzing the ink and paper with similar technology. Great Collections sold the **finest known 1893S Morgan for \$2,024,024 in August, an all time world record for a Morgan dollar and a 25 bit coin Cas for \$1,698,750, \$49,700 premium over the value of Bitcoin.** The gold Cas bitcoin of 1000 bit coins is worth over \$60 million now.

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In Nov. 2021 issue of *E-Gobrecht*, the newsletter of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club, Len Augsburger discusses a **pattern coin**, which was reduced by a lathe from an 1854 dollar die. The die bears circular lathe marks that, in normal production, would be smoothed out. Who ever heard of a Liberty Seated cent? These dies were produced in order to test different alloys for coining, none of which were adopted, and the coiner was more interested in testing different compositions than in producing neatly finished dies. Stack's Bower



featured a **striking toned proof 1905 Barber dime**:



Holabird has a number of interesting tokens coming up in his December 17-19 auction:



Lot 3577. Virginia City Saloon Tokens



Lot 3554. Bonanza Hotel - M.S. Frett Tokens, Silver City, NV

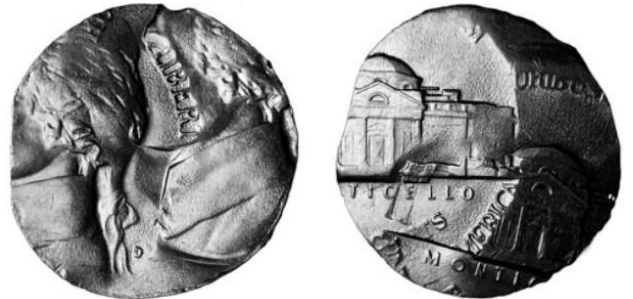


Lot 3535. The Payteller Token



Alcatraz Post Exchange Token

A 1971D Jefferson nickel double struck on a dime blank:



December 18 is Free Coin Day. Some dealers will have free coins to give away and others will be putting collectible coins in circulation. *Good luck.* Not all bank robbers get caught. **Bank teller Ted Conrad walked away from his job one day in 1969 with a bag filled with \$215,000 in cash (roughly \$1.5 million today).** We only know the story because of his deathbed confession 52 years later. He moved and changed his name, living another life.

