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About the Cover

Glittering coins decorate the bottom of the koi pond at the Japanese Tea Garden in San Francisco. The garden is a popular feature of Golden Gate Park, originally built as part of a sprawling World's Fair, the California Midwinter International Exposition of 1894.

What garden visitor hasn't mused about wading out and scooping up the sparkling treasure? For us numismatists it would be especially hard to resist if it were composed of the beauties culled from the pages of this issue's articles.

Read on to enjoy this issue's treasures.

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Presidents' Messages

NASC...

I attend many monthly coin club meetings and nearly all of the coin shows in Southern California. At these gatherings of fellow collectors, I will usually hear at least a few collectors who express negative feelings about the state of the hobby. Often, I will hear complaints about the recent offerings by the United States Mint. Sometimes, I will hear concerns about the lack of exciting local coin shows. Looking at 2018 so far and looking ahead to the rest of the year, I am hopeful that the downbeat voices of at least some of those “grumpy old men” will be quieted this year.

So far this year, the United States Mint has issued World War I Centennial commemorative silver dollars which are very well executed with a tough looking soldier gripping his rifle. I ordered a few of them and think they are one of the best commemoratives issued in recent years. In or about mid-March, the Mint will issue Breast Cancer Awareness commemoratives, including the first ever gold coins issued by the Mint that will feature a pink colored hue. The special color of the gold coins, as well as the importance of the commemorative program in raising funds for breast cancer research, are sure to make these issues quite popular with collectors.

Coin shows have also had a great start to 2018. Led by some wonderful coin exhibits, the February Long Beach Coin Expo had record attendance and many dealers reported strong buying and selling. As previously mentioned, this year's NASC Golden State Coin Show will be held August 24-26 at the Arcadia Masonic Center and will have expanded educational exhibits and youth activities. The NASC club benefit gold raffle held in connection the show is also looking to be even better than prior years and will feature a PCGS MS65 \$20 St. Gaudens Gold Double Eagle as the top prize. Raffle tickets will be distributed soon in order to give clubs plenty of time to sell and raise funds for their clubs this year.

Thank you all for your continued support of NASC and of our great hobby!



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Kittle".

Michael J. Kittle
NASC President



CSNA...

I previously mentioned that CSNA is a volunteer organization whereby members of the organization are the spokes that hold the wheel together. Without their support the organization would not be able to function and carry out our mission to do what we do for the benefit of both the organization and hobby.

We have had many great members serve in various capacities over the years and have been able to sustain the ship afloat. Times are always changing and my term at the helm will be over later this year as well as for several others. I would really like to see some new faces come on board to serve either as officers or board members when

election time comes around very soon.

Other people are greatly needed to assist with our annual show and especially with the set up and tear down for this event. Phil Iversen has been doing this function sometimes almost single-handedly for the past 30 years (25 with GSCS and 5 for CSNA); however, he is relinquishing this duty and will still be able to direct and assist in the future. We need hard workers willing to work in many capacities and I hope that you will gladly step forward now and volunteer your time and services like Phil has ably done for the benefit of CSNA.

Save the April 7, 2018, date for our 50th Annual Southern Educational Symposium. Phil Iversen, our director of education, has put together an excellent program of speakers. The seminar will be held at the Courtyard Marriott in Torrance and will feature talks on Indian head cents, silver dollars, pillar factionals of the Mexico City mint, and the future of our hobby by noted numismatist Cliff Mishler.

I look forward to seeing you at this exciting seminar.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Pfeifer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Pfeifer
CSNA President

Editor's Page

First I'll start off by thanking all of our authors who contributed articles last year. You can see the results of the literary award competition on the facing page. TCN is unusual among most regional publications in the high number, and high quality, of all the articles we get to enjoy. Of course, our regular columnists and association officials generate material to round out each issue as well, so they all deserve our thanks.

Speaking of the high number of articles, we actually had so many that I had to take the last in line (a very nice piece on some railroad-related notes by John Duff), and put it into our next issue. That will give you something to look forward to in another three months.

Remember that the Newman Numismatic Portal (NNP) has scanned all past issues of *The NASC Quarterly* and *Calcoin News* (the journals of NASC and CSNA prior to the joint publication of TCN), and I've found that it's pretty easy to use that resource to direct folks to material in past issues. See this TCN's "Numismatic Nostalgia" on page 58 for an example of that (use of NNP's URL).

There's been a small discussion between the two associations on possible positives and negatives of a merger. Turn to the "Goings On" column starting on page 50 to read up on that, and please feel free to write in with your own opinions and thoughts.

A scan of the "Calendar of Events" starting on page 74 illustrates that we have a busy few months coming up. Better plan your time wisely, so that you can enjoy as many of the shows and events as possible.

In closing, please double-check your club's listing (starting on page 70) and advise me of any needed corrections to dates, times, people, etcetera. It's best to keep this resource accurate, and our administrative staff relies on you.

Best regards until next issue!

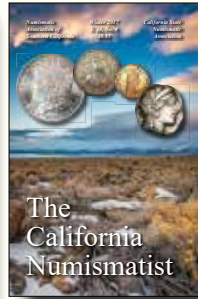
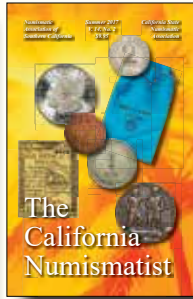


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Greg Burns
Editor

TCN Literary Awards

We're proud to announce the awards for the 2017 publication year. Each category has 1st through 3rd places, with the exception of the Brainard award which is for best article overall. Note that there were no entries from young numismatist writers. Regardless of any awards won, TCN and the editor gratefully thank *all* of the authors who submitted materials for publication. It's hard work and very much appreciated.



Karl Brainard Literary Award for Best Article

\$5 Gold: the Only Denomination from All Eight US Mints, Jim Wells

George Bennett Literary Award for Articles on Ancient Numismatics

1st: The Evolving Obverse: Gods, Kings, Commoners, Liberty, Presidents, Mark Benvenuto

Charles Kappan Literary Award for Articles on Exonomia

1st: An Exonomia Reminder, Western America's Deadliest and Last Train Hold-up, Donald Lannon

2nd: Numismatic Paper, Bill Febuary

3rd: Bank Bag Bonanza, Bill Febuary

Bryan Burke Literary Award for Articles on Foreign Coins

1st: Disinfect Before Handling: The Story of the Culion Leper Colony and its Coinage, Donald Lannon

2nd: The Evolving Obverse: Gods, Kings, Commoners, Liberty, Presidents, Mark Benvenuto

3rd: Two Coins, One Forgotten Colony—Kiau Chau, Mark Benvenuto

Virginia Hall Literary Award for Articles on Medals

1st: Unintended Consequences: the "Hitler" Putsch Medal of 1923, Ross Irvin

2nd: Congressional Gold Medals Honor Diverse Recipients, Jim Wells

Charles G. Colver Literary Award for Articles on Paper Instruments

1st: Unusual Dollar Fractions Abound in America's Early Paper Money, Jim Wells

2nd: Numismatic Paper, Bill Febuary

3rd: More About My Mentors in Numismatics, Bill Febuary

Roy Hill Literary Award for Articles on United States Coins

1st: \$5 Gold: the Only Denomination from All Eight US Mints, Jim Wells

2nd: The Panic of '92: How 51 Postmen and 38 Tons of Gold Saved the US Economy, Donald Lannon

3rd: Carson City's Mint: One Branch the Treasury Department Didn't Want, Donald Lannon

Corresponding Secretaries' Reports



CSNA—
by *Don Hill*

Thank you to all of you who've already sent in your membership renewals for 2018. Reminders have been sent to those who haven't yet responded. I too have been sending renewals to the local clubs where I'm a member. Local coin club membership is a bargain. It is admission to a series of meetings of like minded collectors who provide opportunities for learning and for sharing and to sell your coins and to acquire coins for your collection.

Join and support your local clubs. And don't be a member who lets others do all the work. Even if you can't be a club officer, you can occasionally arrive early and help set up the meeting room. And stay after sometimes to put the chairs away and make the room presentable.

Do you know all the nearby coin clubs? Check the "Directory of Member Clubs" published in each issue of *The California Numismatist*. Your coin club memberships are a bargain.

NASC—
by *Harold Katzman*

We have 35 members and clubs that have not renewed for 2018, including Chula Vista, Hemet, Upland, Verdugo Hills, Burbank and CSNA. One deceased member, Jack Katzman. Second dues notices going out here in March.

NASC Membership on 1 Mar. 2018

Junior members.....	7
Life members.....	10
Club members.....	22
Regular members.....	76
Sustaining Members.....	116
Total Membership.....	231

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David Parker.....	R-6481

CSNA Membership on 24 Feb. 2018

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Life.....	122
Junior.....	5
Member Club.....	25
Associate.....	5
Member Club-Life.....	12
Regular (Business).....	14
Total.....	343

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Even Roosevelt Dimes Can Be Fun to Collect

by *Bill Febuary*

Some of us coin collectors probably started collecting Lincoln Head pennies back when they were mostly wheat-back coins, but then others of us decided to branch off for an even more exciting collectible and in my case it was Roosevelt dimes.

I was very lucky in my early coin collecting days because the bank where I banked employed one of my best friend's wife who worked at that bank and would provide me with all the unusual coins that would come into the bank.

In one of those earlier coin experiences that I wrote about in *The California Numismatist*, I told about my obtaining five rolls of Roosevelt dimes from my friend's wife at the bank. Then during the Christmas holiday my family and I visited relatives in Des Moines, Iowa, and I went to one of the coin shops in downtown Des Moines and traded the five rolls of Roosevelt dimes for a complete set of Franklin halves, many of which were uncirculated coins. Ever since that collecting phase in my life, I still have a large number of individual Roosevelt dimes along with several early date original rolls, that I have put away. My real



The Roosevelt dime series began in 1946, the year after the passing of the past president as a tribute to his founding the charity March of Dimes in 1938.

fascination in Roosevelt dimes is the difficulty in grading them as most of them either look very worn or uncirculated, so it is hard to tell an AU-58 coin from a MS-60 coin.

This is another fascination of the numismatic hobby, which is trying to determine the true grade of Roosevelt dimes, which is basically what this article is written about: my love for grading Roosevelt dimes.

One of the great references for grading coins of all kinds is the publication written by Q. David Bowers, *Grading Coins by Photographs*. There are many other publications of which show illustrated coins and attempt to describe the details of each according to their grade. The one by Q. David Bowers actually shows a photo of the coin and how it should look for a particular grade and then describes the coin.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945) won a record four terms as US president, and his New Deal agenda implemented actions that helped the US recover from the Great Depression. He contracted a paralytic illness in 1921, and after his partial recovery (never regaining full use of his legs) began his political ascension to his first presidential term, being elected in 1932. The rapid expansion of government programs that occurred during Roosevelt's term redefined the role of the government in the United States, and Roosevelt's advocacy of government social programs was instrumental in redefining liberalism for coming generations.



I have taken 160 Roosevelt dimes from my collection, dated from 1946-P to 2004-D with an attempt to grade each one according to the various coin grading books and videos that are available.

This project was a lot of fun because of the close resemblance from one coin to another with only a slight difference in the wear or non-wear of each coin.

Some of the coins are bright and it is easy to determine they are uncirculated, but are they MS-60 or MS-63 or MS-65? That is the question. In order to determine those grades I had to read and re-read each grading publication or video over and over again to understand how each coin is graded and what the real grade is for each of the coins in this 160 coin collection.

Many of the coins have slight wear and some have darkening areas on the background of the coins, while others are well worn and obviously are only a grade of F-12, which is common in many of the coins in my collection. However, some of the key date coins are pricey because of their low mintage, which is unusual for a recent type coin. Those being mainly the 1955 series of Roosevelt dimes. The 1949 series is perhaps the highest priced

coins in high grade, along with the 1950-S and the 1951-S .

Most people that are collectors or buyers find that occasionally there will be a sale on Roosevelt dimes that they can buy at melt price and that is always a good thing as their collectible prices are much more than merely melt price.

It is hard to believe that in several numismatic publications that give a retail price for high grade Roosevelt coins list them at over \$100 in grades of MS-67 and above. Many of the coins that I am reviewing in my own collection perhaps fall into that category and it would be fun to send them in to a professional grading service to see if they really were MS-67 coins.

So here again is another fascinating thing to do in numismatics even with the simplest of coins which are relatively a new type in the history of United States coinage.

I am hoping many of our readers will take a look at their own collection of coins and see what their coins might be according to the various grading publications and then look up a price guide for those coins and see if they really do have a valuable collection.

Between Two Wars: Incidents at the US Mint 1865-1913

by *Donald Lannon*

Theft. Negligence. Pilfering. Embezzlement. Seldom have these words been applied to the conduct of US Mint employees; but instances of the justifiable use of these nouns do exist, described in official records and sometimes in newspaper accounts. The incidents cited in this article are true. Each occurred between 1865 and 1913; that is, from a few months after the end of the Civil War to several months before the beginning of World War I—a span of almost 50 years.

SF Mint Lost Twice

On December 9, 1865, the coiner at the San Francisco branch mint delivered \$120,000 in gold double eagles to that facility's cashier. The cashier, in turn, only credited \$100,000 to the coiner. Soon thereafter, the cashier fled about the same time officials discovered that he had embezzled funds from other mint accounts. "There is little doubt," an officer wrote, "that the coiner delivered to the cashier the amount of \$120,000 claimed by him." The \$20,000 loss was never recovered.

Two years later the San Francisco branch experienced another loss when a clerk in the treasurer's office allegedly made a fraudulent alteration to an assay report, increasing the fineness in

gold of certain deposits. This resulted in a loss of \$10,665. The clerk was arrested, tried by a jury, and acquitted.

Silver Dollars Gone

The branch mint at New Orleans was unable to account for 1,000 standard silver dollars on June 11, 1880. On that date mint funds and bullion were transferred to M. V. Davis who had been promoted from coiner to superintendent. Davis replaced Henry S. Foote, the branch's superintendent from December 1878 until his death on May 19, 1880. Previously, Foote had served as a US Senator (1847-1852), governor of Mississippi (1852-1854), and as a member of the Confederate States House of Representatives (1862-1865). H. C. Burchard, director of the mint bureau (1879-1885), claimed in his annual report, "Mr. Foote's continued ill health and inability to give the necessary attention to the business of the mint occasioned some neglect and laxity in keeping records and supervision of mint transactions."

Burchard explained, "There had previously been frequent, urgent demands for the shipment of standard dollars and the error ... occurred from an undiscovered mistake in the report

\$20,000 in 1865-S double eagles “disappeared” when a cashier pulled some shenanigans at the mint.



or count of the sacks at some delivery for distribution.” Somehow, by June 1881 the deficiency had been made good.

Suit Named Mint Officers

San Francisco inventor John Reynolds was issued a patent (US53340) on March 20, 1866, for “... certain new and useful improvements [in the] processes of refining gold and silver bullion in bars.” In 1880 he initiated a suit in the circuit court of the US, district of California, against Henry Dodge, the superintendent of the branch mint at San Francisco, and Alexander Martin, the mint’s melter and refiner. Reynolds alleged that the method of refining practiced at the mint by Dodge and Martin had been an infringement of his patent; and, therefore, he was entitled to damages. The court agreed. On July 7, 1884, a judgment of \$61,295.63 was rendered in his favor.

