

May 2026

Next Meeting (We meet the 4th Tuesday NOT LAST at Denny's, 205 Nugget Ave., 7PM)

May 26 Auction US Type set and Coin Rolls

June 23 Minibourse

After the Last Meeting

Trish is doing better, but going to physical therapy and doctor appointments and getting ready for arm surgery in June, so I am nurse and chauffeur. I'm a bit frazzled. **Rusty wants the next meeting to be an auction**, so I will bring the Bulgarian coins I talk about below, but not do a presentation unless there's time. **Rusty will continue to auction the 19th and 20th century copper and silver type set, and I will sell Innovation and Native American \$1 rolls for \$40, and famous women .25 rolls for \$20 at the April meeting.** List of rolls below. *I also have 3 NA sets (17 coins) for \$20 and 5 Innovation sets for \$40 (32 with CA in mail). Loose NA and Innovation dollars \$1.20 (5 for \$6) and Famous women quarters 3 for \$1. The silver RCC medal is going up to \$125 soon.* Club medal is selling well: 40 silver sold at \$100 and 10 uniface silver plated copper at \$25 so far. **The mint has also raised prices on the coins, so \$1 coin will be 1.50 and .25 coin .75 cents or \$1 from secondary market.** I ordered 2 each PD Mayflower rolls to sell for \$1 each and 2026 PD dime for \$1.50. Just got the Washington .25 from discount coins to sell for \$1. Cray computer \$1 from the Mint. Steve Jobs (CA) \$1 in mail. 250th half dollar is from mint at \$1.50. May 12 Steve Jobs \$1. 13 Warren Harding silver medal, 26 250th half, 28 gold eagle enhanced. June 11 the 2026 silver proof set for \$245 contains the 2026 penny and the Sacagawea dollar (not Trump \$1) limit 10, S mint, June 16 Jefferson .25 June 30 unc. PD clad set \$124.50 10 limit. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net 775 815-8625 Website: www.renecoinclub.com

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**
205 Nugget Ave at
E. McCarran, Sparks



Iowa, Wisconsin \$1, NA PD here. CA Steve Jobs \$1 in mail. Pilgrim, Washington .25 PD here.



Famous Women quarters .50 PD, rolls \$20
250th quarters .75. dime PD \$1.50 (few Ds left)
Innovation, NA \$1 PD \$1.50, rolls \$40

Early Bird Prize: Pope Leo XIV challenge medal won by Anthony Hill

Raffle prizes winners were:

Matt Anderson: gold nugget Yuba R., PD Wisconsin \$1
Rusty King: chocolate coins, bronze RCC medal
Rick DeAvila: **mystery box** 2026 PD .10 & .25, 1981 proof set
Don Stamps: Barber .25, 2 NA \$1
Dan DeRouchey: foreign coins, 2009 .01 set
Jim Arden: 2026 PD Washington .25
Mary Long: 1971 proof set
Bart Daniels: 2 presidential \$1, 1950 Mexico peso note, 2022 & 2023 .25 sets
Aaron Richardson: 1907 Indian .01
Steven Riley: Carson City Mint book Rusty Goe
Bill Naylor: 1905 V .05

Auction

No Auctions

Quarter Pot

William Phillips (not present) won the .25 pot

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Treasurer Report: At the end of April, our available balance was \$4,621.40. Activity included: Income: Returning member 2026 dues: \$20; coin sales thru Square (to be reimbursed to Trish): \$97.25, Monthly Raffle: \$100. and 2026 medal sales: \$100. New expenses for the month included \$425 for annual liability insurance, \$111.58 for Newsletter repro/stamps, \$8.95 for new member badge, and \$116.58 reimbursement to Trish for prior Square coin sales. I will be out of town for the May meeting, so Dave and Trish will handle the finances this month which should be minimal. Please help them out where needed.

