

# Reno Cartwheel

December 2025

**Next Meeting** (We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave)

## December 9 Christmas Coins

Please bring a Christmas themed coin or coin you got for Christmas. I will bring the magi and star of Bethlehem coins. Rusty will have Nevada tales to share. A fun time for all.

## December 27 New Coins at the Museum

**January 27 Dinner and Elections.** \$10 dollars for everyone who has paid their dues to help pay for dinner or desert. All officers are up for election and 2 board seats.

**January 31 New Coins at the Museum**  
**suspended until meeting with new education director in January**

## After the Last Meeting

Thanks to everyone that pre-purchased club's silver medals. Aaron Shures and Rusty King purchased 5 coins replenishing out treasury. As



expected the Native American \$1 has been chosen. There are 50 silver plated copper rounds for club medal from Rusty. Price to be determined. 31 members saw a preview of the 2026 coins for the

Semiquincentennial. Final decision delayed by



government shutdown and Trump firing of the Commission of Fine Arts. **December 11, reverse proof Morgan and Peace dollars and Innovation \$1.** Contact me: datbbelliotts@prodigy.net  
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We meet at **Denny's**  
205 Nugget Ave at  
E. McCarran, Sparks



*TX Innovation & NA \$1, here. Gibson .25 here. All 2025 here and all Famous Women .25 here except first year S. Selling off the rolls mostly boxed PDS sets for \$70.*



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)  
Innovation, Native American dollars PD \$1.25

**Early Bird Prize:** set 2022 Famous Women .25 won by Jim Arden.

## Raffle prizes winners were:

Rick DeAvila: set of Women .25, last of the .01 albums  
Aaron Richardson: Arizona token, encased NV state .25  
Andre Assam: set of Zodiac coins from Nuie  
Andy Olsten: 2024S .25s & 2 club medals **mystery box**  
Bart Daniels: Bicentennial Washington medal and stamp,  
1976 mint set, Maria Tallchief \$1 and .25, set, 2025 .25  
Jim Arden: Danish coronation coin, RCC copper medal  
Mary Long: roll of unc. 1972P .01, 2022 .25 set  
Ken Davis: 1907 V .05  
Joe Wozniak: Trish chutney, candy coins in mint bag  
Bruce Perez: 2011 mint set  
Faye Allen: Trish cranberry preserves  
Loretta Kingman: CC Mint book by Rusty Goe

## Quarter Pot

Jeff Allen won the .25 pot

**THANKS TO** AJ, Thomas Kuhn, Bill Green, Fred Holabird, Darren Demangate, and Rusty King who have donated raffle prizes.



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**Treasurer's report:** At the end of October, our available balance was \$7,750.76. Activity included: Income: New member dues: \$50 and Monthly Raffle: \$190. New expenses for the month included \$123.01 for Newsletter repro/stamps and \$451.64 name badges.

**Upcoming Coin Shows**

**November 14-15 Sunnyvale Coin Show**, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Dealers:30+ Admit: \$5 Info: Bill Green 925-351-7605  
<https://norcalcoinshows.com/sunnyvale-coin-show/march-2020/discount-coupon/>

**December 14 Fairfield Coin Club & Vallejo Numismatic Society Christmas Party**, Vallejo Naval Museum, 734 Marin, \$30, "Doc" Chani 707 425-4752  
 Deadline December 8. Lots of fun & prizes. Good food

**January 4 Vacaville Coin Show**, Vacaville Elks Lodge, 302 Parker St., Admit: \$2 Dealers:? Info: Scott Griffin 707 434-9200 [www.griffincoin.com](http://www.griffincoin.com)

**January 9-10 Las Vegas Locals Coin Show**, Tuscany Suites and Casino, 255 E. Flamingo, Admit: ? Dealers: 32 Info: Dawn 702 528-2091, 888 330-5188  
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**January 16-17 NorCal Coin Show**, The Concord Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Dr., Concord, Admit: \$5 Dealers: 20 Info: Bill Green 925 351-7605  
<https://norcalcoinshows.com/east-bay-coin-show/january-2016/save-on-admission/>

**January 31-Feb1 CoinExpo San Jose**, Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Blvd., Admit: \$6 Dealers: 30+ Info: Scott Griffin 415 601-8661 [www.griffincoin.com](http://www.griffincoin.com)

**The Other Coin: The Magi and Star of Bethlehem Coins**

The big news last year was a perfect match for the Star of Bethlehem and there are coins! Michael Molnar presents his case for a December 19, 6BC birth in the book *The Star of Bethlehem: The Legacy of the Magi*. Molnar explains that Aries (a ram) was the sign of the Jews, and that ancient stargazers watched Jupiter, the regal "star" that conferred kingships, undergo two eclipses by the Moon in Aries in 6 BC. The second eclipse on April 17 was when Jupiter was "in the east," a condition mentioned twice in the biblical account about the Star of Bethlehem. In August of that year Jupiter became stationary and then "went before" through Aries where it became stationary again on Dec. 19 (my birthday!), 6 BC. This is when the regal planet "stood over," a secondary royal portent also described in the Bible. A Roman astronomer confirms that the stars heralded a great king emerging. Both Augustus and Silanus, who was governor of Syria from AD 13 to AD 17, proclaimed the star referred to them with a bronze coin. Indeed, every subsequent Roman governor of Syria for 200 years issued a coin heralding the celestial event as Providential promise of their elevation to a world throne. Octavian (Augustus) did become Roman emperor, but so did Elagabalus, priest king of Emesa, Syria in 218 AD. Two 19 year olds miraculously became emperor, which became a proof of the validity of astrology for the Romans and Greeks, which everyone learned in college as part of their higher mathematics education.