Silver Bars Stolen

Sometime during the winter of 1884-1885, three silver bullion bars—1,980.12 ounces in weight with a value of \$1,936.62—were stolen from the mint at Philadelphia. Dr. James C. Booth, the mint’s melter and refiner, promptly reported the theft to the superintendent. Booth was the officer in whose custody the bars had been entrusted. Although an investigation was

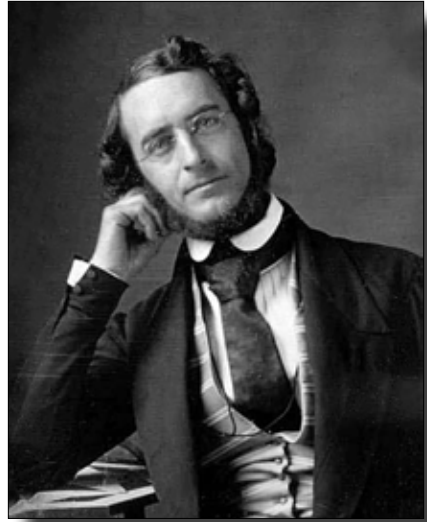
undertaken, the thieves were not identified and the bullion was not recovered. The Bureau of the Mint held Booth personally responsible for the loss; and they instructed him to deposit with the superintendent 1,980.12 standard ounces of silver bullion. On March 26, 1886, he deposited the bullion at his own expense. In his annual report mint Director James Kimball (1885-1889) wrote, “It is hoped that Congress will reimburse the personal loss thus entailed upon this venerable and efficient officer.”

Kimball expressed his concerns in a letter addressed to his boss, Secretary of the Treasury Charles S. Fairchild, dated February 3, 1887: “His [Booth’s] responsibility [for the loss], as a matter of fact, was ... only technical, owing to the circumstance that no provision was made by the superintendent for the safe custody of silver bullion for want of vault room. It was therefore stored in the court of the mint and thus exposed to depredation, a circumstance over which the melter and refiner had no control. When called upon by me to make good the deficiency charged to him [sic] this was done without demur, and the account closed on the books of the mint. ... I have urged the favor-

Dr. James Curtis Booth (1810-1888) was a chemist who also worked as the minter and refiner at the Philadelphia facility. While at the mint he designed a new form of wind furnace for melting the huge amount of gold being mined in California. His decision to retire from his duties at the mint was no doubt helped along by his worries of his personal liabilities for the bullion.

able consideration [by Congress] of Dr. Booth's claim, as an act of simple justice to this efficient and venerable officer, who has grown old in the position which [sic] he has held for nearly forty years."

In October 1887 Dr. Booth wrote to a friend, revealing his thoughts. "The whole truth," the doctor admitted, "is, [sic] that the constantly increasing business of the mint beyond its capacity for bullion storage has been increasingly weighing down my anxious thoughts for its safety, and you may add to that the consciousness that I was personally responsible for every ounce of bullion received, and then you will readily perceive sufficient ground for a constant, anxious care, which I sometimes imagined to be as the square or cube of the extra quantity of bullion continually poured in. ... It was that constant and constantly augmenting ounce for ounce responsibility that finally affected my mind, and I rather think broke me down, [sic] I went home quite sick from the mint early in April, and lay on my back for about three months. I suppose that such a statement will be quite sufficient to explain my present position. I am glad to say that I had sufficient strength to resign from my place in the mint, although no one is



yet appointed to take my place. ... From my age, over seventy-seven, I hardly expect restoration of full strength, and am satisfied with what Providence designs."

Dr. James C. Booth died on March 21, 1888. As of June 30, the close of the 1888 fiscal year, Congress had not yet acted on his behalf.

Bullion Bar Sold

On February 11, 1885, the superintendent of the New York assay office notified officials at the Philadelphia mint that "... an Omaha silver bar sold by a New York firm to the mint had been offered for sale in that city under suspicious circumstances." Immediately, the mint conducted an investigation, concluding that the bar had been stolen from its own facility. The bullion bar was recovered through the efforts of the US district attorney. Those individual(s) found to have received the stolen bar were placed under arrest.

Archibald Loudon Snowden oversaw the Philadelphia Mint at a time when a bullion bar of silver was stolen, perhaps being the “straw that broke the camel’s back” when it came to keeping his job. He was replaced shortly thereafter on July 1, 1885.

Daniel Fox succeeded A. Loudon Snowden as the superintendent of the Philadelphia mint on July 1, 1885. Snowden had been superintendent at the time of the theft. Director Kimball succinctly explained his reason for the replacement: “The plan of bookkeeping in the general department of this mint ... has for many years failed to fully exhibit the details of the general business of the mint.”

Assayer Blamed for Loss

During FY 1885, the mint bureau was informed that Norman Camp, the assayer at the Boise assay office since June 1883, did not have on hand all of the cash for which he was responsible. An investigation ensued; the assayer’s cash was counted; and it was determined that a deficiency existed of just under \$12,524. Camp was removed from his position. Immediately thereafter, the US district attorney began a legal action against him. Camp died in 1886; a compromise settlement with his estate was reached on March 31, 1887. Spruille Braden succeeded Camp as the Boise office’s assayer.

Inadequate Security Recognized

“The mints of the United States were never designed to be repositories either of large stocks of bullion or of coin,” Director Kimball told the Treasury secretary in June 1885. He



explained, “This is indicated by the small capacity and number of their original vaults. ... [A]ll of the institutions, ... with the exception of the Mint [sic] at San Francisco, are supplied with vaults the security of which mainly depends upon the integrity and efficiency of guards and patrols by night, and upon the presence of officers and employes [sic] by day. But ... still further dependence is placed on the legal preservation of public order and the efficiency of local police. ... Yet it may well be asked should even this long immunity from popular violence [i.e., riots] be accepted as a guaranty against the possibility of any future occurrence of the kind in large cities like New York, Philadelphia, and New Orleans?”

Kimball went on, “As the storage and safe custody of coin for obvious reasons call for the greatest possible degree of security, preference is given

to the stock of coin, and only secondary consideration to that of silver bullion. This is of so bulky a character as sometimes to be left unduly exposed. At the Mint [sic] at Philadelphia thefts of fine bars have occurred ... on two separate occasions during the last fiscal year [1884], through want of sufficient protection. The lack of ample security at the mints ... becomes a source of great anxiety to the officers in charge, the requirements of whose original trusts are seen to be greatly exceeded by the additional responsibility as custodians of vast sums of public moneys. ... Some of the provisional vaults, ... in the most active mint in the country, are scarcely more than closets or ordinary cellars opening into workshops, thoroughfares, and dark recesses, and depending more on neighboring traffic for security than on any structural security of their own.”

Mint Laborers Preferred

Since 1880 labor costs at the Philadelphia mint had been excessive. As a consequence, Director Kimball demanded that the superintendent control this expense. And, in his annual report, he proudly announced, “All mechanical labor performed in the mint during the fiscal year [1886] has been by the regular force of the mint. This circumstance becomes notable from the fact that for the six years previous to the beginning of the fiscal year over \$54,000 was paid out to a single [outside] firm for extra mechanical labor, at an average daily rate of wages of \$4.73, against the average rate of \$3.25 paid the regular mechanical force of the mint. ... [T]he year may prove as one in which no considerable

expenditures for machinery [including labor] have been incurred.”

Mint Got Gatling Guns

In his report for the 1886 fiscal year, Director Kimball reminded the Treasury secretary, “Owing to the bulky character of the silver treasure, for the storage of which temporary and unsuitable expedients have had to be adopted at the mint in Philadelphia, I took occasion in my last annual report to point out as the greatest danger to which this treasure is exposed [comes] ... from popular disorder [i.e., riots]. In order to be prepared for any contingency of the kind, however remote, I undertook to secure, through the co-operation of the War Department, a suitable defensive armament for the Mint [sic] at Philadelphia. The [mint] armory was early in the year newly equipped with Gatling guns mounted on tripods and with repeating rifles, etc. An armorer has been detailed from the roll of the mint and a portion of his time given to the proper care of these arms.”

Gold Bars Hidden

In 1887 gold bullion worth \$16 million was delivered to the Philadelphia mint’s reserve vault for storage. At the time of delivery a receipt for its claimed value was issued, but the bullion was never weighed. Six years later the Treasury secretary ordered the mint to coin all stored bullion. To comply with the secretary’s mandate, the Philadelphia facility opened its reserve vault on September 8, 1893. The bullion was removed and then weighed. Officials were horrified to discover 30 of the 12- to 15-pound gold bars missing—a shortage of ap-

Mint Director James Putnam Kimball (served in that capacity 1885-1889) is commemorated on a mint medal struck in 1891, though it referred to his early installment as director in July 1885. Kimball ordered Gatling guns as part of his security measures at the Philadelphia mint.



proximately \$134,000, according to a *New York Times* article [mint records, in contrast, claimed \$113,423.85]. The bullion was re-weighed, an action that only confirmed the loss. Officers from the mint bureau and the Secret Service were dispatched from their offices in Washington, DC to the Philadelphia plant.

Suspicion was drawn to Henry Cochran, a weighing clerk and 43-year mint employee, who had sole custody of the vault since the bullion's delivery. In a conversation with co-workers the day of the Treasury order, he had expressed concern that "... the gold wouldn't be found intact when the vault was opened and the bullion weighed." Even more suspicious, on September 7 Cochran visited the Washington, DC home of the acting mint director; there he attempted to persuade the director to countermand the Treasury secretary's order, sug-

gesting that the gold stored at the New York Sub-treasury should be used in place of the bullion stored at Philadelphia. Cochran was told the Treasury order could not be revoked.

The acting mint director and one Secret Service agent interrogated Cochran. Working together, the two men elicited a confession from the suspect in less than a day. On September 17, 1893, *The New York Times* published a story headlined "Stolen by a Trusted Clerk" in which it explained, "By means of a crooked wire he [Cochran] pulled the bullion bars from the top of a pile where they were placed cross-wise like railroad ties. When they fell upon [sic] the floor he pulled the bars to the iron-latticed door, the bottom of which was a little loose on one side,



IT B. HENRY S. COCHRAN.

Weighing Clerk Henry S. Cochran made off with over \$134,000 in gold bullion; only around \$90,000 was recovered according to mint records.

the bolts having rusted. By pushing the door inward on this side the bar of gold could easily be removed. His habbit [sic] was to do this stealing before the employes [sic] of the mint came to their work in the morning.”

According to the story, Cochran carried the gold bars home “... secreted in his lunch basket. In this way he took out of the vault and carried away \$34,000 of gold bullion. By means of the same hook and in the same way as heretofore described, he took out of the vault within the last 10 days \$100,000 in gold bullion. Instead of removing this from the mint building, however, he secreted it in the ventilation loft, where it was found after he made his confession. Cochran showed the officers its hiding place.”

The *Times* claimed that police recovered a total of \$107,000 [mint records put the amount at \$90,000] from Cochran’s home and from inside the Philadelphia facility. The report of the mint director for FY 1893 was succinct: “He [Cochran] was promptly indicted, tried, and convicted. The Government [sic] is not likely to lose anything from his crime.”

Fire Destroyed Currency

A fire occurred in the cashier’s vault at the New Orleans mint sometime between closing on Saturday afternoon, June 24, and opening on Monday morning, June 26, 1893. It destroyed \$25,000 in currency. On that Monday morning the superintendent telegraphed the mint bureau. He told them of the fire and requested they dispatch to New Orleans “... some competent person ... accustomed to the handling of charred money” in order to determine the exact amount

destroyed. In response the Treasury sent Mrs. L. E. Rosenberg from its redemption division where she was considered to be an “expert” in the handling of mutilated and charred currency.

Rosenberg “... found among the charred paper \$1,182 in currency which had not been destroyed beyond identification, leaving a deficiency of \$23,818 to be accounted for.” Officials suspected that the fire was not accidental, “... but of incendiary origin, for the purpose of concealing a shortage in the cashier’s accounts, he being the only person having access to the vault.”

A. R. Barrett, a Secret Service agent, investigated the fire’s origin. The evidence he compiled “... was deemed sufficient to justify the arrest” of J. M. Dowling, the former cashier. Dowling was arrested on July 21, 1893. He was indicted and tried for embezzlement before the US district court at New Orleans; he was, however, acquitted of the charge. Shortly thereafter, a suit was instituted by the US government against Dr. Andrew Smyth, the mint’s former superintendent, for the recovery of the missing \$23,818. Ultimately, the doctor’s case was argued before the US Supreme Court [Smyth v. United States (1903)] who on January 26, 1903, announced its decision: Smyth’s sureties would have to pay the government \$25,000. By this time Dr. Smyth had passed away.

Carson Bullion Embezzled

Between January 1, 1891, and June 1, 1894 [other records placed the time frame between November 1892 and August 1893], John Jones and James

Heney, both employees of the mint at Carson, embezzled more than \$75,000 [and possibly as much as \$100,000] in gold bullion from the melter and refiner's department. At the time Jones was the assistant in that office while Heney was employed as a silver dissolver in the mint refinery. The theft, according to mint records, was accomplished "... by abstraction and the substitution of base silver bullion containing a small percentage of gold."

In his incident report, dated November 7, 1896, New York assay office Superintendent Andrew Mason wrote, "The present shortage of gold (... increased to \$75,549.75) suggested that Mr. Jones must have covered stealings [sic] on his own account by other spurious melts, and at the last moment, to prevent an investigation, been obliged to cover the stealings [sic] of another thief previously unknown or whose capacity he had underrated. ... Strangely enough, on the next day the [mint] superintendent received information from Reno that James H. Heney ... had brought fine gold worth over \$20,000 to the Reno Reduction Works ... for melting and assay in August 1893. Both cases were promptly brought to the attention of the United States district attorney."

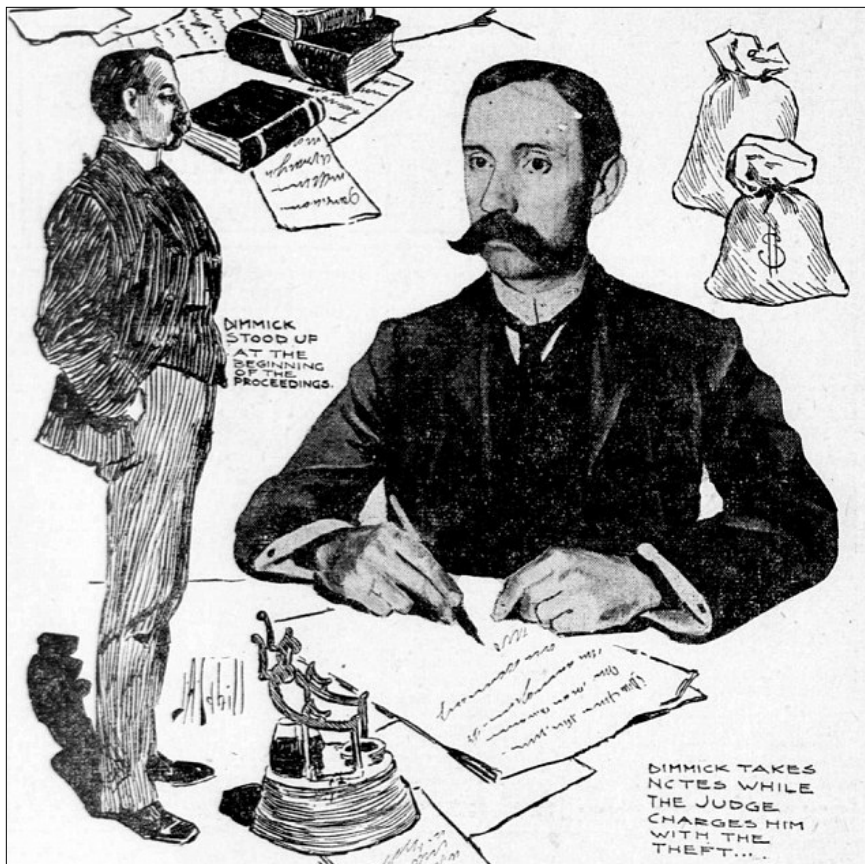
The two men were arrested, tried, and convicted. Each man was sentenced to eight years of hard labor in prison, and required to pay a \$5,000 fine. "These men (Jones and Heney) had not only stolen from the Government [sic] the gold intrusted [sic] to their care, but had endeavored to fix the guilt on others," Mason concluded. [A detailed account of this theft can be found in the "Report of the Director of the Mint" for FY 1896, pp 92-96.]

