

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

February 22 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

February 25 Something Presidential & Elections
Doug Larson

March 25 Presidential Coins

March 29 New Coins at the Nevada Museum

After the Last Meeting

17 members had dinner, but elections were delayed. I was ill with the flu that turned into pneumonia. Doing well now. *Thanks to Paul Williams and Trish for filling in.* **Fred Holabird of Holabird Americana is looking for auction lots. Got something worth \$100 or more? (775) 851-1859.** Trish and I completed the training for the Boy Scout merit badge for coins and will be putting together the material on a triptych to take to the museum. The ANA will be producing the kits in May for \$10, but we already have the stuff in our displays. **Got the first 3 coins of 2025 pictured right.** The silver Benjamin Harrison out Feb. 4. Women proof quarters Feb 12 and platinum eagle Feb 20. Proof set with women .25 and .01,.05,.10, .50 and NA\$1 for \$40.25 March 4. **We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the club raffle! AND RUSTY ADDED A 2023 PROOF EAGLE!!** We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$400 prize (53 sold). Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renecoinclub.com 775 815-8625

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



**\$20 dues for 2024. mail to
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89503.**

All 2024 coins here: Arkansas Innovation \$1, NA \$1, and Ida Wells all here. The first coins of 2025:



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

Early Bird Prize: 2024 set famous women .25 won by Jeff Allen.

Raffle prizes winners were:

George Lee: 5 medals, presidential \$1 set, 1989 proof set
Andre Assam: Sacagawea dollars Tallchied \$1 and .25
Bart Daniels: 2023 Women .25 set
Matt Anderson: 1942 D dime, 2009 Lincoln .01 set, 2 copies 19th century bank notes
Andy Olsten: birth year coin holder, 1979 proof set
Mark Kingman: unc. .01 roll
Rusty King: Silver round album
Jeff Allen: filled .01 album
Jim Arden: silver eagle album
Bill Naylor: 2 Confederate bills copies
Faye Allen: RCC coin medal

Quarter Pot

Not present won the .25 pot

THANKS TO BILL GREEN, FRED HOLABIRD, AJ and RUSTY KING who have donated a lot of raffle prizes. *I do need some more silver coins and will pay going rates for dimes, quarters, halves, commemoratives and dollars.*
Do need foreign coins to give to kids.

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Treasurer's Report: RCC has had a good year financially. Our starting balance was \$5,377.38 and we ended with \$6,606.9. Activity: Income included \$370 in returning member dues and \$115 for our monthly club raffle. New expenses for the month included \$92.69 for Newsletter: Repro/postage/office supplies and \$140 (net) for payment to members for the annual "Holiday party".

Upcoming Coin Shows

February 14-16 62nd Las Vegas Numismatic Society Coin Show, Tuscany Suites and Casino, 255 E, Flamingo, Dealers: 200+, Dawn 888 330-5188
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March 21-22 Sunnyvale/South Bay Coin Show, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Admit \$5, Dealers: 18+ Bill Green 925 351-7605
<https://norcalcoinshows.com/sunnyvale-coin-show/march-2020/discount-coupon/>

Reno Coin Show July 18th and 19th at the J (Sands)

The Other Coin: Eros (Cupid)

Nagidos 4th BC Aphrodite before altar//Eros behind Antiochus VII 2nd BC Eros//Isis headdress

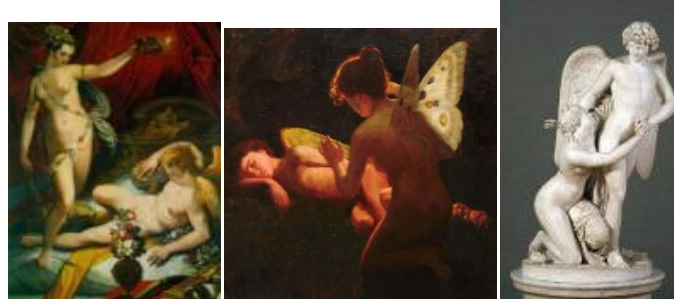
The ultimate Valentine love story begins with Hesiod (8th BC), who praises Eros (Desire) as the creator of the cosmos and all life, just as evolutionists today insist the number one goal of all living things is the desire for

reproduction. On Cyprus there is a continuous progression from the Paleolithic to Greek and Roman times of temples to Aphrodite bearing witness to worship of erotic desire as the greatest of all the gods.



