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About the Cover

Just like the price of gold over the past year, the sun is on its springtime ascent above the horizon line. The reverse of an 1869 double eagle is breaking through the retreating gloomy clouds here in California, and spring is just starting to make herself felt. The coin hobby, like the coming summer, promises to be glorious. I just can't wait, can you? Go spend some serious cash on something delightful you've been fantasizing about for some time now. You deserve it!

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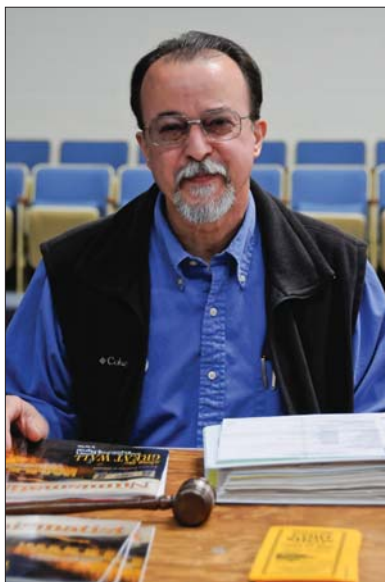
First, let me introduce myself to you. I am Tony Micciche, pronounced (Mitch-ã-kã). That is about as easy as I can make saying for all of you who may not know me. I am honored to serve as your NASC President. Our organization has a long and stellar history. I want to keep it going.

I want to thank all of the outgoing officers for their hard work. I want to thank all the returning officers and the new officers for their commitment to NASC and numismatics. I know that we can be a winning team. We are up to the challenge and will make our members proud.

If you want to help (volunteer), just let one of us know and we will help you become active. Whether it's helping with our young numismatists, selling gold drawing tickets, or just helping out for an hour or two at the Golden State Coin Show, we can always use one more set of hands to help out. You will have fun doing it. You will meet lots of fun-loving numismatists with many great stories to share.

We had a great time at the NASC Awards Luncheon and Installation of Officers. There was plenty of fun, lots of door prizes, and all the great food you could eat. Jim Hunt was our emcee and did a great job. Thanks to all who attended. A special thank you to Joyce Kuntz for helping me make the events special.

I have always been very fond of the saying "may you live in interesting times." These are truly very interesting times! Gold is over \$900 and flirting with \$1000. Silver is above \$17.00 and seems ready to go higher. Platinum is setting new record prices. Can it get any more interesting than that? Then there is the coin collecting aspect. Everything seems to just keep going up. Nice for the items we own, but challenging for the items we still want. That's what makes it all so much fun and as interesting as ever. Some day these will be fondly remembered as the "good ole days."



Tony Micciche
NASC President

CSNA...



It comes and goes so fast, hope your 2007 year was eventful and Santa was kind to you and yours.

The CSNA convention in San Jose went very nicely with everyone doing their best and working out problems so next year will work even smoother. Thanks so much to Ron Ishizaki who did an outstanding job again with great food, great hotel. You all missed a good one. We elected to come back in 2009.

CSNA bought some gold drawing tickets and we won a 2008 silver eagle that we will add to our treasury or decide to give it away...more later.

Coming up is our education symposium, held this year in San Diego on March 15. Great speakers are scheduled. See elsewhere in TCN for details. Need you all

there to keep this great educational event going.

We are continuing our “get new members” contest: win a medal as a sponsor. Contact Phil Iversen, membership chairman, for details. He is doing great getting new members.

It is that time again for our nominating committee to present a slate of officers to the board at the August Golden State Coin Show. Ballots will be sent out for your voting pleasure.

We wish to welcome aboard two new directors from the north—Al Lo and Jeff Shevlin. Stephen Huston has agreed to take over the corresponding secretary position for the rest of the year, leaving Michael Turrini filling out the year as vice president. Jim Hunt was appointed ANA representative.

A great big “thank you” to Dennis Halladay for keeping the corresponding secretary position alive and well until we could obtain a replacement (drink milk, Dennis).

Finally, have a good year of numismatic finds and especially, buy low and sell high.

Freddie

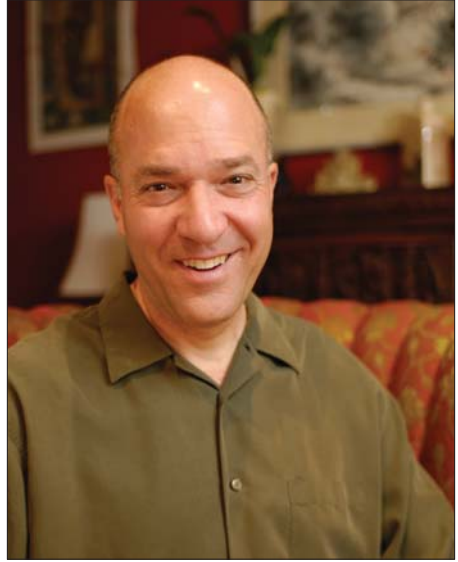
Freddie Grant
CSNA President

Editor's Page

Spring keeps flirting with us lately. A series of gorgeous warm sunny days one week, followed by rain, chill, and gloom. But I feel pretty comfortable predicting the trend: it's going to get clear, and it's going to get *hot!* Just like the price of gold and silver recently, the temperature is going to rise and we'll all be begging for relief in a few months.

Note that one of our regular advertisers, Heritage Auction Galleries, has generously taken the full-color rear cover. Advertising funds sure help us keep doing what we're doing here at TCN, so please patronize Heritage, as well as all of the other advertisers. A complete listing is on page 70. Mention their ad when you talk to them, so they know their advertising dollars are getting results.

As well as operating funds, the life-blood of a publication such as ours is the continual supply of articles from our members for publication. I know we have some folks out there with talent who haven't submitted anything for quite a while. *Come on, folks, let's get on the stick!* To sweeten the pot I want to emphasize that 2008 will be the inaugural year we present the brand-new, expertly-designed, fully automated and self-contained, perpetual motion *literary award medals*. That's right! Hurl one into outer space hard enough (come on, eat your Wheaties) and it'll keep going forever. Of course you could simply put it on a shelf or table and admire it, too. That's what I would do. The new medals are in the process of being made now, and if you hurry, you can have a qualifying article put into the next issue of TCN. While there's no guarantees, most stand a pretty good chance of taking a place in one of the award categories, and consequently having the author receive a medal at the Golden State Coin Show in August. Imagine that! Not only would you feel the warmth of the admiring gaze of thousands as you were presented your award, you actually would get to be one of the first to hold and possess one of these flashing beauties. Speech over; get busy...



