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About the Cover

They say that there were 60 million bison on the North American plains at the height of their population, but I'll bet none of them were as controversial as the nickel shown on our cover this month.

Have you looked in your Redbook for the value of a 1933 Buffalo nickel? If not, I'll bet you're in for a surprise. A big surprise. A surprise of buffalo proportions! Well, maybe not that big. Because you see, such a beast never existed, despite what your eyes and this issue's cover tell you. Read up on this fantastic piece in Len Ratzman's article starting on page 26.

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Presidents' Messages

NASC...

As most of you know, my wife Mary and I like to travel and visit different parts of the world. Our recent venture across the pond was to France, where everything is expensive these days. Our dollar is down and the Euro is up in value. One Euro costs about \$1.35, whereas in 2001, it was much less. Gasoline sells in the range of 1.30 to 1.45 Euro per liter!

One photo shows the old Roman Pont du
Gard or "bridge of the Gard" as part of a long
50 km Roman aqueduct as it stands today. Built in the
middle of the 1st century AD near Remoulins, the aqueduct carried water to
the nearby city of Nimes, France. In 1985 this large ancient structure became a
UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The other photo is that of a half-dollar size brass medal (medailles souvenir) by the Paris Mint (Monnaie De Paris). At most of the major attractions and even inside many of the Cathedrals, one finds vending machines by the mint, where one can purchase a souvenir for 2 Euros. I wonder if the US Mint will ever place vending machines for medals at some sites in the USA.

Special thanks go out to Tony Micciche for doing a great job filling in for me at the May 20th NASC Board meeting. Also, Phil Iversen and his Nomination committee, and others not mentioned, get a tip of the hat.

Hary Beedon
Gary Beedon
NASC President



The brass medal at the top of the page was produced at the Paris Mint. The Pont du Gard (left photo) is an old Roman aquaduct over the river Gardon in the south of France. It is attributed to Marcus Vipsanius Agrippa, aide and sonin-law of Augustus. It traveled 31 miles and delivered 5 million gallons of water daily.

CSNA...



My husband and I were two of the few people who attended the CSNA Educational Symposium in March. Yes, we did have it then and it was well publized. Yes, we were on the committee, but attended the symposiums long before we volunteered to help out. We were truly embarrassed at the "no shows".

Jim Hunt, as did Tom Fitzgerald in the past, works hard to put on these symposiums. You just don't ask the San Francisco Mint Plant Manager "to come on down".

If you all have problems with these symposiums, North or South, let me know. My address is PO Box 295, Patton, CA 92369.

Let's stop wasting our time and money on what you don't want. Speak up now or else attend these educational events.

'WHAT DO YOU WANT' OR 'DON'T WANT'.

Lets keep our organization alive and well.

See you at the Golden State Coin Show in Arcadia on August 25 and 26. Post it on your refrigerator; I do.

Freddie Grant CSNA President

P.S. Received a letter from Michael Turrini regarding the following...he has created a State Quarter Search for the youth for the GSCS in August. He is soliciting donations of better condition State Quarters, both P and D mints, of all issues, and anyone donating at least one roll will receive an acknowledgement letter crediting the bona-fide educational contribution.

Editor's Page

Just love that old Bowie song, "Ch-Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes..."

For those of you who e-mail me, please note that I have a new e-mail address: gregsburns@gmail.com. The old Adelphia account will still be active for a while, but not much longer.

Club newsletter editors south of the Tehachapis should all be aware by this time that their club reports and bulletins should be going to Virginia Bourke, 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040. I think most of you have the word by now, but a few are still sending them my way, and to be perfectly frank, I usually don't spend any time reading them, so they just go to waste.



Change of addresses should also go to the corresponding secretaries of the two associations, depending which (or both) you are a member of. If you send them my way there's no guarantee they'll get to the proper destination, so see Harold Katzman's and Dennis Halladay's addresses on page nine to be sure they get the proper information.

But of course, some things never change. New author Len Ratzman had a fascination with communicating his interest in coins back in 1969 when he took home the NASC Best of Show award for his exhibit on uncirculated buffalo nickels, and he still has that passion, which you'll see when you read his article on his attempts to track the missing buffaloes on page 26. Len's passion about his various interests even inspired me to put in some extra effort on the cover this issue. I was pleased with it, and thought it appropriately reflected the nostal-gic appeal of this venerable United States classic. Plus I liked the colors.

Too many other folks to individually thank for helping with this issue. You can read the table of contents for author/contributor names and you'll know who I like best: those folks who pitch in and help to crank this baby out. I'll bet you'd like to be included in that group, right? All it takes is a keyboard and a little quiet time...

Greg Burns Editor





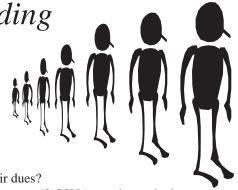


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The Corresponding Secretaries' Reports



CSNA-

by Dennis Halladay

Dues, dues... who hasn't paid their dues?

Second notices have been mailed out to 62 CSNA members who have not yet paid their 2007 dues. My thanks to those of you who have already done so, especially those who opted for bargain 3- and 5-year renewals! If your dues envelope is still buried somewhere on your desk or kitchen counter, please dig it out and send it back soon.

This quarter we welcome six more new members, including a new life member. In addition, dues renewal notices also inspired four regular members to upgrade to life membership status. Congratulations and welcome to all!

NASC—

by Harold Katzman

See the listing for membership totals. Three members have been dropped due to non-payment of dues. The following clubs have not paid dues and have been dropped: Tustin, Bay Cities, Santa Ana, Culver City, and Glendale. Two new members have joined. Several other members are in jeopardy of being dropped due to non-payment of dues and will receive one last notice before I drop them.

I've requested that the NASC Web site (www.nasc.net) be updated to have all correspondence regarding NASC be sent to my PO box or e-mail address as required by our by-laws, and policy and procedures manual.

I have received, via Greg Burns, a member who wishes to join us from India. I have e-mailed him what he needs to do to join and I am awaiting a response back.

An up-to-date disk of the membership was sent to Stephen Huston (coordinates the TCN mailing list) about 4 weeks or so ago so he should be current.

NASC Member Dropped

Paul Engstrom #2671 David Shioji #2982 Jr. Chris Allen #2887 Steve Darnell #2994 Chris Peters #2908 Jean LeeFerve #2985 Jeff Oxman #3007 Paz Oded #3005

NASC New Members

#3028 Stephen Gorman #3029 Jason Campus

NASC Summary as of 5/20/07

Regular Members	91
Club Members	. 22
Life Members	
Sustaining Members	166
Total Membership	295

CSNA New Life Member

Bruce Berman, L-61-05 (MS) Moraga, CA

CSNA Upgraded To Life Membership

John D. Bearden, L-61-01 Fairfield, CA William E. Horning, L-61-02 Stockton, CA Walter H. Shelton, L-61-03 Whittier, CA Lyle Okamoto, L-61-04 San Jose, CA

CSNA New Regular Members

Robert W. Bush, R-6131 (IN)
Antioch, CA
Duane P. Reeves, R-6133 (NS)
Napa, CA
Daniel G. Tegtmeyer, R-6134 (IN)
Salida, CA
Dr. Frank Becker, R-6135 (IN)
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

CSNA New Associate Member

Kristin H. Bush, A-6132 (IN) Antioch, CA

Key To CSNA New Sponsors

IN = Internet MS = Mike Stanley NS = No sponsor

CSNA New Addresses

Joel Harwin, R-5833 now in Santa Barbara, CA Ronald Gillio, R-1482 still in Santa Barbara, CA Dixie Tuck, R-5466 Martha Tuck, A-5692 now in Coalinga, CA Virginia Bourke, R-3242 now in Lakeside, CA Chula Vista Coin Club, C-5312 now in Lakeside, CA San Diego Inter-Club Numismatic Council, CL-15-07 now in Lakeside, CA John Haydon, R-6108 now in San Jose, CA San Francisco Coin Club, CL-15-08 still in San Francisco, CA Troy Thoreson, R-5655 now in Los Banos, CA Greg Burns, R-5970 now in Upland, CA

CSNA Deceased

Dorothy Beaulieu, R-0974 Tempe, AZ Edward LaChance, L-58-07 Zebulon, NC Loring K. Jordan Jr., R-0879 Santa Rosa, CA Karl A. Ehrlich, R-4525 Walnut Creek, CA

CSNA Resigned

W.H. Wharton, R-6001 Warner Springs, CA

CSNA Summary

Membership on Feb. 26, 2007 534
Deceased4
Resigned1
"Found" Members (new address) 6
New Life member 1
New Regular members 4
New Associate member 1
Membership on May 19, 2007 541

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If you've moved, please help us keep our addresses up to date. Take a moment to drop us a short note to ensure that you keep getting your copy of *The California Numismatist*:

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Through the Numismatic Glass:

NASC President Benjamin M. Abelson

by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald



Claire and Ben Abelson being presented the NASC Goodson award by Bill Grant (center) in 1999.



We are sorry to report that NASC Past-President Benjamin M. Abelson died on July 4, 2006. Born on May 13, 1920, he is survived by his lovely wife Claire, son Alan and daughters Sharon and Darlene, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. The Abelsons had recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Abelson devoted much of their numismatic life in service to the NASC. In 1969, Ben, as his friends knew him, was elected Vice President of that organization. He was elected President-Elect in 1970 and President in 1971. One of the responsibilities of the NASC president at that time was to serve as general chairman

of the annual convention. The "Super Seventeenth" NASC Convention was held at the Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, February 24-27, 1972.

Prior to his election as NASC President, Benjamin Abelson promised to do everything within his power to assist the 82 member clubs of the Association. In order to accomplish this goal, President Abelson organized the first of a series of club workshops. He believed the sharing of ideas and strategies could assist the clubs. Problems such as how to gain new members, develop ways to better meet the needs of these clubs and their members and ideas to make the clubs better etc... would be shared and discussed. The first workshop, chaired by President Abelson, was held in 1971. Ben and Claire continued to be the driving force of these events for the next 12 years.

Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles

Benjamin Abelson was the founding president of the Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles (ICCLA), the first of the Israel clubs in the United States. In 1970 he was elected to the national board of the American Israel Numismatic Association and served on this board from 1970 through 1982.

In 1974 Ben was chosen as the general chairman of the first joint "Four Israel Coin Club" meeting sponsored by AINA and the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation. In 1966 the Abelsons were presented a special award. The citation read: "in recognition for their greatest contribution to the advancement of Israel numismatics world wide in 1966."

In 1972 the Abelsons presented a

special one-hour program at a joint banquet of AINA and the Israel Numismatic Societies of Israel in Haifa, Israel. The Israel Government Central Bank presented Ben with a unique medal. The presentation reads: "For outstanding service to the State of Israel in the promotion and marketing of its coins and medals."

Benjamin M. Abelson— The Numismatist

Benjamin Abelson was a life member of the NASC (#17), the Los Angeles Coin Club (#12), the Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles (#2) and the California Foreign Coin Club. He was a past president of COIN (1975) and the Bay Cities Coin Club (1966), as well as several other clubs. Ben has served as a master-of-ceremonies for at least 25 banquets and award ceremonies, etc. He was president and chairman of the COIN convention in 1975.

In recognition of his enormous contributions to the hobby, Benjamin Abelson received many honors. In 1970. Ben and Claire were named "Man and Woman of the Year" and received a special presentation by the "First Day – First Issue" company. In August 1988, both Ben and Claire were awarded SIN's highest honor, their silver medal of merit, in recognition of their dedication, contributions and many years of service to the hobby. In 1993, Claire and Ben were named "numismatic ambassadors" by Krause Publications and in 1999 the NASC presented Benjamin and Claire Abelson the Richard P. Goodson Award, their highest honor.

Ben was blessed to have a life-long partner for 63 years. Claire not only

shared all of these accomplishments with her husband, but she had many achievements of her own. She held a number of offices in the coin clubs of Southern California such as recording secretary of the Bay Cities Coin Club. Claire was the ICCLA bulletin editor and the first female president of the Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles. She is an award-winning exhibitor and a designer of a number of medals. Claire

and Ben served as exhibit judges and she was COIN's banquet chairman for 14 consecutive years.

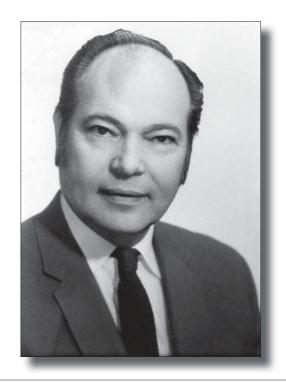
But it is not the numerous services and accomplishments that are the legacy of Benjamin and Claire Abelson. Rather it is their family, their friendship, their dedication and their willingness to help others, that is their legacy. Claire sent me a lovely tribute for Ben which I will quote here:

Benjamin M. Abelson

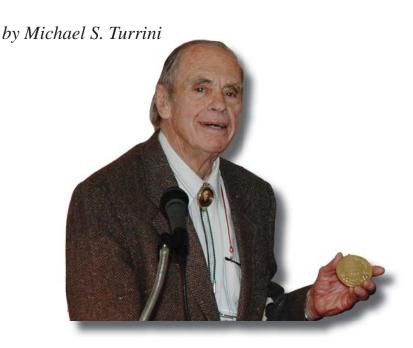
Loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

A kind, generous, and courageous man of integrity with a wonderful sense of humor.

Beloved by all his family and friends, 1920 - 2006



California Coin Pioneer: Naturalist, Numismatist, and Noted Collector— Coin Celebrant O.L. Wallis



On Wednesday, December 22, 2004, I had the opportunity, really a double-play and doubleheader, of interviewing not only a respected California numismatist, but also one of my mentors, O.L. Wallis, in his San Rafael home.

Although I have known "Mr. Wallis"—as I have always addressed him—for over a quarter of a century, this interview was the first time that he and I actually paused and shared our collecting interests, observations of the "world of money", and the years

that we have been involved in organized numismatics.

True to his years as a National Park Service ranger/naturalist, Wally—as he is addressed by many of his fellow coin hobbyists—began the "nature hike" in the downstairs guest bedroom that now doubles as his computer office room. Upon arriving, he greeted, "We'll begin here and then move upstairs. Take what pictures you want, but let me show my Dewey collection." "Dewey collection" refers to his extensive and expansive collection

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of memorabilia related to Admiral George Dewey, the famous victor at Manila Bay on May 1, 1898, and May 1st just happens also to be Mr. Wallis' birthday.

Showing me his glassware, tapestries and textiles, plates, pictures, medallions, maps, and busts, after walking through the downstairs hallway with its walls covered with his awards and plaques—as the recipient of the Department of the Interior's "Meritorious Service Award', 1978; his Miller Medal from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA). 1997: and his Krause Publication's Numismatic Ambassador award. 1984—we entered the small computer room with each of its walls covered with items of Dewey and the shelves lined with more articles of Dewey. "I am back in 1898", I explained.

Looking on the wall, there hung a shadow box containing Mr. Wallis' campaign medals as a Marine in the Second World War. "Mr. Wallis, you have the Purple Heart", I noted respectfully.

"Yes, I was shot in my shoulder while my Marine platoon was in a forward offensive position in Okinawa on May 15, 1945. But, here's the real story for your readers: while on an earlier patrol, my platoon came under enemy fire, and we found cover against a roadside embankment. For a few minutes, we were pinned down by machine gun fire. While waiting for a chance to move on, I briefly discovered on the dirt slopes, lids of trapdoor spiders' holes. But, it was certainly not the time for a naturalist study", he recollected.

"Subsequently, while in a rest area, I found additional trapdoor spiders, and dug up several of their silk-lined tubes and lids and shipped these home. Later, after the war had ended, I wrote an article on Okinawa trapdoor spiders for *Natural History Magazine* in 1946", he continued.

