

# Reno Cartwheel

## February 2026

**Next Meeting** (We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month NOT LAST at Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave)

**February 24 Redesigned 250<sup>th</sup> Coins** Revised Semiquincentennial and proposed FIFA sets.

**March 24 TBD**

### After the Last Meeting

The new club medal is selling well: 39 silver and 10 silver plated copper. **February 24 meeting will be last time for members to buy the silver for \$100, going up to \$125.** The mint has also



raised prices on the coins, so \$1 coin will be 1.50 and .25 coin .75 cents. 23 members at the dinner meeting. Everyone reelected to another term. Still waiting to hear from Museum educational director if the Reno Coin Club will be going to the museum in the future. I got a PD rolls of Iowa Innovation \$1 & NA\$1. **Mayflower .25 not available yet.** 1776-2026 silver eagles Feb.26 , March 5 four coin gold proof set and the 4 coins individually, March 27 George Washington 250<sup>th</sup> .25. We will have and all gold coin raffle at the show this Summer. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 Website: www.renecoinclub.com



**Iowa \$1 PD, Native American PD \$1 here.**



Famous Women quarters .50 PDS, 250<sup>th</sup> quarters .75 Innovation, Native American dollars PD \$1.75

**Early Bird Prize:** set 2025S Famous Women .25 set won by Don Stamps.

### Raffle prizes winners were:

- Matt Anderson: double minted coins, 1957D .10
- Rich De Avila: .01 album, cookies, George Washington & Lincoln \$1 set, 2025 NA \$1 set
- Steven Riley: 1899 token, **mystery box** 2022 & 2023 .25 sets, 1 gram silver
- Bill Schilling: 1888 Indian head .01
- Clayton Brownell: 2022-2025 Famous Women .25 set
- David Elliott: 2009 Lincoln .01 set
- Bill Naylor: 2004 mint set
- Aaron Richardson: RCC copper medal
- Faye Allen: 2001 mint set, 1976 Liberty medal, 1955P .01
- Mark Kingman: shield nickel
- Joe Wozniak: elongated buffalo .05, Carson City Mint book by Rusty Goe

### Quarter Pot

Pete Plath (not present) won the .25 pot

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



We meet at **Denny's**  
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**Treasurer Report:** At the end of January, our available balance was \$4,656.41. Activity included: Income: Returning member 2026 dues: \$240, 2026 RCC Silver Medal purchases (17): \$1,700, 2026 Plated Coin Purchases 8 (\$200), Monthly Auction/Donation: \$5 and Monthly Raffle: \$132. New expenses for the month included \$220 for our annual dinner for members @\$10/member, \$157.36 for Newsletter repro/stamps, and \$251.85 for 2026 Club Coin expenses (\$234 minting/engraving of plated coins and \$17.85 shipping). I also updated the roster to reflect dues payments so far. An updated roster is attached. I moved all members who haven't paid since 2024 to Inactive, so our total current membership is 62.

### Upcoming Coin Shows

**February 13-14 Redwood Empire Coin Club Show (with Token Show),** Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Rd., Santa Rosa, Admit: Dealers: 40+ Info: Merle Avila 707 953-37111

**February 27-28 Santa Clara Weekend Show,** America Legion Post 419, 938 Homestead Rd., Admit: ? Dealers: ? Info: John Ward 559 967-8067

**March 13-14 Sacramento Coin Show,** Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Admit: ? Dealers: ? Info: Peter McIntosh 916 317-9055

**March 20-21 Sunnyvale Coin Show,** Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Admit: \$5 Dealers: 30+ Info: Bill Green 925 351-7605  
<https://nocalcoinshows.com/sunnyvale-coin-show/march-2020/discount-coupon/>

### Not the Other Coin: US FIFA World Cup Medals

Apparently, the FIFA World Cup medals have also been delayed by the Council of Fine Arts firing. The designs have been winnowed down, but no vote on the favorite one, There are three coins \$5 gold, \$1 silver and copper nickel half. The design are in sets of three with a common reverse with denomination:



Note this set has two reverses one mentions Canada and Mexico where games will also be played.



The world cup is featured on all reverses. There are also two reverse approved for further consideration not associated with a set:



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It seems any reverse can go with any 3 coin set.



Ending with one of the official logos that also mention Canada and Mexico and our team.



I'm not much of a soccer fan unless a grandkid is playing.