Greg Burns
Editor

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The Corresponding Secretaries' Reports



CSNA—

by Dennis Halladay

A dozen new regular memberships and one new life member have already rolled in so far during the early days of 2008, resulting in a gradual climb to the highest membership total for CSNA since 2001. The association is on a healthy roll that we should all be excited about.

Nearly 200 dues renewal notices were mailed out in January and also continue to trickle in each day. Among them have been a handful of regular members who have upgraded to life membership, for which I want to both thank and congratulate them.

A huge thanks also goes to Steve Huston, the creator of the computer database management program used to maintain the CSNA mailing list, for volunteering to take over as interim corresponding secretary for the balance of 2008 until a permanent volunteer can be coerced... er, located to take over.

After seven years and five months on the job (but who's counting?) it's time for me to move on, focus more time on my paying job and other outside interests, and hand over the reigns to someone else. The corresponding secretary's job has drastically changed and streamlined in that time, now being fully electronic rather than manual. Thank you one and all for your patience and assistance, they have been enormously appreciated.

NASC—

by Harold Katzman

(From NASC meeting 2/17/08...)

One club, Tustin, has disbanded.

Stephen Huston will be redoing the software for our mailing list which will update our system.

Renewal notices will be going out next week to 3 clubs and 36 regular members.

Lastly, I am submitting my budget to the finance chairman. I managed to go last year without having to purchase envelopes or new dues notices, but will need to do that this year. I also held off on new membership cards as I found about 2 dozen, so I will need to order new ones this year.

Respectfully submitted,
[signed] Harold Katzman
Corresponding Secretary

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Sustaining members 165
Clubs 26
Life members 20
Total (2/17/08) 307

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A Story of Two Coins—Part 1

by Cole Schenewerk

Every coin tells a story. Coins can tell stories of love, greed, hate, and many other things. Anyone who collects coins can do a little research and bring these stories to light. Ancient coins tell especially amazing stories. The paragraphs below tell of two coins that I earned through the ANA's David R. Cervin Ancient Coin Project and the story that they tell.

I recently acquired a Septimius Severus Silver Denarius through the ANA's David R. Cervin Ancient Coin Project. I researched the coin recently and I found out many interesting things. The coin told a story that encompassed a whole era of Roman History.

In my research, I discovered that the emperor that is depicted on the obverse and the reverse of the coin, Septimius Severus, is one of the greatest Roman Emperors of all time. His full name is Emperor Caesar Lucius Septimius Severus Pertinax Augustus Arabicus, Adiabenicus, Pius, Parthicus Maximus, Britannicus Maximus. These titles came from a variety of sources:

“Arabicus”- Meaning Arab, refers to place of birth,

“Adiabenicus”- referring to one of the peoples that Severus conquered,

“Pius”- meaning humble,

“Parthicus Maximus”- meaning greatest Parthian,

“Britannicus Maximus”-meaning



greatest Briton.

He ascended to the throne through the murder and defeat of his political rivals. This took some time, but when he succeeded, Severus held a firm grip on the empire and conquered many lands. He had two sons, Caracalla and Geta. Caracalla was notoriously cruel and was known for murdering his brother, wife, and father-in-law in A.D. 211. But aside from all this bloodshed, Caracalla also made his own contribution to numismatics. He instituted a new denomination of coins in the Roman Empire, the antoninianus. This coin is believed to have been valued at twice that of a denarius, but its metal content at the time of its institution was only 1.5 times that of a denarius. To add to this, the metals were gradually debased after that to a point where the denarii were hoarded because the coins that were said by the government to be worth twice as much were actually worth less. The metal content of the antoninianus was debased because of the lack of silver and gold coming into Rome from its do-

minions. The government still needed to bankroll its large army and had to make more coins with a debased metal content to continue paying its troops, which were guarding the empire from invaders along the borders. When the general public found out about the debasement of the coins, a period of hyperinflation occurred. This continued until the monetary reforms of Diocletian, when the economy was stabilized. Diocletian completely reorganized the monetary system, creating new denominations and values for Roman Currency.

Diocletian had all the citizens of the empire turn in their old currency and exchange it for the new, reformed currency. This is similar to what happened in the early 1920's in Germany when prices doubled every two days and people would burn their old currency in lieu of wood because it lasted longer than the amount of firewood that it could buy. The German government then reformed the currency system and stabilized the economy. They had all the citizens of Germany turn in their old, devalued marks in exchange for new ones at a rate of a trillion (1,000,000,000,000) to one.

This near-collapse of the empire from within marked a new era in Roman history. This era would last until the military defeat of the empire and the sacking of Rome by Germanic

tribesmen several centuries later.

The period of economic mayhem described above can be traced all the way to Caracalla and his institution of the antoninianus. I happened to acquire an antoninianus, also through the David R. Cervin project. It was issued by a rebel emperor in Gaul (modern day France.) This coin is also known as barbarous radiate because of the shape of the crown depicted and also the fact that the persons depicted on them were frowned upon by Roman citizens because they were attempting to overthrow the true emperor. This coin would have never been minted if it were not for Caracalla. Caracalla would have never become emperor if his father had not fought his way into becoming emperor. I wonder how this coin or the person depicted on it affected world history.

All coins tell a story. These stories can tell of greed or love, hatred and revolts, but all of these stories are reflected through the coinage of the time. Those who are fortunate enough to own or to collect ancient coins, or any type of coins for that matter, can take a trip back in time to learn about history, economics, and our world as it was many years ago.

Cole Schenewerk will be submitting part 2 of his article to run in the next issue of TCN. Look for it! [GB]



Compare the crudeness of the image on the barbarous radiate (likely third century) on the left with the beauty of the sculpting of the much earlier denarius on the right.