Silver Dollars Melted

In 1890 thousands of cloth bags, each containing 1,000 silver dollars, were placed in storage at the Philadelphia mint. The bags were stored inside a vault that was located below street-grade and whose interior was continuously damp. Robert Preston, the mint director (1893-1898), wrote in his annual report that when the vault was opened in 1894, mint employees discovered "... nearly all the bags, by reason of the dampness of the vault, had so rotted as to be little else than a mass of shreds."

"It was impracticable to verify the number of dollars by weight on account of their wet and slimy condition, thus rendering it necessary to count them on a counting machine, a slow and tedious work," Preston recalled. "There is not only a lack of vault room in the Philadelphia Mint [sic], but some of the vaults are so located that they are difficult of access, inconvenient, and ill-adapted [sic] for the storage of coin. The fact of their being situated below the level of the street renders them damp, so much so, that if coin be [sic] stored in them for any length of time the result will be mildewed and rotten bags...."

Two years later the director suggested in his yearly (FY 1886) report that the silver dollar count had not yet been completed. "On recounting the silver dollars stored in the large vault, the bags are found to be mildewed and many broken, the result being that the coins in many instances are loose, scattered throughout the piles, and cast on the floor." And he speculated, "At a moderate estimate, at least 4,000,000 of them will be found to be corroded so much as to make them totally unfit



for circulation, making their recoinage [sic] necessary.”

Double Eagles Disappeared

Six bags of \$20 gold pieces, having a combined value of \$30,000, disappeared from the cashier’s vault at the San Francisco mint sometime during June or July 1901. Walter Dimmick, the mint’s chief cashier, was suspected of the theft despite the lack of hard evidence. He began working at the mint in 1898, and was promoted to the position of chief cashier by the superintendent. Officials claimed Dimmick had been given three months’

notice and told that he would not be retained past July 1, 1901.

A story published in the July 1, 1901, edition of *The San Francisco Call* told readers, “He [Dimmick] denied that he knew the combination of the cashier’s vault, but admitted that he showed cashier W. K. Cole how to work the levers and tumblers when Cole came into office two years earlier.” Cole was to succeed Dimmick as the mint’s chief cashier.

“Cole told investigators,” the story said, “that when he arranged his combination on the vault, Dimmick assisted him ... and that it was possible for

When gold started arriving in Seattle from the Klondike in 1898, the government opened an assay office to buy gold and to certify its purity. The building was located at 617-19 9th Avenue.



Dimmick to have become acquainted with the combination. Dimmick said it wasn't possible for him to have learned the combination of Cole at the time the system was arranged."

Dimmick was arrested, charged with the crime on August 13, 1901, tried, and convicted in April 1903. He was sentenced to nine years in prison. Dimmick was released in 1909. The gold coins were never recovered.

Sand Substituted for Gold

George Adams had been an employee at the Seattle assay office "... almost from the time it was opened," George Roberts, director of the mint (1898-1907 and 1910-1914), wrote in his FY 1906 report. Adams was arrested on November 23, 1905, and charged with "... stealing gold from deposits while they were awaiting assay." Adams' method was "... to abstract a small amount of gold dust from each deposit, substituting enough sand to make good the gross weight by which the deposits are checked until the assays are made," Roberts recounted.

The San Francisco Call printed a story on December 17, 1905, headlined "Leach Tells about Adams." The story asserted that the theft amounted to "... about \$160,000 in gold dust, deposited within the last five or six years by mining men at the Seattle assay office. ... It appeared that gold dust reaching the assay office during the forenoon was weighed on receipt and then sent to the melter, who also weighed it, after which it was melted into bars. Gold dust arriving in the afternoon was taken charge of by [George] Adams and placed in his safe over night in order that it might be turned over to the melter in the morning. Adams kept in his pockets a quantity of different sizes of veterinary capsules, containing one-half ounce, one ounce and two ounces of sand [sic] respectively."

The article continued, "Then, from a package of gold dust, according to its weight, Adams would extract from half an ounce to two ounces of gold dust and replace the weight taken with sand. He began in 1901 to take about one-quarter of one per cent [sic], but

lately he raised the quantity to nearly 2 per cent [sic]. There is always some shrinkage in the weight of gold dust when it is made into bars because of sand that is taken out of it before being melted, but the shrinkage at the Seattle assay office was so much greater than normal that complaint was made to Washington [DC] by some of the depositors. ...”

“It was thought at first,” the newspaper asserted, “that the leakage was in the melting room, and in order to discover the thief packages of gold dust that had been cleaned of all but a certain weight of sand were sent to the assay office in the forenoon and direct to the melter. It was returned of the correct weight and not more than normal shrinkage. The cashier being the only other person in charge of the gold, [sic] was then suspected, and a package of cleaned gold dust was sent to the office in the afternoon so that Adams might put it into his safe. When it reached the melter it showed the correct weight, but contained a quantity of sand equal in weight to the gold abstracted. A pair of gold scales belonging to Adams was [sic] found in his safe.”

When Adams was arrested, “... \$12,000 in currency was found on his person. He also turned over to his captors \$400 worth of stolen gold dust and \$7,000 was found in his house. He admitted that during the present year [1905] he had taken \$35,000 worth of dust, but that was all the admission he would make.”

The Call described Adams as both wealthy and penurious. “He had invested \$50,000 in real estate,” it proclaimed, “he owned an iron works at Bellingham Bay, he had \$10,000

invested in a real estate and insurance business, he bought a new style of automobile whenever one came out and he built a fine residence for himself at a cost of \$20,000.”

George Adams was indicted and pled guilty “... to two counts in which the amounts stolen aggregated \$45,000, and received a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary at hard labor,” mint director Roberts said in his annual report. In its effort to recover the stolen amount, the government attached much of Adams’ property.

Mint Vault Pilfered

And finally – at the San Francisco branch mint a count of funds was completed on November 12, 1913. The count only included those vaults known to contain a total of 61,395,000 standard silver dollars. These coins, stored in cloth bags, had not been disturbed for more than 30 years. Each bag was opened and emptied; its contents were examined and then weighed.

“Five bags were found to have been tampered with, 18 coins in all having been abstracted and iron washers substituted therefor,” mint Director George Roberts recalled in his report for the 1914 fiscal year. He was certain that the “... pilfering was undoubtedly done at the time the coins were originally sacked, as the vaults have been continuously under seal. The original sacking was done in 1880, 1881, and 1882.”

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When Half Dollars Filled the Bill

by *Mark Benvenuto*

Certain coins are collector favorites for a brief time, while some seem to be perennially in the white hot spotlight. Morgan and Peace dollars sure seem to be two series that have stayed in the limelight for decades now. And one might argue that when they were first issued, they ruled the roost, as it were, as far as daily commerce (at least in some parts of the country). So it might strike us as odd that there was a time when half dollar coins were the biggest silver pieces we had, and the biggest silver US coins that were being pounded out by our mint. Yet in the early 1800's, the capped bust half dollars pretty much did just that.

1807–1839

First issued during the second decade of the young Philadelphia Mint's existence, the capped bust half dollar is the artistry of Mr. John Reich, at the time the engraver of the mint. President Thomas Jefferson had suspended the production of US silver dollars a few years prior to 1807, because so many were being exported for a profit, which means that by the time the capped bust half was first made available for use, it was the biggest US silver coin in circulation. It's fair to say that its major competition was most likely Spanish colonial silver that had come up from what is now Mexico, as well as lands farther south. The proof

behind such a statement probably lies in both the official mintages for each year, and the US Census, taken every ten years to determine the number of seats in the House of Representatives. The year 1807 saw a half dollar mintage of just over 750,000, and from 1808-1810 there were always something more than one million coined. Yet the 1810 Census claims there were 7,239,881 people living in the young but growing nation. So, while those mintage numbers are high enough that collectors today can snag an example from each year, especially if we go for one that has a small amount of wear, the entire output from 1807-1810 was not enough for one half-dollar per person. It's probably safe to say that capped bust halves were not all that common in their day.

Should we go about trying to assemble something like a date run of capped bust half dollars today, those two sets of numbers do translate to at least one important point for the present: it's going to be much easier to purchase pieces that have at least a bit of wear on them than mint state specimens. While the hobby has had something of a fixation upon mint state US coins for the past few decades, it's worth remembering that these fifty-cent pieces—scarce coins in their day—were worth quite a bit then. That means they were probably



used, and not simply squirreled away. To give just one example, the Northwest Territory of the early 1800's was Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. A man could for \$1.00 buy a one-square-mile farm as these three were becoming states. That's no typo. A single dollar could buy a good-sized farm. That's two of our capped bust halves. So, the chances are that most of these fifty-cent pieces did actually circulate, at least to some extent.

The prices in this series do tend to go down a bit as the years progressed. In part this is because the output of halves did go up, even if slowly. In 1819 the two-million coin mark was surpassed. It was 1824 when the three-million mark was beaten. Only two years later, in 1826, just over four million were coined. The very next year, 1827, it was just under five and a half million. The 1831 total went higher, although the six-million coin mark was only breached in 1834. And in 1836, the highest mintage was recorded, at 6,545,000 of these elegant-looking fifty-cent pieces.

A lot went on in the growing US in that span of time, with new states

entering the union, new vistas opening up for people wanting to move, a branch mint opening in New Orleans, and a steady influx of people coming to the young nation. That just-mentioned branch mint gives us the super rarity 1838-O capped bust half, and the much more common, yet still scarce, 1839-O as part of this series. But up to the end of the series in 1839, the capped bust halves remained the largest silver coin of the United States.

Anyone interested in assembling a set of these historic half dollars has plenty of options from which to choose. The person with deep pockets can try for a set of them in mint state; but most of us may find it financially more prudent to look at pieces in the F-12 to EF-40 range. There can still be good detail on such coins, and price tags of \$125-\$200 are more palatable for many than what we would see among the mint state examples.

Of course, for the collector who is also a serious technophile, the capped bust half dollars offer a glut of fantastic varieties. There are over-dates galore, plenty of large and small date varieties within a year, changes to

how the denomination was displayed —50 C, to 50 Cents, to Half dol.—and even a change to the third side of the coin. What we mean by this last is that the edge went from being lettered to reeded in 1836. And that reeding stayed with our large silver coins for a very long stretch of time.

End of an age?

By 1840, the reign of these hefty fifty-cent pieces as the biggest circulating silver coins from the United States Mint had passed. The seated Liberty design replaced the capped bust design on all of our nation's silver

coins, from the little half dimes, all the way up to the silver dollars. And importantly, silver dollars were once again coming out of the gate. This made the capped bust half dollars something of a unique series: the only fifty cent pieces to reign as the biggest silver that the United States Mint produced. This would not happen again until the Morgan dollar went into its “dormant years” at the end of 1904. Importantly, enough of these halves survive that they can become a fascinating and historic series for the modern collector.



Tahquitz High School Presentation

A coin display at Tahquitz High School (located in Hemet) held February 26-28 was a big success, with CSNA Director Philip DeAugustino (pictured center) speaking to many students and teachers. He answered a lot of questions and made several solid contacts with students, and has been invited back to Tahquitz next year. There may even be a lecture on coin collecting by Philip and a couple of other local club members. The group also has plans for a lecture at the Hemet public library on April 21, and before that they'll be doing displays at West Valley and Hemet high schools. Philip's contact information is on page 76 (deaugustino1@gmail.com).

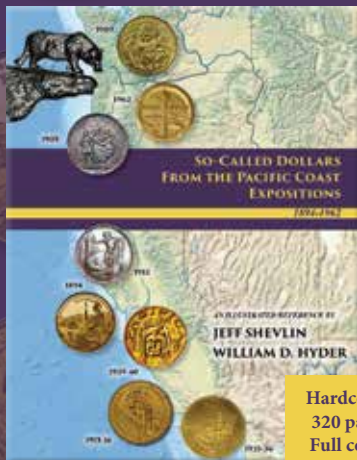
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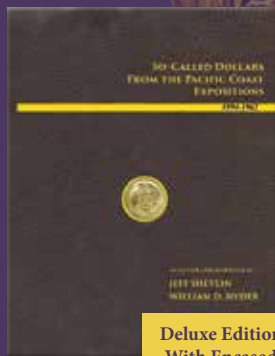
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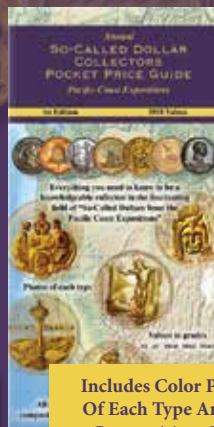
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It Makes Cents:

Penny Hoards

by Dr. Sol Taylor

At the 1974 NASC convention, then Mint Director Mary Brooks commented that the average American was hoarding 2,500 pennies (cents). That calculation was based on the number of cents minted since 1959 and divided by the number of Americans. Obviously that would be higher if all cents (from 1909) were included. Be that as it may, most folks I know did not have anywhere near 2,500 cents stashed away, or even close. But there were a few who had massive hoards.

An Ohio man revealed to *Coin World* about 20-25 years ago that he had several 55 gallon drums filled with pennies. He tried to cash them in but their sheer weight kept most banks away from trying to buy the hoard. Eventually a couple of coin dealers and a bank cooperated in getting the hoard towed away and counted, a total of just over *eight million coins!* That hoard alone boosted the national hoarding average.

A Missouri coin dealer told the Society of Lincoln Cent Collectors (SLCC) about ten years ago that he was contacted by a collector who claimed to have over a million cents. Once the hoard was weighed and the coin total based on 150 coins per pound, the hoard was hauled to Missouri where it was sorted, examined,



and cherry picked. Apparently there were many wheat-back cents plus a few Indian head cents and many semikey and scarcer dates in the group. Many of these better coins showed up in SLCC mail bid sales in the early 2000s.

My daughter kept a five gallon jar at home and dropped in pennies (and a few other coins) over the years. When her daughter entered high school and the jar was filled, it was hauled to a local bank on a dolly and deposited into her daughter's college fund. That total came to just over \$225. I never got to sort through the hoard for wheat pennies, but that was okay.