"A few years later, on the GI Bill and working on my masters and looking for summer work, with my new bride, Nancy, I sent job applications for seasonal employment to several national parks. To my surprise, I received a telephone call for a seasonal park ranger/naturalist at Crater Lake, in Oregon. Years later, the chief park naturalist, the one who had hired me, recalled that he had selected me for the job because, 'one who can discover trapdoor spiders while under fire is one for the job'. So, my thirty-five year career with the National Park



Daniel Chester French's relief of Dewey at the memorial near the gangway for the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Ferry. The relief comes from the Manila Bay Medal, authorized by congress for presentation to the men who served with Dewey at the Battle of Manila Bay (Spanish-American War).

Service began 'under fire', you might say", he reminisced.

And that was what most of our two-plus hours were: memories, stories, and names.

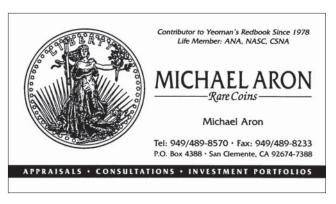
"Mr. Wallis, you once were on the national board of directors of Trout Unlimited, let alone all the numismatic groups that you either edited a newsletter, or did the publicity, or were president", I reminded.

"Yes, even served with the Hollywood great, Bing Crosby, who was quite interested in trout fishing, fly fishing. This was in Trout Unlimited's formative years, as I remember", he replied.

Modesty prevented Wally from itemizing his lengthy list of numismatic service: president of the CSNA, California Exonumist Society (CES), Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS), San Francisco Coin Club, and Vallejo Numismatic Society, edited the San

Francisco Coin Club's monthly Two Cents Worth, and the CES's quarterly The Medallion, and assembled and bound one of the only two or three full sets of The Medallion, which he later showed me, and has presented numerous all-color slide illustrated programs on such diverse subjects as Admiral Dewey-of course-Admiral Farragut, Columbian Exposition, the history of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, Farran Zerbe, and the coin designer husband and wife, James and Laura Frazier, Charles Lindbergh, and this statistic does not compared to the hundreds of award-winning exhibits, many of which he still retains the material for and has photographic records, plus he has written articles for the then-CSNA's Calcoin News and The Numismatist.

His hallway is mounted with many of his plaques and testimonies as president, exhibit winner, and such. By his measure, he has donated a "large number of exhibit trophies" to be "recycled



by other coin clubs today".

We walked upstairs to his other office, and entered another Dewey Room, after we had passed through the living and dinning rooms, equally filled with Admiral Dewey, and most appropriately, Theodore Roosevelt, leaving space for one organ and two pianos for his wife, Nancy.

Here we sat and began to review his collections and collecting. True to his training as a naturalist and biologist, most items in his collections are cataloged. "Do you want to see my filing cards?", he asked.

Dedicated and detailed, he maintained, in addition to the file cards, a photographic record of his limitless Dewey material and memorabilia. Pulling off the crowded shelves, threering binders, each label, he flipped pages and clearly pointed to items mounted, again true to his naturalist training, in cotton lined display cases. To keep track, he developed a label and accession record, for example, "sp" means spoon and "r" means razor. Yes, there were commemorative straight razors for Admiral Dewey.

For the numismatist, his trays and drawers of medallions, tokens, and medals would be most interesting, and to the naval buff, it would be his

glassware of the *Olympic*, Admiral Dewey's flagship, and for the antique collector and history scholar he has several filled shelves of books and magazines, and for those into ephemera he has equally as many paper items. Needless to say, I pressured to know exactly how many items?

"I don't know", he answered.

"Could I say well over two thousand?" I replied. After a pause, "Maybe that could be good number to begin the count", he retorted. "Really, I would have to count."

You knew you were in the presence of a true collector and scholar, and as the hours passed we spoke of collecting and of mentors.

"I began a stamp club in high school, and in fact, it was the first experience that I had in exhibiting, setting up a display in the main hallway's exhibit case," he recollected.

In high school and junior high, Wally was editing student publications and he even interviewed the legendary Eleanor Roosevelt.

The power of names was quite strong in our talk, as he would take something from drawer, off the shelf, or open a file, and he still has copious file folders, and spoke of now departed Californian numismatists as "Ozzie" Stout, Roy Hill, Clifford Bloom, Paul Snedacker, and Maxine Bryce.

But his reverence was most intense and meaningful for William S. Dewey, 99, whom he still corresponds with "at least once a week."

"Oh, yes, he is a mentor, and we might have a 'father-son relationship'," he noted with a crack in his voice, pulling out a file of their correspondence. "We did the research and co-authored several articles, including award-winning ones for *The Numismatist*," he added.

Currently, Wally holds like esteem for fellow Dewey collector Christopher Kuppig of Marion, Massachusetts, who shares his passion for Admiral Dewey.

"He learned of me from the American Political Items Collectors, and we have been in touch regularly over the past decades. Speaking of 'political items', let me show you some 'stuff' on official presidential inaugural medals, and I mean that, 'official inaugural medals', not the United States Mint medals', he remarked, turning to another shelf and binder.

These official presidential inaugural medals, exclusively issued by the Official Inaugural Committees, attracted his attention some thirty-five years ago. At one time, he had assembled one of the most complete collections dating back to President William McKinley. He shared with me photographs of his inaugural medals and exhibits. Wally would exhibit the inaugural medals for Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan.

"You are a true collector, Mr. Wallis," I remarked as our talk continued.

"You might say that. I collected butterflies with the Marines, not under fire however, at Guadalcanal, and mounted those and donated them to the San Diego Natural History Museum. You might add arrowheads and fossils, as well as medals and medallions, even designing some medals for local coin clubs," he remarked.

"Back in the Depression in San Diego, I would exhibit my butterflies and fossils at the local county fair, and along with a ribbon, you got a two dollar premium as a reward. Wow, \$2.00, and that was big bucks during the Depression," he remembered. At 83 years of age and married now 58 years, "O.L." has assembled much in collections and remembrances and documented much in his binders and on filing cards.

"My great uncle, who was a doctor and for whom I was named, delivered me and my twin brother, now deceased, in the same bed that my late mother was born," he shared, "And my brother also collected. Thus, maybe it is genetic."

With so much discussed and time now for us to drive into "The City," San Francisco, for the joint holiday festivity of the San Francisco Coin Club and Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, both of which he served as president and, at times, editor, as well as other positions, we strived to bring closure to our exchanges.

Admiral Dewey was never far from our talk, as the room is packed with it; even a large statue graced his backyard. "You could say that Dewey's image or portrait was printed or placed on more objects than any other individual," he noted. "Here next to these medals are match-safes or pinbacks or the postcards," directing my attention to another case, he pointed.



Dewey's leadership during the attack on the Spanish fleet at Manila Bay earned him the special rank of Admiral of the Navy, a rank never held before or since.

"It all began when my son, Brian, now the chief curator at the International Center of Photography in New York City, became interested in political items, and going along to the meetings, I discovered Official Inaugural Medals and later Dewey," he stated.

No longer actively adding to his documented accumulation, he is presently disposing.

With so much covered, I pushed him to share some lessons, and over our remaining minutes we would flip back and forth between remembrances and lessons.

Pulling copies of *Calcoin News* and his president's messages, Wally noted that decades ago he strongly advocated for youth numismatics and now wonders, "if anyone ever pursued those intentions."

"You have to use your experience and talents to the advancement of nu-

mismatics. We have to locate those hobbyists with the strengths and skills and get them involved. Make use of your talents for the furthering of the hobby. That says much, if you want a lesson," he offered.

Talking from his decades as a hobbyist, writer, and researcher, he recommended, "Collect things that have a special interest to you. Al-

ways try to buy or trade for the best example you can afford. Make sure you handle and store these properly. Remember, someday what you own will be owned by someone else."

"Can't forget the 'paper trail', and I do not mean Frazer's 'End of the Trail', something that has also interested me. Also, don't forget the book," he added, directing my attention to his extensive reference library.

"Maybe not all can do it this way, but your research and study needs to be shared with others in our hobby. Give talks and do exhibits," he concluded. "Share your expertise and joy," he added.

For a hobbyist with a house full of Admiral Dewey and many other mementos and memories, Wally had to leave me with one more remembrance from his long life and career.

"Back in 1953, at Yosemite, and

you know my son, Brian, and one daughter, Marilyn, were born at Yosemite, which still generates laughs, I was a park ranger and hiked alone, with no radio and only my backpack, the entire park, and completed the first survey of all the park's one hundred and seventy lakes. Carried my food, my fishing gear and camera, and sometimes with a pack animal, as much as ten days away. Still remember the pine martins stealing my trout. My survey was the basis of a ten-year plan on restocking of trout in the park's lakes", he retold. Wally has one other daughter, Carolyn, plus seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Asked why this was so meaningful, he noted, "I took hundreds of snapshots, documenting all the lakes, and have donated these negatives to Yosemite. And that is my point: your documentation is important to the historic, and for us, numismatic, community. You do 'have history in your hands.' What you collected and what you spoke on or what you exhibited or what you 'show 'n tell' is the history of numismatics," he expounded.

For a naturalist, so in love with nature that after retirement in 1971 from the National Park Service, he and Nancy volunteered for several summers as VIPs, 'Volunteers In The Park,' back at his beloved Yosemite. For a numismatist, who once remarked that he has had two careers, one with the National Park Service and one as a "full-time numismatist," I asked him what he believed were his achievements, and he reiterated the then-listed accomplishments during his term as CSNA president. But, pausing, he looking at me, said, "It was not so much these as it is the friendships.

These have the biggest thing: it is the people with common interest, numismatics, that really matter after all these years."

It was now getting to the time that we needed to "hit 101," the main California highway into San Francisco from San Rafael, which crosses the famous Golden Gate Bridge. Knowing that I had already much, much more than needed to do an article, I asked Mr. Wallis to offer some profound conclusion, something that might say it all.

Pausing, going into deep thought, he, who was also a youthful Eagle Scout, rambled about this point or that, then began, as so much of our conversation this winter Wednesday, with a reminisce.

"During the Depression old coins often still circulated, and a nickel could buy a piece of candy, a real treasure. One time, I passed a threecent piece as a dime. Never told my father, who was a Baptist minister. He never heard that one. Let's end with it and get to the festivity. I am hungry," he ended.

Stepping into my Ford Ranger and strapping on his seatbelt, Wally added, "One idea that should be pursued is to change the Marines uniform to the green of the National Park Service, and I can 'get-away' with saying that being both a Marine and a Park Ranger. Now, you have it all."

Wally—Orthello Langworthy has had a long life and career, and his story is but one of many who have found that the world of money is much more than albums and grading guides.

Thanks for sharing, Mr. Wallis. To contact O.L. Wallis, e-mail WOrthello@cs.com.

RCM Unveils World's Purest, Largest, and Highest Denomination Gold Coin



A 100kg gold coin is seen next to gold bars and smaller gold coins in an undated publicity photo from the Royal Canadian Mint.

The Royal Canadian Mint unveiled a welcome addition to any piggy bank on Thursday—a monster gold coin with a face value of C\$1 million (USD\$926,162) that it says is the world's biggest, purest and highest denomination coin. REUTERS/Handout

Ottawa, Ontario—May 3, 2007—The Royal Canadian Mint (RCM) today proudly introduced two exciting new products to the international gold bullion market: the world's first 100-kg, .99999 pure gold bullion coin with a \$1 million face value and a .99999 pure one-ounce Gold Maple Leaf bullion coin. These coins, representing the highest achievement in gold purity in the bullion market, were unveiled at the RCM's Ottawa facility, where the coins were made.

The 100-kg, .99999 pure gold bullion coin with a \$1 million face value was originally conceived as a unique showpiece to promote the RCM's new line of .99999 pure one-ounce Gold Maple Leaf bullion coins. After several interested buyers came forward, the RCM decided to make a very limited quantity available for sale.

The 99999 pure one-ounce Gold Maple Leaf bullion coin joins the existing family of Gold Maple Leaf products which are internationally renowned for their purity and quality. It is being released for general sale to the public after a successful trial production of a .99999 pure gold bullion coin and positive marketplace reaction. Although this coin presents a new standard in investment products, there are currently no plans to replace the .9999 pure Gold Maple Leaf bullion coins.

"The Royal Canadian Mint has long been recognized as one of the most innovative in the world, with a tradition of technical perfection and superior craftsmanship," said the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and Minister responsible for the Royal Canadian Mint. "These new 99.999% pure Gold Maple Leaf bullion coins now take Canada's reputation in the gold bullion industry to an unprecedented level."

"The Royal Canadian Mint operates in a very competitive environment, which is especially true of the international gold bullion market," said Ian E. Bennett, RCM President and CEO. "Our 100-kg and one ounce .99999 pure gold bullion coins are an achievement which separates the RCM from a large field of competitors. By producing the best quality products in

the world, the RCM is enhancing its global reputation for excellence."

Why did it do this? "Because we can," the mint said on its website.

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The Gold Maple Leaf bullion coin was first launched in September 1979, as a one ounce investment coin, the first coin to be struck of pure gold. The Gold Maple Leaf coin was 999 pure until 1982, when its purity was raised to .9999, setting a new benchmark for gold bullion coins. The RCM has maintained its tradition of leadership in the gold bullion industry by raising the bar once more, to .99999.

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uted through an extensive network of bullion dealers and offer investors a simple and easy way to add precious metals to their investment portfolios. Interested buyers seeking additional information about these new investment products are invited to visit the RCM web site at www.mint.ca or to call 1-866-677-1477.

The reverse of both these coins features an elegant maple leaf designed by RCM artist and Senior Engraver Stan Witten and the obverse bears the effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by celebrated Canadian

> portrait artist Susanna Blunt.

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Mint, an ISO 9001-2000 certified company, is the Crown Corporation responsible for the minting and distribution of Canada's circulation coins. In operation since 1908, the Royal Canadian Mint is recognized as one of the largest and most versatile mints in the world, offering a wide range of specialized, high quality coinage products and related services on an international scale. For more information on the Royal Canadian Mint, its products and services, visit www.mint.ca.



The RCM headquarters facility at Ottawa contains the oldest and one of the largest gold refineries in the Western Hemisphere.

What Happened To These Banks?

by Bill Febuary



During my collecting years I wandered into so many fascinating things. My collection of bank currency led me into another field of numismatics, one of which was the collecting of bank checks. Many of the banks that issued checks did not apparently issue banknotes, or those that did are so rare and seldom seen that it is almost impossible to obtain anything from the bank in the form of paper other than the checks that were written on those banks.

Some of the bank checks are as beautiful as our old time currency, so that of course fascinated me with their ornate designs and logos, and soon I was researching the history of these banks that the checks were issued on and learning about the stories of the banks themselves.

Because I live in the central valley of California, it is obvious that I would explore the banks in my local area. These banks no longer exist today, but the checks that were issued on those banks are obtainable and that is what my story is all about.

The first bank that was of interest to me was the First National Bank of Clovis, being that is the city where I live. The First National Bank of Clovis was chartered in June of 1912 with a capital of \$25,000. It's first president was Charles Seagur and the first cashier was F. E. Buckman. The bank issued third charter date-back blue seal national bank notes, along with third charter, plain-back blue seal notes. The total amount of currency in circulation was \$132,460. The amount still outstanding in July 1935 was \$476. The notes that are still available today are priced at several hundred dollars and are very difficult to locate.

My check from that bank was drawn against the Clovis Dray & Ice Company and was issued on February 16, 1934. It has an ornate design on the check proclaiming Clovis as being *The Fig and Raisin Center*.

The second bank check I'd like to share with you comes from the Bank of Central California, located in Fresno, the bank being incorporated February 26, 1887. It had been



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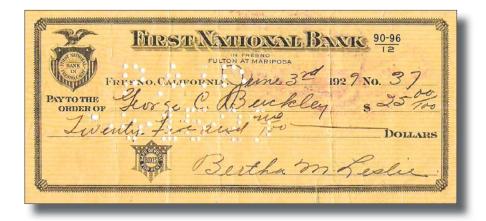
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organized by Louis Einstein and Louis Gundelfinger. Mr. Einstein had been born in Germany in 1847, coming to America at the age of eighteen. He arrived in San Francisco in 1866, later went to Portland, and finally settled in Fresno. In 1871, he opened a mercantile house in that city. Mr. Gundelfinger entered into partnership with him in 1887, the firm then being known as Louis Einstein & Company. Einstein, who had become very widely aquainted in the San Joaquin Valley, decided to organized a bank and in company with Gundelfinger established the Bank of Central California, In 1909 he was made president of the First National Bank of Coalinga. He was also president of the Einstein Investment Company of Fresno. As one who was

most active in the development of the agricultural and financial interest of Fresno, he had a reputation of being "a man of unobserving business integrity and high and strong character, and one possessed of many qualities which commanded the esteem and regard of his many friends and the community at large." He died November 9, 1914.