Through the Numismatic Glass:

US Coin Designs Were Influenced by the “War to End All Wars”



by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

In terms of transportation, communication, and technology, one could make the argument that the 20th century was the most important time period in the recorded history of mankind. The dawn of the 20th century introduced the internal combustion engine for the automobile and airplane to replace steam engines and, later jet propulsion and rocket engines made space travel possible. In the area of communications, the telegraph and the cable under the ocean were to be replaced by the telephone, then television, computers and other means of electronic communications.

A major component in this technology was the development of the electronic “chip.” This development truly changed everything. The writer remembers one of his professors saying in the 1970s, that all of the documents in the Library of Congress could be inscribed on these chips and transported in the trunk of an automobile.

Of course technological advances do not occur in a vacuum. The politi-

cal changes in the 20th century were no less important. The empires of Europe, including the German, Austro-Hungarian, Russian and Ottoman Empires, came to an end as a result of World War I. Later in the century, the Soviet Union and the English and Japanese Empires would cease to exist. The world at the beginning of this century would be gone by the end of this century.

The “War to End All Wars”

It started at a small town in Sarajevo in Serbia. On June 28, 1914, the Austrian archduke Francis Ferdinand was assassinated. In a few weeks a conflict involving the Allies (England, France, Russia, Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro and Japan) and the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire) was under way and World War I began.

The technology cited in the beginning of this story would be employed to produce several new wartime weapons. These included the airplane, tanks and extremely effective and

destructive infantry weapons such as the machine gun, artillery pieces and chemical warfare weapons. On the oceans, no ships were protected from the submarine. Just as the use of a blockade became a weapon, the submarine was used to defeat this strategy and neutral, non-combatant vessels were, at times, attacked. Eventually the United States, one of the neutral powers, was drawn into this conflict. On April 6, 1917 President Wilson signed the joint Congressional Resolution declaring a state of war on Germany. War against Austria-Hungary was declared on December 7, 1917.

The war lasted for four years. With both sides unable to forge a victory, the conflict became bogged down in the trenches with staggering losses on both sides. Some leaders believed that victory could not be achieved through attrition and the stalemate could only be broken by the introduction of a large new army into the conflict, namely the United States Army.

After this became a reality and the German Empire realized the war had been lost, talks were initiated to bring

the conflict to an end. At 5:30 AM on November 11, 1918, the armistice was signed and an end of hostilities took place five and one half hours later, at 11:00 AM. The “War to End All Wars” was over. The Treaty of Versailles, the formal ending of World War I, took a bit longer as the various Allies put forth demands and concerns. Germany signed the treaty on June 28, 1921.

The United States Warns Germany—1916

In 1916 with the conflict in Europe now raging for two years, the United States found itself being drawn into the war. All means of communications were employed, not only to convince Americans of the danger facing the country, but also to warn the Central Powers to change their ways, in particular their attacks on ships flying the American flag.

In addition to printed and electronic communications, another communication device was a nation’s coinage. In 1916, three circulating coins were eligible to receive new designs. These coins were changed



Left: Archduke Francis Ferdinand - the flashpoint of WWI.

Right: the “Big Four” (from left) David Lloyd George, Vittorio Orlando, Georges Clemenceau, and Woodrow Wilson - architects of the Treaty of Versailles.





to reflect the world events and the noble philosophy of the United States to seek peace. This article describes the new designs of these coins and their messages warning Germany and endorsing “peace.”

The Legacy of Augustus Saint-Gaudens

President Theodore Roosevelt and sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens formed a partnership in 1905 to replace the existing coin designs with artistic images to represent the United States. Legislation dated September 26, 1890, ch 944, 26 Stat. 484, 31 U.S.C. Sec. 5112, prohibited coin design changes more often than once in 25 years.

Since the one- and three-dollar gold coin denominations had been discontinued in the 19th century, only the

one-cent denomination and the four gold coins, the \$2.50, \$5, \$10 and \$20 dollar gold pieces could be changed. Saint-Gaudens and Roosevelt chose to begin with the designs of the cent and the gold \$10 eagle and the \$20 double eagle coins. Tragically, Saint-Gaudens died in 1907 with only the two gold pieces being partially completed. In fact, his assistant Henry Hering had to complete the designs and Saint-Gaudens did not live long enough to see either of these coins enter circulation.

However the story of Saint-Gaudens does not end with his death. For decades his legacy influenced American coin designs. Whether in the country’s greatest metropolitan center, New York City, or at his studio in Cornish, New Hampshire, future coin designers had either been trained under, or had been influenced by Augustus Saint-Gaudens.

Because the nation’s circulating gold coins, the Lincoln cent and the Indian nickel, more popularly known by its reverse design, the Buffalo nickel, had been changed prior to World War I, these coins were not part of the

“Peace Movement” of the remaining coinage changes. These coins included Adolph A. Weinman’s “Mercury” dime and “Walking Liberty” half-dollar and Hermon A. MacNeil’s “Standing Liberty” quarter dollar.

The Peace Movement and U.S. Coin Designs

By 1916, the Barber or “Liberty-head dime, quarter and half-dollar types had been in circulation since 1892 and thus were eligible to be changed. In 1916 the Treasury Department conducted a competition to select new designs for these coins and, after consultation with the Fine Arts Commission, notified the artists that their winning concepts had been selected. The winners were: Adolph A. Weinman and Herman A. MacNeil.

Adolph Alexander Weinman was born in Karlsruhe, Baden, Germany on December 11, 1870. Coming to the United States, he studied at the Cooper Institute and the Art Students’ League in New York City. There he studied sculpture under Philip Martiny and Augustus Saint-Gaudens.

Weinman began his career as an artist in 1901 and died on August 6,

1952 at the age of 82.

Adolph Weinman’s “Winged Liberty Head” or “Mercury” dime (1916-1945), utilized Elsie Stevens as “Ms. Liberty” wearing a “winged hat.” People mistook this depiction to be the head of Hermes or Mercury thus giving the new dime its name. This never was the intention of Mr. Weinman however. His monogram “AW” is on the obverse to the right of Ms. Liberty’s neck.