The late Wendell Markham, a lifelong collector and early Whittier Coin Club member, died and left an inventory of his coins. His grandson contacted me a few years ago and sent me a 105 page list of his holdings. There were over *one thousand* rolls of wheat pennies, *all sorted by date and mintmark!* Eventually a Long Beach dealership bought all the rolls plus most or all the rest of the inventory. I was nearly floored by looking at rolls of such coins as 1909VDB, 1922D, 1924D, 1926S, 1933, and 1933D in the box.

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owner, a retired doctor, told me he had a bag of wartime (steel) pennies. We weighed the bag and concluded it had some 2000 coins. I think I paid three cents per coin.

In the early 1970s banks were clamoring for pennies and the supply was drying up and banks offered a premium for whole bags (5,000 coin) of pennies. A local Orange County vending machine operator had bags of pennies piled up in his garage like sand

bags from his early years as the owner of hundreds of penny gum machines. I bought two bags (33 pounds each) and hauled them to the local bank in Santa Ana and was paid a \$5 premium per bag. I even got a certificate for my civic duty. The rest was just too heavy to make repeated trips.

Here again the national average from these few examples alone boosted the average American's hoard to 2,500 coins.

California Token Spotlight

Shining on: The Castle Saloon, Santa Rosa

by *Merle Avila*

637 - Fourth – Street (Hahman Building)

W. B. Sanborn, Proprietor: 1887 – 1890

John W. Swank, Proprietor: 1891 – 1908

Charles Gardner and William Beswick, Proprietors: 1909 – 1912

Charles Gardner, Proprietor: 1912 – 1918

Press Democrat 11/30/1905

*J. W. Swank, Who Successfully
Conducts Three Kinds of Business at
Once*

The old saying that a man can do more than one thing at a time; J. W. Swank, who simultaneously is a house mover, contractor and a saloon owner and does three things at once, and does them well. The Castle bar and wholesale store in the Hahman building is one of the best saloons in town.

Press Democrat 7/18/1911

*Getting Ready to Build Hahman
Building*

King Crist (Contractor) moved the “Old Castle Saloon” building from the Hahman lot on Fifth Street Monday, and a force of men went to work cleaning the lot preparatory to the erection of a modern store building on the lot, extending from Fourth through to Fifth Street. The building has been leased by J. C. Pedersen, who will move his large furniture store there as soon as it is ready for occupancy. It will be built by the Hahman estate.

Press Democrat 7/6/1912

Will Improve “The Castle”

Charles Gardner and William Beswick, the proprietors of “The Castle” saloon in the Doyle building at Fourth and “D” streets, are contemplating making a number of fine improvements in their place. They mean to have it one of the most up-to-date and attractive places in the city. They have planned some very neat changes in the place, and when they are finished they will certainly have a pleasing effect.

Press Democrat 6/19/1913

Accepts Position

Will Graham has accepted a position as mixologist at The Castle, Chas. Gardner’s saloon on upper Fourth Street. He will be glad to have his friends drop in and see him.

Press Democrat 8/17/1915

*Castle Saloon Held Up by Masked
Highwaymen; Sunday Night Robbery -
Three Men Robbed*

A hold-up was staged in Santa Rosa about half-past eleven o’clock Sunday night which savored of the regular old-fashioned type of frontier



*Twenty-four ounce,
11" tall, amber bottle
owned by Rick Siri.*



Both pieces unlisted.



days, or things that occur in the bigger cities. There was the tall and the short bandit, the yawning muzzle ends of huge revolvers, the handkerchief-masked faces of desperados. Just the kind of stuff that would make racy reading for the “penny a liner” for a page or two in a dime novel. The escape and pursuit of the bandits, the attendant thrills given those relieved of their coin, etc., must be included.

Charles Gardner’s Castle Saloon, one door from the corner of Fourth and D streets was the scene. Tim Isles, the barkeeper, Charles Krausse, the well-known cigar dealer, and William J. Doran suddenly became aware that

the three shadowed bandits came in the swinging doors from Fourth Street, burst in, and they looked up to see the muzzles of revolvers in the hands of two masked men were covering them. “Up with your hands, all of you and be quick about it,” one of the fellows hissed.

Tim Isles grabbed a bottle, not sure whether it was a josh or whether the real thing was being pulled off. “Drop that bottle quick, or I’ll shoot,” muttered the man behind the gun. And to the credit of Isles, he did as he was commanded without further delay. His hands went up—Krausse and Doran very wisely had already submitted. The bandits made the barkeeper open both drawers of the cash register and shell out the contents, some seventy dollars. “Open that safe,” the fellow said threateningly. “Can’t do it, sir; I am only the assistant barkeeper and

don't know how," replied the bar-keeper.

"Fair enough, then. Now get back there." The bandits then searched their victims securing about sixty dollars and a watch from Mr. Krausse and \$4.75 from Mr. Doran. Isles had no coin other than a quarter in his pants pocket and that was not taken. They took drinks. This done, the bandit ordered the barkeeper to put four bottles of beer and a bottle of whisky into a sack that he carried. This was done. The man then called to his partner, who had remained on guard while the searching of pockets and till had been proceeding, and first one and then the other made his getaway. They hurried up Fifth and crossed to Humboldt Street.

Will Carter, who lives at the Meyer residence, met them and stopped to look at them and the sack they were carrying. "Get in there," shouted one of the men roughly, and Carter stepped inside. At the time Carter was unaware of the hold-up. It did not take the victims of the hold-up long to run outside

after the robbers had disappeared and give an alarm. Policeman Shaffer was the first to respond and Policeman Reid and Richardson and Chief Boyes were soon on the scene, together with Sheriff Smith and some of his deputies. All joined in a search of the city and Sheriff Smith took a hasty detour of the outskirts in his automobile.

No clues were obtainable, however, plenty of rumors. Following the hold-up there were many rumors, one of which was to the effect that the men had boarded an automobile on Fifth Street near Mendocino and had made their getaway in that. That theory was soon exploded both by the statement of Carter and by ascertaining the identity of the man whose machine had been noticed and which had aroused suspicion. Thus in brief is told the first story of Santa Rosa's first hold-up in the manner described. Monday night men were on the lookout for any suspicious characters about town. The two bandits wore light overcoats over their suits.

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Numismatic Luminary



by *Jim Hunt*

Our Numismatic Luminary was born in Seattle, Washington, in 1966. His parents were teachers and he spent part of his childhood in Africa and the Middle East going to school where they taught. He graduated from High School in Cairo, Egypt. Brad Yonaka returned to the United States for college, but has spent much time since then overseas, for most of his work has been located outside of the United States. Brad is married and has two children, one in high school and a four year old. His only sibling is a sister who is now a teacher living in Thailand.

Brad has a bachelor of science degree in geological engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and a master of science degree in geochemistry from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. He works as an exploration geologist consulting for the minerals industry (gold, silver, and other metals). He has worked in North, Central, and South America, as well as Sub-Saharan Africa. His first job was underground geologic mapping in a South African gold mine. He currently does project evaluation and management of exploration programs from grass-roots projects to operating mines.

In addition to numismatics, Brad has a small mineral collection and collected stamps as a child. His primary

non-numismatic interest, however, is international travel. He has visited over 100 countries and has lived in six.

His wife is very supportive of his hobby, and assists him with his numismatic research. His numismatic focuses are Spanish colonial, 19th century independent Latin American countries, North Africa under the Ottoman Empire, and a few of the Indian princely and independent states. He has also put together collections of oriental trade dollar types, as well of sets of coins from Ethiopia, 20th century Yemen, and provincial Chinese copper milled cash coins. In past years, he collected United States coins, focusing on Indian-head cents, Lincoln cents, and Barber coinage. He also collected circulating foreign coins.

Brad's favorite numismatic story comes out of a 1984 trip to the Soviet Union. During his stay, he gathered as many examples as possible of kopek coins and ruble notes. At the time, the export of USSR currency was illegal. Upon flying out of Moscow, he stashed all the coins and paper money in the socks he was wearing. He was successful in leaving the country without the currency being detected.

Another coin-related experience occurred during a trip to the San Blas archipelago, Panama, in 1980. The native Indian tribe (Cuna) used old silver

NL Brad Yonaka is especially well-traveled, having spent time in over 100 countries, a feat few can claim to match. His numismatic tastes are reflective of that spectrum of experiences, with an eclectic smattering of coins from around the globe. Read Jim Hunt's write-up to learn of Brad's advice to new collectors.

US dimes and quarters to make jewelry. Even though the coins were holed, Brad had to check these coins for rare dates. He mentioned that he has also seen some wonderful examples of coin uses in Bedouin headdresses from the Middle East.

Brad belongs to many numismatic organizations: ANA, CSNA, US Mexican Numismatic Association (USMNA), Barber Coin Collector's Society, the Chopmark Collectors Club, Numismatics International, and locally, the Long Beach and Greater Orange County coin clubs. The first coin club he joined was the Long Beach Coin Club (2008). He has been a board member for CSNA.

The most important award he has received was a first place in the Asia category at the ANA Worlds Fair of Money in Anaheim, 2016. Another important award was a first place award from CSNA in 2011 for an exhibit on Spanish colonial overdates.

His most important numismatic event is the publication of his first numismatic book. This experience has encouraged him to continue being a published author. He looks forward to writing more books. The book he published last year was "A Variety Guide to the Fractional Pillar Coinage of Mexico City, 1732-1771". It is an update to previous works on the subject and includes many unlisted



types, and attempts some statistical analysis regarding coin abundances and an extensive analysis using die pair matching.

He has written articles for the Barber Coin Collector's Society and USMNA journals, has also been a speaker at Los Angeles coin clubs, and has exhibited at ANA, CSNA, and USMNA. He will be a speaker at the upcoming 50th Annual CSNA Educational Symposium in Torrance.

What is Brad's advice to beginning collectors? If you develop a burning obsession with a numismatic topic, especially if it is not extensively studied, with time you can become a knowledgeable voice. Numismatics as a research field is wide open, even as a casual endeavor. Something you wish to focus on can easily lead to exciting discoveries. The sense of creating something new and original from your hobby empowers you to continue and hopefully imparts this enthusiasm upon others.



Parallels and Contrasts



Characterize America's Smallest Coins

by *Jim Wells*

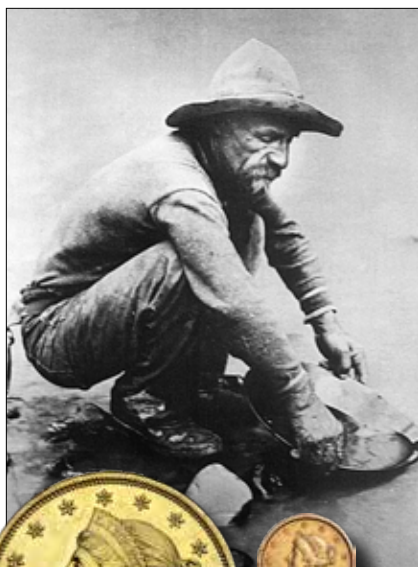
Do you admire America's *largest* coins? Yes, those double eagles and silver dollars boast attractive designs, admirable heft, and storied ties to America's gold and silver mining histories.

But wait—there are two *other* US denominations with multiple designs and historic ties packed into shorter lifetimes. And these are America's *smallest* coins: gold dollars and silver three-cent pieces.

By following their shorter narratives, similar tales can be spun about coinage minting, design issues, and historic mining influences. Even better, the stories of these two smallest denominations include some familiar parallels, as well as some interesting differences.

US Gold Dollars: 1849-1889

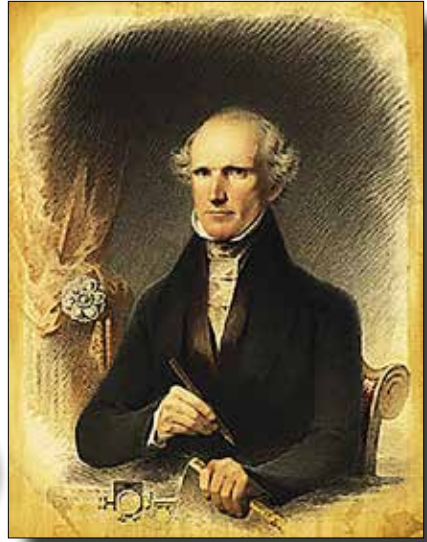
The gold dollar was part of Alexander Hamilton's original plans for our nation's coinage in 1791. But this denomination did not appear until the 1830s when private gold dollars were



The California gold rush sparked production of US double eagles, and similar gold dollars at 37% of the diameter and 5% of the weight. Both coins shown life-sized for comparison.

Right, James B. Longacre (1794-1869) was from 1844 to his death the fourth chief engraver of the US mint, and designer of the two smallest US coins featured in this article, the silver three-cent and the gold dollar. Self-portrait, 1845.

Below, from left to right, Longacre replaced his Type 1 gold dollar with a slightly larger Type 2 and then a Type 3 version, both showing Miss Liberty as an “Indian princess” wearing an ostrich feathered headdress.



produced in North Carolina and Georgia. Refining raw gold into small coins proved very popular to the public and profitable to private mints.

The outpouring of gold from the California gold rush spurred Congress to approve the gold dollar coin and also the double eagle \$20 gold piece. Thus the nation’s smallest and largest regular-issue gold coins emerged in 1849 as fraternal twins.

Americans often grumbled that silver dollars were too heavy to carry around. Gold dollars posed the opposite problem; at less than three-fourths the size of today’s dime, they were so small that they were easily lost.

But the tiny coins had the purchasing power equivalent to a full day’s wages for many Americans in the mid-1800s.

The initial gold dollar design was identical to that of the double eagle,

featuring a portrait of Miss Liberty. But at 12.7 millimeters, the gold dollar was the smallest diameter coin produced by US Mints. The diameter was too small and coins were too often misplaced, so in 1854 the diameter was increased by a whopping one-eighth to 14.3 mm, the same as three-cent pieces. A new design was also introduced. The new female figure is frequently described as an “Indian princess,” but it is probably a copy of the Roman statue “Crouching Venus” topped by a (so-called) Indian headdress of ostrich feathers(!) Striking problems resulted in another redesign in 1856, creating a third design type.

The gold dollar’s small size and durability proved satisfactory until its production was discontinued in 1889. Abundance of the new Morgan silver dollars and wider acceptance of

paper money were partly to blame. The gold dollar's life span of 41 years coincided with the turbulent Civil War, the Reconstruction Era and the Indian Wars in the West. This mighty numismatic miniature served American commerce from the eve of the Civil War through the start of the Gay Nineties.



In 1851 the new three-cent rate for postage up to 3,000 miles spurred Congress to authorize three-cent coins.

US Silver Three Cent Pieces: 1851-1873

Three cent pieces? This might sound odd today, but in 1851 (two years after the US gold dollars debut) our nation liked the idea. These coins were the smallest ever issued in terms of thickness and weight (0.750 grams, less than half the gold dollar's weight.) These so-called "trimes" had a larger diameter (14.3 mm) than the initial gold dollars (12.7 mm.) In a sense they were "fathered" by the California Gold Rush and "mothered" by the nation's postal system.