The title of the Bank of Central California was changed on October 5, 1915, to the Bank & Trust Company of Central California. On May 6, 1920, it purchased the Farmers Bank of Fresno and changed its own name to the Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank. On May 29 of that year it was sold to the Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank, and later became part of the branch banking system of the Pacific





Southwest Trust & Savings Bank.

My check from the Bank of Central California is drawn against the London & San Francisco Bank, Limited, of San Francisco and was signed by Mr. Gundelfinger. The check is very ornate and shows a woman holding up a bunch of grapes with other types of vegetables laying on the ground near where she is seated.

The third check I'd like to share with you readers was issued by the

First National Bank in Fresno and was dated June 3, 1927. The First National Bank in Fresno was located at the intersection of the streets of Fulton and Mariposa in downtown Fresno. It succeeded the Growers National Bank of Fresno on May 21, 1923 and was placed into receivership on July 7, 1930, with a capital of \$400,000. The reason for the failure of the bank was incompetent management and the local depression. The officers of the

Felix Sloper, aged 27, was hung at San Quentin for the murder of Officer George Campbell during the holdup attempt at the Mercantile Trust Bank on April 11, 1925. Sloper had a lengthy ten-year long "rap sheet" and was wanted at the time of his final excapade for the robbery of the Bank of Clovis on February 11, 1924. He only weighed 112 pounds. Looks like he got a little roughed up during his arrest.



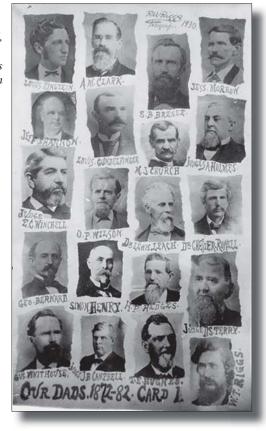
bank at the time of succession were: J. Bidegaray as the president and M. L. Wells as cashier.

The bank while it was operational issued third charter plain-back blue seal notes in \$10 and \$20 issues, as well as 1929 type notes in denominations of \$10 and \$20. The total amount of circulation issued was \$1,476,060 and the amount outstanding at the close of the bank was \$200,000. Only 95,864 large sized notes were outstanding at the close of the bank, with a value of \$25,150.

The check is a rather plain design with only an eagle spreading it's wings above the bank emblem, which is *First National Bank*.

These checks are only a sampling of the many checks that I have collected over the years and merely represent a small amount of my collection. I have written about them because they are of particular interest to me, since I have lived in the Central Valley and particularly now in Clovis since 1984.

An early Fresnoan photographer put together poster boards of various local topics of interest, this one entitled, Our Dads, 1872-82, Card 1 (note that it's dated 1930). Of interest to readers is the gentleman pictured second from the left, second from the top: Louis Gundlfinger. The poster was meant to be a memorial to important early pioneers in the central California settlement drive.



The Buffaloes That Never Were

by Len Ratzman

If you ever get the chance to buy a 1921-D or 1922-P Buffalo nickel, you're advised to immediately turn 180° and run the opposite direction from the seller—no such Buffaloes ever roamed.

Along with 15 other year/mint-mark combinations that were never created during that span, the 25-year reign of our first Western theme coin from 1913 to 1938 was "dotted" with omissions from one or more of the 3 mints active during those two and a half decades. In some cases (like 1922, 1932 and 1933), the nickel stamping machines were silent for all three mints.

Even though those three years saw no Buffalo nickels made at all because of the ravages of depressions in our economy during those times, the decision makers in 1922 still chose to permit minting of other denominations that year such as the P&D cent, P&D silver dollar and the P&S gold double eagle.

The Buffalo nickel wasn't the only denomination casualty of the depression in 1923. Only the Silver Dollar and the gold double eagle bear that year.

Similarly, no Buffaloes were created in 1932, but the creation of the P&D cent, P, D&S quarter, Philadelphia \$10 and \$20 eagle and double eagle were authorized. There were no Buffaloes in 1933 either, but the P&D cent was again minted along with the San Francisco half dollar and the \$10 eagle. (It would border on numismatic sacrilege if the 1933 double eagle was even mentioned in the list).

In all the remaining years where one or two of the three mints still filled its bins with nickels, there was at least one of them that had to tell its workers, "Sorry, people, we won't need your services this year." If they were lucky, they just moved over to the penny, dime, quarter, half or dollar machines.

When the coin was first introduced in 1913, there was an eight-year span that saw all three mints produce the

coin. It wasn't until 1921 that the first omission occurred in the Denver mint. For the next 17 years there were 16 additional year/mint-mark combinations for which Buffalo nickels were never made:

1922-P, D, S

1923-D

1930-D

1931-P, D

1932-P, D, S

1933-P, D, S

1934-S

1938-P. S

Having been a Buffalo fan ever since Ike went into the Whitehouse, the author often wondered what the historical details were explaining the government's logic behind those 17 omissions. Prior to the "missing nickels" project, it simply remained an unexplained mystery to the author as to why the decisions had been made to selectively prevent those coins from being created.

The centerpiece of the project was to track down and eventually share with the numismatic community copies from the archives of the orders and/or directives from the Federal Reserve (or other, governmental decision-makers) to the various mint directors instructing them to leave the nickel-stamping machines in the off position for that year. Sound like a piece of cake?

Eleven months and countless letters and e-mails later, it was painfully



Whether you call them bison, prarie cows, or the popular misnomer "buffalo," the American Bison at the height of their population were estimated to have numbered about 60 million roaming the North American continent. They number about 350,000 today. The bison is the largest terrestrial mammal in North America, and develop both the trademark hump and horns as they mature around the age of two or three years.

obvious that the written orders/directives being sought either never existed to begin with or had been long since lost in some obscure archive never again to see the light of day. ("Grandpa, what does microfiche mean?")

I would be less than grateful if I didn't stressed here how cooperative, helpful, and accommodating the various sources I contacted were in trying to locate and supply me with the documentation sought. The following deserve recognition and acknowledgement for all going "above and beyond the call of duty":

- U.S. National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) (Mid-Atlantic, Rocky Mountain, College Park, MD. and Pacific Regions.)
- 2. U.S. Mint Historian, Dept. of the Treasury, Wash. D.C.
- 3. U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, PA.
- 4. U.S. Mint, Denver, CO.
- U.S. Mint Customer Care Centers (Wash., DC; Plano, TX; and Pittsburg, PA).
- 6. Archivists, Civilian Records, Textual Archives
- 7. Archivists, Research Support Branch

As a fitting end to the search for definitive documentation sent to the various mint directors with instructions specifically not to create Buffalo nickels for those 17 occasions, an e-mailed summary was sent to the author by Mr. David Lange (one of the most recognized authorities on the Buffalo nickel). His book, *The Complete Guide to Buffalo Nickels*, was extremely instrumental in the research project and deserves special acknowledgement.

In answer to my e-mail asking about the "gaps" in Buffalo Nickel

mintages, Mr. Lang advised:

"I don't know of any instance in which the Treasury Department or the Mint Bureau in Washington instructed the various mints to not make coins of an ongoing type at all during a particular year. The gaps in coinage are due solely to a lack of demand from banks and businesses in the regions served by those mints. The nation underwent a pronounced recession during 1921-22, this coming after several years of accelerated wartime production. There was simply no demand for additional coins from early 1921 until well into 1923, with many coins dated 1920-21 remaining untouched in vaults until demand was restored by a rising economy. The same was true to an even greater extent during 1930-1933, and most of the few coins made during these years were not issued before 1934, when demand finally began to grow."

Mystery solved?



Photograph from the mid-1870s of a pile of bison skulls waiting to be ground for fertilizer. Courtesy of the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library.

Condolances to the Sarti Family



SJCC Past-President John Sarti, Sr. (left) and President Ray Johnson enjoying a moment of camaraderie during the 2005 SJCC/CCC (Cupertino Coin Club) annual picnic.

John Sarti, Sr., son of Nello and Isolina Sarti, passed away March 10, 2007, leaving behind a loving wife, JoAnn; sons Tony and his wife Shannon and John, Jr.; daughter Gina De-Cola and son-in-law Robert DeCola. Also step-sons James and William Warmington. Grandfather to Cassy, Ronny, Scotty, Elizabeth, Daniel, Ashley, John III, Andrew and Sarah. Step-grandfather to Brandon, Chelsea, Chantell, Geoff, Michael, Heather and great-grandfather to Ariana. He was also uncle to Rob and Theresa, Ricky and to Michelle and Rick. Great uncle to Nikki, Amy, Annie, Andrew, Kristen, Holly, Ryan, Cory, Lucas.

John was a retired IBEW Local 332 electrician of 40+ years. He also spent 25 years as coach, manager and district representative for District 12 Little Leaque. His last passion was coin collecting, being a life member and past president of the San Jose Coin Club.

John Sarti was a previous CSNA member for a number of years and an advertiser in our publication till recent years. He ran for CSNA board member from the north a few years ago.

Services for John Sarti were held Saturday, March 17, at the Oakhill Memorial Park in San Jose.



CSNA Southern Educational Symposium Report

by Greg Burns



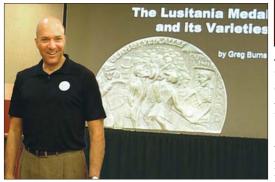
Our Southern Educational Symposium was held Saturday, March 10, at the Wyndham Anaheim Hotel in Fullerton. As the photo at the top of the opposite page shows, it was a beautiful sunny day, not like a few symposiums in the past I've attended where there was a downpour.

After CSNA President Freddie Grant and CSNA Director of Education Jim Hunt did their opening ceremony duties, I touched off the round of talks with my presentation on *The Lusitania Medal and its Varieties*, covering the 75 year career of German medallist Karl Goetz, specifically his medal commemorating the *Lusitania* sinking and the other related issues from other sources.

From left: Jim Hunt, Dr. Robert Chandler, Larry Eckerman, Joseph Lang, and Greg Burns.

Dr. Robert Chandler of Wells Fargo was up next, and shared with us the rich history of the Wells Fargo story and the characters who populated it, both famous and infamous. He covered a bit of territory, considering he started circa 1852 at the founding of the company in response to the gold rush, continuing on with the Overland Mail Company and the Pony Express, and still later stagecoaches and railroads. He's an accomplished author, so if you weren't fortunate enough to hear him speak in person you can always look for a book of his at the nearest Barnes & Noble







Above: CSNA President Freddie Grant welcomes the attendees under the watchful eye of CSNA Director of Education Jim Hunt, who organized the affair:

Left: Greg Burns with his PowerPoint presentation on The Lusitania Medal and its Varieties.

We broke briefly for a delicious (as usual luncheon), where in addition to the nourishment on our plates we enjoyed much the same from our table companions, considering they included every one of the day's speakers.

Next, as the director of quality for an aerospace manufacturing company I have more than a passing familiarity with modern production techniques and principles, and US Mint Plant Manager Larry Eckerman's presentation on his operations up in San Francisco were fascinating to me. Every aspect of a modern facility was discussed, from "lean" to "six sigma", along with a detailed description of the entire operation at the mint. The title of his talk was Tradition and World Class Manufacturing at the United States Mint, and he wasn't kidding. It's a first-class operation utilizing the latest approaches in manufacturing management, and Larry



Above: Dr. Robert Chandler of Wells Fargo entertained us with his extensive knowledge of early life and financing in the California wild towns.

shared a rare insider's glimpse of the intimate workings of the institution. I was transfixed. Seriously.

Finishing up the presentations for the day was Joseph Lang with his talk on *Chinese Cash Coins*. His talk hit all the high-lights of this unusual genre of numismatics: various media like lead, brass, wood, etc.; a tremendous timeline covering thousands of years and multiple styles; language differences; geographic places; common counterfeiting signs; and a survey of the most valuable references. At the conclusion of their talks Jim Hunt presented each of the speakers with a special medal engraved with the particulars of the day's events, a welcome commemoration that I know will occupy a special place on my mantle.

Closing out the day, Phil Iversen led the group in a question and answer period fielding queries from the audience. We left exhausted but better informed, and more accomplished numismatists for our efforts. Hope to see you at the next one up in Vallejo later this year.



Left: Larry Eckerman details the advance manufacturing approaches at the San Francisco Mint.

Below left: Joseph Lang educating the attendees on the intricacies of Chinese cash coins.

Below right: Dr. Robert Chandler and Jim Wells review some of the exhibits.







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TCN Literary Award Medal Design Contest

Just want to remind everyone of the medal design contest mentioned on page 48 of the last (spring) issue. There's a \$100 cash prize and fame enough for eternity (well, maybe not eternity, but for a darn long time, anyway!)

The medal will be used as the literary award starting with the GSCS in 2008. As a reminder of the rules, the winning design must refer to both CSNA and NASC, and the deadline for submission is 7/31/07. You design one side only as the other side (reverse) is already spoken for (winner's name, wreath, whatever.) Multiple entries are welcome. Send them in to Greg Burns, TCN, PO Box 1181, Claremont, CA 91711, or via e-mail to gregsburns@gmail.com.

Come on, I keep hearing we have a bunch of creative folks out there. Let's see whatcha got!



About the most originality that any writer can hope to achieve honestly is to steal with good judgment.

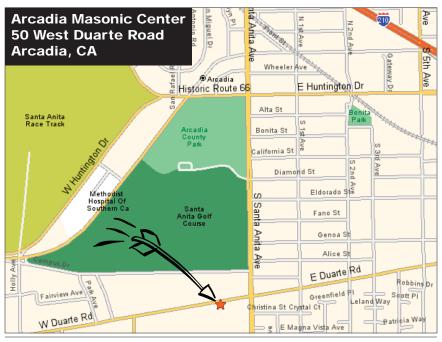
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5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Exhibitors may place exhibits

5:00 p.m. Bourse open to early bird dealers without

tables

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dealer hospitality 8:00 p.m. Bourse room closes

Saturday, August 25

8:00 a.m. Bourse open to dealers

8:30 a.m. CSNA Board and General Meeting

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Exhibits may be placed 10:00 a.m. Show opens to public

2:00 p.m. CES Meeting and Exonumist Program

Stan Turrini (Chairperson)

Speaker—Albertus Hoogeveen,

The Westward Journey

3:00 p.m. Educational Forum—Jim Hunt, Moderator

Speaker—Ted Koopman of Ted's Coins & Stamps speaking on *The Coin Market Today*

6:00 p.m. Bourse and Exhibit rooms close

6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Awards Banquet—Coco's

Joyce Kuntz, Chairperson

Sunday, August 26

8:00 a.m. Bourse room open to dealers

9:00 a.m. NASC Board and General Meeting

10:00 a.m. Show opens to public 3:00 p.m. NASC Gold Drawing

4:00 p.m. Show closes 6:00 p.m. Security Ends

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CSNA 121st Convention Medal

The New Orleans Mint

The New Orleans Mint produced the first half dollars outside of Philadelphia. In 1838, for the first time, half dollar dies were sent to a branch mint, New Orleans, but there was no regular coinage that year. However, a few pieces were struck as a test of the coin press in early 1839. Later in 1839 the New Orleans Mint struck nearly 180,000 half dollars, a much lower mintage than that of Philadelphia. They were the first branch mint half dollars ever struck for circulation (and the only collectable Capped Bust half dollar produced by the stricts) New Orleans and the first branch first branch mint half dollar produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollar produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollar produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollar produced by the stricts of the first branch man and the stricts of the first branch mint half dollar produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollar produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollar produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the first branch mint half dollars produced by the stricts of the str

able Capped Bust half dollar produced by this facility). New Orleans production of half dollars in 1861 has long fascinated numismatists. The mint operated there for a few weeks under Quasi Federal control during which time 330,000 half dollars were struck. However, the pretense soon was abandoned and the installation was seized by the state of Louisiana. Some 1.24 million coins were struck by the new owners, but in April the property changed hands again. The Confederate States of America then struck nearly a million more. After the war of rebellion the Mint again produced coins for circulation until it closed in 1909. The building still stands on Esplande Ave. in the North East end of the New Orleans French Quarters and now houses a coin store and museum. This CSNA medal design was by Joyce Kuntz.

