

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

May 25 New Coins at NV State Museum

May 28 Tokens, Weights, and Scales Ken Hopple

June 25 TBD

June 29 New Coins at NV State Museum

After the Last Meeting

25 members attended a brief look at the transition from shells, jewelry, and bullion to bronze or copper, silver, and gold coins. Lydia around 600BC figured out how to separate gold from silver and make pure gold and pure silver coins in denominations. The coin press at the museum is running, but the cast iron core has become brittle and is cracking even after \$20,000 repair, so small coins only will be made. Museum's new phone system is still not working, and I still can't get an e-mail or phone call to set up a meeting. I will have to go down there to set up a meeting to set up a meeting with Robert and Ken. Got the Patsy Mink .25 and the Saturn V rocket Innovation \$1. May 16 Innovation \$1 Maine inventor of the defibrillator is likely to come in time for meeting. **May 23, gold buffalo rescheduled to June 13.** Uncirculated gold and silver eagles June 6. Silver proof set June 27. Please bring in the Harriet Tubman and Greatest Generation (WWII memorial) coins if you get them. Someone did bring in the silver WWII memorial coin. It was nicer in hand than the photo. **Have 200 of the 500 \$5 gold raffle tickets for the July 19th and 20th Coin Show at the J (old Sands) resort: 1st 1/10 oz gold eagle, 2nd 2.5 oz Peso, 3rd 2 peso gold, 4th Liberian \$25 gold, 5th Credit Suisse 1 gram gold ingot.** Let me know if you want to buy or sell some of them. **We got a 2023 1/10 ounce proof US eagle from Rusty King for the club raffle!** We will sell 60 tickets at \$10 each for the \$300 prize (30 sold). Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 www.renocoinclub.com

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



2024 NA, Illinois and Alabama \$1 here. Famous women .25 Patsy Mink here.



Famous women quarters .50 PDS (most S, not all)
National Park Quarters, PD set \$60, P or D \$30
Innovation, Native American dollars PD \$1.25

Early Bird Prize: PD set Innovation dollar with Saturn V rocket won by Joe Wozniak

Raffle prizes winners were:

Andy Olsten: Washington silver .50, bronze club medal
Rusty King: PD Innovation \$1, NA PD\$1 set, bit coin
Bart Daniels: **mystery box** PD Innovation \$1 & PDS Patsy Mink .25,
Rick De Avilla: bag of wheaties, 1979 proof set
Steve Figaro: 2001 .25 set, 1972 proof set, pirate coins books, 1955 .01
Don Stamps: Mercury .10, gram of silver
Mark Kingman: Roman coin
Thomas Smith: unc. 1943 steel .01, PDS Patsy Mink set, 1978 unc. .25
Mark Shuey 2005 unc. set
Joe Wozniak roll of unc. .01
Joe Lambert coin catalogs

Quarter Pot

David Lanza (not present) won the quarter pot.

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Treasurer's report: At the end of April our available balance was \$5,775.11. Activity included: Income: New member dues \$30; \$130 for July Coin Show coin raffle/tickets; \$20 for gold coin raffle; and net \$130 for monthly raffle. New expenses for the month included our newsletter/mailling expenses of \$27.20 and \$24 for new member badges.

Upcoming Coin Shows

May 25-26 Las Vegas Coin & Collectibles Show, Tuscany Suites & Casino, 255 E. Flamingo Road. Admit: ? Dealers: 15+, Bob Holston 805-503-0922

June 2 Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St. Admit: ? Dealers: 6+, Peter McIntosh 916-317-9055

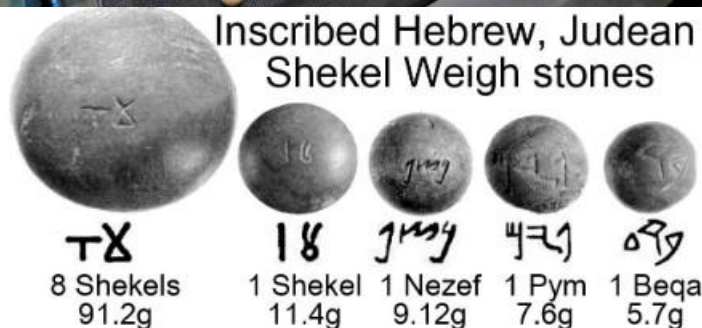
June 28-29 Nor Cal/Concord Coins Show, The Concord Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, Admit: \$5 Dealers: 26+, Bill Green 925-351-7605 Info & coupon: <https://norcalcoinshows.com/>

July 19-20 Reno Coin Show, J (old Sands), 345 N. Arlington Ave., Admit: \$5, Tables: 30+, Bill Green 925-351-7605 info@norcalcoinshows.com

**The Other Coin: Weights and Scales**

Shall I count pure those with the wicked scales, And with the bag of deceitful weights? Micah 6:11

There are dozens of Bible verses about rigged scales and weights in the Old Testament. It must have been



quite a problem, especially when “money” was bits of silver and gold like this:



Everything was valued in weights of shekels and its fractions (nezef, pym, and beqa). *So when the Ishmaelites, who were Midianite traders, came by, Joseph's brothers pulled him out of the cistern and sold him to them for twenty pieces (20 shekels, about 8 ounces or 228 grams in weight) of silver. And the traders took him to Egypt (Genesis 37:28). And*

Abraham agreed to Ephron's terms and weighed out for him the price he had named in the hearing of the Hittites: four hundred shekels of silver (over 8 pounds of silver) according to the weight current among the merchants. (Genesis 23:16).