After gold was discovered in California in 1848, gold's value fell in relation to silver, which led to widespread hoarding of silver. The recently-retired large copper cents and half

cents were considered inconvenient. When the postage rate was reduced, Congress concluded that a three-cent coin could be used to purchase three-cent stamps. This same logic led to the \$3 gold coin, designed to purchase a sheet of 100 three-cent stamps. Instead of 90% silver like other silver coins, a 75% silver and 25% copper alloy was selected for the three-cent coins to prevent further hoarding and melting.

At first the three-cent pieces were successful. But the coins were so



Silver three-cent coins featured a six-pointed star with no outlines on Variety 1, three outlines on Variety 2, and two outlines on Variety 3. Got that? For years I wondered about that scrolley design around the III on the reverse, then finally realized it was a "C" for "cents." But you knew that already.

small that like gold dollars, they were easily lost. This was no small matter, as a workingman's wages were then less than 10 cents an hour. In addition, the 75%-25% alloy tended to discolor, and the coins were nicknamed "fish-scales."

In 1854, the fineness of the three-cent pieces was increased to 90% to bring them in line with other silver coins. The lighter coin was redesigned

slightly, but because of striking problems, it was again redesigned in 1859. The designer for all three versions was—take a guess—James Longacre.

The gold and silver discoveries in Colorado and Nevada brought new gold and silver to the mints. Unfortunately, the distrust and divisiveness spawned during the Civil War led to the demise of precious metal coins in commerce, and ultimately to the end

Silver Three-Cents

- Smallest US silver coins
- Smallest weight (.75 grams) and thickness of all US coins
- Designed by James B. Longacre, mint engraver 1844-1868
- Minted in three designs—called *varieties* by Yeoman, but *types* by Bowers and Breen. A *type* is a major subdivision of a design; a *variety* is a minor difference
- Weight changed in 1854, but diameter stayed the same
- Minted in parallel with *nickel* three-cent pieces (1865-1889)
- Produced for 23 consecutive years at the Philadelphia mint, also a small 1851 mintage at the New Orleans mint
- Initially popular with the public, but later became unpopular because they were easily lost and quickly discolored
- Date on obverse, according to law

Gold Dollars

- Smallest US gold coins
- Smallest diameter (type 1 is 12.7 mm) of all US coins
- Designed by James B. Longacre, mint engraver 1844-1868
- Minted in three designs—called *types* by Bowers, Breen, and Yeoman
- Diameter changed in 1854, but weight stayed the same
- Minted in parallel with *silver* dollars (1840-1921)
- Produced at five mints: 41 consecutive years at Philadelphia; fewer years at New Orleans, San Francisco, Dahlonega, and Charlotte
- Very popular with the public, used in earrings, stick pins, and other jewelry
- Date on reverse, ignoring the law (but no one objected)

of the silver three-cent piece as a circulating coin. Only a few were minted after 1862, when the newly-introduced nickel three-cent pieces made them redundant. Today only coin collectors remember these tiny coins they call “trimes,” and the important part they played in our nation’s coinage system.

Similarities and Differences

Some of the interesting characteristics of these two denominations are compared below.

Are These Tiny Treasures Collectible?

Collecting a type set of gold dollars and three-cent coins involves only three coins for each denomination. Each type of gold dollar currently catalogs beginning at \$240 to \$350 in extremely fine condition. Type 1 and 3 dollars retail for under \$400 in MS-60, but the smaller-mintage Type 2 brings \$1500. Silver three-cent pieces start at \$80 to \$110 in extremely fine, and \$210 to \$310 in MS-60. Their physical

Some familiar American coins, sorted by size

America’s largest-size coin boasts three times the diameter of the smallest, while the

<i>Denomination</i>	Silver and clad dollars	Gold \$20 double eagles	Silver and clad half dollars	Silver and clad quarter dollars
<i>Years Minted</i>	1840-1978	1850-1933	1839-present	1831-present



<i>Diameter, mm</i>	38.1	34.0	30.6	24.3
<i>Diameter, inches</i>	1.500	1.340	1.205	0.957
<i>Weight, grams</i>	24.590	33.436	11.340	5.670

size may be smaller than those *largest* denominations, but so are their price tags!

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the heaviest is over 66 times heavier than the lightest.

Nickel five-cent pieces	Small cents	Silver and clad dimes	Nickel 3-cent pieces	Silver half dimes	Silver 3-cents type 1	Silver 3-cents types 2 & 3	Gold dollars types 2 & 3	Gold dollars type 1
1883-present	1856-present	1837-present	1865-1889	1829-1873	1851-1853	1854-1873	1854-1889	1849-1854
21.2	19.0	17.9	17.9	15.5	14.3	14.3	14.3	12.7
0.807	0.750	0.705	0.705	0.610	0.563	0.563	0.563	0.500
5.000	2.500	2.490	1.940	1.240	0.802	0.750	1.672	1.672



The German Immigration Story Reflected in National Bank Notes

by Vince Kohlbecker

(Editor's note: author Vince emailed me this material along with the information that the material was being auctioned by Stacks Bowers—I'm assuming session 7—in March. Though I'm hopeful this TCN is printed in time, the information is germane to much of our national banking system and country's history, and so will serve our readers well, whether they're able to participate in the auction or not... GB)

National bank notes in American currency collecting provides a unique segment of the hobby that literally reflects the progression of the development of our United States as a country. The earliest bank charters were concentrated in the cities of our original colonies on the east coast and over time, as the country expanded, migrated westward to what were then “American Territories” prior to becoming states preserved forever in the territorial bank notes.

This particular collection of national bank notes tracks the development and progression of one ethnic group, the largest of the immigrant ethnic groups—the German people—as they placed their stake as an integral part of the American dream, forever imprinting their culture in the tapestry of what became America. The patterns of growth of our United States

are mirrored in our national banknotes through their dates and titles; they provide a unique, tangible record of just how we developed as “America”. As an example, the territorial notes provide the unique banking history of the transition from “territory” designation to statehood of southwest states from Oklahoma to Arizona and Washington State. As John Hickman said, it is “History in your hand”.

Although the German national banks were by far the most prevalent, other ethnic groups left their footprints via the establishment of eponymously named banks including “Swedish” in New Jersey and Minnesota, “Irish” via the Hibernia bank in New Orleans, and “Italian” in San Francisco.

German immigrants provided the largest single identifiable nationality group and fortunately, left an identifiable paper trail of their expansion and contribution to our new American country. Germans, although the largest immigrant group, were followed closely by the Irish and Italians among others. Of the ethnic groups the Germans were the only group to establish a trail of financial institutions including national banks, savings institutions, and savings and loans. The most probable reason for their unique position and broad expansion was that they tended to have higher



A sampling of checks from German-American institutions.

skill levels and, in some instances, the financial capability to expand beyond their ports of arrival, spreading out to buy land and establish farms. They and the Scandinavian groups are the only ethnic groups to spread to rural areas and smaller communities. Immigrant groups handicapped by poverty or lack of education were out of necessity limited to urban areas with consequent dense ethnic population and a certain dependency on mutual help within the community. The original settlers in America were predominately English and Protestant whereas the later arrivals were from Germany, Ireland and Italy and were predomi-



nately Catholic. The strong prejudice against the new arrivals as evidenced by the "Know Nothing Party" was partially responsible, out of necessity for progress and growth, for the German immigrants establishing their own banking and financial systems.

Although German immigrants established settlements such as Germantown in Philadelphia in the late 1600's, the majority of Germans arrived in basically three waves, the first wave of German migration was predominately from the southern prov-



There's a wide variety of vignettes and portraits on the German-American national banknotes, including many patriotic and historically-themed images.

inces in Germany such as Bavaria, Palatine, Baden, Hesse, and Wurttemberg, and was heavily concentrated along the eastern seaboard with banking examples of New York/Newark, Philadelphia/Germantown, and Baltimore/Washington DC, each of which had established, titled German national banks. Since transportation was extremely limited during the early part of the 19th century, penetration beyond the Allegheny Mountain range was only accomplished via river travel and rustic trails.

The second wave from 1850-1870 benefitted from existing settlements and increased access to turnpikes and river routes as typified by German national banks being established along the Allegheny and Ohio River

valleys. Examples are preserved by German national banks in Pittsburgh and Allegheny PA, Cincinnati and Marietta OH, and the close proximity of the Kentucky banks in Covington, Louisville, Newport and Paducah. The Great Lakes and Midwest expansion was a natural extension of this second wave with large presences in Wisconsin with German national banks in Milwaukee, Wausau, Shawano, Ripon, Beaver Dam, and Waukesha; Illinois with banks in Aurora, Chicago, Peoria, Lincoln, and Pekin. Other Midwestern states with German national titles include Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Minnesota.

The third wave of German migrants lasting until the turn of the century, was predominately from



Northeastern Germany primarily East and West Prussia, Saxony and Rhineland, along with the Russian enclaves. These immigrants followed the pathway to the Midwest via established Germanic communities primarily. Coincident with this wave was the emergence of the second generation or American-born German-Americans who expanded to the Southwest in Texas, Oklahoma, and the West Coast including San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, California, and to the Northwest including Washington and Oregon. The heavy concentration of immigrants from German enclaves in Russia settled primarily in Minnesota and the Dakotas where even to this day the German lineage is strongly evident in the culture.

The pattern of establishment of the German-American banks is a vivid

illustration of just how adaptive and diverse the German immigrants were. Sadly, due to anti-German sentiment from WWI, all German named banks, savings associations, most German newspapers, schools and social institutions dropped the “German” title and assumed a more patriotic name such as “American” or “Lincoln” or similar name. The passing of time with increased assimilation diminished the ethnic enclave tendencies, yet vestiges remain even today in some areas such as Texas, Kansas, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Thanks to the myriad of national bank note collectors from an older generation, these remaining national banknotes provide a tangible history of a slice in time, in a never-to-be-repeated evolutionary stage in American history.

The Emerging Hobbyist

by Michael S. Turrini

Story Telling With Coins

For this TCN issue, our association's double-duty Corresponding Secretary and Librarian Donald L. Hill has been invited to share his thoughts and commentary, enticing young and novice hobbyists into the joy of the world of money. Don, at the January 2018 San Jose Coin Club's show, put his words into real action with his jovial and encouraging version of "Having Fun With Coins". He used assorted coins, currency, and exonomia to entice the audience to expand one's numismatic enlightenment and enjoyment.

TCN readers are welcomed to read and to heed Don's thoughts below. Comments from readers would be appreciated; email to csnalibrary@gmail.com or your Emerging Numismatist Columnist at EMPERORI@juno.com.

Why do we collect the things we collect? Numismatists may have areas of specialized interest. Sometimes it is the chase to complete a full set of one coin with all years and all mints. Sometimes it is because we hope that the coin that we purchased will be popular and wanted by others in the future and thereby increase our wealth by selling at a profit.

But the best coins that we can collect are the ones that tell a story. You can enjoy sharing the story of coins



in your collections. The coin tells a story; the coin has a history. Coins do not exist in a vacuum. They were part of everyday life and used by people famous, infamous, and anonymous.

As a young collector, you can enjoy showing off the special and unusual coins that you have acquired. If coins were simply to be a medium of commerce, we could just stamp out pieces of metal with numbers on them. But from the earliest times, people decorated their coins to tell a story: Their gods, their kings, their animals, their crops, their victories, and their accomplishments. We continue that tradition even today throughout the world of money.

In the United States, our coins tell the history of our presidents, of our states, and of our national parks and grand monuments. Other countries tell the story of their kings and queens or politicians or artists or writers or important historical events.

A great part of this type of collecting is when we can share the story told by these coins with family and friends. Not every young or even older hobbyist might assemble a Lincoln cent or

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even silver eagle collection or albums. However, most will enjoy seeing or holding a coin that has a story or a history attached to it. For example, a piece-of-eight that might have been used by pirates or a coin that has been recovered from a shipwreck, sunken treasure! Stories!

As a young, new collector, you do not need to limit yourself to traditional collecting. There are a lot of additional opportunities to tell stories with your

collections. And you do not need to be limited to coins or currency to tell the stories. There are also lots of cash substitutes and ephemera that people use, and these things also tell about how people live and do business with others.

Sharing the stories, the background, and the history of a coin when we talk to family and friends can be the best part of collecting.

Enjoying Your Hobby?

Ever wonder what's going to become of it in the future?

Who will be doing the research when the current crop of "greybeards" is gone? Better hope someone promotes it to the general population and gets young people involved at an impressionable age...

Hey, that's just what CSNA and NASC do!

You can help to ensure there will be someone interested in your collection when it comes time to pass it along by making a tax-deductible donation today. Simply send a check to either of the association corresponding secretaries (addresses on page 8), identify your gift as a "fund-raising donation", and then receive acknowledgement in TCN (or not, as you wish) along with a tax-deductible receipt.



CSNA Awards Banquet Report

CSNA held their southern show at the Arcadia Masonic Center from Friday to Sunday, December 15-17. That Friday night the association held their annual awards banquet at the Coco's Bakery Restaurant, also in Arcadia. Please see the following photos and descriptions of the festivities and the

presentation of the awards. If you didn't attend you certainly missed a wonderful holiday get-together, so watch TCN a few issues out for advance information on the 2018 event this coming December, and plan to attend.



The banquet menu at Coco's included honey dijon chicken, prime rib, and salmon filets, with vegetables, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad bar, breads, a variety of pies and cookies for dessert, along with coffee, iced tea, and fountain drinks. There was also a no-host wine and beer bar.



Guests at the banquet had a variety of delights throughout the course of the evening. First was the camaraderie of all those in attendance. There was recognition of the past CSNA presidents and tireless convention workers. A special recognition was made of Michael Turrini's \$500 donation to the CSNA library for book purchases, and 25- and 50-year members were honored (see following page).



Master of Ceremonies Phil Iversen "roasted" good-natured George Magann, rotating the spit at all times to be sure he was evenly done.

Right: past CSNA Medal of Merit recipient Greg Burns (left) presented the 2017 Medal of Merit to Howard Feltham for his tireless work promoting the organization and the tremendous work he's put into revitalizing the coin shows.



Below: 25-year members included Ted Koopment (pictured receiving his gift), Lee Gong, James Mahon, Lloyd Niesley, Joel and Lila Anderson, Mark Bonar, the Diablo Numismatic Society, Thomas Euper, Bill Febuary, Richard Hence, Jay Hull, Arthur Mehlman, James Stoffle, and David Tuck.



Fifty-year members mentioned in honor at the banquet included James Briggs and Michael Zagorin.

Below (clockwise): CSNA President Bill Pfeifer presented "President's Awards for outstanding service" to Greg Burns, Phil Iversen, Dennis Hogan, and Joyce Kuntz.



Goings On



by Greg Burns

At the CSNA coin show in Arcadia during December a meeting was held with both NASC and CSNA folks (eleven people in all, some affiliated with both groups, as I am), with the topic of discussing the potential for a merger of the two associations. The discussion was lively, with many joining in, and everyone getting a chance to have their say.