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- Exhibits shall be placed between the hours indicated on the exhibition application. Exhibits may be removed on Sunday beginning at 3 p.m., and all exhibits MUST be removed by 5 p.m.
- All material and exhibits must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor or exceptions as stated on the application. Juniors exhibits must be essentially work and material. Juniors are required to set up their own exhibits without adult supervision or assistance.
- NO COPIES REPLICAS OR RE-STRIKES may be displayed unless clearly marked as such. No material may be displayed which has been ruled illegal by the United States Government.
- No advertising or commercialism is permitted. Owner's name may not appear on any exhibit. Identification cards will be provided.
- Coin clubs are urged to compete. Coin Clubs will have the same opportunity as individuals to win BEST OF SHOW.
- 7. Elaborate cases are discouraged. Exhibitors may use their own cases or those provided. GSCS cases are available and measure 2 3/8" X 215/8" X 33 5/8"inside measurements. Competitive exhibits will be limited to five (5) cases of the size or equivalent space. ALL CASES MUST BE LOCKED. Exhibitors are encouraged to use the GSCS cases when ever possible.
- In-as-much as possible exhibits will be grouped together by classification. The exhibit room is will lighted and special lighting is not necessary. Power outlets cannot be assured.
- NO ONE can win Best of Show more than once with essentially the same material.
- 10. Judges names will not be disclosed.

- 11. The Judge's Scoring Sheet will be the basis for judging. A sample is available for your information. At least three (3) judges will grade each exhibit in regards to:
 - A. Information
 - B. Originality and Arrangement.
 - C. Completeness and Condition.
- Scoring sheets will be mailed to each exhibitor as soon as possible following the convention.
- There is no designated time for judging. However all judging will be completed prior to convention banquet.
- 14. Decisions of the judges are final.
- 15. Request to exhibit must be received by Exhibit Chairman as stated in the Exhibit Application. Late requests are subject to availability. Applications will be confirmed as they are received. If you decide not to exhibit after space has been confirmed, please notify the Exhibit Chairman as soon as possible.
- 16. Due caution and protection will be provided during the show. Security guards will be in attendance in the exhibit area from 4p.m. Friday through Sunday until 5 p.m..No responsibility will be attached to the Golden State Coin Show; its sponsors; the Masonic Center for any loss or damage incurred.
- 17. Exhibit categories are as follows:
 - A. U.S. Coins
 - B. U.S. Commemorative Coins
 - C. Ancient and Medieval
 - D. Modern Foreign(1500 to date)
 - E. Currency
 - F. Gold(U.S. and Foreign)
 - G. Medals
 - H. Young Numismatists (YN) (*YN may also compete in other categories).
 - I. Miscellaneous
 - J. Non-competitive
- Mail application (s) not later then Saturday, August 10, 2007 to Virginia Bourke, 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040-1605.

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(choose one category from list at right)	D-MODERN FOREIGN (1500 TO DATE)
Please reservefeet of space for me.	E-CURRENCY F-GOLD (U.S. AND FOREIGN) G-MEDALS
I will furnish my own case(s)YES	H-YOUNG NUMISMATISTS (Y.N.)
I will needcase(s)	(YNs may also exhibit in other categories) 1-MISCELLANEOUS J-NON COMPETITIVE
	isions. Furthermore, I agree that GSCS, it's officers and e for theft, or injury to any materials placed on display.
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SIGNATURE	: Date:
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parent or guardian	
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CITY:	STATE:ZIP CODE
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NOTE: EXHIBITS MAY BE PLACED ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. OR SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, FROM 9:00 TO 10:00 A.M. EXHIBITS MUST BE IN PLACE FOR JUDGING BY 11 A.M. SATURDAY, AUGUST 256. REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS MAY BEGIN AT 3 P.M. ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 26. THERE WILL BE SECURITY GUARDS ON DUTY TO PROTECT YOUR MATERIAL DURING THE CONVENTION. EXHIBIT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN BY AUGUST 10 OR CALL EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN AT (619) 390-0047 FOR EXTENSION. MAIL EXHIBIT APPLICATION TO Ginny Bourke 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, Ca. 92040-1605

CSNA 8th Annual Northern Educational Symposium

9:00am - Registration 10:00am - 4:00pm, Saturday, October 27, 2007 Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum 2nd Floor, Heritage Theater (old City Council chambers) 734 Marin Street (at Marin and Capital downtown), Vallejo, CA

Speakers:

Alton Pryor Those Lusty, Dusty Gold Camps of

California

Dr. Donald H. Kagin California Gold Coinages

Robert R. van Ryzin A Tale of Mines, Plus Trade and

Morgan Dollars

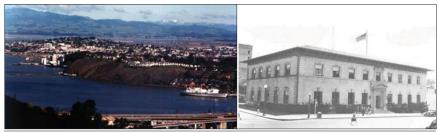
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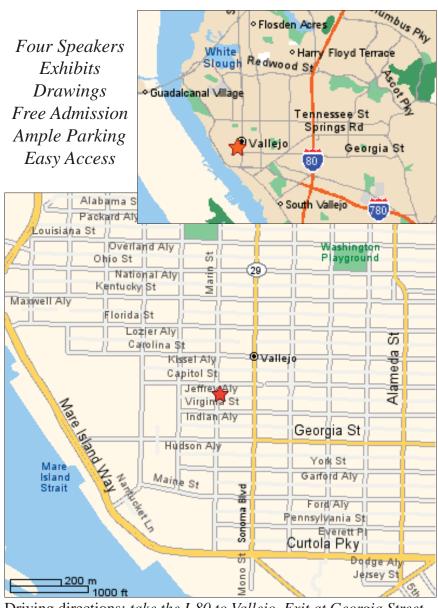
and Medals

For further information please contact:

Jim Hunt, CSNA Director of Education/Symposium at 1183 Nile Ave., Chula Vista, CA 91911, or by e-mail at eandjonthenile@cox.net.

Michael Turrini, Northern California Symposium Coordinator, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590, (510) 547-0518, (707) 246-6327, or by e-mail at emperori@juno.com.





Driving directions: take the I-80 to Vallejo. Exit at Georgia Street West off-ramp. Drive west about two miles to downtown Vallejo. Turn right at Marin Street and drive north two blocks. Museum is on the right at the corner of Marin and Capital.

Parking: located on street and behind museum.

Food: though a luncheon is anticipated, several eateries are located within easy walking distance.

NASC Elections a White Ballot

At the recent NASC board meeting Nominating Chairman Phil Iversen reported that the following individuals had agreed to run in the upcoming NASC elections for officers:

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President	Tony Micciche
Vice PresidentC	George Moore III
Corr. Secretary	Harold Katzman
Rec. Secretary Albe	ertus Hoogeveen
Treasurer	Kay Lenker
Historian	Nona Moore
Governor	Joyce Kuntz
Governor	Virginia Bourke
Governor	Greg Burns
Governor	Mary Yahalom
Governor	. Bob Thompson
Governor	Bill Nash
Governor (past pres.).	Gary Beedon

As there were no floor nominations and all of the positions were therefore uncontested, the assembled



group accepted the slate by acclamation, thereby avoiding the need to mail out and then count incoming ballots. The noted individuals will be installed at the official ceremony during the NASC Awards Banquet (a luncheon) to be held at Coco's in Arcadia on February 10, 2008.

ANA Museum Plans 2007-2011

The May issue of the ANA's *Spring Report* held the association's plans to expand the current money museum scene. Specific plans include facilities in San Francisco, Colorado Springs, and Washington, DC.

The San Francisco location would partner with the San Francisco History Museum, located in the San Francisco Old Mint. It would be staffed with one or two ANA employees with the overall facilities being managed by the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society. Target opening date is 2011.

Colorado Springs would see an expansion of existing gallery space to 8,000 square feet and an expansion of the library. The design focal point for all three sites would reside here, and

plans are to finish the expansion by 2010.

Planned to be completed in 2009, the Washington, DC, facility is currently being negotiated with a hoped-for 17,000-31,000 square feet of space. It would employ 10-12 ANA staff members and include a museum, library, classrooms, theater, and store space.

Price tag for these ambitious plans? Forty million dollars.

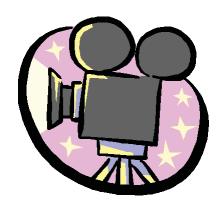


NASC Video Library Additions

Phil Iversen reports that three new videos have been added to the NASC lending library of video materials (go to http://www.nasc.net/visual_education_library.htm for more titles and to check out the materials from the library.)

Treasure of the Great Reef—In 1961, Arthur C. Clark (of 2001: a Space Odyssey fame) was living in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). While scouting an underwater location for a movie, his dive associates discovered the remains of a shipwreck on the Great Barrier Reef. Buried among the debris are the masses of silver coins still in the sacks they were packed in 300 years ago before George Washington was born. (22 minutes)

Collecting U.S. Paper Money— This video shows full-screen images and close-up pictures of some of America's most beautiful and collectible notes. Six well-known specialists tell how to start a collection and the ways to take care of it. Beginners and



advanced collectors alike will enjoy this program. (37 minutes)

Commemorative Silver Coinage of 1936—This year saw the most prolific number of commemorative coins ever issued by the U.S.—34 separate coins with 21 different types. Anyone who collects commemoratives will be entertained by dealer Brad Karoleff. (62 minutes)

LMU's Ancient Coins

The Loyola Marymount University (LMU) Archeology Center houses a collection of several thousand registered coins in gold, silver, and copper from ancient Greece, Rome, and other areas, along with a large numismatic research library. LMU is is the only university in the country that offers an undergraduate course (ARCH 403) in classical numismatics. LMU's minor in archeology gives students the opportunity to work hands-on with the actual artifacts while enjoying small



seminar classes.

From LMU's Vistas, fall, 2006

CSNA Symposium Committee Meeting at Long Beach Coin Show, June 2, 2007

CSNA's Director of Education Jim Hunt sent an e-mail containing the following to me, and I believed the topic was important enough to reprint it here for you to read and possibly comment upon... Ed.

The meeting was called to discuss the lack of attendance at the CSNA Symposiums and what could be done to improve the attendance. Some of the issues discussed were: 1. Do CSNA members really want a symposium?; 2. How should such an educational event be structured?; 3. What kind of programs should we have?; 4. What are some of the possible reasons for lack of member support for the symposium?; 5. What can be done to publicize the event in order to reach non-coin club members?; 6. Symposium venues; 7. Symposium costs.

Attendees: Freddie Grant, Bill Grant; Gary Beedon; Joyce Kuntz, Roy Iwata, Don Foster, Phil Iversen, Ellen Hunt, Jim Hunt (non-voting), Lee Kuntz, Terry Foster.

- 1. Joyce Kuntz proposed that we skip having a symposium next year to see if it is missed and if a demand for continuation of the symposium then develops. The attendees decided that there should be a 40th annual symposium in 2008.
- 2. There was discussion on whether there should be 2, 3, or 4 speakers at the symposium. The consensus was that we should continue with four speakers. The idea of having a theme for the symposium versus having talks on a variety of numismatic subjects

- was discussed. The patron support for foreign and exonumia subjects was considered. The consensus was that the symposium would likely attract more attendees if a variety of topics were presented.
- 3. Consideration of the type of programs was discussed. Do people want the typical type of educational program or do they want programs on coin grading, collection security, investment, etc. The Educational Forum speaker at the GSCS in 2007 will be provided by a coin dealer who will discuss "The Coin Market Today". This may give an indication of preference for the type of symposium program desired.
- 4. The reasons for the lack of attendance were considered. Jim Hunt read the very poignant comments from Jim Wells e-mail which provided several perceived reasons for lack of interest: rise in coin prices driving out true collectors; proliferation of information especially the internet; the general movement away from social group activities and the increase in watching cable and other TV programs. Jim Wells proposed solutions include having the symposium locations rotated so they are held in different areas of Southern California each year; Increasing the number of speak-

ers from four to eight and running two programs simultaneously thus giving a greater choice of programs to attendees; hold the symposium in conjunction with a coin show. (The last idea was discussed at this meeting but there was a concern about drawing attendees away from the bourse room).

The issue of the symposium's interference with local coin shows was also considered. In 2007, the Anaheim Show was held the first weekend in March and the Buena Park Coin Show was held the second weekend in March. It was determined that the Anaheim Show is held on a Sunday and therefore should not be a problem. The Buena Park Show has not been able to have a site to conduct their show except on the second weekend in In 2008, the ANA will have their Mid-Winter Show in Phoenix the second week in March and will obviously draw away many people from Southern California. Accordingly, it was decided to hold the symposium on March 15, 2008 so as not to interfere with any coin shows.

- 5. Some years ago, a Coin World ad was run in the Long Beach program insert (cost \$200.00) but at that time apparently did not attract any more symposium attendees. The need to attract non-coin club members was discussed and a revival of the ad will be considered. It was suggested that the flyers for the symposium be distributed earlier but Phil Iversen pointed out that he distributed them beginning in early January at the San Jose Coin Show. A need for further advertising was discussed but no definite conclusions were reached.
- 6. A proposal was made that the symposium location be changed from

the Hotel in Fullerton to the Masonic Temple in Arcadia where the GSCS is held. By a vote of five to three with one abstention. it was decided to keep the Fullerton hotel location.

7. Because CSNA lost money on the luncheon last year, it was determined that people should be on their own for lunch. Apparently people had complained that they felt obligated to attend the luncheon but resented the \$18.00 cost. (I personally find this interesting because: 1. the symposium luncheon price has been reduced from \$25.00 to \$18.00; 2. Luncheon attendees have a FREE chance to win a Gold Coin and other door prizes; 3. The luncheon offers an opportunity to personally interact with the symposium speakers in an informal setting; 4. I haven't heard any complaints about the \$32.00 cost of the NASC Awards Luncheon in February 2008. Of course, if you are an NASC Officer/Director/Committee Member or an award winner, I guess you can't complain too much).

VENUES: The cost of a room at the Masonic Temple in Arcadia is \$300.00. The cost of the room set-up in Fullerton has been \$200.00. However, if CSNA does not have a luncheon, the cost of the hotel site will be substantially increased. The consensus was that if the hotel cost is unacceptable, the Masonic Temple should be the alternate location. Accordingly Don Foster was asked to put in a reservation at the Temple for March 15, 2008. Jim Hunt will check with the hotel in Fullerton regarding prices and availability of the March 15 date.

Symposium speakers are given the following by CSNA:

- 1. A CSNA Medal.
- 2. Lunch for the speakers and their spouses.
- 3. An optional dinner for the speakers and their spouses (this involves them spending an extra night at a hotel at their own expense unless they live in the LA area).

The net cost of the March Symposium in 2007 to CSNA was \$806.00.

Every attempt has been made to control costs including getting grants from CES (\$250.00) and the International Numismatic Society of San Diego (\$250.00) for speakers. We try to get the speakers to absorb their own travel expenses, other meals, etc.

for the privilege of speaking at our symposium.

In 2007 Larry Eckerman's expenses were paid by the United States Mint, Dr. Robert Chandler's expenses were paid by Wells Fargo Bank, and Joe Lange paid his own travel expenses from Santa Rosa in Northern California.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me by e-mail or by phone (619) 427-2519. Thank you very much for your participation and interest.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Hunt CSNA Director of Education

They're Jockin' our Moves...

...as my kids would say. Of course I'd simply state they were commenting about the wonderful article that talented writer Jim Wells produced for our last issue...