It was the new dime’s reverse that was the response of the United States regarding the European conflict. The Roman fasces, surrounded by greenery, represented the executioner’s axe bound within a group of rods. The symbolism meant the U.S could instantly punish any enemies of “liberty.” The “bands” binding the rods are very important in grading these dimes. They range from about 50% to 100%. Pieces with clearly defined bands (split bands) command premiums. The dimes were struck at the Denver, Philadelphia and San Francisco Mints and the mintmark is located on the reverse at the bottom left of the fasces.

Mr. Weinman’s “Walking-Liberty” half dollar design (1916-1947)





features the symbolic “Ms. Liberty” on the obverse. This walking figure, from which the coin derived its name, is wearing an American flag as a head-dress. She is seen striding eastward, over a rising sun, toward war-torn Europe. In the crook of her left arm are bundles of oak and laurel branches to represent military and civilian honors. On the 1916 and some of the 1917 pieces, the mintmark is located on the obverse just under the motto: “IN GOD WE TRUST.” Later, in 1917, it was moved to the reverse, just left of the denomination: “HALF DOLLAR.” Weinman’s monogram “AW” appears on the reverse, under the tips of the wing feathers.

The figure of an eagle, somewhat reminiscent of Saint-Gaudens’ gold eagle of 1907, dominates the reverse of the half dollar. Mint Director Robert Woolley’s “Annual Report of 1916” described the tree near the eagle’s breast to be “a sapling of Mountain Pine symbolic of ‘America’.”

Because of World War II and the reluctance to change this design, Weinman’s half dollar coin was

minted through 1947. His dime was changed in 1946 to permit the nation to honor President Roosevelt who died that year. Although the Treasury Department had long advocated a half dollar featuring Benjamin Franklin, this change was delayed until after the war in 1948.

The story of Adolph Weinman’s “Ms. Liberty” coin was given a new life in 1986 when the mint began to strike bullion one-ounce silver pieces with his half dollar design on the obverse. These coins were to compete with European bullion coins. They provided an easy way for people to invest in silver since the governments that issued them guaranteed the weight and fineness of these coins.

The fact that Weinman’s model was utilized on the obverse is a tribute to the beauty and popularity of his design first produced seventy years earlier in 1916. His initials appear on the hem of the gown. Since 2001 these coins were produced at the mint at West Point. Note – After 2006, the Philadelphia Mint struck some reverses for proof bullion pieces.



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Hermon A. MacNeil's Standing Liberty Quarter

As reported above, the Treasury Department conducted a competition to design the three minor coins eligible for new images in 1916 (dime, quarter and half dollar). Hermon A. MacNeil's concepts were selected for a new quarter dollar.

Hermon Atkins MacNeil was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts on February 27, 1866. He studied at the Massachusetts Normal Art School in Boston, and at the Academie Julian and the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris. A winner of the Rhinehart Scholarship, MacNeil studied in Rome for four years and later taught at Art Institutes in Chicago and Brooklyn. He died on

October 2, 1946. In 1966, a park at College Point in Queens County, New York, was renamed MacNeil Park.

Mint Director Robert W. Woolley notified MacNeil on March 3, 1916 that his design for a new 25 cent coin had been approved. As stated earlier in this article, these 1916 "war time" coins were expected to show that the goal of the United States was to promote peace and warn the Central Powers of this country's opposition to tyranny. The left arm of "Ms. Liberty" on the obverse is upraised, uncovering a shield, symbolic of "protection." Her right hand grasps the olive branch, the symbol for "peace."

The preparation of a die trial was begun and, after some modifica-





Type I Standing Liberty Quarter



Type II Standing Liberty Quarter

tions, final dies were prepared. The Philadelphia Mint, acting without authorization, struck some 52,000 new 1916 quarters between December 16 and December 31, 1916. These coins, along with the first 1917 dated quarters, were released on January 17, 1917.

Some design flaws soon became apparent. The date, which was on an exposed plaque, quickly wore off these coins. This problem, however, was not corrected until 1925 when the date was placed within a recess. A second problem with the 1916 Type I design was “Ms. Liberty’s” head frequently shows less than half of its original design details.

But it was another criticism of the new quarter’s design that captured the attention of the politicians. Some noticed that “Ms. Liberty’s” drapery exposed her right breast. The Treasury Department was besieged to cover the exposed body part. Collectors may remember the furor in 1896-98 when semi-nude Ms. Electricity appeared on a \$5 Educational note.

The problems prompted MacNeil to seek permission to modify his design of the 25cent piece. On July 9, 1917 an act was passed that resulted in several changes and these new quarters became known as the Type II varieties. These changes included increasing the concavity of the fields, repositioning the eagle on the reverse higher in the field, placing three of the 13 stars below the eagle and respacing the inscriptions. The major change, however, was that all Type II coins shows the left breast now covered by a coat. Walter Breen called it “a coat of medieval chain mail—a grotesque anachronism.” Since the coin design of 1916 was meant to reflect the desire for peace and opposition to the Central Powers, the later change to the armor covering of “Ms. Liberty’s” breast carried out this theme.

Hermon A. MacNeil’s initial “M” is located above and to the right of the date on the obverse. The new quarters were struck at the Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco Mints from 1916 though 1930. There were no 25



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cent pieces minted in 1931. Although no proof coins were officially issued, Type I specimen strikes dated 1917 are known to exist.

The End of the Story

As time passed and an ill President Wilson tried to find a new way for nations to resolve their differences, it became apparent that the nations of the world were unwilling to resolve their conflicts through diplomacy. The League of Nations would be unable to bring about a lasting peace. As the treaties ending World War I were

imposed upon the Central Powers, the conflict between France and Prussia, dating back to 1870 and arising again in 1914, was to return once more just 17 years later in 1939 and World War II was the result. It was this reality that finally convinced the European Powers to attempt a new formula, namely the European Union.

The frustration of these events was once again a theme for a new coin design, namely the United States "Peace" silver dollar first minted in 1921. But that is another story.





Numismatic Sacrilege?

by Len Ratzman

You'd think the technical advisors of the show would have caught it.

On Friday nights at 10:00 p.m., NBC airs the popular show "Las Vegas" that committed a major numismatic faux pas in an episode shown in early November, 2007. Did you catch it and cringe in horror, too?