In the Roman version, Eros or Cupid was the son of Aphrodite or Venus (goddess of love) and Mars. Both Sulla (84BC) and Julius Caesar (46BC) claimed Venus and her son were on their side and helped them conquer in the Civil War and over the Gauls. In Apuleius's *Metamorphoses*, Cupid's mother Venus became jealous of the princess Psyche, who was so beloved by her subjects that they neglected the temples of Venus. She ordered Cupid to make Psyche fall in love with the vilest thing in the world. While Cupid was sneaking into her room to shoot Psyche with a golden arrow, he accidentally scratched himself with his own arrow and fell deeply in love with her.

Cupid visited Psyche in his palace, now hers, every night. Fearful of his mother's wrath, he told Psyche never to try to see him. Psyche incited by her two older sisters, who told her Cupid was a monster, tried to look at him. Hot oil fell on the beautiful sleeping Cupid from her lamp, causing him to wake and flee.



After Cupid fled, Psyche looked all over the world for him. Humbling herself before Aphrodite's rage, Psyche accepted three impossible tasks: 1) sorting of a huge pile of mixed grains in which she was aided by ants, 2) getting wool from the flesh eating golden sheep. A river god and reeds aided her by telling her to wait for the heat of the day to collect the wool from brambles. A tower prevented her suicide by telling her how to pass through Hades. All of Nature and the works of man aided her. On her return Psyche opened the box to enhance her beauty to regain Cupid's love.

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This caused her to fall into a coma. Cupid finally defied his mother and rescued Psyche from her coma. Jupiter gave the persevering Psyche the gift of immortality so that she could be with Cupid forever. They had a child Harmony.

This is the Greek and Roman version of the Song of Songs telling the story of the soul's relationship to the gods rather than God. Psyche means soul and butterfly. Psyche often has butterfly wings and Psyche the wings of his mother's dove. In the Greek and Roman myths the gods also loved people, but mankind could not rest content with an invisible god and insisted on seeing god face to face. Psyche's trials are interpreted as the need to learn logic and reason—Aristotle's sorting of things into categories, followed by labor or work in the gathering of wool, and finally learning that the beauty, goodness, and love of God is not something that mortals can possess except by God's grace. This is what Dostoevsky meant by "Beauty will save the world." In both Russian and Greek goodness and beauty are the same word. (see Philippians 4:8 and choose the Amplified Bible translation to get a feel for the Greek) The Church Fathers adopted the mystery religions to understand the incarnation and resurrection in the phrase, "God became man, so that man may become god." The story is one of the most celebrated stories in the ancient and modern world with statues massed produced in ancient times, paintings by Raphael and other great artists and sculpted by Canova and other greats. And, of course there are modern medals from



Palau and Cameroon.

The tale is a reworking of the mystery religion of Paleolithic Cyprus, Archaic Athens, Isis, and accepted by Jungian psychology as one of the great archetypes of feminine and human psychology. Love including the erotic, friendship, and altruism truly conquers all. Happy Valentines, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

President Trump has approved DOGE and Elon Musk's recommendation to kill the penny. 2025 may see the last year of the penny. The other big news is the **reappearance the rogue classicist blog** after almost a year's absence after the editor had a stroke. He links to the latest news in archeology finds, books, exhibits all over the world from our early ancestors to American Civil War digs. **He also presents all the cool coins finds:** Off the coast of Sardinia **an ancient ship wreck left a 'money island.'** Tens of thousands of coins, dating back to between 324 and 340 AD, were uncovered in pristine condition. Alongside the mountain of ancient coins, divers uncovered walls of amphorae (narrow-necked jugs with two handles) usually filled with wine, oil, garum sauce, or other liquids. In the Netherlands, a **hoard of 1st century**



Roman and British gold and silver coins was found by metal detectorists. Of the more than 400 coins, 116 were gold. These gold coins included 72 Roman aurei dating from 19 B.C. to A.D. 47, as well as 44 gold alloy coins, called staters, that were minted in Britain. The staters included the the Celtic king Cunobeline, who ruled from AD 9 to 42. Also in the hoard were 288 silver coins, all struck between 200 BC and AD 47. One depicts Julius Caesar. The hoard is likely from a Roman soldier representing a lifetimes savings, who participated in Emperor Claudius' invasion of Britain 43-47AD. The Chinese, who insist



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they do everything bigger, better, and earlier than everyone else, found a **hoard of ban liang coins minted in 175 BC** during the Western Han Dynasty. Each bundle found contained about 100 coins and a total of 1,060 bundles were dug up. Traces of straw were found in the area which suggested that they were strung with straw cords. Over a hundred thousand coins. Ancient Chinese coins are cheap.