Scales continued to be used and misused for transactions up to today. Once coins were used they were both adulterated with cheaper metals or coated with silver and gold, so that easiest remedy was to tariff the coins by weight. Below a money lender weighing gold coins to make sure they are gold. Thin medieval coins did not need to be cut. Thick ancient



coins and our own silver dollars often received a test cut to make sure they were silver or gold. Below an Athenian owl cut to reveal a bronze core and an 1874S trade dollar with multiple Chinese chop marks. The Athenians accepted any owls wherever minted if it was of the correct weight. If you do buy silver and gold from marketplace or flea markets an electronic scale and the list of the minted weights will let you know if the coin is genuine. Gold and silver coins from ancient times were the weighed to establish their true value, and compensate for clipping.



Pocket Scales were popular in the 18th and 19th century to check thick coins without marring them.



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri



Austria's new niobium coin celebrates the edaphon or biosphere of soil necessary for all life. My first

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teaching credential was in science, and I continued doctoral work in the history and philosophy of science. Terraforming of Mars and Venus is one of the themes in my new scifi book **Forever** at the publishers. Life on earth has been destroyed several times by asteroids, volcanoes, and ice ages, but the soil containing life at least in the form of viruses and amoebas has allowed a comeback each time. The obverse depicts factors that contribute to soil development: time, climate (rain and sun), minerals in soil, and soil organisms. These appear on the niobium core. The relief of the landscape is shown on the outer silver ring. The coin depicts a plant's roots at the center. The reverse's outer silver ring features a mole at the top, an earthworm on the left, a snail at the bottom, and an ant on the right. The niobium core on this side shows a leaf on top and three other important organisms below: a fungal mycelium on the left, a beetle on the right, and an earthworm above. Mars and Venus need living topsoil from somewhere to make a living planet.



In 2014 the Bureau of Engraving & Printing (BEP) requested that the Washington, D.C., facility print a batch of dollar bills. Two years later, the BEP sent the same request to the Fort Worth facility, resulting in **6.4 million pairs of notes with matching serial numbers** between B00000001*-B00250000*, and B03200001*-B09600000*. The BEP didn't catch

the mistake, but a discerning collector did, and the error has recently been gaining more traction. **A modern dollar bill became worth thousands of dollars instead of just one dollar.** There is even a website where you can work with others to match up pairs and find out what has already been found. Project2013B project2013b.blogspot.com

CONECA, the international error coin and variety club, will be offering free examination of error and variety coins to collectors at educational tables at coin shows across the United States throughout this year and into next. <https://conecaonline.org>



A coin of Tyre 335/334 BC minted just a couple years before Alexander the Great would move a mountain to create a causeway to conquer the great island city of the Phoenicians. Melqart (the Phoenician Heracles) rides a winged hippocamp (horse headed sea serpent) over the waves with a dolphin below. On the reverse is an owl with Egyptian crook and flail and an Aramaic date. All three figures are shared with Egypt, Greece, and Etruscan mythology as psychopomps or conductors of the dead to the afterlife. A nice emblem of the Phoenician international trading empire and patronage of sailors lost at sea. A 1809 medal commemorating



William Wilberforce MP the friend of Africa, bust of facing right // Britannia seated on a dais, inscribed "I have heard their cry" and attended by Mercury, Prudence, and Justice crowned by Victory, hovering above; slave trade abolished MDCCCVII in exergue.

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Governor Newsom called for **ideas for California's Innovation dollar** and in addition to druggies, Harvey Weinstein, he mostly got variations of tent cities:



Moneta: A History of Ancient Rome in Twelve Coins by Gareth Harney traces ancient Rome's

Coins by Gareth Harney traces ancient Rome's unstoppable rise, from a few huts on an Italian hilltop to an all-conquering empire spanning three continents, through the fascinating lives of twelve remarkable coins. About \$30 on ebay 384pp. **A study in *Antiquity* with laser spectrography of 7-8th century silver coins from England and northern Europe has shown that the silver came from the Eastern Roman Empire that sparked trade revival and commerce.** It is still argued about whether the silver came from trade, prestige objects from Constantinople, mercenary payments, or raids, but the silver was not mined locally or from Western Roman hoards or melted coins. Later the mines of Melle in France provided more silver aiding the Franks and Charlemagne's rise to power. The new x-ray and laser spectrography allows one to define the source of metal from a particular vein or source of ore as each vein has trace amounts of various other metals. **Robert Rodriguez and Tony Lopez** paper *History Recovered: Saga of the 1792 Silver Disme* is now on the Newman Portal:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/637653>

The Kentucky farmer, who discovered a cache of more than 800 gold and silver Civil War-era coins buried in a cornfield valued at more than \$2 million dollars has come forward at a local TV station. His

story can be found in two parts at YouTube under The Great Kentucky Hoard. Here's a cool picture.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3njgLjVizs>



One of 50 known portrait gold coins of Julius Caesar and earliest known portrait coin in gold issued a year after his assassination. Nephew Octavian on obverse C•CAESAR•COS•PONT•AVG• / Julius Caesar C•CAESAR•DICT•PERP•PONT•MAX



Hungary set the record with the hyperinflation of the pengo in 1946. In just under a year, the value of the currency fell to 41.9 trillionth with a daily average of 207% inflation. The world's largest denomination ever issued is one billion billpengo banknote, equivalent to 1,000 trillion or a sextillion pengos.

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