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Writer highlights Baltic numismatics

Jim Wells shares highlights of a numismatic tour of countries bordering the Baltic Sea in the latest issue of *The California Numismatist*, published by the California State Numismatic Association and the Numismatic Association of Southern California.

Web sites and guidebooks gave basic information but did not adequately reflect the grandeur of the numismatic collections, he says. His tour included visits to the National Museum of Denmark; Sweden's Royal Coin Cabinet, Vasa Museum and the Viking museum in Visby; the Lat-

vian History Museum; the National Museum of Finland; and the Estonian History Museum. One disappointment was a visit to Russia's Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, where the numismatic collection had been moved to the Fortress of Peter and Paul alongside the mint.

The 83-page publication also includes an article by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald about bank notes of the European Union.

For more information about *The California Numismatist*, write to Greg Burns, P.O. Box 1181, Claremont, CA 91711, or email GregSBurns@gmail.com. GW

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COIN WORLD, Monday, May 21, 2007

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CSNA Medal List

CSNA Medals Chair Joyce Kuntz has kindly supplied for reprint here in TCN the following reference listing of the number of medals struck by CSNA for each of the conventions since 1964, along with the name of the designer. See the page after this listing for a table of those medals still available for sale.



CSN	NA.		MEDALLION			LIST	<u>4-Jun-02</u>
	CONVEN TION	LOCATION	THEME	G. B.	F. S.	OTHER	DESIGNER
1964	35th	Disneyland	Words	4500	50(SS)	500 NiAg	G.L. Kuntz
1965	36th	S. F.	None Struck				
65	37th	San Diego	Cabrillo Mont.	2500	100	200 NiAg	
1966	38th	Fresno	Yosemite Falls	2300	100		F. Lenkham
66	39th	Riverside	Arrowhead	2000	100		
1967	40th	Sacramento	Sutter's Fort	2000	50		14/ 0 14/
67	41st	Disneyland	Orange County	2225	100		W.O. Wisslead
1968	42nd	S. F.	Cable Car	2050	75		J. Sears
68	43rd	L. A.	City Hall	2500	100		S. Marx
1969	44th	Palo Aalto	The Tall Tree	2000	75		J. Cobb
69	45th	San Diego	200th Anniversary	2550	90		200th Logo
1970	46th	Sacramento	State Capitol	1500	85	800 Copper	D.L. Reiswig
70	47th	L. A.	Monroe Doctrine 50 C	2075	100	500 OxBr	C.G. Colver
1971	48th	Fresno	History Inst Youth	2600	125	700 OxBr	
71	49th	Santa Monica		1500	100		
1972	50th	S. F.	Home of "S" Mint	0	150	2150 OxBr	
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72	51st	L. A.	Grizzly Bear	1675	100	300 OxBr	
1973	52nd	Oakland	Horse Car to Bart	1836	150	300 OxBr	R. Hill
73	53rd	Anaheim	Disneyland	2050	100	200 OxBr	B. Hyde
73	Special		Old Mint Museum	2300	252	_	B. Hyde
1974	Special		Old Mint Bicentennial	1300	260	Error	B. Hyde
74	Special		Old Mint Centennial	800	100		B. Hyde
1974	54th	Saceamento	CA Great Seal	1650	100	300 OxBr	D.L. Reiswig
74	55th	San Diego	S.D. Comm 50C	1750	100	300 OxBr	
1975	56th	S. F.	Golden Gate Bridge	1800	100	80 OxBr	C.G. Colver
						125 Alum	
75	57th	Pasadena	Rose & Crown	2250	110	125 Alum	W. Heller
1976	58th	Fresno	Bicentennial Coins	2050	175	600 Zinc	R. M. Phillips
76	59th	Disneyland	New \$2 Bank Note	2250	125	350 Copper	V.M. Hall
1977	60th	S. F.	Old S. F. Mint	1850	125	100 OxBr	F. Strazzarino
77	61st	Pasadena	Orchard King	1535	110	100 OxBr	C.G. Colver
1978	62nd	S. F.	California Gold	1350	110	100 OxBr	O.L. Wallis
78	63rd	L. A.	El Camino Real	1770	103		P.A. Iversen
1979	64th	S. F.	Old Ironsides	1650	111		O.L. Wallis
79	65th	Anaheim	U.S. \$1 Types	1810	127		E.L Wisslead
1980	66th	S. F.	1980 Olympics	1985	103		O.L. Wallis
80	67th	San Diego	Star of India	2000	111		P. Moulton
1981	68th	S. F.	I Left My Heart in SF	2110	100		E. Fulwider
81	69th	Anaheim	Mission Bells of CA	2000	125		V.M. Hall
1982	70th	S. F.	End Of the Trail	2250	140		E. Fulwider
82	71st	Anaheim	Ride the Big Red Car	2200	185		C.G. Culver
1983	72nd	S. F.	Piegon Pt. Lighthouse	2400	150		O.L.Wallis
83	73rd	Anaheim	Space Shuttle	2000	200		

CSNA MEDALLION LIST TWO 4-Jun-02

	CONVE	LOCATION	THEME	G. B.	F.S.	OxBr	ALUM	DESIGNER
1984	74TH	S. F.	Eagles	2000	200	0	0	G.L. Kuntz
84	75th	Anaheim	Lincoln	1800	200	0	0	B. Burk
			1909-1984			W/Diamond		
1985	76th	San Jose	1st Capital	2000	300	100	0	C. Heriques
85	77th	San Diego	Tall Ship	1600	200	100	0	J. & K. Lenker
85	Special		Statue of Liberty	500	240	0	0	B. Hyde
1986	78th	S. F.	Geo. Washingtion	1700	250	200	0	O.L. Wallis
86	79th	L. A.	Denver Mint	1500	225	225	0	W. Ostromecki
1987	80th	S. F.	Bridge/Past	1000	250	250	0	D.F. Cieniewicz
87	81st	Ontario	West/Heritage	1350	200	200	0	E. Lenhert
1988	82nd	San Jose	Transportation	2000	300	300	0	E. Flemate
88	83rd	Ontario	Tom Jefferson	1000	200	200	0	L. Woodward
1989	84th	San Mateo	Locomotive #2472	650	175	177	0	D.F. Cieniewicz
89	85th	Santa Ana	Orange Co.	650	175	175	102	W.O. Wisslead
						aluminum		
1990	86th	Pasadena	GSCS 4 Logos	600	175	225	0	K.E. Lenker
90	87th	San Jose	4 Coins	1102	175	302	0	Al Lo
1991	88th	Pasadena	Col. St. Bridge	202	150	162	0	C.G. Colver
91	89th	Fresno	City Hall	362	160	212	0	R.M. Phillips
1992	90th	Pasadena	Columbus	202	160	202	0	T.F. Fitzgerald
1993	91st	San Jose	BiCENTial	170	160	170	0	D.W. Lang
93		L. A.	LAX	170	160	170	0	T.F. Fitzgerald
1994	93rd	San Jose	Isle of Calif.	170	140	195	0	G.L. Kuntz
94	94th	L. A.	Pleistocene	182	150	166	0	Joyce Kuntz
1995	95th	San Jose	Film Reel	183	143	168	0	D.W. Lang
		ANAheim	ANA	275	200	275	0	Committee
95	96th	Burbank	3 Train Stations	173	140	157	50	Joyce Kuntz
1996	97th	San Jose	Chinese Train	191	145	175	50	G. Anderson
96	98th	Pasadena	Angles Flight	242	151	186	53	P.A. Iversen
1997	99th	San Jose	Climex-3 Train	250	175	220	53	D.E. Foster
97			Queen of Missions	246	138	180	0	D.E. Foster
97		Pasadena	Chuck Yeager	167	131	153	54	W.J. Grant
1998		San Jose	Standford Train	217	155	203	66	Andersons
98		Pasadena	Discovery of Gold	162	123	155	54	E. Lenhert
1999		San Jose	Eureka	174	111	146	60	D.E. Foster
99		Arcadia	This Century	188	100	143	60	M.D. Lenhert
2000		Modesto	20th Century Events	175	100	156	60	K.D. Akin
0		Arcadia	Tortoise	175	100	156	60	D.E. Foster
2001		Fresno	Educational Bill	180	120	161	60	B. Febuary
1		Arcadia	Koreann War	171	100	160	60	T.F. Fitzgerald
2002		Concord	Wells Fargo	240	146	230	61	N.J. Stanley
2	111th	Arcadia	Pony Express	189	130	178	61	T.F.Fitzgerald &
		_						Alex Shagin
2003	112th		Chinese Gold Rush	166	118	156	60	JA, LA, & JK
3	113th	Arcadia	Lewis & Clark	164	111	156	60	K.D. Akin

CSNA MEDALLION **LIST** THREE 16-Apr-07 YEAR CONVE LOCATION THEME OxBr ALUM G. B. F.S. DESIGNER TION 2004 114 th San Jose Lick Observatory 169 110 152 60 K.D. Akin 4 115 th GSCS Mt. Wilson 174 100 157 60 D.Lotspeich 2005 116 th San Jose G. Burke State Quarters 172 103 156 60 5 117 th GSCS Past&present Quarter 167 106 155 J. Kuntz 2006 118 th San Jose S. F. Earthquake 156 100 175 60 M.S. Turrini 6 119 th GSCS Seated Liberty 114 88 108 60 C. Roubinek 2007 120th San Jose 7 121st GSCS Start Your Engines 106 80 100 Al Lo New Orleans Mint Joyce Kuntz

CSNA Medal Inventory for Sale

The CSNA maintains a small inventory of past medals that are still for sale. Some of you may wish to complete a set, or acquire a piece relating to a historical topic of some special interest. Well, now's your chance. Orders may be directed to Joyce Kuntz at 909-621-2196 or joycemedals@aol.com. First come, first served...

Key:

 $GB = Golden\ Bronze$

 $FS = Fine \ Silver$

 $OxBr = Oxidized\ Bronze$

Alum = Aluminum



CSNA MEDALLION

AS OF 16-Apr-07

YEAR	CONVE	LOCATION	THEME	G. B.	F.S.	OxBr	ALUM
1993	91st	San Jose	BiCENTial	3	0	22	0
93	92nd	L. A.	LAX	0	0	15	0
1994	93rd	San Jose	Isle of Calif.	0	0	33	0
94	94th	I A	Pleistocene	5	0	6	0
1995	95th	San Jose	Film Reel	11	0	0	0
95	Special	ANAheim	ANA	1	1	71	0
95	96th	Burbank	3 Train Stations	0	2	0	0
1996	97th	San Jose	Chinese Train	0	0	Ō	0
96	98th	Pasadena	Angles Flight	5	0	0	0
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3	113th	Arcadia	Lewis & Clark	23	7	15	0
2004	114 th	San Jose	Lick Observatory	16	9	14	3
4	115 th	GSCS	Mt. Wilson	61	1	48	2
2005	116 th	San Jose	State Quarters	13	0	30	6
5	117 th	GSCS	Past&present Quarter	58	12	44	6
2006	118 th	San Jose	S. F. Earthquake	44	6	47	8
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Youth Corner

by Michael S. Turrini CSNA Youth Numismatist Coordinator

On May 6, during the Vallejo Numismatic Society's 35th Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, I arranged and orchestrated an "SQS"—State Quarter Search. Here is how it worked and went.

I selected ten participants—coin dealers amenable and coin show workers willing—to be the designated "stops". Each wore or hung a small sign which had a simple outline map of a particular state, with the heading "What State Is This?" Then, as youngsters entered the show each was given a goldenrod sheet, providing instructions in two columns, one for "At What State Found" and one for "Which State Quarter Received."

They were directed to locate eight states at which they would be asked to identify the state from the outline on the posted or worn map and, in turn, would receive one state quarter.





Their particular state quarter would not necessarily match the map of the state at that stop. When they had located and received eight total and returned their sheet to the youth table, they were allowed to keep the quarters and received free a two-volume state quarter album by Harris.

I had thirty-five youngsters participate and finish, both males and females, in ages 4 to 18. There were youngsters from not just local Vallejo, but also neighboring Benicia, Concord, Livermore, Fairfield, West Sacramento, and other communities. All seemed to enjoy the search as well as the free state quarter albums at the end. As icing on the cake, there was candy and cheap foreign coins to add to their state quarters and albums.

I choose states with outlines that could be easily recognized, reproducing these from an old clip art book. Some participants wore their state sign with a clip, and some mounted their state sign from a dealer's sign or table lamp.

Participants were Lee Gong at the youth table with New Mexico; the show's registration desk with Irene

Carrillo and others showcasing Alaska; coin dealer John Russell, Jr., with Oregon; coin dealer Douglas Daniels with Florida; coin dealers Ray, Sally, and Ryan Johnson with Louisiana; coin dealer E. P. Wallaker with Michigan; along with Jon-Maria Marish with Maine; and Vallejo Numismatic Society President Harry W. Davis with Texas. Coin dealer Ernest E. Drake did Washington, and coin dealer Jack Free had Nevada.

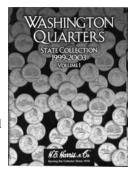
It was a lot of laughs and chuckles. The participants really relished having the youngsters come to them and ask for a state quarter. I observed Jon-Maria Marish before giving the youngster a quarter ask, "What state?," and then, if unable to identify, lead him or her with questions such as, "What state is farthest east?," or, "What state borders New Hampshire and Canada?," or similar questions to get the youngster to rightly name the state as Maine. John Russell, Jr., remarked that no youngsters readily identify Oregon, which is Mr. Russell's beloved home state. At the registration table, those staffing it would lead the youngster through a whole series of questions, hoping to entice the correct answer.

VNS President Harry W. Davis laughed when youngsters found him walking about the show and were asking him for a state quarter for Texas.

The best line was one youngster at the youth table, having failed to name New Mexico immediately, had trouble with Jon-Maria Marish and Maine. His explanation was simple but sincere, "I can't name it; but I can spell it. 'M', 'A', 'I', 'N' and 'E'!" He did and earned his quarter!

With this SQS I had on display one of my Yap stones, the 1883 Racketeer

nickel, Swedish plate money, Confederate money, punched strip for 1943 steel cents, and type sets of assorted United States coinage.



Being an educator, my objective was numismatics as well as teaching. These youngsters had to earn and to learn their states, and with coaching and generosity, they seemed to do well!

Thanks to the CSNA, Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), John P. Russell, Jr., Robert W. Belleau, Sr., Jon-Maria Marish, and myself, there were enough state quarters and albums.

To be successful SQS has to have willing participants, which was a blessing at the show, donations of state quarters, and be positioned and located "to get the youngsters" before entering the actual coin show (i.e. before the registration desk).

Needless to say, in retrospect, it would have been preferred that the state map at each of the stops match the state quarter received.

I have been invited to the Fremont Coin Club's show in August, and the Fairfield Coin Club's show in September during which another SQS might be attempted.

Local coin clubs interested in having our a youth table and SQS may contact me at P. O. Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410 or via e-mail at EmperorI@juno.com.

Donations of state quarters are requested from TCN readers.

ANA Report

by Mike Stanley ANA Representative for the CSNA



Free Book Sent To ANA Member Clubs

Renowned numismatist John Albanese and Whitman Publishing have offered all American Numismatic Association member clubs a complimentary copy of Q, David Bowers' book, Obsolete Paper Money Issued By Banks In The United States,

1782-1866. This extraordinary offer is one of many worthwhile numismatic efforts Albanese has initiated.

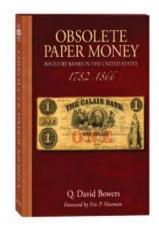
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ANA Annouces 18 Candidates For 9 Openings California's own Borry Studen is

California's own, Barry Stupler, is running unopposed for President.

Northern California's sole representative is Don Kagin running for a another term as a governor. With the resignation of Brian Fanton it opens a spot on the board until August and that will probably be filled by Vallejo's



Mike Turrini who was on the bubble with the next highest number of votes from the last election.

Candidate platforms and pictures will be in the June *Numismatist*. Ballots will be sent out in late May and must be sent in by mail by July 19. New officers will be announced on or before July 29th and sworn in at the Milwaukee con-

vention on August 11th.