Upcoming Coin Shows

May 24 Vacaville Coin Show, Vacaville's Elk Lodge, 302 Parker St., Admit: \$2 Dealers: 8 tables Info: www.griffincoin.com or call 415-601-8661

May 31 Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., McClellan, CA, Admit: \$5 Dealers: 50+ tables Info: MCINTOSHCOINS.COM

June 5-6 East Bay/Concord Coin Show, Concord Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Dr, Admit: \$5 Dealers: 33 tables Info: Bill Green 925 351-7605 info@norcalcoinshow.com

June 25-27 Vegas National Coin Show, Tuscany Suites and Casino, 255 E. Flamingo, Admit: Free with add. Dealers: 200 Info: 888 330-5188 Text 702 528-2091 info@ckshows.com

June 26-27 Santa Clara Coin Show, American Legion Post 419, 958 Homestead Rd. Admit: \$5 Dealers: 25 Info: John Ward 559 967-8067

July 17-18 Reno Coin Show, J Resort, 345 N. Arlington Dr., Admit: \$5 Dealers: 30 Info: Bill Green 925 351-7605 www.renecoinshow.com

Please **Volunteer** for the show:

Thursday, July 17: 9 -11:30 Electrical Installation
 Friday, July 18: Registration & Club tables: 9:45 - 6
 Dealer lunch deliver: 11:30-1.
 Saturday, July 19: Registration & Club tables: 9:45- 4
 Dealer lunch deliver: 11:30-1
 Electrical Pack Up: 4 -5:30
 Let me know 775 815-8625, datbelliotts@prodigy.net

Type Set and US Coin Rolls for Sale!

Selling off the US coins taken to the museum the last 26 years. A copper and silver US type set from the 19th and 20th with large cents and half cents, 2, 3, half dimes, nickels, dimes, 1 twenty cent piece, quarters, and halves. Dollars sold. **Rolls: Women unc. .25 rolls \$20 each:** Angelou P, D (3), Wong P, D. These from Discount coins. **From US Mint:** Idar D (2), Coleman P.D, Ride PD, Kanaka'ole P,D, Tallchief P(3)D (2), Roosevelt P, Mink P, D, Murray P,D, Walker P,D, Cruz P,D, Zitkala P,D, Rubin P, D, Low P,D, Wells P,D, Milbern P,D, Gibson P,D, boxed PD Otero-Warren.

Innovation \$1 \$40 each: Kentucky P, D, Maine D, Florida P,D, Arkansas P,D, Indiana D, Louisiana D, Illinois P, Ohio P, Missouri P,D, Michigan P,D, Alabama P, D, Vermont D, Illinois P,D, Texas D

Native American: 2023D, 2024P, 2025P

Call or e-mail to reserve or buy coins. *Please have cash or check. Mary or my wife can usually get the credit card thing to work if necessary.*

The Other Coin: Bulgarian Coins

Bulgaria has at long last issued their Euro coins,



copying their former coins bearing the Madara horseman carving traditionally ascribed to Khan Krum (802-814), but perhaps an earlier Khan Tervel (701-718), who consolidated Bulgar rule. Maybe the god Tangra is depicted, but Orthodox Church of the 7th century and earlier are nearby and at the site. Saint Ivan Rilsky holds a cross on the one euro, a hermit (876-946), who founded the Rila Monastery and on

the 2 euro Saint Pasius of Hilendar, 18th century historian and theologian with God Protect Bulgaria on edge. Digitally enhanced rock carving of Madara



horseman depicting a lion hunt.

Bulgaria has a long coinage history. The Thracians lived in parts of what is now Bulgaria as early as the late Bronze Age and minted coins as early as 450BC at Abdera and Maroneia, famous for horses and wine.



The Thracian city-states became part of Macedonia under Philip II, Alexander the Great's father. Alexander's generals fought for control of Thrace. Lysimachos (306-281) fought off Antigonos,



then Seleucus for control of Thrace. His famous coin of Alexander//Athena. Macedon ruled Thrace until 166BC when Rome took it over. In 29BC the Romans conquered Bulgaria. They also built Serdica and established a major mint there with neighboring mints in Sirmium, Sisica, and Thessalonica, which were sometimes occupied by a greater Bulgaria. Serdica,

now Sophia, remained Roman until 809AD.



AR antonianus, Aurelian//Jove hands him orb of world, S for Serdica mint.