Some of the benefits of such an action that were brought up included:

- Broader statewide base.
- Greater name recognition.
- Larger membership.
- Eliminate confusion on which to join, and the “overlap” of the two groups.
- Eliminate duplication of administration (president, VP, etc.).
- Make succession planning of administrative positions easier, as there would be roughly half as many as now needing to be staffed, while the “pool” of available volunteers would increase (though not likely double since so many folks already serve both associations).
- More streamlined/efficient.
- More room in TCN for articles.
- More workers/volunteers.
- Easier membership identification.
- Single TCN budget.
- Bigger bank balance easing funding of symposiums, YN activities, and other promotional activities.

The negatives were discussed as well:

- Because we’re a long/thin state, travel for officials back and forth

north/south is more difficult (of course, CSNA ostensibly has been dealing with this issue since its inception in 1947).

- Loss or dilution of historical identity.
- Difficulty in “who merges into whom”, or deciding on a completely new identity/name (e.g. “California Numismatic Association”, “Numismatic Association of California”, or perhaps other name).
- Determining who would staff the transitional positions until some new election process occurs.
- Would need new charter, by-laws, policies, and procedures, though perhaps what works best currently between both could be melded somehow.

While there’s some expected discomfort with some of the issues, my sense of the tone of the meeting was, “Well, we can look at it further, but we need to be convinced it’s in the best interests of not only both organizations, but also those numismatists who reside throughout the state.”

I don’t recall that there was any specific “next steps” that anyone agreed to, but my notes tell me that the Golden State Coin Show (once co-hosted by both organizations, and for the past few years hosted solely by NASC) may again be a venture in which both organization could cooper-

ate and perhaps judge further whether there's any heightened interest in discussing a merger any further.

CSNA also held their normal board meeting during the show, and the meeting minutes reflected 14 in attendance, a quorum.

Treasurer Lloyd Chan submitted a report showing a \$5,000 donation from the Eric P. Newman estate, and a balance of \$52,688 with current bills paid.

Corresponding Secretary Don Hill stated he'd be shortly sending out dues notices (look for yours in the mail and return promptly please). Note that members can pay dues via Paypal.

Librarian Don Hill (double-duty Don we call him) reported three books having been recently lent, and Michael Turrini donated \$500 for the purchase of additional library books. If you haven't visited the library, located in Vallejo at the naval museum there, you really should put it on your calendar. It would be a great weekend adventure, though please make arrangements with Don first.

Webmaster Lloyd Chan (another double-duty kind of guy) reported on a minor site disruption (I host the site and the previous servers melted down, figuratively, and I had to arrange for new server support which took a couple of days).

Director of Education Phil Iversen reported on the upcoming 50th anniversary symposium in the south (see the events column and another separate event page for details).

Philip DeAugustino was introduced as the new board member filling the open spot. Philip has been past president of the Hemet Coin Club, and doing presentations on numismatics

at his local schools. Welcome aboard, Philip!

Budget-meisters Lloyd Chan and Herb Miles will be working on a new budget for the coming year (2018), and we're told to expect some details on that shortly. Bet they forget to include funds for a new Jaguar for the editor again.

NASC had a board meeting, again held at a room provided by the Long Beach Coin Expo folks (thank you!). Unfortunately, business needs got in my way and I had to miss it. Lucky me, NASC President Michael Kittle provided some scoop on what transpired at that meeting.

The assembled group reviewed all of the member club publications and voted on the President's Trophy for the best. We'll hear about the winner and runner-up positions in the fall issue after the awards are presented at the Golden State Coin Show (GSCS) in August.

The gold drawing committee has been acquiring gold coins for the annual club benefit gold coin raffle done in conjunction with the GSCS. The top prize this year will be a \$20 St. Gaudens double eagle 1927 PCGS MS65 which was sold to the NASC at a discount by Michael Kittle. The board is hopeful that a gem uncirculated \$20 gold top prize will help all member clubs raise additional funds this year.

CSNA has yet to schedule their next meeting, while NASC will be meeting Saturday morning during the GSCS in August. Hope to see you at either of them!



ANA Report



by *Jim Hunt*

Edward C. Rochette, ANA's former president and executive director, has died. He was born February 17, 1927, in Worcester, Mass., and lived most of his life in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He attended Clark University in Worcester and Washington University in St. Louis. Rochette began his career with *Numismatic News* as a cartoonist and editor, and later became executive editor. In 1966 he left to become editor of *The Numismatist*, the ANA's journal. He was editor until 1972 when he began serving as executive vice president, a position he held until 1986 when he retired. He was elected to the ANA board of governors in 1987, going on to serve as vice president in 1989-1991 and president in 1991-1993. In 1998, Rochette was called out of retirement to serve as ANA executive director, a position he held until July 2003. Thanks to a \$500,000 donation from Chester Krause, the ANA Money Museum was renamed in his honor in 2005. He was elected to the board of governors two years later and served another term as governor. Rochette was a prolific author and columnist. He collaborated with Adna Wilde to introduce the week-long ANA summer seminar in Colorado Springs. In 1977 he secured a bequest from ANA life member Kenneth Keith that remains a key financial asset, securing the association's future. Author and ANA past president Q. David Bowers says that "Next to the Association's founder, George F.

Heath, no one has done more for the ANA than Ed Rochette".

ANA has named a new conventions director, Jennifer Ackerman. Ackerman has been with the ANA since 2014 and previously worked on bourse applications and event sponsorships. She's a graduate of Regis University with an MBA and previously worked as a service representative for an insurance company.

The ANA established an annual scholarship fund in 2014 to provide graduating ANA-member high school seniors with \$1,000 to be used at any US university, community college, or trade school. Students who are residents of the United States and have at least a "B" average are eligible to apply not later than March 15th. Applications are available at money.org/young-numismatists/college-scholarship. For more information, contact ANA Education Director Rod Gillis at 719-482-9845, or e-mail gillis@money.org.

ANA summer seminars will be held beginning June 16. They provide an outstanding opportunity to learn about numismatics. There are two week-long sessions to choose from. For more information, call 719-482-9849. Remember that the National Money Show will be conducted at the Irving Convention Center, Irving, Texas, March 8-10 and the World's Fair of Money will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, August 14-18, 2018.

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We Get Letters...

Got some thoughts you'd like to share with other readers, comments on articles or opinions you've read in TCN, or otherwise have something you'd like to say? Let your voice be heard and write to us via snail-mail to CSNA, PO Box 1181, Claremont, CA 91711, or better yet drop us an e-mail at gregsburns@gmail.com. Submitted material may be edited for form or content...



Kiau Chou Article/Stamps

Dear Greg,

Mark Benvenuto wrote a great article about the German Colony Kiau Chou and the notes, coins, and stamps.

I just bought a complete set of four German Colony notgeld. The other three notes are from New Guinea, Samoa, and the Mariana's. The reverse sides are all the same. Two are 50

cents and two are 75 cents.

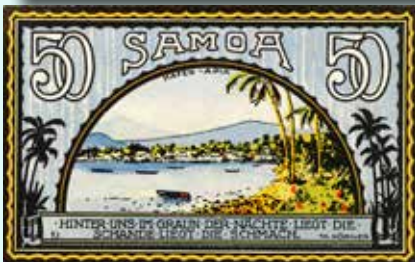
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Warmly,

—John Duff

Thanks for the nice images of these colorful and historical stamps, John. I'll include them in the next issue.

Best regards, Greg



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Bela Not Transgender!

Hi Greg:

I just received your Winter TCN— it looks great as usual. I always re-read my article, which you rarely change. But this time I saw an error, in the Indian head half eagle caption. I had written: “Indian head half eagles were minted with an incuse design, as were quarter eagle coins. The design was developed by Bela Lyon Pratt. This Denver coin has its D mintmark to left of the arrow bundle.”

But you had shortened it to “Indian head half eagles, designed by Bela Lyon Pratt, were minted with an incuse design, as were her quarter eagle coins. The D mintmark is left of the arrow bundle.”

Problem is: Bela Pratt was a *man*! A common mistake. Wonder how many nit-picking readers will call this out? Hope I’m the first, and only.

Cheers,

—Jim Wells

Eh, if it were publicized I'd probably get hate mail from Facebook for being "sexist". Thanks for pointing it out. Poor Bela probably struggled with that his entire life. I'll put some kind of correction in the next issue. Best, GB

Kudos, PDFs, and Clubs

Hi Greg,

Another terrific issue, I particularly love the Carson City article! Well-done, keep up the amazing publishing! Can you tell me which program you are using for your images, they are outstanding and look like they jump off the page. Great effect!

Greg, just so you know there are other programs besides Adobe for viewing pdf. I don't use Adobe anymore because I find Soda a better tool. As well with Soda I can convert a pdf, combine pdf documents, edit a pdf, and more. Often if a recipient cannot open it's because the email is in their bulk / junk folder and they need to right click the file and select Always Allow and then move it into their Inbox. Often it's a security feature on their device, and again, they just have to adjust the settings to not block that digital certificate. As well, some mail systems won't let you open until you save the file to your device, i.e. you cannot open from the email itself.

With Michael's article about clubs, we have seen some of that here. It's not for the reasons he's listed. The bulk of memberships are baby boomers or older. Many encountered aging

medical issues, and end up no longer being able to drive, moving into long-term care and no longer using their devices (although most LTCs now have a common computer), or passing away. I have always firmly believed that every club must bring in three new members under 50 for every one member they lose. The other issue is volunteers. If most of a club's volunteers are in the 60 and up age group, then as these folks are no longer able to participate, more and more of the load falls on the other existing volunteers. It's not that there aren't members under 60 who don't want to volunteer, but because the executive is often "old guard" and set in their ways, and not open to letting the younger generations do the same job but in the method that works for them. We must also not be critical of volunteers and ensure we recognize and thank them. The younger generations want to be helpful, but not judged. They will produce results, but in methods different than many of us older folks use. The other part of the equation is that you cannot take your collection to the grave, and you need money to finance your retirement until death. As medical becomes more and more deregulated in Canada, more costs shift to the individual to pay. For example, my sister who is older than me, has an incurable rare blood cancer. These needs three injections a week to slow down the progress of the cancer and give her a few more years to live. So far, these injections have given her 2.5 years, and hopefully will keep giving her some more. Now because these injections don't cure the cancer, the government will not cover the injections. The costs to her is over \$42,000 per year. These kinds

of things force folks to take equity out of their homes, and to sell off their collections. Selling off the collections is the one I see the most, folks are aging and have to move to long-term care and have to downsize and so they have to get rid of their collections, and in some cases, it's a financial need. As they rid their collections, they no longer feel they are in the hobby, and leave it. As well, mental health in elderly is deteriorating rapidly, there are more and more cases of dementia and Alzheimer's. The last reason I see, is that some clubs lose their focus. They start doing show and tell and bringing in speakers that have nothing to do with numismatics so they become social clubs. Some clubs let the meetings become boring in that they just hold an auction and have a couple of door prizes. It's critically important that clubs plan the agenda 3-6 months out and that every meeting includes an educational component and the more speakers you can use the better. Lots of clubs here do swamps with other clubs, in that one executive member travels to another club to speak, and then in turn, a member from that club travels to the other club to speak. It's sharing the resources of multiple clubs, but each participant must live up to the agreement, or it will soon breakdown.

The last thing I was wondering, could I please have permission from your organization and Walt to print part (or all) of his article on the Triple A program and could I also have the jpg picture sent to me. I would like to print this in the *Ontario Numismatist* of which I'm the editor. This is a 50+ publication with a large circulation in Canada (and also some members

outside, such as the Nashua Coin Club in NH). I believe the methodology involving the schools and attracting the kids to the hobby needs to be exposed more so that it might spread across North America. I highly respect Walt, he's awesome and he also serves as a director for the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association too.

Thanks again Greg for an outstanding TCN!

—**Judy Blackwell**

Glad to hear you enjoyed the issue, Judy.

Yes, I use the Adobe Creative Cloud suite of applications. Photographic images are typically processed in Lightroom if I'm the photographer, and in Photoshop if it's something someone else provides to me. I do the

publication work in InDesign, and one of the things I like about using the Adobe products is the ease with which they integrate and the reliability of the result. The work flow is color managed as well (all programs share a common profile meant to replicate well with the printer I use), and my monitor is color calibrated.

Thanks for the comments on software and clubs. Sounds like you're one of the more experienced folks, a rarity in our hobby.

Yes, permission to reprint granted. I'm sure Walt will be tickled his efforts are getting extra mileage; he works hard to "get the word out". I've attached a JPG version of the photo used to this email.

Best regards, Greg

Combating Counterfeiting...

The board of directors of the Industry Council for Tangible Assets (ICTF) has appointed seven industry leaders to guide the Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation (ACEF), the non-profit organization recently formed to receive contributions to support the work of its Anti-Counterfeiting Task Force.

ICTA's board of directors approved the formation of the new non-profit for the purposes of receiving contributions from individuals, other 501(c)(3) organizations, local and regional coin clubs, grants, Ebay for Charities, and government agencies. Those desiring to donate to the non-profit foundation should make checks payable to the Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation and mail to P.O. Box 237, Dacula, Ga. 30019. More info at ictaonline.org.

A photo of the merriment enjoyed by Joel and Lila Anderson, CSNA Librarian and Corresponding Secretary Don Hill, and other reindeer friends, at the annual Vallejo Numismatic Society and Fairfield Coin Club Joint Holiday Party. Looks like someone put eggnog in the reindeer feeder. Mmm, maybe I should go this year... GB



Numismatic Nostalgia



Fifty Years Ago

- *Calcoin News* ran a half-page piece on the famous 10/5/1967 DuPont robbery in which a fabulous 7,000-piece coin collection was taken, among other loot. Both thieves were eventually caught and convicted of the crime, though not all of the collection was recovered. The most famous piece that was, however, is the 1866 silver dollar without motto, one of only two known.
- *The NASC Quarterly* ran a piece of interest to today's editors of club publications. Sol Taylor wrote "Judging Your Club Bulletin", with info and advice useful today. You can find it at the Newman Numismatic Portal at <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/530435> on page 24 of that issue.



Twenty-Five Years Ago

- Tom Fitzgerald made mention in *The NASC Quarterly* on the passing of John Lenker on 4/14/1993. Tom noted, "His knowledge about coins, his interest in exhibiting, his involvement with so many coin clubs is, this reporter believes, unmatched."
- *Calcoin News* published a listing of everyone who'd ever been featured in their quarterly "Who's Who in California Numismatics", a feature started in 1950 by highlighting Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, first association president. The listing detailed 205 individuals who'd been covered over the preceding 43 years.

Ten Years Ago

- *The California Numismatist* announced that starting with the summer 2008 issue Jim Hunt would be picking up the tradition of publishing an article on association members, that piece now included as his "Numismatic Luminary" contribution to every TCN issue.
- Both associations teamed up, along with the Long Beach Coin Club, in the planning and hosting of the then-pending ANA Worlds Fair of Money, hosted in the Los Angeles Convention Center in the summer of 2009. The event was chaired by G. Lee Kuntz, a figure important to both CSNA and NASC.
- In the spring 2008 TCN, a "Numismatic Nostalgia" item in the *fifty-years-ago* category remarked on a "Who's Who..." item on Grant P. Hatch, then the oldest member of CSNA at 92. He was born in 1865 and once shook hands with Ulysses S. Grant, famous general and US president.