More Free Stuff

The successful two-years-forthe-price-of-one membership recruitment program has been extended by the ANA through mid-August. New ANA members save \$36.00 on their initial dues in the program funded by Rare Coin Wholesalers of Dana Point, California. To obtain a second year free, new applicants can simply write, "RCW" as their sponsor on their membership application. Or, they can download a special ANA membership application form on the Rare Coin Wholesalers web site, www.RCW1. com.



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Something Else For Free

The pre-registration process is in full swing for Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Convention attendees pre-registering by mail or the Internet will receive a free encased Wisconsin 50 States Ouarter convention souvenir when they pick up their registration packet at the convention. The encased quarter received by one lucky recipient will contain an example of an Extra Leaf variety of the Wisconsin issue. To pre-register via the Internet, sign on to http://www.money.org, then go to Numismatic Events / ANA Conventions and click on Milwaukee World's Fair of Money; then click on Register online!, and finally click on World's Fair of Money 2007.



Going's On

by Greg Burns

The NASC board meeting held on May 20 was a fairly quick and easy one. No terribly controversial topics, nor did the discussions take too long, a factor that sometimes makes the meetings a little tedious. Everything was wrapped up pretty neat and tidy by the end of the meeting.

Recording Secretary Albertus Hoogeveen distributed copies of the previous meeting minutes which seemed to meet with general approval.

Treasurer Kay Lenker distributed her report which showed the net worth of the association down to \$34,103.29, a decline from the \$50,000-plus our spring issue of *The NASC Quarterly* had reported. Doesn't sound like a positive trend, does it? We may have to start printing TCN on Charmin if the finances don't turn around. Anybody have a couple grand they'd like to kick in?

Corresponding Secretary Harold Katzman passed in his printed report. You can read a paraphrased version in the front of this TCN issue. The 50-cent version is that our membership numbers dropped a bit from the last meeting, mostly because of non-payment of dues.

Historian Nona Moore had nothing new to report.

Joyce Kuntz gave a report on the ANA show, saying almost 6,000 visitors attended and the dealers enjoyed good business. They're now looking forward to the Milwaukee show in August.

Joyce went on to cover the awards committee meeting which will be held December 16 at 12:30 at her house. The committee always enjoys her and Lee's hospitality at these events, though there is quite a bit of work that goes on.

Tony Micciche layed out the date for next year's award banquet: February 10, 2008. We'll be having it at Coco's, same as this year, and the menu will include the same great all-you-can-eat selections. The price? A very reasonable \$32. We'll pass along more info and print up a mail-in reservation coupon in future issue. I'll be there; hope you will be, too.

Lee Kuntz gave a report on the upcoming CSNA convention in San Jose in 2008. It will be at a new location, the showgrounds. Seems the regular hall sent their rental rates through the roof, so a move was in order. The date's set for February 1-3, 2008. More on that in future issues, also.

I didn't have much to pass along to the group regarding TCN. I mean, I put out about 80 pages every three months, so they can read all about it here. For the time being I'm sticking with the current printer, but if I see a financial green light, and if I get an issue that can get pumped up to a 96-page minimum, I may give the other folks a try. Talk about sitting on the fence.

Craig Roubinek reported that there would be 30 gold coins for the NASC

Member Club Benefit Gold Drawing and with only 2,500 tickets printed up it should be a quick sell-out. Member clubs get to keep half of the revenue from ticket sales they make through their clubs, and that should be a *huge* motivator—so get out there and pitch those tickets, folks!

Tom Fitzgerald reported on the passing last year of NASC past-president Ben Abelson. You can read his write up on Ben in this month's *Through the Numismatic Glass*. Happily, Tom had no grievances to bring before the assembly (he's the grievance chair, you know.)

Phil Iversen, acting as the chair of the nominating committee, relayed the names of the hard-working volunteers who he'd been able to line up to run in the upcoming NASC election. As it turns out it was a white ballot which was approved by acclimation. Read about it elsewhere in this issue.

Harold Katzman said he'd been working with Rick Montgomery of NGC and someone over at PNG on coming up with some type of workshop. It's been a few years since NASC held one of these. I see in my copy of Tom Fitzgerald's Fifty Years of the Numismatic Association of Southern California that there had been eleven of these held from 1971 through 1981, 'Bout time we had another one. Just hope the attendance justifies it. Judging by the small numbers who appeared at the CSNA educational symposium I'm a little concerned. Anyways, if one or more do materialize I'll put my name on the sign-up list. I hope you do, too.

Nona Moore held forth with quite a lively discussion (again) on the Policies and Procedures Committee recomendations on the finance and budget issues previously reported, and which were finally passed at this meeting. Budgets must now be turned in by the last board meeting of the year, else that committee's budget will be limited to \$25. Here's mine right now: in 2008 I estimate we'll spend \$13,000 on TCN printing, envelopes, and mailing. Since half of that is paid by each organization, that means the NASC portion will come to \$6,500.

Craig Roubinek talked about the budget for the GSCS. No big surprises there, just gotta sell the gold drawing tickets and the tables in the bourse. Joyce Kuntz remarked that the GSCS banquet would be on August 25 at Coco's, and would only be \$30 per person (usual all-you-can-eat menu of salmon, prime rib, chicken, plus an assortment of sides and desserts); see the details along with the mail-in reservation form elsewhere in this issue.

We covered old business rather quickly. Due to GSCS budgeting and forecasting, GSCS Treasurer Tony Micciche felt he could comfortably pass back to the two associations checks of \$1,000 to each from the amounts they left from year to year in that account.

Then we went on to new business...none. That was easy.

The next meeting will be on August 26 at 9:00 AM at the GSCS.



We Get Letters...

Mailing address: PO Box 1181, Claremont, CA 91711, or if you're up to it: GregSBurns@gmail.com (new e-mail address.)

Dorothy Beaulieu Obituary

Hi: Thanks for the information. She and her husband were very, very important to the CSNA, one as the librarian for many years and the other as a historian in charge of the archives. I knew them very well, was at their home many times and considered them as very dear friends.

—Tom Fitzgerald

Looking for Mort Goodman

Good Morning,

I thought just for chance as anything else I would write to you to see if by chance you might be able to assist me in my little adventure. When I was in grade 6 here in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, I acquired a pen pal by the name of Mort Goodman who unfortunately I lost touch with. I do remember at one time through our years of communicating he was vicepresident of a coin club. I thought and was hoping that maybe someone in your organization may know him and that I might just have a slim chance of reconnecting again with Mort. When I visited with him many years ago his wife's name was Jayne, he had a son Terry and a daughter Danni if that helps you at all. I know this is an email that you never thought you would receive but I have tried many times to find him but it was so long ago that it has been difficult; honestly I don't even know if he is still with us. He and



his family are wonderful people but unfortunately do to my circumstances I lost touch and would so appreciate to find them again. My name is Colleen Couture (nee-Persoage) their nickname for me was Peach. I know your group is like one big family and I'm hoping that maybe you just might be able to help. If not thank-you for your time it was appreciated

—Sincerely Colleen Couture My email : cweenbee@shaw.ca

I'll leave it to any TCN readers who may know of Mort's whereabouts to get in touch with Colleen directly...
Greg

Looking for Tom Fitzgerald

Dear Mr. Burns.

I am writing to see if you would be willing to forward my email to Dr. Tom Fitzgerald, a member of the Numismatic Association. I am fairly certain he was my band director in high school (Huntington Beach High School 1965-69). My family and I lost touch with him over the years but he was located in the Glendora area the last time we visited.

I am in touch with members of my

high school class and we are trying to extend our connections to others who influenced our lives. It would be great to regain contact with "Mr. Fitzgerald, " if possible. An email address (or his response to my email) would be perfect.

Thank you.

-Kristine E. Dillon, Ph.D.

President, Consortium on Financing Higher Education

I'm pleased to report that Kristine and Tom have been put in touch with each other. Wow, we're becoming the yellow-pages of the California numismatic get-togethers of yester-year, aren't we? I didn't reprint the letters, but I was also able to put an Ann Sasser Nethero in touch with TCN reader Glenda Koppenhaver during this last quarter.

Greg

CSNA Symposium

Hi Greg,

Thanks for your editorial comments regarding the symposium. I too am puzzled by the lack of attendance at our educational symposiums. The wonderful, free educational opportunities provided by CSNA seem to be completely ignored by the membership and coin collectors in general in California. With so many collectors in this State, the symposiums should be standing room only. The quality of the speakers is unquestioned; the venues where the symposiums are held are first class. The luncheon in Fullerton is heavily subsidized. The people who attend the symposiums make very favorable comments. What do our members want? I would sure like to know. Off the wall comments are of no use.

but well thought out suggestions are most welcome. Putting on a quality symposium requires substantial work and also costs the organization a lot of money. Let's make sure that its worth all the effort.

—Jim Hunt

CSNA Director of Education

For you readers I've posted elsewhere in this issue some of the dialog that developed during a June meeting on the symposium topic. I know Jim works hard and well, and is responsive to input; he can use your help to better understand what motivates folks to attend these affairs.

Greg

Lastest issue was in yesterday's mail... Read the most important thing in it already, which is the editor's page. You can keep that little tidbit to yourself if you want, but IT IS the first thing I peruse.

Have yet to read more, but want to comment on YOUR comments about the symposium.

I heartily agree that somewhere we are missing the boat. There are a couple who have said we don't have enough publicity...could that be it? It must be humiliating to have such a small crowd for such a fantastic program. I have not read what the attendance is at the Northern presentation is, but it must be more. I wish I could come up with a brilliant idea on how to promote it... maybe someone can.

Anyway, thanks and I truly enjoyed the programs.

-Dorothy Baber

Around the State...

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stan's Statement: What's up? Well, here we have another saga from "around the state" (or at least my northern section of our Golden State!) As part of my contributions, I am entering the meeting information for the local Northern California coin clubs that have such itemized in their monthly newsletters/bulletins. This is being done to clarify and to correct. Although a membership directory is maintained, there have been errors and omissions. Maybe repeating or reiterating here might clarify

and correct. Please read. Until next time, remember: have fun with your hobby! Always serve others! Enjoy your collecting! And, create hope!

Ginny's Gleanings: Many of the Los Angeles area coin club all expressed sorrow over the passing of the "Johnny Appleseed" of numismatics, Wilfred Gamble. Seems like he was a member of many, many clubs and he will be sorely missed. Words to live by; "If you find yourself getting deeper and deeper, stop digging!

Club Reports...

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB currently meets at Juanita's Restaurant, 1324 Park Street, in Alameda, telephone 510-865-2588. Sidebar: the club is attempting to relocate into a permanent site, and visitors and prospective new members might telephone in advance 510-547-0518 for any meeting changes. The big attraction at ACC monthly meetings is *Show 'n Tell*. At the February meeting **Lyle Okamato** shared several elongated cents "from San Francisco, Pier 39, Chinatown, with an elongated dragon on it, Fisherman's Wharf, and the Golden Gate Bridge, and Alcatraz." Lyle must have quite busy for two days or over a weekend and visited these famous tourist sites in "The City!"

ANCIENT COIN CLUB OF L.A.'s new president, **Bob Effler**, has text-posted seven of the twelve Caesars and is hard at work on two more. **Roger Burry** was a recent speaker on *China 2006—Old and New and A Few Coins, Too*. Roger recently visited China. **Frank Martin** presented *Hadrian His Life; Times and Coins* at the May meeting.



CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY currently meets twice a year at the Golden State Coin Show (each August in Arcadia) and the San Jose Coin Club's show (each January or February, in San Jose). Information about the CES may be contacted at P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410. The next gathering is Saturday, August 25, during the Golden State Coin Show, with **Albertus Hoogeveen** speaking on *The Westward Journey* of Lewis and Clark fame.

CHULA VISTA COIN CLUB has a special topic each meeting. In April, it was *My Favorite Coin or Coin Series* which was a very popular subject as nearly all members participated. Member **Ken Smith** comes all the way from Imperial Valley and showed off his newest interest: full step nickels. **John Wachter** finished his complete set of Walking Liberty halves and decided to complete a duplicate set as well.

COINEERS recently had the entire program devoted to *Show and Tell* from all members. Long-time member **Joan Noga** celebrated her 91st birthday on February 8. The club is still offering books from its library to members.

COVINA COIN CLUB enjoyed **Tom Fitzgerald's** talk on *The Granite Lady*. Their club boasts nine members who joined the club in 1980 or before who are still active. The member with the longest time is **Marie Menegatti**. The club is saddened by the passing of **Wilfred Gamble**. This club celebrates the 50th anniversary of joining ANA this year. The 46th annual Coin-A-Rama was held April 29 at the Masonic Center in Arcadia.

CULVER CITY COIN CLUB celebrates their 50th year as a coin club. The club was founded in 1958. Special wooden nickels were made by **George Gill** and were presented to all the club officers at the annual club dinner meeting held at the Szechwan Restaurant. The club really enjoyed the evening, especially George Gill who won the \$10 Indian gold coin! **Jack von Blocker III** is presenting the history of different coins in each monthly bulletin. March featured the history of the penny while April covered the Barber dime.

DELTA COIN CLUB has a new location, effective starting in May: Eagles Hall, Main Room, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Sidebar: This is the same site as the club's annual show held the third weekend every October. The DCC reported that after 35 years it was compelled to relocate its twice-a-month meetings from St. Paul Methodist Church to Stockton's Eagles Hall. The April meeting had your assistant editor address the group with *Now the Album and the Holes are Filled, What's Next?* Derived from Pennsylvanian Sam Deep's award winning ANA convention exhibit *100 Ways To Collect*, Michael S. Turrini displayed and explained "over fifty different collectables from his personal collections. This showed that there is no end to different things, items, or material that one can collect or to Show 'n Tell about. This was the first-time this program has been presented before any local coin club. Also, thanks to Lynn Giaudrone for recording each item as it was displayed; yes, over fifty recordings by Lynn!" As this issue of TCN is being prepared, this club also held its Annual Hot Dog Night, on Friday, May 11, with Syd Kass' famous homemade chili.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY continues to meet at: Concord Veteran's Memorial Building, Basement/Kitchen, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord. DNS writes that it honored its esteemed social and well-known Contra Costa county philanthropist and current president, James H. Laird, with its coveted Fellow of the Society. This ribbon-suspended large size engraved medal was awarded during the society's annual dinner last March 22, held at Concord's Marie Callendars before a capacity crowd of over one hundred-fifty! Michael M. Stanley, current CSNA vice president, did the actual presentation, bringing many in the crowded audience to tears. James was recognized for his devoted leadership and dedication to enhance the DNS' image, and during his presidency the society has tripled its membership, expanded to a regional two-day show, and has regular invited speakers at each and every meeting! Among the attendees were four of the living "Fellows": Michael S. Turrini, Mark Clarkson, Michael M. Stanley, and John P. Russell, Jr. The top prize in the drawing at this annual dinner was won by "I Never Win" Gordon R. Donnell, a five dollar Half Eagle in choice uncirculated condition.

DOWNEY COIN CLUB members enjoyed their February meeting which featured five games of *Coin-O*. Winners of the first four games won 1971 silver Eisenhower dollars while the winner of the fifth game took home a silver round or a Mexican 2 peso gold coin.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB continues to meet at Grace Episcopal Church, Parish Hall #1, corner of First and Kentucky Streets, Fairfield. The club's President Robert W. Belleau, Sr. has appointed a new editor for the club's monthly *Fairfield Moneygram*, and it is **Jon-Maria Marish**, who begins her duties with the June issue. Kudos also: Jon-Maria Marish was honored by **Michael S. Turrini**, president of the Western Wooden Money Club (WWMC), with a framed President's Citation of Commendation this past May 6, in Vallejo. Look-

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ing ahead, the club intends to hold its Annual Pizza Night on June 27, at Pietro's Italian Restaurant, in neighboring Vacaville. The March meeting was this club's annual *Other Hobbies Night*. At this same meeting, **Jesse Desa** shared a medal listing the famous "Four Freedoms" from his late father, who originally served in World War I and was recalled to serve again in World War II. He served in the United States Marine Corp and was stationed aboard the USS Arizona.