Both the Highland and Danbury Mints make the official **Super bowl flip coin** in a variety of metals starting under \$20. Also available on e-bay.



Thomas "Tommy" Thompson, now 72, of SS Central America fame, in prison since 2015 after refused to tell a judge where he stashed a trove of gold coins he struck (restrike of 1855). **The judge stated Thompson will continue to ignore court orders to provide the treasure's location and keeping him in prison would not change the result.** However, Thompson will remain in federal

prison for another 2 years on a criminal contempt and face millions of dollars in fines when he is released.



Canada's February offerings: A tribute to first Black community in Vancouver, Hogan's Alley, 1910-1960. The Maple Leaves in Motion coin offers a captivating visual experience. This 5 ounce silver coin features both yellow gold plating and multifaceted engraving. The Predator or Prey in Shadow Box fine silver coin pushes the boundaries of minting technology. Using multiple layers, engraved and cut-out, creates a dramatic 3-D effect that changes with the viewing angle. Mustang Country captures the untamed beauty of mustang herds roaming the prairies. The Elegant Maple fine silver coin features a black rhodium-plated field.

Germany plans new euro series of space exploration and Christmas hymns in addition to continuing their polymer ring coin. **The US Mint** is gearing up to launch an **all-new quarter series celebrating the youth sports** that have helped shape our Nation. **You can vote** on US Mint site at Shop-Coin Programs-Youth Sports until February 20. **ANA NumisTalks** include the US Mint at the Chicago World Fair, Austrians famous emperors and empresses on modern commemorative coins and history of Suez Canal on coins. **Taylor Swift is wearing necklaces with Roman coins.** The Roman Republican denarius was worn at the Super Bowl.



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Queen Victoria coronation coin June 28th, 1838 with Britain, Ireland, and Scotland presenting her the crown saying *Erimus tibi nobile regnum*. "We shall be a noble kingdom to you." **A hoard of 1,368 coins, most of**



them Roman silver denarii with one gold coin of the Celtic tribe Dobunni, has been discovered in a pot by a metal detectorist in Worcestershire, England. The hoard was buried around AD 55, a time when the Roman Empire, led by emperor Nero (54-68AD), was struggling to take control of England. His predecessor Claudius (41-54 AD) had invaded Britain and gained control of large amounts of England, but resistance continued into Nero's reign. In AD 60, a rebellion launched by Boudica, the queen of a British tribe known as the Iceni, nearly succeeded in driving the Romans from the island before the empire put the rebellion down. Also in West Yorkshire **some hundred molds were found to make counterfeit Roman coins for the mid third century AD**. The writer says it's a 1700 year old crime. Unfortunately, this is likely incorrect. Like our own Hard Times tokens, coinage on the frontier during a number of usurper emperors meant that small change could be made by anyone and be accepted. Late or missing silver pay for soldiers could also be casts as a limes denarius and accepted by all to be traded for a silver denarius when the paymaster showed up. Counterfeits were bronze mold made coins plated with gold or silver. That's why there are often test cuts on gold and silver coins.

Below is a series of barbarous Roman radiate (crowned) coins found in Gaul and Britain in the mid-third century AD. The first coin is official. Note how



the coins get smaller and smaller, cruder and cruder. A limes denarius and a real denarius. The limes official



bronze denarius above is molded and of good quality with correct lettering and size. There is no evidence of plating. It is a temporary or emergency issue to pay the troops. Denarius on right below is real. The silver



plating is broken on the coin on the left, and the copper core shows through. Made by wrapping a molded copper core in a thin silver foil (much like aluminum foil) or in this case striking it with false dies to make a fourré ("stuffed" in French). When the copper appears, the fraud is exposed, but this imitation was struck in such good style and with thick enough silver that it may have been years before the foil detached. Over 100 molds in a pit suggest an official minting of coins, not a counterfeiter, a large emergency issue for the army and merchants.

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