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ANA Educational Outreach

by *Walt Ostromecki*

Note to readers: The planned article about the ANA's new program, outline and lesson plans to assist coin clubs with presenting our hobby to youth in schools will be covered in the next TCN. It has been pre-empted by two special ANA outreach educational opportunities/events being held in Northern California before and during CoinExpo, Santa Clara, CA, April, 18-22, 2018.

Increasing and/or sharpening an individual's numismatic hobby skills have always been the primary educational goal of the ANA. Its education department has strived hard over the years to develop and host numerous outreach seminars on a nationwide basis for both the hobby-collector community and coin clubs.

ANA outreach seminar topics here include such areas as coin grading fundamentals, counterfeit detection, coin conservation, etc. because being better numismatically informed is a key element for one's increased collector confidence and personal hobby growth. It also leads to greater hobby enjoyment along with a willingness to share one's learned knowledge with others. These developed skills can also be a resource to spark and attract more hobby interest and coin club membership!

The first ANA hands-on learning opportunity for hobbyists in the northern California area—Fundamentals Of Coin Grading, a two-day

seminar taught by Brian Silliman, a professional numismatist and former NGC grader/conservator, will be held on April 18-19, just prior to and hosted by CoinExpo Santa Clara, April 20-22, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara, CA. Take full advantage of it!

The second learning opportunity during the Santa Clara CoinExpo will endeavor to share ideas relative to the 64-dollar question being asked by coin clubs and state-regional numismatic association's nationwide: "What kinds of hands-on fun, educational interest building and young collector starter programs and activities has the ANA developed geared toward attracting more kids and families into the numismatic hobby?"

CoinExpo has agreed to host its first Kids- and Family-Friendly Numismatic Adventure Zone under my leadership, as past ANA president and hands-on youth and family outreach activities developer and facilitator.

Coin clubs and individuals seeking to learn about and see firsthand some of the various ANA developed fun and educational youth and family outreach activities and games in action, are invited—all of which are designed to attract through curiosity and entice them to become involved through a hands-on opportunity to connect with the coin hobby.

One way in today's digital age to



Brian Silliman (left) will be the instructor of the two-day seminar on the “Fundamentals of Grading US Coins”. All ANA seminars are “hands on” in order to completely immerse the student in the learning experience.



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relate to and connect the next generation of all ages with the numismatic hobby is through the Internet via a computer. A lap top computer will be on-site connected directly to the ANA’s website. This will allow youth-families to explore and learn about the money hobby, take a virtual tour of the ANA museum, discover the Coin’s for A’s youth program, and test their skill level by playing The Grading Game and the youth-focused Dollar Project .

Additionally in action in the Kid’s Zone: a world currency and country match game—where correct matches earn youth a starter world paper money collection; The America the Beautiful Quarter trivia challenge—where correct answers earn youth P- or S-mint AMB Quarters; Treasures in Your Pocket—an error coin discovery

adventure where youth can assemble a beginner error coin collection; and a Youth Coin Treasure Hunt & Trivia Adventure with ten different US coin treasures.

ANA’s newest step-by-step lesson plan and program geared to assist coin clubs with bringing the coin hobby into school classrooms of all ages. In order to receive the School Packet with step-by-step lesson plans, an individual or coin club representative *must* be present and participate in a short training overview facilitated by me. None will be distributed without the training for the taking others.

Do take advantage of the above opportunity to see in action and learn more about some of the ANA’s ready-to-use youth-family activities with proven success track records!

Around the State...



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Ginny's Gleanings: Happy New Year! I hope all of you are planning to attend the 50th CSNA Symposium on April 7 at the Marriott Hotel in Torrance. Phil Iversen has pulled out all the stops to make this the best ever! When long-time worker bees pass on, their absence is palpable. Sadly, we have lost four members during this quarter: Mo Fitzgerald, Kathy Phillips, John Tomlinson, and Jack Reeves. They are sorely missed. Condolences to all their friends and family. Thank you to all the club secretaries who always remember to send me their club's activities. *"It is certain, in any case, that ignorance allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can have."*—James Baldwin (1924-1987)

Lila's Lookout: It was good to be able to attend the memorial for Harold Katzman's dad, Jack Katzman. Jack was a long time numismatic presence and an absolutely fine fellow that influenced and grew, not only his own family of numismatists, but was there for so many of our Californian numismatic activities and beyond. Military honors were given for his service in the Navy during WWII and a beautiful garden reception at the home of Jack's daughter. The weather was unbelievably tranquil, a gorgeous day, and we are positive it was meant for the weather to be like that. Harold showed us some photos of his dad as a young man and some taken quite later in his dad's life and in all of the photos Jack's eyes were twinkling. I remarked on that, and Harold mentioned that those eyes were even twinkling while dad was in the hospital. Somehow that seemed perfectly in character with what we knew of the wonderful Jack Katzman.

Club Reports...

WHITTIER COIN CLUB members were delighted with all the fun at the holiday meeting in December. There was festive food, donated items from members and a lively auction of wonderful coins. The fund raiser brought in \$181. Members viewed the video *Coinage of the 12 Caesars, Part 1* in February.

VISALIA COIN CLUB will be having their next coin show on Sunday, March 3rd at Sons of Italy Hall, 4211 West Goshen Ave., Visalia. Leo J. D'Andrea is the contact for the event. Admission is free.

VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB *The History of the Early Colonial Colonies and the Money of that Time* was the very interesting program provided by noted numismatist **Greg Thompson** at the November meeting. The meeting in December was very busy with lots of food, ten games of bingo and installation of officers. Installed were **President Don Berry, 1st Vice President John Duff, 2nd Vice President Chuck Singer, Secretary Judy Henry, Treasurer Mike Kittle, Assistant Treasurer Mike Baldwin, and Editor Bob Thompson**. Nine silver eagles were awarded as prizes for bingo with the "black-out" card prize a two-peso gold coin won by **Benjamin Berry**. This club and the Glendale Coin Club have agreed to meet on alternate months and are hoping that members support both clubs every month. In January First Vice President John Duff will present his talk on *The Great Locomotive Chase* (also known as "Andrew's Raid") which happened during the Civil War. The club is working hard to provide another successful coin show, March 25, at the Van Nuys Masonic Center.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY after sixty years meeting on first Wednesdays is changing their meeting dates to first Thursdays. **Don Hill** will be delivering *Having Fun With Coins*, which was previously presented at the San Jose Coin Club and Northern California Numismatic Association's Joint Educational Forum this past January. If you need Don Hill to appear at your favorite coin club, give him a ring, as this topic is excellent and relevant to all who enjoy coin collecting. Make sure to attend VNS' 46th Annual Show on May 6 at the Florence Douglas Senior Center in Vallejo.

UPLAND COIN CLUB **Tony Micciche** aced the *Scramble Game* at the November meeting. The Fosters provided refreshments. The *Holiday Party* in December brought out all the members. The club provided chicken sandwiches with the members bringing the sides. Bingo was played with nice prizes. The club is reeling from the passing of 47-year member, **Jack Reeves**. It was *Other Hobby Night* at the January meeting. The new officers are **President Genevieve Wampler, Vice President William Shannon, Secretary/Editor Janet Reeves and Treasurer Ron Stone**.

STANISLAUS VALLEY COIN CLUB are concentrating on a meeting series covering the 12 Caesars, a popular subset of Roman coins covering Julius Cae-

sar and the first 11 emperors of ancient Rome. As **Aaron Brown** mentions, these first emperors of Rome pretty much fall into two camps: brilliant and crazy. For the January meeting *Show and Tell* theme, anniversary coins, members were asked to bring a coin from a year having a special meaning.

SANTA MARIA COIN CLUB has a new meeting location. Starting in January they are meeting at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center, 510 East Park Ave., Santa Maria. The center is located behind Allan Hancock College. Meetings are still the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. and include a program, a coin quiz and of course, refreshments. January's program was on *Counterfeit Detection*. February concentrated on *Lincoln Cents*. Their next show is Saturday, May 5, and will also be at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB's latest general meeting had **Cupertino Coin Club President Emile Mesnessat** in attendance. It is exciting when you witness the cultural exchanges regular among the Bay Area coin clubs. Always good to visit clubs besides your own club to gain a better sense of the numismatic community at large. SJCC's *Todo Dinero* announced that ANA's National Coin Week, "Connecting Cultures: From Many, One" is a good time to do more connecting. Coin Week will happen April 15-21 this year. Good time to spend sharing and comparing!

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO Ken Spindler has been making the Christmas potluck lasagna for many years due to popular demand. **Ken Berger** and his wife flew to the Philippines for a few weeks so that he could help inventory over 200,000 WWII guerilla notes. He found a book he had been looking for but could only bring back 3 copies because his wife had filled their baggage with skin conditioners and cookies much to his disgust! The installation dinner was held at Marie Callender's Restaurant in January. Installed were **President Greg Knox, Vice President Bill Perrin, Treasurer Ken Spindler, and Secretary Ginny Bourke. Phil Iversen** took us back to the sixties with his talk on *Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead*. He has several rare items of Jerry Garcia memorabilia including an endorsed check from 1966 issued on a bank in San Francisco from which only a few checks are known. The special participation prizes were won by **Mike Shaw** (who took the prize donated by **Paul Whitnah** of Texas), **Jim Hunt** and Ken Spindler.

SAN BERNARDINO COIN CLUB Ed Luers has worked for many years with the space program and spoke at the November meeting on the Mars Rover and other discoveries on the Moon. Mill Creek Restaurant catered the December banquet and everyone loved the food. **President Ken Crum** designs and provides the table centerpieces which are awarded at the end of the dinner. Thank you, Ken. **Treasurer Tony Micciche** spoke in January on *Collecting Banknotes*. **REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB** had their 50th Annual Coin Show, which I was able to attend and immediately realized how high class their show is when

Joel and I were greeted in the parking lot by their club show transportation. Our driver in a golf cart gave us a nice ride to the front of show hall. Inside the coin show we found lots of volunteers (24 volunteers had come to help out that day) as well as a great group of dealers who also happen to be club members, including some old friends, such as **Joseph Lang** and **Stephen Album** of Stephen Album Rare Coins, World Treasure Trading's **Jim Anderson**, Santa Rosa's **Jess Patrick**, and **Bourse Chair Merle Avila**, as well as RECC member extraordinaire, **Lee Gong**. Bought myself a Dorothy Baber TAMS commemorative pocket mirror from one of the dealers who set up at that show and got to chat with **Vince** and **Barbara Lacarriere**, **Howard** and **Leatha Kosanke**, as well as former executive director of the ANA, **Jeff Shevlin** and his wife.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY was fondly mentioned along with a remembrance of Ed Rochette by **Michael S. Turrini** as Mr. Rochette was the honored invitee to the PCNS milestone 1,000th meeting some years ago. That day Mr. Turrini and Gordon R. Donnell (1935-2010) had borrowed the Mercedes limo from Mr. Donnell's employer to chauffeur Mr. and Mrs. Rochette to, literally, the grand PCNS meeting in high style. Next day was the Delta Coin Club annual picnic in Lodi, where Ed Rochette and Mrs. Rochette were asked also to attend. DCC members had placed banners up welcoming the Rochettes, their VIP guests to the BBQ. Attend the barbeque they did. In fact Ed Rochette could not resist cooking and working at the hot barbeque for that picnic. Such a charming individual. Thank you PCNS and DCC for providing the backdrop for memorable scenes such as these, and thank you Michael S. Turrini for sharing this wonderful story!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION is a presence at most of the Northern California coin shows and this year the dedicated officers and members of NCNA will be there in support of many of the numismatic events as well as select club meetings happening all over Northern California. NCNA sponsors the Annual Northern California Numismatic Seminar. Save the date: 5th Annual Seminar will happen September 15 inside the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum. Four ultra qualified speakers will be providing their excellently researched reasons to this year's theme "Why Collect These?"

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB Former ANA President Dr. Walter Ostromecki spoke at the November meeting on *Women of the US Treasury*. **Howard Feltham** presented a *Brief Introduction to the Lincoln Cent* at the January meeting. He explained that a fortuitous meeting between Victor D. Brenner and President Teddy Roosevelt was instrumental in making possible Mr. Brenner's designs for the cent to get to the right people at the US Mint. This club has dangled a carrot in the form of a US half-eagle gold coin in front of the members all year to encourage them to bring in new members. Names are entered in the drawing per new member. **Rockie Herrera** won the gold! Sadly, long time member **John Tomlinson** passed away in November. The annual

banquet on Saturday, January 27, at Coco's Bakery Restaurant was well attended and everyone went home with a prize.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB's coin show, March 4, is one of the most anticipated coin shows of 2018 and it will have the LVCC members, no doubt, post-show patting themselves on the back and, as the city sign says: "Living it Up in Livermore!"

INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO Ken Aring did an outstanding presentation of the *Coinage of Southeast Asia From the 2nd Century to the 20th Century* using Powerpoint. He elaborated on the historical relationships with the empires to the north that continue to this day. The installation dinner was held at Marie Callender's Restaurant and **Ken Spindler** was installed as president and Joe Yager as secretary-treasurer. Both of these gentlemen have been doing the job for at least a decade or longer. Members were thrilled to have guest speaker **Mike Ontko** and his friend, **Mark Baskin** with them. Mike presented a wonderful Powerpoint program on the silver and gold coins of the Vatican, featuring many coins from Tom Fitzgerald's collection entitled "and on this rock I will build my church". Tom's collection is stunning in its breadth.

HEMET COIN CLUB The Emillios Restaurant in San Jacinto was the setting for the Christmas party. New officers were installed, **President Ken Busby, Vice President Dennis Hogan, Treasurer Rafael Flores, Recording Secretary Bill Pearson, and Corresponding Secretary and Editor Jim Phillips.** Jim did an in-depth presentation of *Military Payment Certificates* or MPC's in January.

HEARTLAND COIN CLUB In November **Second Vice President John Weiss** and his crew provided one of the very best club coin shows ever and was congratulated by all. ANACS was kept busy all day! The holiday potluck held at the Ronald Reagan Convention Center featured lots of delicious food, pies, and other goodies. The *White-Elephant Sale* was very successful bringing more than \$1,360. **President Jose Gallego** is encouraging more membership participation during the *Show and Tell* portion of the meeting by giving away \$50 bills to each speaker! (Sad note, the notes are used only in China as a teaching tool to determine counterfeit notes.) The February installation dinner at DiLeone's Italian Restaurant was well attended. New officers are **President Jose Gallego, 1st Vice President Andrew Woodruff, 2nd Vice President John Weiss, Junior Vice President Gabriel McGinley, Treasurer David Argow, Secretary Ginny Bourke, and Corresponding Secretary Joe Swinko.**

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB **Nate Butler** presented the November program speaking about the very popular *Jefferson Nickel*. In October, **Brad Yonaka** discussed *Mexican Pillar Coinage*, the forerunner for the US dollar. The December holiday meeting featured a great potluck and many bingo games with nice prizes. This club ends 2017 with over 74 members. **David**

Schwager spoke at the January meeting with a presentation entitled *Why Do we Want this Stuff? – Eight Views of the Psychology of Collecting*. Members enjoyed the enlightening talk.