FREMONT COIN CLUB continues to meet at Fremont Elks Lodge #2121, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont. The April meeting heard Michael S. Turrini speak on and show slides of the 1989 First Strike Ceremony for the Bicentennial of Congress Commemorative Coinages. As the monthly FCC's Double Eagle reported, "I noticed many slides of Congresspersons holding the commemorative coins with their ungloved hand, and a statuesque Security Guard." The club continued its long tradition of National Coin Week participation at a San Jose branch of the Bank of the West with these participants: Gary Acquistapace, Dorothy Galovich-Call, Charles F. Call, Alan Douglass, Briita Ehlers, and Wanda Johnson. Matthew J. Hutchinson, the Double Eagle's editor, had this old joke in the May issue: "If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims."

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY continues to meet at Las Palmas Masonic Center, 2992 East Clinton, Fresno. The FNS's April meeting heard its President James Obler talk on Seated Liberty Coinage: "Our Prez took the subject from conception to completion and all the denominations in between. Highlighting the rarities and varieties with accurate pictures via an overhead projector and even some excellent examples of the real things. The man knows how to put together a program." At the following May meeting Dennis Olswang spoke on The Early Commemorative Silver Dollars of Canada. Sidebar: among older CSNAers and readers of the predecessor Calcoin News, Dennis' name is not new. He was among the most well-known and active coin hobbyists going back into the 1950s. Wow!

GLENDALE COIN CLUB learned a lot from Gary Beedon's talk on Bust half dollars at their February meeting. They are a very active club and recently signed up 2 new members. In March, Greg Burns presented a wonderful PowerPoint program on the history of Glendale Coin Club from 1959 to present from the journals of CSNA and NASC. Look for it on the club website in the near future. The coin show was rescheduled to October 28. They are selling gold coin tickets for the gold drawing.

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB was entertained in January with a program entitled *The English Pence—the Longest Enduring Denomination*. The talk was presented by **Greg Thompson** of Moneychangers. February's program was presented by **Jerry Kleeb**: *Philippine Currency During its U.S. Commonwealth Period*, 1903-1946. **Ballahb Garg** presented a slide program about the coinage of the British East India Company in March. **Mark Baskin** served up an interesting evening by displaying his coin-weighing scales collection.

HEARTLAND COIN CLUB members installed their new officers at the El Cajon restaurant Tyler's Taste of Texas. The new officers are, President Ken Stempien, 1st Vice President Greg Schenewerk, 2nd Vice President Joe Swinko, Junior Vice President Cole Schenewerk, Treasurer Vince Kohlbecker, Secretary Ginny Bourke, and Corresponding Secretary Joyce Darnell. Junior Vice President Cole won several honors at the NASC banquet including NASC's Outstanding Young Numismatist for 2006 and a \$1000 scholarship from CSNA for the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. Heartland's Coin Show is scheduled for May 20 at the El Cajon Masonic Lodge. It is free and is always a busy show.

HEMET COIN CLUB's members learned a new way to obtain money. *Reverse Mortgages* was the subject in February. **Polly Bower** won the \$27 rollover prize so the pot starts anew at \$5. March's program was on *Insurance* with emphasis on coin collections and other categories. April's program featured how to sell coins and the club's very own, once a year *Super Auction*. A picnic at Gibble Park is planned for May.

INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO featured *Tokens, Medals, Scrip, Phone Cards, and Exonumia* in February. Bob Fritsch presented his usual challenging quiz and many members failed the test. *Science and Tools of Numismatics* was the topic for April. Ken Aring provided a very educational slide program using slides of his own collection, which covers the beginnings of coinage to the present. The slide show was followed by a minibourse, which had the members buying and trading. The topic for May is coins from African countries.

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LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY continues to meet at Millbrae Public Library, 1 Library Drive, Millbrae. The LNS' March meeting, titled "March Madness", decided the society's 2007 club medal design. The membership voted among four competing designs and selected **Gene Hoy's** Saint Gaudens Indian Head "to grace the 2007 LNS medals. Congratulations to all the entrants for participating, and especially to Gene for supplying the winning design...." This is his second selection, having won the 2006 contest.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB continues to meet at Livermore Public Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Note: this is actually the new Livermore Public Library. **Chuck White** was mentioned prominently in the recent LVCC monthly newsletter because he earned a special award for selling four hundred show drawing tickets, a record. He also won the grand prize, a one-tenth ounce Gold Eagle, in the March meeting's drawing, too! Lucky Chuck!

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB'S February meeting featured a *White Elephant* sale. In March, **Earl Morris** presented a graph of silver commodity prices over a long period of time. The club is gearing up for the Long Beach Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION continues to meet at the annual Nor-Cal show, with site and date subject to change each calendar year. The NCNA honored its founder, charter member #1, and first president, **Denis N. Hooker**, of San Jose, with its esteemed Miller Medal, the Ron Miller Memorial Award. Denis, who due to age and recent health is restricted in his mobility and confined to assisted living, was presented his Miller Medal by like recipient **Edward Sins**, last January 13. Congratulations, Denis! After several months of delay, NCNA did, at last, mint and issue its originally intended 2006 medal issue, with a final mintage of twenty-eight silvers and fiftyone bronzes. Readers may contact NCNA via P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410.

NORTHRUP GRUMMAN COIN CLUB'S own **Oded Paz** presented a program on his specialty, *Elongated Coins*. Oded has more than 10,000 EC's in his collection! **Phil Iversen** conducted a *Coin Grading Clinic* in March. April will have members *Show and Tell*. April will also feature the *Super Auction*. Members donate items and drawing tickets are sold. All proceeds stay with the club. **Barry Stuppler**, vice president of ANA, will be the guest speaker at the June meeting.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY continues to meet at Fort Mason Center, Building C, Third Floor, Room 370, San Francisco. Note: the society's meetings begin at 7:30 p.m., rather than 8:00 p.m. At its March meeting, Ed Treuting, back from his trip to the Yucatan Peninsula, never figured that he would purchase coins on a vacation, but, lo and behold, he found a flea market during this trip, and he bought a 1915D and 1952S silver Washington Quarters as well as a 1919 Mercury Dime plus, last but not the least, an error off-center Mexican Un Peso that he then graciously donated to the meeting's drawing." At this same meeting, PCNS Secretary Herb Miles presented his *Medallic Portraits of Martin Luther King, Jr.* with a PowerPoint slide show of medallic portraits of the assassinated Civil Rights leader. Herb brought approximately forty or so distinct representations of the late Dr. King in various poses on pin-backs, medals, and tokens.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB continues to meet at Jane Leland Stanford Middle School, 408 East Meadow Drive, Room 140, Palo Alto. Note: the club when school is not in session may relocate its meeting elsewhere. **Fred G. van den Haak's** representation of the long-gone San Francisco and San Jose Railroad and its Engine #13, the *San Jose* was selected as the club's 2007 medal. At the club's April meeting all the current officers were reelected; however, there is no listing in the latest PCC's newsletter of whom and what position! Talk about democracy in action!

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB continues to meet at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Dinner Room, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa. RECC reports that Leroy Tomasi, at age 81, recently passed away. He held continuous membership in the club for fifty-five years with membership #32. He was also honorary life member #25. Born with a supposed birth defect from a third generation Sonoma County family, he lived his entire life in the same home and made his away around Santa Rosa, California with a bicycle, earning the name "Kamikaze Leroy." He was an avid collector of many things, including coins, stamps, and telephone insulators, which lined over half the floor of his living room! He also had an incredible knowledge of local trivia, recalling the location of power lines, train routes, and other minutia. It was reported that the March meeting was kept quiet due to the friendly leprechauns from G&G Market, who prepared corned beef and cabbage, and to the members who brought goodies for dessert.

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SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB continues to meet at North County Corporate Yard, 5026 Don Julio Blvd, North Highlands. Note: during 2007, the club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays. The club is particularly seeking information about its history and background, and specifically for years 1967 through 1986. Recording Secretary Stan Klagenburg would enjoy any information in preparation for the club's golden jubilee this year. In the May SVCC Newsletter, member Louis V. Juricich published an informative if short article titled The 1972P Eisenhower Dollar, Types I, II, and III. It was well written and interesting. He earlier had done a two-part program on Basic Concepts of Coin Production at the club's January and March meetings.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY installed its new officers at Coco's in January. Jim Hill of Treasure Trove did the installing and also presented a talk on the state of the hobby. New officers are President David Jones; Vice President Ken Spindler; Secretary Kay Lenker; Treasurer Jim Hunt and new 3-year board members Everett Jones and Terry Cruggs. Ken Spindler presented a program in February Surveying Copper and Bronze Coins of the World. Stewart Westdahl presented a slide program on Coins of Shakespearean Literature. Chuck Luce was the featured member in the March Bulletin. Jim Wells presented a PowerPoint program on Hard Times Non-Cents and Hard Times Nonsense at the April meeting.. Jim Hunt did the honors in May with a talk on Sir Henry Morgan, the Pirate! He was knighted because he was a very good pirate!

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB continues to meet at Taraval Police Station, Community Room, 2345—24th Avenue, San Francisco. The March meeting heard past president and editor for its *Two Cents Worth*, O.L. Wallis, talk on *Admiral Dewey and San Francisco*. Later at the club's April meeting **Daniel Feldman** spoke and presented a PowerPoint presentation titled *Athenian Owls: Athenian Attitudes*. It should be noted that Daniel is only 15 and has already attended ANA Summer Seminars in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB continues to meet at American Legion Hall, Post #318, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, San Jose. The SJCC mourns the passing last March 10 of its past-president and devoted worker **John Sarti**, who held SJCC life membership #276. Originally joining in 1963, he most recently was the bourse chairperson, with his wife, **JoAnn**, for the SJCC annual Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Show. A career electrician with IBEW Local #332 for over forty years, he also served and contributed to district 12 Little League as a coach, manager, and district representative. At the March meeting long-time devotee and SJCC member Edward Sins spoke on Peru Cobs: "he told us about the rulers and mint masters, and how it did not pay for the mint master to shave coins or cross the King. Ed also brought a good selection of samples to augment his talk." The SJCC announced that its annual show in 2008 shall be relocated to the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. The primary factor in this relocation was that the Parkside Hall was taken over by the neighboring highly visible and well attended Tech Museum, plus the increasing charges imposed. The show will be located in the Pavilion on the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds and is scheduled for February 1, 2, and 3, 2008. Specifics can be learned at the SJCC's Web site: www.sanjosecoinclub.org.

SANTA MARIA COIN CLUB's show was held May 5 at the Oak Knolls Baptist Church. Part of the attaction was the serving of, guess what, Santa Maria style tri-tip. Count me in! They continue to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB is presently at 'J North's Family Restaurant, off Gateway Blvd., and across from Solano Mall, in Fairfield. Note: however, as this TCN is being prepared, JJ North's has been sold to Home Town Buffet and is closed and being renovated. It is not clear if the SSRC might continue to meet at this site. The SSRC has email, and may be contacted via SSRC-info@ hughes.net.

UPLAND COIN CLUB's featured speaker in May was **Tom Fitzgerald** who gave part one of his talk on the San Francisco Mint. Part two will be heard in June. The club enjoyed **Lee Kuntz's** video from a recent ANA convention at the April meeting.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY is presently At Momo's American Cuisine, 2621 Springs Road, Vallejo, California. April meeting was the VNS' Annual Other Hobbies Night. Three VNS members were honored recently by the Western Wooden Money Club (WWMC), for their devotion to the WWMC and wooden money, as well as the far larger world of money, and they were Irene Carrillo, Harry W. Davis, and Jon-Maria Marish. In the April Bulletin, there was an old-fashion school word search, titled "Victory At Sea," in which one hundred fourteen World War II United States Navy warships could be found. Jon-Maria Marish was the only VNS member to locate all of those! Wow! Another VNS member also earned recognition. At the society's March meeting,

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Robert E. Luna became inducted as a "Universal Numismatist", one of only six in the entire world! Wow! Information about the VNS and its 2008 Vallejo Coin Show may be contacted at EMPERORI@juno.com.

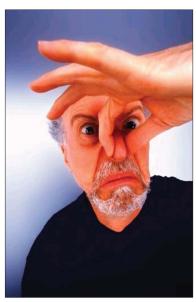
VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB celebrated their 43rd anniversary with a brown-bag auction. There were 15 bags filled with various coins. Four of the bags contained gold coins. Birthday cake and great door prizes were also enjoyed. Speaker in April was **Richard Murachanian** who talked about the *Carson City Half Dollars and the History of the Mint*. He displayed all the CC half-dollars. Members are looking forward to July's club social with "make your own Ice Cream Sundaes."

VISALIA COIN CLUB continues to meet at Visalia Senior Center, 310 North Locust, Visalia. **VCC Vice President Phil Plettner** did a program on large cents at the March meeting.

WHITTIER COIN CLUB'S program in February featured a video from their library titled *Keys to the Treasury*. This is a historical tour of the main Treasury building. Part two of the *Lewis and Clark: Explorers of the New Frontier* video was enjoyed by all in January.

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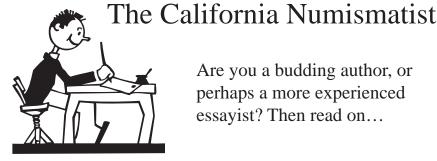
Changes should be sent by a club officer via mail to the applicable association's corresponding secretary. CSNA and NASC membership status is indicated in parentheses at the end of each club's listing.

- Alameda Coin Club—meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Veteran's Building, 2203 Central Avenue at Oak Street, Alameda; mailing address: P.O. Box 1763, Alameda, CA 94201. (CSNA)
- Ancient Coin Club of Los Angeles—meets 2nd Sunday, 1:00 p.m., Balboa Mission Town Hall shopping center (between barber shop & beauty supply), 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., Granada Hills; mailing address: c/o K. L. Friedman, 16255 Ventura Blvd., Encino, CA 91436; e-mail: Fausta@pacbell.net; Web site: www.accla.org. (NASC)
- Bay Cities Coin Club—meets 1st Saturday, 1:00 p.m., meetings held at members homes; mailing address: P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406. (NASC, CSNA)
- Brentwood Coin Club—meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Raley's Food Center (staff room by the Pharmacy), 2400 Sand Creek Rd., Brentwood; mailing address: P.O. Box 1237, Brentwood, CA 94513; e-mail: Collectors@CoinClub.cc. (CSNA)
- California Exonumist Society—meets twice a year during the semi-annual CSNA Conventions; mailing address: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410; e-mail: EmperorI@juno.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- California State Numismatic Association—meets twice a year during CSNA conventions at various locations; mailing address: Dennis Halladay, 20567 Nathan Dr., Riverside, CA 92508; e-mail: westdairy2@ aol.com; Web site: www.calcoin.org. (NASC, CSNA)
- Chula Vista Coin Club—meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F Street, Chula Vista; mailing address: 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040. (CSNA)
- Coineers Coin Club—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., 4675 Tecolote Road, San Diego, CA; mailing address: 829 Portsmouth Court, San Diego, CA 92109. (CSNA)
- Covina Coin Club—meets 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., American Legion Post 888, 1436 N. Hollenback Ave.; mailing address: Helen Desens, 282 W. Bygrove St., Covina, CA 91722. (NASC, CSNA)
- Culver City Coin Club—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., El Segundo Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., El Segundo (west of Sepulveda; south of LAX); mailing address: Steve Demmer, P.O. Box 813, Culver City, CA 90232. (NASC)
- Cupertino Coin Club—meets 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m., West Valley Presbyterian Church, 6191 Bollinger Avenue, Cupertino, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448; Web site: www.cupertinocoinclub.com. (CSNA)
- Delta Coin Club—meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 7:00 p.m., St. Paul's Church Auditorium, 2220 West Alpine Street, Stockton; mailing address: P.O. Box 216, Victor, CA 95253. (CSNA)
- Diablo Numismatic Society—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord; mailing address: P.O. Box 177, Concord, CA 94122-0177. (CSNA)
- Downey Numismatists—meets 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m., Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave., Downey; mailing address: Albertus Hoogeveen, P.O. Box 222, Downey, CA 90241. (NASC)
- Eureka Coin Club—meets 1st Tuesday (Sept. to May), 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Sonora Blvd. and F Streets, Eureka; mailing address: P.O. Box 505, Eureka, CA 95501-0505. (CSNA)
- Fairfield Coin Club—meets 4th Wednesday (except December), 7:00 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, Parish Hall #1, corner of First and Kentucky Streets, Fairfield; mailing address: P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094. (CSNA)
- Fremont Coin Club—meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Fremont Elks Club, #2121, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont; mailing address: P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, CA 94538. (CSNA)
- Fresno Numismatic Society—meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Las Palmas Masonic Temple, 2992 East Clinton, Fresno; mailing address: P.O. Box 11525, Fresno, CA 93773-1525. (CSNA)
- Full Step Nickel Club—Call for local meeting dates and locations; (818) 841-2959; mailing address: Darrell Crane, President, P.O. Box 10909, Burbank, CA 91510; e-mail: grannis@earthlink.net; Web site: www. fullstepnickel.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- Gateway Coin Club—meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Citibank, 19th and M Streets, Merced; mailing address: P.O. Box 3101, Merced, CA 95344-1101. (CSNA)