For those of you that didn't view the episode, there was a scene where one of the major characters, "Sam", gets involved in a high-stakes, no limit poker game. Running out of chips to call a monstrous pot, she reaches into her purse and pulls out and fingers an *unprotected*, unslabbed, proof, 1895 Morgan dollar that she announces to the players was left to her by her now deceased, billionaire husband and is worth at least \$100,000.

They accept the coin as a bet at which point she nonchalantly throws the coin into the pot, naturally hitting the other chips.

The conflicting part of this action

is that the technical advisors to the accuracy and authenticity of the show's details correctly identified the value of this coin but didn't see to it that it was logically and properly housed in a slab and registered with one of the recognized grading services logo.

To the non-collector and non-numismatist, this coin being handled unprotected and dropped into the pot of chips to be further "desecrated", no eyebrows were probably raised.

But, to a viewer who knows anything about one of the most coveted coins in numismatics, this oversight must have caused a lot of us to wince in disbelief.





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Singer Leads Verdugo Hills Club; Moore Installs Officers

Chuck Singer took the reins of the Verdugo Hills Coin Club on December 10 when the membership elected its slate of officers for 2008. Administering the oath of allegiance was longtime California hobby leader Nona Moore.

Joining Singer at the helm of the club are Irene DeMattei, first vice president; Jeff Klemzak, second vice president; Don Weir, treasurer; Mike Baldwin, assistant treasurer; Doris Fuller, secretary; Bob Thompson, newsletter editor; and directors Steve Albanese, Charles Beatty, Judy Henry, Red Henry, Dennis Machtloff, Richard Murachanian and Walter A. Ostromecki.

Ostromecki, the outgoing club president, was elected in July to the board of governors of the American Numismatic Association.

Founded in 1964, the Verdugo Hills Coin Club draws its membership

primarily from the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys in northern Los Angeles County.

Moore, a past-president of both CSNA and NASC, has attended every VHCC Coin Show for 40 years. She plans to make it 41 on March 30 when the club hosts its 43rd annual show at the Van Nuys Masonic Hall. Door prizes will be awarded every hour, and the afternoon will culminate with a drawing for 10 gold coins.

The club is seeking donations of silver dollars and other numismatic items for its 9th annual Youth Auction, open to youngsters ages 8-17 and conducted during the show. For information about the show or the club, visit http://coinshows.com/vannuys_vhcc.html or contact bourse chairman Bob Thompson at (818) 249-1237 or bob-cat237@sbcglobal.net.



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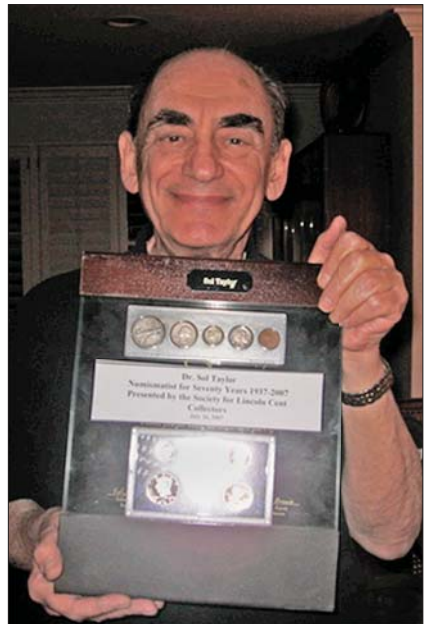
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Seventy Years and Counting

The Society of Lincoln Cent Collectors presented its founder and president, Dr. Sol Taylor with a plaque honoring his 70 years in numismatics. The plaque includes a set of five 1937 coins and a 2007 proof set. Taylor started the hobby as a school boy in Brooklyn during the Great Depression and never wavered. His friend, the late Maurice Gould started back in 1917 and in 1967 had an elongated cent made with his image and the two dates "1917-1967" honoring his fifty years in numismatics. At the time, Taylor thought some day he would celebrate his fifty years in numismatics--and now it is his 70th year. Jeff Oxman, vice president of SLCC designed the plaque and obtained the two sets to be included in the framed presentation. Earlier in 2007 Taylor was the guest speaker at the Upland Coin Club and his topic was "Coin Collecting During the Great Depression". He brought with him a copy of the Upland Coin Club bulletin dated October, 1964 which headlined, "Sol Taylor, president of the Whittier Coin Club will be this month's speaker on



the topic "Coin Collecting 25 Years Ago". Showing the old newsletter to the audience, he announced that his topic would be changed to "Coin Collecting 70 Years Ago". Nona Moore was present at both the 1964 and 2007 meetings.

Dr. Taylor is NASC LM21 and served as president in 1975.

His web site is soltaylor.com.

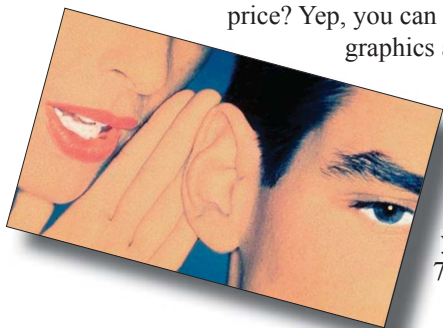


An Anticipation to Savor

We'll soon be able to enjoy the print equivalent of Jim Hunt's *Coin Talk* interviews (previously on ws-radio.com) with interesting numismatic personalities. Jim will be probing and prodding folks throughout our hobby on a variety of topics and specialties. And this time you'll be able to enjoy the verbal wanderings in print, wherever you're able to take your copy of TCN (nice not to have to plug it in, huh?) Be sure to look in the next issue of TCN for the first installment!

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CSNA Audio-Visual Library Kaput!

In case you haven't already heard, the CSNA A/V library is being "closed" due to lack of interest. No one has been checking anything out in recent years, so the library is essentially shut down at this time.

Disposition of the materials in the library will have to be discussed and decided upon at an upcoming board meeting. Seems like this is a common problem with institutions like this... little activity and an inability to justify continued maintenance of these once-valuable resources.

Got any suggestions?