In 680 the Bulgars invaded led by their ruler Khan Asparukh, a descendent of the Huns from Central Asia. They conquered, then intermarried with the native Slavs. By 809 Khan Krum gained independence from the Byzantine Empire. In 811 the Byzantine Emperor, Nikephorus was killed in battle, and Krum had his skull covered in silver for a drinking cup. In 971 the Eastern Romans took the capital Preslav along with a large part of eastern Bulgaria. Finally, in 1014 Basil II captured 15,000 Bulgar soldiers and blinded 99 out of every 100 men leaving a one eyed man to lead the others home. In 1018 Bulgaria became part of the Roman Empire again. Gold solidus of Nikephorus



with son Stauricus and a histamenon of Basil II the Bulgar-slayer with son Constantine. The Byzantines ruled Bulgaria until 1185. Heavy taxation provoked a rebellion. A Bulgarian kingdom was founded with its capital at Turnovo. In 1202 the Byzantines accepted the situation and made peace. Then in 1204 the Crusaders captured Constantinople. The Bulgars defeated the Crusaders. The 2nd Bulgarian kingdom continued until conquered by the Ottomans in 1422. Coinage imitated Byzantine coins, including the cup shaped trachies. Ivan and Michael III with long cross between// city walls and gate and Michael III (1341-



(1371) silver grosh with Christ standing and son.



The Bulgarians stubbornly maintained the Orthodox faith and often rebelled only to suffer atrocious reprisal from the Muslims. The jihad in Bulgaria became known as the “Bulgarian horrors” aroused all of Europe as Ottoman massacres were documented newspaper and photo journalists before WWI Male children were impressed into the Ottoman army, babies impaled on bayonets, women raped, and whole villages destroyed, leaving mounds of skulls. A coin of Ottoman Sultan Abd al-Aziz



1861-1876 and newspaper picture of Bulgarian slaughter. Russia took up the cause of defending their fellow Orthodox Slavs; and, in April 1877 Russia declared war on Turkey, capturing Sofia in 1878. An independent Bulgaria was established, but fell afoul of big power politics and had to fight for their independence. In 1908, Prince Ferdinand (a German noble) announced the complete independence of Bulgaria, becoming King Ferdinand of Bulgaria. During WWI, Germany



persuaded Bulgaria to join its side promising territory as a reward and Ferdinand abdicated in 1918. When the Second World War began in 1939 Ferdinand’ son King Boris III agreed to allow German troops to pass through Bulgaria on their way to Greece. However although some anti-Semitic laws were passed in Bulgaria the Bulgarian Jews were not deported to concentration camps. King Boris died in August 1943. September 8



1944 Russian troops entered Bulgaria, and Bulgaria remained a Soviet satellite until 1989. Bulgaria joined NATO in 2004 and the EU in 2007. The People’s Republic of Bulgaria celebrated its 1300th year



pledging eternal friendship to the Soviet Union in 1981.



Coins of the independent Bulgaria after 1992 with ancient carvings of Lion, Madara horseman and Saint Ivan of Rila.

Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

25 people got to see a **program on Papal Coinage, which showed that the pope was subservient to various emperors** (Roman, Byzantine, Goth, Franks, medieval Senate of Rome, Holy Roman Emperors) and did not claim to be a kingly or imperial power **until 1464**, adopting the Roman title of Chief Priest (Pontifex Maximus) and only then because the last Eastern Roman Emperor had died in Constantinople in 1453 and Pope Paul II 1464-1471 did a series of medals to commemorate the rebuilding of Roman forts and palaces in Rome, not on papal coins. **Bill Green gave us an update on the July coin show, many new dealers will be there from 7 different states.**



Finest Known Rare Coins has "declustered" a large mass of approximately 1,000 1861-O half dollars recovered from the SS Republic. These coins are available for individual purchase. Every year, the United States Mint sells more than \$1 billion of investment-grade gold coins. **The law requires that the gold is 100 percent American. The Mint buys gold that originates in a Colombian drug cartel mine.** It makes Lady Liberty coins out of gold from Mexican and Peruvian pawn shops and from a Congolese mine that is part-owned by the Chinese government. A metal detectorist in Norfolk found



this **9th century coin with the inscription of John the Baptist** and Evangelist in Latin unusual for portraying a religious figure and holed to wear when East Anglia was being overrun by Vikings thought to be pagan.

Winner of the the American Medalllic Sculpture Association Semiquincentennial themed competition is sculptor Jeffrey Briggs' medal of



Benjamin Franklin. **The Three Monetae** or coinage on a coin of Probus (276-282) representing purity and fair weights (scales) of silver, gold, and bronze coinage, making for abundance (the cornucopias).



An inflation note of Cuba as their economy collapses without free oil from Venezuela. The notes have modern security features and will honor heroines of the revolution. The 5000 pesos note celebrates Celia Sánchez Manduley and her statue in Lenin Park. She was a friend of Castro, gun runner, and served in the government. She was on Castro's general staff.

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