- Glendale Coin Club—meets 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m., CitiBank, 2350 Honolulu Blvd., Glendale; mailing address: GCC, c/o Mark Watson, P.O. Box 6317, Lancaster, CA 93539-6317; e-mail: mark.c.watson@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.GlenCoin.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- Greater Orange County Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center, Fairview Room, 1845 Park, Costa Mesa; mailing address: Gary Beedon, P.O. Box 2335, Huntington Beach, CA 92647; e-mail: Beedon@earthlink.net. (NASC, CSNA)
- Heartland Coin Club—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Bostonia Park Recreation Building, 1049 Bostonia St., El Cajon; mailing address: Lee Darnell, 1728 San Vicente Road, Ramona, CA 92065; e-mail: jy-joylee@pacbell.net. (NASC, CSNA)
- Hemet Numismatists—meets 3rd Wednesday, 12:00 Noon, Provident Savings Bank, 1600 Florida Avenue (Northwest Corner Giard and Florida), Hemet; mailing address: P.O. Box 51, Homeland, CA 92548. (NASC, CSNA)
- International Coin Collector's Society—meets <unknown>; mailing address: P.O. Box 854, Van Nuys, CA 91408. (CSNA)
- International Numismatic Society of San Diego—meets 4th Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., North Park Recreational Center, 4044 Idaho, San Diego; mailing address: P.O. Box 161081, San Diego, CA 92176. (CSNA)
- Israel Numismatic Society/Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Westside Jewish Community Center—Founders Room, 5870 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles; mailing address: 6266 Drexel Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90048. (NASC)
- Laguna Woods Coin Club—meets 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m., Farmers & Merchants Bank conference room, 24300 Paseo de Valencia at Calle de la Plata, Laguna Hills. Contact: Wilfred Gamble, (949) 581-0565. (NASC)
- Leisure World Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Clubhouse No. 3, Room 2, Seal Beach Leisure World; mailing address: Austin Overholtz, 1331 Pelham Road, #67A, Seal Beach, CA 90740. (NASC)
- Liberty Numismatic Society—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Millbrae City Library, 1 Library Avenue, Millbrae; mailing address: P.O. Box 300, Millbrae, CA 94030-0300; Web site: www.lns-coinclub.org. (CSNA)
- Livermore Valley Coin Club—meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Livermore Public Library, Community Room, 1000 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore; mailing address: Steven Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, CA 94551. (CSNA)
- Long Beach Coin Club—meets 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m., Millikan High School Cafeteria, 2800 Snowden Ave., Long Beach; mailing address: P.O. Box 8101, Long Beach, CA 90808. (NASC, CSNA)
- Northern California Numismatic Association—meets in annually during Nor-Cal coin shows in various communities; mailing address: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410; e-mail: EmperorI@juno.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- Northrop Grumman Coin Club—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., 5500 Canoga Avenue, Building 30, APD Eng'g Conference Room, Woodland Hills; mailing address: Walt Wegner, Box 521, Woodland Hills, CA 91365; e-mail: wlwegner@msn.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- Oceanside-Carlsbad Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas; mailing address: c/o Eblen, 1772 Caliban Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024. (NASC, CSNA)
- Pacific Coast Numismatic Society—meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco; mailing address: P.O. Box 457656, San Francisco, CA 94147-5656; Web site: www.pcns.org. (CSNA)
- Peninsula Coin Club—meets 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m., Palo Alto Elks Lodge, #1471, Board Room, 4229 El Camino Blvd., Palo Alto; mailing address: P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA 94306-0484; Web site: www. stanford.edu/~clint/pcc. (CSNA)
- Redwood Empire Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Building (opposite the county fairgrounds across from highway 12), 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa; mailing address: P.O. Box 9013, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. (CSNA)
- Sacramento Valley Coin Club—meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 5026 Don Julio Blvd., North Highlands; mailing address: P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816; Web site: www.sacvalcc.org. (NASC, CSNA)

- San Bernardino County Coin Club—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Highland Senior Center, 3102 E. Highland Ave., Highland, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 2745, San Bernardino, CA 92406. (NASC, CSNA)
- San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council—meets 1st Saturday in February, May, August and November, 10:00 a.m., Peninsula Community Center, 3740 Sport Arena Blvd., San Diego; mailing address: 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040. (CSNA)
- San Diego Numismatic Society—meets 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., North Park Adult Center, 2719 Howard St., San Diego; mailing address: Lenker, P.O. Box 6909, San Diego, CA 92166-6909. (NASC, CSNA)
- San Francisco Coin Club—meets 4th Friday, 7:00 p.m., Taraval Police Station, Community Room, 2345 24th Ave., San Francisco; mailing address: POB 880994, San Francisco, CA 94188-0994. (CSNA)
- San Jose Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, Post #318, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, San Jose; mailing address: P.O. Box 5621, San Jose, CA 95150-5621; Web site: www.sanjosecoinclub.org. (CSNA)
- Santa Ana Coin Club—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society Building (Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle House), 120 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana; mailing address: Santa Ana CC, P.O. Box 1404, Santa Ana, CA 92702. (NASC)
- Santa Barbara Coin Club—meets 4th Monday of even months (except December), 7:30 p.m., Page Youth Center, 4540 Hollister Avenue, Room 5, Santa Barbara; mailing address: P.O. Box 6205, Santa Barbara, CA 93160. (NASC, CSNA)
- Santa Maria Coin Club—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Oak Knolls Haven, 4845 S. Bradley Rd.; mailing address: P.O. Box 7186, Santa Maria, CA 93456. (CSNA)
- Society for International Numismatics—meets <unknown>; mailing address: P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406. (CSNA)
- Society of Lincoln Cent Collectors—meets as available; mailing address: Dr. Sol Taylor, 13515 Magnolia Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423. (NASC)
- Solano Silver Round Club—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., J.J. North's Grand Buffet, Banquet Room, 21315 Gateway Blvd., #D2, Solano Hall, Fairfield; mailing address: P.O. Box 3518, Fairfield, CA 94533-3518. (CSNA)
- Stanislaus County Coin Club—meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Denny's Restaurant, 1525 McHenry Ave., Modesto; mailing address: P.O. Box 1672, Modesto, CA 95353-1672; Web site: www. stancocoinclub.org. (CSNA)
- The World Coin Club—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Senior Citizens Center of West Covina, Rm. 15, Cortez Ave. (between Citrus and Hollenbeck); mailing address: c/o Lloyd Beauchaine, 1629 Chetney Dr., West Covina, CA 91790. (CSNA)
- Tustin Coin Club—meets 1st Friday, 7:00 p.m., Tustin Senior Center, 200 South "C" St., Tustin; mailing address: Roy Iwata, P.O. Box 2449, Seal Beach, CA 90740. (NASC)
- Upland Coin Club—meets 3rd Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Magnolia Rec. Center, 651 W. 15th Street, Upland; mailing address: P.O. Box 1306, Garden Grove, CA 92842-1306. (NASC, CSNA)
- Vallejo Numismatic Society—meets 1st Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. no-host dinner and 6:30 pm. meeting, Momo's American Cuisine, 2621 Springs Road, Vallejo; mailing address: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590-0428; e-mail: Emperorl@juno.com. (CSNA)
- Ventura County Coin Club—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Church of Christ Church, Ventura; mailing address: P.O. Box 3263, Ventura, CA 93006. (CSNA)
- Verdugo Hills Coin Club—meets 2nd Monday, 7:15 p.m., CitiBank, 2350 Honolulu Ave., Montrose; mailing address: P.O. Box 26, Tujunga, CA 91043. (NASC)
- Visalia Coin Club—meets 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Visalia Senior Citizen Center, 310 North Locust, Visalia; mailing address: 204 West Main Street, Visalia, CA 93291. (CSNA)
- Western Token Society (WESTS)—meets <unknown>; mailing address: P.O. Box 723, Merced, CA 95341. (CSNA)
- Western Wooden Money Club—meets at various San Francisco Bay area local coin shows, about four times per year; mailing address: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 3467, Fairfield, CA 94533-3467; e-mail: Emperorl@iuno.com. (CSNA)
- Whittier Coin Club—meets 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m., Casa Whittier Retirement Home, 10615 Jordan Road, Whittier; mailing address: 540 Teakwood Avenue, La Habra, CA 90631. (CSNA)

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- Visit the California Show List on the Web at:
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- If you have a coin show or other event that you'd like to have listed, please e-mail
 the following to Gary Beedon at beedon@earthlink.net: dates, name of show, address, facility name, contact info, and any admission or parking fees.

July 1	North County Monthly Coin Show (Anaheim), Embassy Suites Hotel, 3100 Frontera Street (91 Fwy at Glassell Street), Jerry Atkinson, (562) 225-2166.
July 14-15	Coin, Stamp & Collectible Expo (Modesto), Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Center Plaza, 10th & K Streets.
	Sandy Woodward, (209) 668-3682.
July 28-29	50th Annual Coinarama (San Diego), San Diego County
•	Inter-Club Numismatic Council, Scottish Rite Masonic Center,
	1895 Camino Del Rio South (Mission Valley), Kay Lenker,
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August 5	North County Monthly Coin Show (Anaheim), Embassy
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August 18-19	35th Annual Coin Show (Fremont), Fremont Coin Club,
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	LaCariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, CA 94538.
August 25-26	Golden State Coin Show (NASC/CSNA) (Arcadia), Arcadia
	Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd., Set-up Fri. Aug 26th 4-8
	p.m., "Coins for Kids" table, Gary Beedon (714) 963-6138,
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September 9	North County Monthly Coin Show (Anaheim), Embassy
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	Jerry Atkinson, (562) 225-2166.
September 9	18th Annual Coin Show (Fairfield), Fairfield Coin club,
	Fairfield Community Center, 1100 East Kentucky, Bob Tedder
G	(707) 483-5283, FCC-info@Hughes.net.
Sept. 27-29	Long Beach Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo, Convention
	Center, 100 S. Pine Ave., Set-up Wed. 2-7 p.m., (805) 962-9939, lbexpo@exposunlimited.com.

October 6-7	Buena Park Coin Show, Retail Clerks Hall, Corner of Stan-
	ton & Cresent, Kerry Pieropan (714) 271-8946.
October 13-14	11th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show (Concord), Diablo
	Numismatic Society, Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Ave., bourse:
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October 27	CSNA 8th Annual Northern California Educational Sym-
	posium (Vallejo), Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, 734
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October 27-28	61st Annual Coin Show (Fresno), Las Palmas Masonic
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	rmphil@msn.com.
October 28	Glendale Coin Club Show (Van Nuys), Van Nuys Masonic
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November 1-4	Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo (Santa Clara), Conven-
	tion Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, (805) 962-9939,
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November 10	Coin Show (Visalia), Sons of Italy Hall, 4211 West Goshen
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November 11	North County Monthly Coin Show (Anaheim), Embassy
	Suites Hotel, 3100 Frontera Street (91 Fwy at Glassell Street),
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Aluminum coins weigh very little; in fact, they're so light you can float them in water.

Allright then, they're not really lighter than water, but surface tension helps you along. You can see that the coin in the photo pulls the surface down a little bit. Here's what makes this surface tension thingy works...

A water molecule is made of two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom. They stick together because they have shared custody of electrons. Oxygen is however 16 times bigger than a hydrogen atom and thus grabs more than it's fair share of electron time. This causes it to be slightly negativly charged, while the hydrogen (which has less electron time) is positivly charged.

Like magnets, the positive hydrogen part of the water molecule is drawn to the negative oxygen part of other water molecules. This inter-molecule bond is called a hydrogen bond. On the surface molecules, there are less molecules around (there are none "on top" of them), so they exhibit more force on their peers. Now you know!



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Numismatic Nostalgia

Fifty Years Ago

- CSNA's Calcoin News reported that the 1957
 NASC convention drew 261 registered attendees
 and gathered 41 new members. There were 200
 banquet tickets sold! Two 1936 proof sets sold
 for \$360 and \$390 (www.PCGS.com now lists
 them at \$8,200).
- The CSNA convention held in April in Vallejo, showed receipts of \$2,159.50 and expenditures of \$1,576.35, for a profit of \$583.15. San Francisco was the city with the greatest representation with 35 attendees.

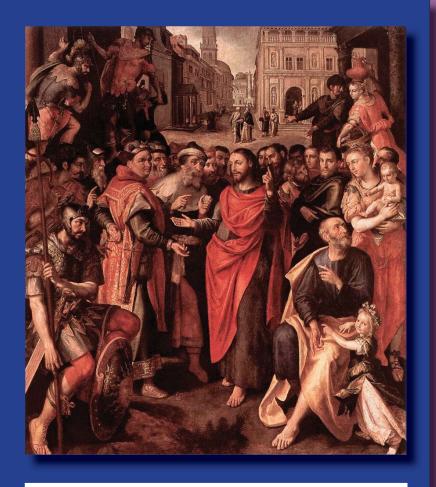


Twenty-Five Years Ago

- Hedley Betts wrote an article in *The NASC Quarterly* on the good ship *Queen Mary* (now interred at Long Beach) and the medals relating to her. Originally intended to be named *Victoria*, there was a minor misunderstanding with King George V, who got the mistaken idea she was to be named after his wife, Queen Mary, because of a conversational reference to "the most illustrious woman ever to have sat on the British throne." Must be good to be the king, because you can see how that ended up.
- Calcoin News highlighted Walter Ostromecki, Jr. in their Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics. Walter's well known for his exceptional skills with bringing our hobby to juniors. Turns out Walter was then serving as associate professor of botany and director of the herbarium at UCLA. Who knew?
- The first Rubik's Cube World Championships is held in Budapest, Hungary.
 The current world record for a standard 3X3X3 cube is 9.86 seconds, set
 by Thibaut Jacquinot at the Spanish Open 2007 competition. And to think I
 was impressed with myself when I first solved a cube in under a minute...

Ten Years Ago

- The United Kingdom handed back Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China, and the US Department of the Treasury announced a new counterfeit-resistant \$50 bill.
- Solano Silver Round Club's May newsletter contained an excerpt of a letter from member Jay Goode who was an avid Albert Einstein collector. Jay had over 230 different Einstein stamps, over 1,300 stamp covers, 250 books, over 600 novelties, postcards, and photographs, and only 93 medals, coins and exonumia related to the great thinker. At the time Jay was looking to expand these last categories. Wonder how Jay's collection is doing today?



The Emperor's Toll

Marten de Vos, 1601

Oil on panel

Koninklijk Museum voor Schone Kunsten, Antwerp

The Emperor's Toll was the central panel of the triptych of the Coin-Makers' Guild from St. Andrew Church, Antwerp. It is a late work by Marten de Vos (1532-1603). In the very center of the panel can be seen a man holding and pointing to a coin, presumably the subject of the title.