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The ANA Is Coming To LA

The American Numismatic Association will hold its *Worlds Fair of Money* in the Los Angeles Convention Center on August 5—9, 2009. Our two associations, CSNA and NASC, along with the Verdugo Hills Coin Club, will host the Convention. G. Lee Kuntz will be the general chairman, his wife Joyce is the assistant general chairman, and Bill Grant is the honorary general chairman. All major chair positions and their assistants have been chosen: Freddie Grant, Tony Micciche, and Chuck Singer.

Activities (tours)—Howard Feltham; Club Membership Tables—Gary Beedon; Exhibits—Virginia Bourke; Friendship Luncheon—Lila Anderson; Hospitality—Elena Burns; Numismatic Theater—Michael Turrini; Pages—Oded Paz & Phil Chang; Patrons—Kay Lenker; Registration & Pre-Registration—Bob Thompson & Jeff Klemzak; Scout



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Brenda Bishop, ANA's convention services director, and Lee & Joyce Kuntz visited the Los Angeles Convention Center and met with their people. They did a walk-through of the center, checking out the meeting rooms, registration areas, and the 147,000 square-foot bourse room. They also reviewed the local hotels.

We are looking forward to the ANA coming to LA as we plan to have the most outstanding *Worlds Fair of Money* the ANA has ever had.



ANA Report

by Jim Hunt

ANA Representative for the CSNA



ANA National Money Show
Phoenix, Arizona
March 7-9, 2008

The ANA National Money Show was held at the Phoenix Convention Center, March 7-9. The show was well attended and I heard many favorable comments from dealers. The ANA now has a new executive director, life member Larry Shepherd. His appointment was announced during the opening ceremonies. Mr. Shepherd was the unanimous choice of the selection

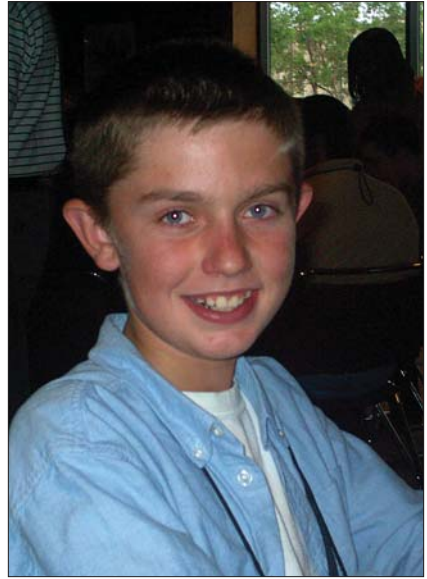
committee from among the 37 applicants. He has spent 17 years in the banking and investment community which includes 14 years in executive management. Mr. Shepherd is a coin collector and a coin dealer, which gives him an appreciation of why we are coin collectors in the first place.

Several of our members received special recognition at the show. Cole Schenewerk received a Presidential Award from ANA President, Barry Stuppler. Cole also received a second

Below: Torrey Schenewerk and her exhibit "Horses on Coins" at the 2007 GSCS. Torrey picked up the ANA Coin Week award at the ANA Phoenix show with this exhibit.



Right: Cole Schenewerk took home several awards from the ANA Phoenix show.



place award for his “The David R. Cervin Ancient Coin Project” exhibit, another second place for “The Third Side”, and a third place award for his exhibit on “Different Coins for a Torn World”. The ANA National Coin Week exhibit award was presented to Torrey Schenewerk for her exhibit “Horses on Coins”. She received a plaque, an engraved medal, and a scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. Exhibitors competed in six topical classes with 15 exhibits in 43 cases. Kay Lenker received a first place award for her exhibit, “Wife Buying Money”. First place winners received an engraved medallion and a certificate.

Among California collectors at the show were Jim Hunt, Lee and Joyce Kuntz, Kay Lenker, Jeff Shevlin, Mike Stanley, and Michael Turrini. Those of you who attended the 36th Annual CSNA symposium might remember

our Pony Express speaker, Joe Nardone, who was also at the show.

Friday night, a number of numismatists enjoyed a fine dinner at the “Stockyards”, an 1889 style saloon and restaurant which is a famous Phoenix landmark. On Saturday, a tour of the Superstition Mountain Museum reminded us of the famous “Lost Dutchman Mine”. There were pictures of gold jewelry that was commissioned by the Dutchman, so we know the gold existed, but the location of his mine has never been found. I might add that many people are still looking for it as I write this column. There were many other events connected with this show; I have only given you a sample. Phoenix weather cooperated and was beautiful the whole time of the show. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

CSNA 122nd Convention Report

The San Jose show was held at a new location this year. The previous venue raised their prices to such an astronomical level that it made it impossible to continue at that location. So in 2008 we met at the Santa Clara Fairgrounds in San Jose. It was gloomy weather for the two-day event (January/February often has days like this), but the event was pulled off with surprisingly few hitches, considering the enormity of the task of changing locations for a show this size.

The CSNA board meeting was tucked away in a rather noisy corner, but we managed to get our usual semi-annual meeting accomplished without major issues, and we even put up the inaugural presentation of the new CSNA banner (see photos).

The crowd and dealers were well-behaved and as nice as usual. Display exhibits were laid out in one congregated area for interested on-lookers

to puruse, and Ken Spindler took top honors in spades with his exhibit on *Cash Coins of China*. Ken always does a splendid job with his exhibits, indeed, all of the exhibits were well done. Where was yours?

The Saturday night banquet was a hoot with the usual antics of the *CSNA Thespians*, this time parodying the ancient comedy, *Green Acres*. Hey, I grew up watching Eddie Albert and Eva Gabor cavort around Hooterville, Pixley, Crabwell Corners, and the rest of the mythical universe conjured up by CBS in the 1960's. You shoulda' been there!

Twenty-five year members were honored: Jack W. Japenga (Indian Wells), N. J. Eagan (San Francisco), Dana Linett (Rancho Santa Fe), Anthony Swiatek (Manhasset, New York), Ken Kusumoto, Brea).

Top recruiters were also honored: Don Halladay, Mike Stanley, G. Lee



Kuntz, Gary Beedon, Bill Grant, Roy Iwata, Joyce Kuntz, and Phil Iversen.