GLENDALE COIN CLUB Members had a fantastic Christmas party in December with lots of cookies and other goodies. They played bingo winning silver rounds and a gold coin for the lucky “black-out” winner. The club had a roll of silver eagles to be given away. The coin show in October was the most successful in many years. **Michael Kittle** won the 1/25 oz. Canada gold maple leaf. This club and Verdugo Hills have decided to give their officers a break because they belong to both clubs. The clubs will meet on alternate months. Hopefully, it will be a win-win situation with members visiting both clubs to make them stronger.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY welcomed new members **Horace** and **Delores Davidian**, and **David Tomamichel**, and (delightedly) new member Horace Davidian’s name was drawn to win the membership prize of a beautiful silver eagle! **James Johnson** gave the meeting presentation on *Challenge Coins*. **Arden Estes** served as auctioneer and maintained the fast pace desired by the program committee’s plan to make auctions more lively and interesting. With sadness FNS has noted that two long-time FNS members passed away, **Jack Mezzacapa**, and former FNS president, **Michael Bausano**.

DOWNEY COIN CLUB **Albertus Hoogeveen** continues to keep this club prospering with his talks.

DELTA COIN CLUB recently installed their 2018 officers during a scrumptious catered dinner inside the club’s regular meeting place of Eagles Hall in Stockton. Big thanks go to **Joyce Smith**, the events coordinator, assisted by **Deanna Gilbeau**, and the evening’s MC, **Michael S. Turrini**. **President Ed Hobe**, **VP Jay Coffee**, **Treasurer Ron Korock**, **Recording Secretary Joyce Korock**, **Corresponding Secretary Eric Groosens**, and **Director Emeritus Sid Kass**—the DCC officers of 2018!

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB’s coin shows, by those in the know, are hailed as “The best one-day show in the Bay Area”! CCC held their coin show February 18th and by all indications, thanks to a dedicated group of members and enthusiastic attendees, continues to hold onto their claim. Of course this never stops any of us from enjoying what the other one-day coin shows in the Bay Area offered during the year.

COVINA COIN CLUB Members all came together in December for the annual Christmas party. The highlight is bingo winning silver rounds as prizes. How fun is that? **David Schweiger** provided the January program speaking on *Key Dates in Coin Collecting*.

COINEERS COIN CLUB The club installed new officers in November, **Secretary Darlene Cervantes**, and **Vice President Richard Tritz**. **Chris Dinanno** stayed on as president as did Andrew Woodruff as treasurer and editor. December's meeting featured the annual *White Elephant Sale* and guest speaker **Edmund Lee** who spoke on the new trends in the coin market, *Crypto-Currencies*. The installation dinner was held at Tio Leo's Lounge in January.

CHULA VISTA COIN CLUB The annual holiday potluck party was the year's highlight. **Steve Fahrlander** did an amazing job of procuring beautiful prizes for the members to choose as their gift when their name was randomly called. Mangio Italiano Restaurant was again the setting for the installation dinner in January. The new officers are **President Steve Fahrlander** and **Vice President Ted Koopman**. **Dave Corcoran** continues as treasurer as does **Ginny Bourke** as secretary. Participation prizes were won by Steve Fahrlander, Ginny Bourke and **Don Smith**. **Dan Siso** shared his latest joy, collecting type coins. He bought a book a few months ago and has it almost completed!

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY's *The Medallion*, among some terrific articles printed, two by **Joel Anderson** on Pismo clam shell money and "End of a Miracle in Titusville Florida" complete with photographs of examples of each specimen. The "Titusville Miracle" refers to the large Miracle City Mall built in 1969, closest mall to Kennedy Space Center, which was demolished to make way for the construction of a brand new shopping center named Titus Landing. Interesting stuff!

BURBANK COIN CLUB Members met at the beautiful downtown Burbank Coral Café in December for their annual holiday party. Members went home not only with a doggy bag but with gift baskets, wine, and other goodies. **Lucky Phil Iversen** won the 2-1/2 peso gold coin. Winners were **Wes, Wilma, Ian, Don, John, and George**. Phil put on his teacher's cap in January with his program on *How to Grade Coins*. **Wes** won the quarterly drawing.

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB Forty-two members showed up at play *Coin-O* at the December holiday meeting. It was at the El Segundo Fish Company. Silver rounds were hung on the Christmas tree and wreath which were later won by lucky members. This tradition is now again firmly established. All of the members had a wonderful time.

ANCIENT COIN CLUB OF LOS ANGELES New officers were installed at the January potluck banquet. They are **President Kenneth Friedman** and **Secretary Michael Connor**. **Treasurer Barry Rightman** and **Vice President Roger Burry** continued in their offices. Michael Connor reported that the club website is about to receive its millionth visitor! The program in February will be a history quiz, *Who is Arabanus?* (I failed the test.)

Farewells...

Cathy Marie Jacklin-Phillips (62), married to NASC Webmaster Jim Phillips, passed away October 29, 2017, at their home in Hemet. Along with Jim, she was an accomplished sky diver with over 1,200 jumps. She considered one of her greatest accomplishments the whelping and raising of over 200 puppies for Canine Companions for Independence as well as 32 service dogs. Husband Jim scattered her ashes in freefall (as she wanted) at her memorial.



Jack H. Reeves passed away January 6, 2018, at home surrounded by family. A WWII veteran, he was a survivor of the Battle of the Bulge, and part of the 84th Infantry Division known as the Railsplitters. Survived by children Janet Reeves (secretary of the UCC), Robin Castellanos, Robert Reeves, Cindy Rowan, and Gary Reeves; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Ruth. Jack was a member of Upland Coin Club (UCC) for over 47 years, as well as other clubs.



Marilyn "Mo" Onody Fitzgerald, 10/1/35-1/19/2018. Previously active in NASC along with her husband Tom who predeceased her (see TCN spring 2017, page 50). Mo served as secretary and treasurer of NASC and was honored with a President's Award for her contributions. Mo was also previously active with the Upland Coin Club, as well as many other clubs in Southern California.

Jack Katzman, passed away February 9, 2018. Very long-time member of Upland Coin Club, husband for over fifty years to Thelma (predeceased and very active in NASC in the 90's and early 2000's), and father to NASC Corresponding Secretary Harold Katzman. Jack served in the US Navy, and later worked for Lockheed, did a stint with Helms Bakery, later delivered eggs, and finally took over his own father's locksmith business.



John Tomlinson passed away November 22, 2017. (Long Beach Coin Club)

Jack R. Mezzacappa passed away November 3, 2017. (Fresno Numismatic Society)

Michael D. Bausano, former FNS president and resident of Fresno from 1977 to 1999, passed away December 5, 2017. (Fresno Numismatic Society)

Directory of Member Clubs

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 1st Tuesday, 6:15 p.m., Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak Street, Alameda; mailing address: P.O. Box 1763, Alameda, CA 94501-0202. (CSNA)
- Ancient Coin Club of Los Angeles**—meets 2nd Sunday, 1:00 p.m., Community Room A5, Sherman Oaks Galleria (level A rotunda; self-park validated), 15301 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks; mailing address: ACCLA, c/o K. Friedman, 16255 Ventura Blvd., Suite 1200, Encino, CA 91436; Website: www.accla.org (check for meeting info); email klf1031@roadrunner.com. (NASC)
- Bay Cities Coin Club**—meets 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., El Segundo Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., El Segundo; mailing address: P.O. Box 45233, Los Angeles, CA 90045. (NASC)
- Burbank Coin Club**—meets 1st Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Joslyn Center (Nutrition Room), 1301 W. Olive Ave., Burbank; mailing address: c/o Don Fujitani, 215 Cedar Heights Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. (NASC)
- California Exonomist Society**—meets twice a year during the semi-annual CSNA Conventions; mailing address: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410; email: EmperorI@juno.com. (CSNA, NASC)
- California State Numismatic Association**—meets up to twice a year during CSNA conventions at various locations; mailing address: Don Hill, P.O. Box 4003, Vallejo, CA 94590; email: csnalibrary@gmail.com; Website: www.calcoin.org. (NASC)
- Chula Vista Coin Club**—meets 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m., San Diego County Library, Bonita Branch, 4375 Bonita Road, Bonita; mailing address: 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040; Website: www.chulavistacoinclub.org. (CSNA, NASC)
- Coiners 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, NASC)
- Covina Coin Club**—meets 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., San Dimas Royal Mobile Homes Clubhouse, 1630 W. Covina Blvd., San Dimas; mailing address: Helen Desens, 282 W. Bygrove St., Covina, CA 91722. (CSNA, NASC)
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- Delta Coin Club of California**—meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton, CA 95204; mailing address: P.O. Box 690761, Stockton, CA 95269-0761; email: deltacoinclub@gmail.com. (CSNA)
- DHHS Numismaniacs Coin Club**—meets periodically, Dana Hills High School, 33333 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, CA; Mrs. Mary Danna (club advisor), email: dhhsnumismaniacs@gmail.com or text @DHHSNumismaniacs to 23559 for updates about the club. (NASC)
- Diablo Numismatic Society**—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Concord Police Department meeting room, 1350 Galindo St., Concord; contact: James Laird, president, (925) 200-2276; email: info@diablocoinclub.org; Website: www.diablocoinclub.org. (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)
- 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, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont; mailing address: P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, CA 94538-0140; Website: www.FremontCoinClub.org. (CSNA)
- Fresno Numismatic Society**—meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Las Palmas Masonic Center, 2992 E. Clinton Ave. Fresno ; mailing address: P.O. Box 11525, Fresno, CA 93773-1525; email: admin@fresnocoinclub.com; Website: www.fresnocoinclub.com. (CSNA)
- Glendale Coin Club**—meets 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m., La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta; mailing address: GCC, c/o Michael Kittle, P.O. Box 388, Agoura Hills, CA 91376-0388; email: mike@kittlecoins.com; Website: www.GlenCoin.com. (NASC)
- Greater Orange County Coin Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church, 2845 Mesa Verde Dr. E. Costa Mesa; mailing address: 2032 Kornat Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626; email: bill.pfeifer@sbcglobal.net; phone: (714) 546-0931; Website: www.occoinclub.com. (CSNA, NASC)
- Heartland Coin Club**—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Bostonia Park Rec. Building, 1049 Bostonia St., El Cajon; mailing address: P.O. Box 15113, San Diego, CA 92175; email: jmgallego@logallego.com. (CSNA, NASC)
- 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 36, Hemet, CA 92546. (CSNA, NASC)
- International Numismatic Society of San Diego**—meets 4th Wednesday, 5:45 p.m., North Park Adult Rec. Center, 2719 Howard Street, San Diego; mailing address: P.O. Box 161081, San Diego, CA 92176; Website: www.inssd.org. (CSNA, NASC)
- Las Vegas Numismatic Society**—meets 2nd Sunday, 3:00 p.m., University United Methodist Church, 4412 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV; Website: <http://lasvegascoinclub.com>. (CSNA)
- 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; Website: LNS.ANAclubs.org. (CSNA)
- Livermore Valley Coin Club**—meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Livermore Public Library, Community Room "B", 1188 South Livermore Ave., Livermore; mailing address: P.O. Box 610, Livermore, CA 94550. (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. (CSNA, NASC)
- Los Angeles Paper Money Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Marie Calendar's, 14743 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks; contact: Scott McNatt, 818-667-2329; email: info@promedia.la; website: www.losangelespapermoneyclub.com. (NASC)
- Northern California Numismatic Association**—meets annually during Nor-Cal coin shows in various communities; mailing address: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410; email: EmperorI@juno.com. (CSNA)
- Numismatic Association of Southern California**—meets four times per year; mailing address: Harold Katzman, P.O. Box 3382, Tustin, CA 92781-3382; email: haroldkatzman@yahoo.com; Website: www.NASC.net. (CSNA)

- Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**—meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco; mailing address: P.O. Box 475656, San Francisco, CA 94147-5656; Website: www.pcns.org. (CSNA)
- Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists**—meets at PAN conventions; mailing address: PAN, 1985 Lincoln Way, Suite 23 #225, White Oak, PA 15131; email: pancoins@gmail.com; Website: www.pancoins.org. (CSNA)
- Redwood Empire Coin Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa; mailing address: P.O. Box 9013, Santa Rosa, CA 95405-0013; Website: www.RedwoodEmpireCoinClub.com (CSNA)
- Sacramento Valley Coin Club**—meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., North County Corporate Yard, 5026 Don Julio Blvd., Sacramento, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816; Website: SacValCC.org. (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 311141, Fontana, CA 92331-1141. (CSNA, NASC)
- San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council**—meets 1st Saturday in February, May, August and November, 10:00 a.m., North Park Adult Center, 2719 Howard Street, San Diego; mailing address: 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040; Website: www.coinarama.org. (CSNA)
- San Diego Numismatic Society**—meets 1st Tuesday, 6:15 p.m., North Park Adult Center, 2719 Howard St., San Diego; mailing address: 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040. (CSNA, NASC)
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- Vallejo Numismatic Society**—meets 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Florence Douglas Senior Center, Room A, 333 Amador (between Florida and Georgia), Vallejo; mailing address: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590-0428; email: EmperorI@juno.com; phone: (707) 642-0216 or (707) 246-6327. (CSNA)
- Verdugo Hills Coin Club**—meets 2nd Monday, 7:15 p.m., La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta; 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 annually; 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; email: EmperorI@juno.com. (CSNA)
- Whittier Coin Club**—meets 1st Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Santa Fe Springs Library, 11644 Slauson Ave.; mailing address: 540 Teakwood Ave., La Habra, CA 90631; email: phil.chang540@gmail.com. (CSNA, NASC)

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- March 25 **Verdugo Hills Coin Club**, 53rd Annual Show, Van Nuys Masonic Hall, 14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys CA. Bourse: Bob Thompson, 818-249-1237, bobcat237@sbcglobal.net. Info: verdugohillscoinclub.com.
- March 30-31 **Sacramento Coin Show**, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St. McClellan, CA. P. Macintosh, 916-317-9055, www.sacramentocoinshow.com.
- April 6-8 **Western States Token Society (WESTS)** Merchant tokens, exonumia & related collectibles. Mother Lode Shopping Center, Jackson, CA. Merle Avila (daytime) 707-585-3711, merle@avilaarchitects.com.
- April 7 **CSNA's Golden Anniversary 50th Annual Southern Educational Symposium** 10AM to 4 PM Courtyard Marriott Torrance/South Bay 1925 West 190th Street, Torrance. See further full-page info elsewhere in this issue.
- April 8 **Ventura County Money and Collectible Show**, Los Robles Greens Golf Course, 299 S. Moorpark Rd., The Sunset Ballroom, Thousand Oaks, CA. Contact: Heather, 805-300-4997.
- April 29 **Van Nuys/Verdugo Coin Show**, Van Nuys Masonic Hall, 14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys. Richard Murachanian, 661-287-1651.
- April 20-22 **Santa Clara Coin, Currency, Stamp, and Sports Collectibles Show**, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA. Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. Scott Griffin, POB 1876, Suisun, CA 94585, 415-601-8661, scottgriff@hotmail.com.
- April 29 **Van Nuys / Verdugo Coin Show**, Van Nuys Masonic Hall, 14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA. Info: Richard Murachanian, 661-287-1651.
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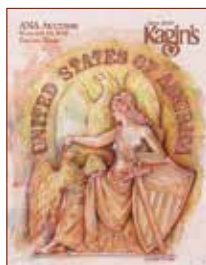


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