

October 2025

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

October 28 Happy Birthday Nevada Rusty King

October 31, Nov. 1 NV Day at the Museum

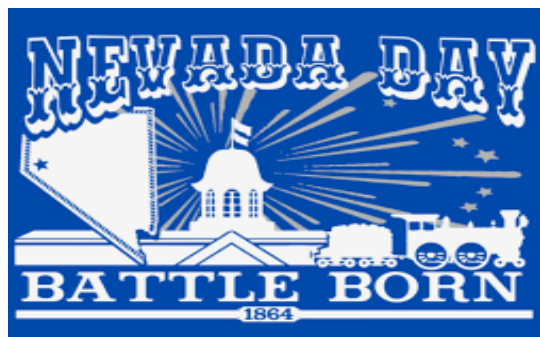
November 25 TBD

November 29 New Coins at the Museum

After the Last Meeting

28 people got to hear what Greek and Roman coins tells us about the Paleolithic matriarchy that survived in the Great Mother religions. The myths of Herakles and Psyche promoted the ideas of a life of virtue, God is Love and we are free to choose a path of divinization. All these ideas were adopted by the early Christians with changes as described in my book **Two Souls and a Body: What Every Educated Person Knew to Be True and How the Educated Christian Developed Christianity in Hellenistic Times, Creating the Ideas of Free Will and Modern Psychology** and the sci-fi version **Forever**. Rusty King and David Elliott presented the designs for the 2026 Club medal (see below). Good suggestions from the membership on changes. The **Museum was minted a silver coin commemorating the NV Christmas tree being sent to the White House and a another half ounce silver coin for DatSoLaLee**, the basket maker (see below). October 7 Christmas ornaments, Oct 10 silver Eagle with Navy 250th privy mark, Oct 16 silver proof set, **Oct 21 last famous woman** .25 Aletha Gibson, and Wonder Woman Nov 13. Contact me: datbelliotts@prodigy.net Website: www.renecoinclub.com 775 815-8625

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



TX Innovation & NA \$1, here. Milbern .25 here.



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

Early Bird Prize: Texas PD Innovation \$1PD "space walk" won by Joe Wozniak.

Raffle prizes winners were:

Steven Riley: Copper RCC medal, 1 gram silver, 1964 .10
Rick DeAvila: 1989 mint set, 2006 NV cased .25, unc. Jefferson .05 1964
Don Stamps: 2002P mint set, year set presidential dollars
Dan Wilson 1900 Indian head .01, 1935S .25
Anthony Hill: 2 copies of Confederate banknotes, 2 presidential \$1
Rusty King candy coins, bronze RCC medal
Andy Olston: **mystery box** TX Innovation \$1 PD and PDS
Famous Woman .25 2025 set Stacey Milbern
Bart Daniels: 2024 Famous Woman .25
Joe Lamberson: PDS Famous Woman .25 2025 set Stacey Milbern
Mary Long 1905 Barber V.05
Faye Allen: Brasher Doubloon puzzle.

Quarter Pot

Paul Williams (not present) won the .25 pot

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

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Treasurer's report: At the end of September, our available balance was \$7,685.41.

Activity included: Income: Renewing member dues: \$40 and Monthly Raffle: \$145. New expenses for the month included \$140.57 for Newsletter repro/stamps, \$43.03 for name badges and \$80 for annual BBQ.

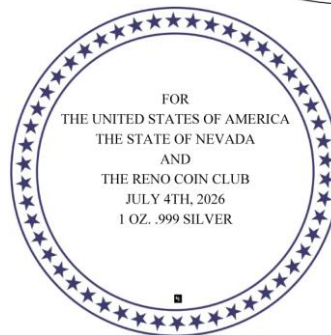
Upcoming Coin Shows

October 17-19 Las Vegas National Coin Show, Tuscany Suites and Casino, 255 E. Flamingo.
 Dealers:200+ Admit: Free with CoinZip add Info:
 Dawn 888-330-5188 CKShows.com