If you didn't attend the San Jose Coin Club and CSNA's show in 2008, then shame on you. Both organizations rely on members and the public

to support these efforts which enable future fun-fests and the overall health of the organization. So be sure to mark your calendars for the beginning of 2009. It's sure to be a winner!



Above: the CSNA board meeting was a reliable collection of old stalwarts. How about showing up for the next one?

Right: Greg Burns (left) and Al Lo (the new CSNA director) finally figured out how to mount the clip-on name badges.

Below: the arch above the entrance to the Santa Clara Fairgrounds. Probably pretty impressive when the carnival's in town and the place is lit up like a pin-ball machine, but perhaps a bit less so for the convention during gloomy Feb.



How many CSNAers does it take to change a light bulb? How about to hang the new CSNA banner? Lila Anderson (left) supervises Ken Spindler, Virginia Bourke, and Greg Burns as they struggle with the newly acquired banner.



Ken Spindler looks like he has a handle on the situation, and the new banner gradually “assumes the position.”



Below: all of the attendees of the CSNA board meeting happily gather in front of the new sign to commemorate the new convention location and the new banner! How many can you name?





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Above: while a good sized venue, the Santa Clara Fairgrounds isn't as big as the old place. But space wasn't a problem as there was plenty of square footage to go around.

Below: Ken Spindler's excellent exhibit on Chinese cash coins. It took two top honors.





Above: how's this for a start for a banquet? A pen was given out to the attendees from the Center for Disease Control; Biohazard and Highly Infectious Diseases Ward. I washed my hands before eating!

Right: the chow line moved quickly and efficiently past various salads and one of the world's best barbecues! There was chicken and ribs, and all the fixin's. Good stuff. Better show up yourself, next time!

Below: CSNA President Freddie Grant and hubby Bill Grant were delightfully occupied during the eat-fest. Turns out that the pen distributed at the beginning of the meal must have been a joke, because the food was spectacular. Kudos to organizer and Convention Chair Ron Ishizaki for a job well-done. Ron seemed to be on roller-skates for the entire evening, rushing back and forth to make sure everyone had what they desired and that all went smoothly. Thanks, Ron!





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Ryan Johnson, Jr. accepts on behalf of the San Jose Coin Club a token of gratitude from CSNA President Freddie Grant for the work done on the convention by the hardworking members of SJCC.



California Exonomist Society President Michael S. Turrini (left) presents Ken Barr with the CES President's Citation of Commendation, "...in gratitude for exemplary and enthused devotion..." to the CES and exonomia. Congratulations, Ken!



Ken Spindler happily accepts the G. Lee Kuntz Best of Show award from Mr. Kuntz himself. Ken has a knack for putting together award-winning exhibits, and the Kuntz award was a fine testament to Ken's abilities.

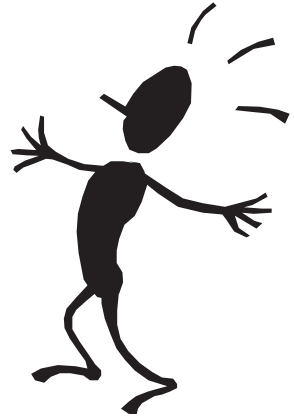


Never tired of standing up and accepting accolades, Ken Spindler also was awarded the San Jose Coin Club's award for best in show from Ron Ishizaki. Ken looks like he does this for a living, doesn't he?



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Joyce Kuntz makes a special presentation of a three-piece off-metal set of the convention medals to San Jose Coin Club Curator Ken Barr.



CSNA President Freddie Grant makes yet another special presentation SJCC representative Ryan Johnson, Jr., to mark the SJCC's attainment of 50 years of CSNA membership.. I don't know how many times this young man had to tromp up to collect some honor, but I'll bet he wished he had roller skates.



Medal designer Al Lo accepts an off-metal set of the CSNA convention medals from Joyce Kuntz, keeper of CSNA historical, photographic, and medallic (is that a word?) types of things. Ron has a habit of designing award-winning medals.



CSNA President Freddie Grant congratulates Convention General Chairman Ron Ishizaki on his superb job in managing the show. CSNA provided a \$150 stipend to Ryan Johnson (not pictured) in appreciation of the San Jose Coin Club's stupendous efforts in hosting the show. Man, there was a lot of work involved. Speaking of that, have you volunteered to help with these types of events?



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Ron Ishizaki accepts the convention general chairman's set of off-metal strikes of the CSNA convention medal. Ron has acted as general chairman for the second year in a row now, and it's been especially tough (I'm sure) because of the change in location here in 2008. Way to go in making it as smooth a transition as it turned out to be, Ron!



The CSNA Thespians play out the Green Acres farce. From left: Phil Iversen portrayed a "slick, oily, vest pocket coin dealer", Mr. Haney; Michael S. Turrini was the erudite Oliver Wendall Douglas (a pompous coin dealer); Virginia Bourke vamped it up as Eva Gabor's character; Lisa Douglas; and Joel Anderson masterminded the entire event.

NASC Awards Banquet and Officer Installation Ceremony



Coco's did another splendid job hosting the affair.

NASC held their 2008 awards banquet and officer installation ceremony on February 10 at the Coco's restaurant in Arcadia.

The usual all-you-can-eat treat was well attended, and the guests enjoyed a convivial atmosphere marked by the wit of master of ceremonies, Jim Hunt.

The outgoing officers and board were thanked for a job well done.

New officers were installed:
President - Tony Micciche.

Vice President - George Moore III.

Coor. Sec. - Harold Katzman.

Rec. Sec. - Albertus Hoogeveen.

Treasurer - Kay Lenker.

Historian - Nona Moore.

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Clockwise from top left:

Well-known personality and Past-President Nona Moore gave her usual invocation at the beginning of the gathering.

Tony Micciche (pronounced "Mitch-a-kay") gave the welcome to the forty-some guests gathered for the festivities and introduced Jim Hunt as the master of ceremonies.

The ANA's Meeting Services Manager Brenda Bishop spoke briefly about the upcoming "big event" in 2009. What a pleasure to see an ANA representative here at our affair!