The coins for the Three Wisemen have traditionally been: Azes II of the Indo-Scythians, Phraates IV of the Parthians, Gondophares of the Indo-Parthians (whom St. Thomas is said to have converted to Christianity) or Aretas IV of the Nabataeans. There were many other petty kings of the East that did not issue coins. Tigranes V of Armenia, the first Christian



nation should be a candidate. Rulers were often priest kings like the Roman emperors, who were Pontif Maximus, chief priests. Astronomy (with astrology)



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



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



Gondophares, 10bc-50ad  
bust/Nike stands



Aretas IV 9bc-40ad  
wife Shugailat/ cornucopias

and medicine (largely diet and exercise) were a part of any college education that made one a magi or scholarly person. Merry Christmas. David Elliott



### Numismatic Potpourri

Jeff Garret, Mark Amodei, and I saved the penny, which will continue in proof and mint sets. (I hope some of you joined in the campaign.) The last strikes of the circulating penny were on November 12.

**Stack's Bowers Galleries will auction the last circulating cents December 11.** 232 three coin sets include two circulating cents (Philadelphia and Denver) and, for the first time ever, a .9999 24-karat gold uncirculated cent with a special omega privy mark below LIBERTY. One set with cancelled dies.



Another **ultra high relief 5 ounce silver coin minted by a private US mint** and engraved by retired US Mint engraver Michael Gaudioso. Already sold out.



The US Mint continues to celebrate special units of **WWII. The Ghost Army** had artillery that couldn't fire, and tanks that couldn't move and its members were more adept at wielding paintbrushes than guns. Yet, a top-secret unit of 1,100 American artists, designers & sound engineers unofficially known as the "Ghost Army" helped to win World War II by staging elaborate ruses that fooled the forces of Nazi Germany on the location & the size of the Allied forces, especially before the invasion of Normandy. \$20 for 1.5 inch and \$160 for 3 inch copper medal.



David Moss and a friend stuck treasure in a field in North Wales field while metal detecting. A **mix of Roman denarii and silver-washed radiates, estimated at 15,000 coins weighing more than 132 pounds** in two large pots. In Southern England, a





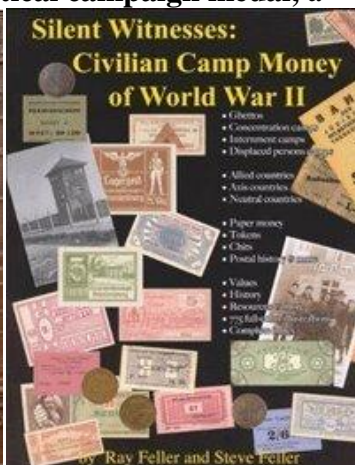
couple working in their garden, adjusting a fence post near their flower bed found 70 coins mostly large gold coins from the time of Henry VIII. Most of them were in stunning condition dating from the 1420s through the 1530s. The hoard is now expected to sell for over \$300,000.



An interesting 1865 political campaign medal, a



1901 assay medal with McKinley on obverse, and Ray Feller passed away, author the catalog of concentration camp, prisoner of war currency.



1899 Washington DC souvenir of Admiral Dewey,



Hero of Manila **made of macerated currency** from the U.S. Treasury. National Currency Co. Souvenir Washington D.C' Made of Money destroyed by U.S. Treasury estimated value \$5000. The **first three coins**



recovered from the *San Jose* sunk off the coast of Columbia by the British in 1708 along with a cannon.

Columbian divers recovered the items as the court dispute rages among Columbia, Spain, and the Sea Search Armada that discovered the wreck in 1982.

**Value of the treasure is over 20 billion dollars.**

Unlike Canada that has recycled more than 15,000 tons of pennies after discontinuing the coin in 2012, **the US has 300 billion pennies in circulation with no plans to recall, demonetize, store, or recycle them.**

Retailers and consumers can avail themselves of the coins in circulation or round off sales as they please. I go along with the Ming emperor, who announced that there were enough cash coin made and in circulation, so that he was not going to make any during his reign (the bored mint workers made a few anyway, the only cash coin rarity.) Tons of cash coins are still dug up.

Trillions of the coins were made.



**Striking Independence: 250 Years of American Numismatics" Title Selected for 2026 National Coin Week.** The ANA has a special exhibit and lecture on line of **The Numismatic History of the Silk Road.**



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Paul Hollis, a decades-long coin collector and dealer from Louisiana, appeared before the US Senate Oct. 30 as President Trump's nominee to become the 41st director of the United States Mint. Democrats complained that Trump wants to have a **circulating** dollar coin made with his likeness on it. The laws forbid circulating not commemorative coinage and the 2020 law says no head or bust. Trump likely plans to be on **commemorative** coins for the 250<sup>th</sup>, FIFA World Cup, and Olympics. He will doubtless stand if necessary.



American Medallist Sculptors Association is having a contest for best medals commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup>. I liked these best:



Two 5 ounce gold coins with the “unbreakable union” in Latin of Ireland, England, and Scotland portrayed as the Three Graces and the heraldic animals of the British monarchy.



These commemorative cents were made in 1934. Lincoln cent obverse, reverse of the Hauptmann Trial (Lindbergh baby kidnapping); *Morro Castle* Fire. The *SS Morro Castle* was an American ocean liner that caught fire and ran aground in New Jersey on the morning of September 8, 1934, en route from Havana to New York City. 137 passengers and crew were lost. *SS Morro Castle* ran aground near Asbury Park Boardwalk and the adjacent Asbury Park Convention Hall pier. It was possible to wade out and touch the wreck, making the wreck a destination for sightseeing trips.



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