October 19 Vacaville Coin Show, Vacaville Elk's Lodge, 302 Parker St., Dealers: ? Admit: \$2 Info: Scott Griffin 415-601-8661 www.griffincoin.com

November 7-8 Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Dealers: ? Admit: ? Info: Peter McIntosh 916-317-9055

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/>

**Not the Other Coin: Nevada Medals**

The proposed design for the 2024 Reno Coin Club Medal is set to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the US in 2026 by getting it minted in 2025 by this Christmas (hopefully). We are struggling with finding a press and the price of silver, and will likely ask for pre-payment from members. We might have to go to a half ounce silver coin. Don't have Ken running the old coin press anymore. The design is based on the 1976 NV bicentennial medal, which used the US 1876 centennial medal die (above).with new reverse.



We replaced the NV 1976 reverse with a reverse more like the original (right), choosing a wreath of 50 stars rather than a floral wreath. We also substituted the

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motto *Let God be with us as He was with Our Fathers* with a motto more like the official motto of the US *In God We Trust Now and Forever*. We also replaced the Civil War soldier with a modern soldier and the Liberty Bell with the state of NV and the Battle Born crest. Service clubs in 1976 minted a similar medal with the state seal, but after much thought we decided not to use the seal. The official



medal (a .75 silver coin, so as not to be an official half or silver dollar, silver was being demonetized) was set to travel across the country with a big ball of silver in 1963, but Kennedy got shot and stopped the publicity tour for the Silver State. The coin featured John Mackay for northern NV and Hoover Dam for southern NV. Note the 50 stars. It should be a cool



coin. We are still unsure if we will make off metal to sell at the museum, and maybe do half oz. of silver with a half dollar size to keep the price down.

This is a good spot to mention the museum is minting two new coins for Datsolalee and the Nevada Christmas Tree headed for the White House:



Numismatically yours, David Elliott

Numismatic Potpourri

The Roman Provinces, 300 BCE–300 CE: Using Coins as Sources by Andrew Burnett (retired from British Museum coin cabinet), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024. 362pp. Illus., maps, \$39.99 paper. The small copper alloy change of Roman Provincial coinage in the largely Greek-speaking cities of the eastern half of the Roman Empire were left to locals to produce. Imperial authorities went to great pains to ensure a supply of precious metal coins to pay the troops, but the needs of an urban economy, where people need to make daily small purchases were often neglected. Topics include: Precious Metal Coinages at Rome and in the Provinces, The Beginnings of an Empire in Italy and the Western Mediterranean, The Growth of an Empire during the Late Republic, Whose Coins?, A Model for City Coinage in Imperial Times, The Revolution of Augustus - and Becoming More Roman in the First Century, Reinforcing Greek Identity in the Golden Age of the Second Century, From a Kingdom of gold to One of Iron and Rust in the Third Century.

Roman provincial coins have preserved remarkable histories like **the coins of Etenna that depict the Neolithic Great Mother religion with the worship of snakes and the sacrifice of men to guarantee the fertility of the soil** all through the Roman period just as in Euripides play *The Bacchae* when the king is torn apart and eaten raw by the female worshipers (bacchantes) of Dionysius. Euripides warns the ecstatic god of wine and grain must be worshiped too or even your daughter will kill and eat you. Here, the snake



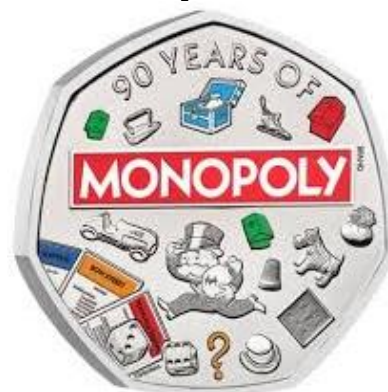
dancing bacchant with amphora behind has honored the snake with food. Every Greek and Roman house