Numismatically yours,

David Elliott

## Numismatic Potpourri



Superbowl LX had a restrrike of Ben Franklin's *Libertas Americana* for the coins toss. Reverse shows France protecting baby Heracles (US) from the British lion with motto from Horace: *The courageous child is not without (the aid of) the gods*. Cool.



Ugly Winter Olympic medals 2026 and a cool one from first Olympics 1897. And French conquest of



Egypt 1798 with cornucopia, sphinx, and crocodile



**British rulers began striking their own gold staters around 70-60 BC. Almost immediately, counterfeiters made fakes of them.** Every coin-issuing tribe was targeted by counterfeiters. Most heavy gold staters (over 6 grams) are known in plated versions. The phenomenon is so widespread and intensive it deserves special study. Forgers must have had better skills than the workers in the official mints. Not only did they need to know alloys, flan production, die-cutting and striking, but they needed to duplicate all these skills using inferior materials to make their coins. Plus, once the fakes were made, they constantly had to pass inspection for size, weight, strike, color and imagery.

### Gallic War Staters

Genuine	Forgery	Forgery
		
		
<18mm Diameter	18mm Diameter	19mm Diameter
6.155 gms	4.764 gms	6.064 gms

These fakes are unusual because they have silver, *not copper* cores wrapped in gold. Silver cores would be denser, making it easier to get the weight right. The middle coin is ever so slightly bigger than the genuine coin, but it's too small to have the correct weight. Had the core been copper, it would have been lighter still. The coin on the right is a bit bigger and it gets the weight right. Though most genuine Gallic War staters are 16-18mm in diameter, some can be as large as 19mm. The one of the right shows other improvements: the color is a bit yellower, closer to the genuine gold stater. The die-cutting is better, too. Note the horse's neck on the middle coin is stringy and there is too much separation between the two curves. On the third

coin, the neck is almost perfectly cut. The coin on the right would pass a quick visual inspection. But, if it got weighed, it would pass that test too. Once The fakes were made, they constantly had to pass inspection for size, weight, strike, color and imagery. This close inspection was seldom demanded of the coins made in the official mints. Once official coins were in mass production, the die cutters could become sloppy and the moneymen could get by with coins struck with broken dies, or struck too hard, weakly or off-center.



Robert Julian's drawing of an 1885 Trade Dollar is executed entirely in archival colored pencil.



**CIT Arc de Triomphe, Paris from a bird's eye view** with glowing Paris night traffic thanks to black proof and partial gilding. **The Evolution of U.S. Minting Technology, 1793-1840** by Craig Sholley, 2025, \$36.00 ppd. From manpower for nearly every machine to the mechanization fueled by the Industrial Revo-

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lution, Sholley presents a timeline of the people involved and their contributions to the innovations.



**The 1609 Spanish 100 Escudos (Centén) from Segovia, graded NGC AU58, is a unique, historic gold coin weighing 339.35g sold for \$3.48 million in November 2025, making it the most valuable NGC certified European coin ever not counting Russian coins. Only 100 made and one surviving. Its minting was only made possible by the modern technology of roller minting, which Segovia mint had mastered.**



The Newman Numismatic Portal website e-book *Medals, Etc. Commemorating Haym Salomon* by Mel Wacks, celebrating the "Financier to the American Revolution," available exclusively on the NNP. <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/books>



**Rare 1793 half cent with liberty cap.** Of 35,334 coins minted around 250-500 survive in all grades and this is one of the 4-9 specimens graded MS 62-64 or above. **At the 71st Florida United Numismatists (FUN) Convention in January 2026, the newly appointed 41st US Mint Director, Paul Hollis, attended with**

Treasurer Brandon Beach. They participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony, met with collectors, signed Certificates of Authenticity, and shared the Mint's vision for the future. **A coin celebrating Great**



**Britain's first dirigible.** 1907 Farnborough Balloon School Royal Engineers silvered copper medal. Jugate busts of Edward and Alexandra left // Balloon School Royal Engineers above townscape, dirigible *Nulli Secundus* (Second to None), British Army Dirigible No 1 flying left. **International World Cup 2026 coins:**



My favorites so far are the very colorful coins of **Mexico**, 3 ounces of silver by the **Solomon Islands** in the shape of a soccer ball with designs representing US, Mexico, and Canada. **Samoa** wins so far with gold ball packaged in a stadium on top of a three piece puzzle of Canada, Mexico, and US.

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