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set a saucer of milk out for the household god snakes, who were the mousers of the ancient world protecting grain stores. The snakes also promised long life and fertility to the household as they renewed their own life by shedding their skins and lived in the ground with Mother Earth, learning her secrets. Lots of talking snake stories and they were good luck. As in the horror movie series *Children of the Corn* (US, other countries have told the same story set in modern times as well). Two men race with the two-headed ax (left) called a bipennis and the other holding a harpa (knife/scythe) used for castration (seen on the next coin). The loser gets castrated, his blood is sprinkled over the fields for fertilization, and his flesh is eaten. The winner gets a year of fertilizing all the women and has to compete in the next race. Our dancing bacchant is seen approaching Dionysius with a panther at his feet, celebrating another foolish male put in his place. How is that for a Halloween story? I noticed that **Marc Breitsprecher, Classical Numismatist on www.vcoins.com has quite a run of the Star of Bethlehem coins** including the ones that mention the governor of Syria Silanus cited by Luke. They start at \$15 like they used to. Going for \$80 after the new astronomy book used the coins in part to determine Jesus birth as December 19, 6BC (my birthday!!!!). **Double struck 1811 large cent and 9 times struck 1918 cent.**



The finest known of only fifty-one 1881 quarter eagles sold for \$96,000. UK Royal Mint will make an Ozzy Osborne coin and has minted a 90 years of Monopoly as a 50 pence coin and 1/40 oz. gold coin. Available for pre-order at \$35, the exciting new



book **When Coins Were King: The Coins, Power Struggles, and Personalities That Defined a Nation** by Michael F. Moran masterfully unveils the untold stories behind the nation's coinage in the late 1800s and early 1900s, a time when the coins that jingled in American pockets had real value in silver and gold. The story starts with the great Comstock Lode that fueled a rebound in our nation's shaky paper-driven economy after the Civil War. Another catalog of Silk Road coins that is well illustrated in color and comprehensive. **Kushan Coins and History: A Type Catalogue of Kushan, Kushano-Sasanian and Kidarite Hun Coins Based on the Collection of the British Museum**, The British Museum, London 2025, 870pp in 2 volumes. \$120. **A rare German iron medal celebrates 1918**



celebrates 1918 surrender of Russia to Germany by Lenin. Peace

(treaty) with Russia around bear with olive branch// Pax with dove and olive branch.

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A bunch of bricks of fractional notes from the Civil War to 1875 were found in a fruit cake box inside a safety deposit bank in an Atlanta bank that remained unopened for 100 years. Here's one of them, Heritage Auctions has them. A WWI medal celebrating



Bulgaria's and the Ottoman's Empire allying with Germany and Austria proclaims "Our Cause is Just and Holy, Forward!" with a hand raised in Christian blessing, implying a union of Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and Moslem in a Holy War, which is interesting, but Ferdinand I of Bulgaria is a model of



the "Bourbon nose" (Louis XVI) proclaiming his genetic connection to the Bourbons, just as Cleopatra was proud of her large Macedonian nose proclaiming her descent from Alexander the Great (Ptolemy I being a half brother). I have been wanting



to picture this. The large nose was supposed to reveal sexual prowess and intelligence. Wilhelm Fleiss, MD, a friend and influencer of Freud insisted the nose was the key to health and attraction, which was discredited with the rest of phrenology that taught the shape of the skull determined intelligence and personality. Phrenology was mostly racist, but skull size and shape is still much discussed in early hominid studies, and the role of pheromones as part of attraction has given the nose more prominence in human sexuality. Fleiss turned Freud's focus to sexuality (and cocaine) based on the nose maybe partly true after all, although Freud rejected the nose part.



Another case of science being right for the wrong reasons perhaps. A recent Austrian gold coin celebrating Freud and the role of lust and dreams in our psychology on the reverse. Corbett/Fitzsimmons medal from Holabird September auction (left). Heart shaped medal of the boxing match March 17, 1897 at Carson City, Nevada's first legal prize fight, which was also made into the first full length film. The crowd mostly supported "Gentleman Jim" Corbett. In the 14th round, when Corbett raised his gloves, Fitzsimmons landed a punch to Corbett's body, just under his heart. Corbett crumpled into the ropes and the former champ fell to his knees. He couldn't rise to his feet and the referee counted him out.

Reno Cartwheel



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