The food was glorious as is typical for the Coco's in Arcadia. Salmon, prime rib, chicken breast, veggies, breads, salads, desserts, drinks...oh, I gain ten pounds just thinking about it!



Editor Helen Desens (left) accepts the third place award from Joyce Kuntz for the President's Trophy - Club Publication Award for the Covina Coin News. Helen continually makes repeat appearances to collect awards for her terrific publication.



The Culver City Coin Club won second place in the club publication competition. The CCCC newsletter is put out by Editor Steve Demmer, and the award was accepted on his behalf by a fellow club member (sorry, I didn't get this gentleman's name.)



Jim Wells was presented the plaque for the President's Trophy for his first-place winning publication, the San Diego Numismatic Society Bulletin. Jim's making a disturbing pattern of regularity in winning this award, having also won it in 2005 and 2006.



NASC President Gary Beedon (right) received from Jim Hunt the NASC Speaker of the Year award. Congratulations, Gary! Couldn't happen to a nicer guy.



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From top: Phil Iversen received the Richard P. Goodson Award from Joyce Kuntz for his exemplary devotion to the NASC.

The outgoing officers, board, and chairs.

Gary Beedon presented tokens of appreciation (a nice Columbia Expo commemorative half dollar) to his outgoing staff.





Top: incoming officers, board, and chairs during the installation.



Left: Elena Burns closely examine one of the bright shiny cents that emcee Jim Hunt handed out as part of the ceremonies for the incoming officers and board. Jim's play on words equated the cents to the "sense" that he hoped the incoming board would display.

Below: Gary Beedon accepting a novelty marking his residency as president of NASC.



Above: one of the delightful (and enriching) "money tree" table decorations that were given away as door prizes at the conclusion of the event.

Tony Micciche accepts from outgoing NASC President Gary Beedon, Nona Moore's shoe for use as a gavel for future NASC board meetings. Guess that means that the board meetings are a little hard to control.



Gary later thinks better of it and offers Tony a lustrous gavel to use in presiding over the NASC board meetings during his upcoming term. Talk about herding cats...good luck, Tony!



Jim Wells watches cautiously on as Bobbie Wells and Elena Burns review the Mexican gold coin Jim won as one of the many (and I do mean many) door prizes that were distributed to the guests that day. I believe almost everyone walked away with something. Due to Jim's cautious watching no one walked away with his gold coin!



Jim Hunt graciously accepted a token of esteem for his performance as master of ceremonies during the luncheon. Jim's a witty guy and kept the pace moving in an entertaining fashion.

Below: the two big plaque winners of the event pose for a joint photo-op: Phil Iversen with his Richard P. Goodson award (left) and Jim Wells with his President's Trophy for Outstanding Club Publication. Congratulations to both, and to all the rest of the honorees during the luncheon.



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a “so-called dollar” and is listed in the catalog of that name by Hibler & Kappen. I think the number of yours is HK341. The book values, although written in 1963 are very overinflated. This leads to a lot of confusion. But your medal in average condition on ebay trades in the \$10-20 range. A really superb specimen could get more, perhaps \$50-\$75.

Hope that this helps,
—**Michael Wehner**

60 Minutes Knows We Exist!

Hi Greg,

I thought you might be interested in sharing the following information with the California Numismatics E-mail List.

Best,

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Pennies and Nickels Make no Sense—The U.S. Mint is in a bind: should it continue to produce pennies and nickels whose metal content is worth more than their face value? Why mint the penny, when it costs \$134 million to make \$80 million worth of what most would consider nuisance coins? Dropping the coins altogether is probably not going to happen, as Morley Safer finds out there is more to this issue than just common sense. The situation irks the director of the U.S. Mint, who would like Congress to find a solution. “You can’t sustain losses on pennies and nickels and expect to be a viable organization that benefits the American people,” says Edmund Moy...(Safer’s report was broadcast on

60 MINUTES Sunday, Feb. 10 on the CBS television network.)

I did, indeed, send an e-mail out to the TCN E-Mail List. Plus, I recorded the show to DVD in case anyone has an interest in it but didn’t get a chance to see it. If you’d like to borrow it, just drop me a line...

Greg

Jeff Shevlin’s Introduction

Hello officers and associates of CSNA,

I’m Jeff Shevlin and I was appointed a member of the Board of Directors for the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA). I am looking forward to working with each of you.

I can be contacted by email at Jeff.Shevlin@Hotmail.com; by phone at (916) 955-2569; by mail at: Jeff Shevlin, 7737 Fair Oaks Blvd., Suite 250, Carmichael, CA 95608.

I spent quite some time trying to locate everyone’s e-mail addresses so I can open up lines of communication with you as fellow officers or associates of the California State Numismatic Association.

Apparently there are quite a few that either don’t have a mail address or it isn’t published in The California Numismatist or on the Calcoin.org web site...

Thank you,

—**Jeff Shevlin**

Youth Corner

by Michael S. Turrini
CSNA Youth Numismatist
Coordinator



Hello! What's up?

A couple of things jingle in my mind this February, and as usual, anything about anything for youth numismatics is always warmly welcomed and intensely invited.

First, just recently, the Fairfield Coin Club has instituted a youth numismatic program and activity at its regular fourth Wednesday meetings. Paul Romesburg was appointed the club's youth director, and calling upon the esteemed Lee H. Gong and the Redwood Empire Coin Club of Santa Rosa, the Fairfield group launched its embryonic program.

Two observations can be offered from Fairfield's initial baby steps. One: it begins with the will to do something. Fairfield decided it wanted a youth program and just did it. Two: it starts with calling upon assistance and input from others who have successfully began and successfully coordinate youth numismatic programs or activities. The latter has several who would be more than willing to offer advise, enthusiasm, and ideas. Just



mentioned was Lee H. Gong, of the Redwood Empire Coin Club, and there is Sally Johnson, of the San Jose Coin Club, as well as our honorary golden stater, Jim Majoros, of the Ocean County Coin Club, in Toms River, New Jersey. All of who could be contacted and collaborated via email.

One other observation is offered. Paul Romesburg displayed how to work with youngsters, particularly elementary grade level children, say ages below 12. He sat with them, talked slowly, and was, above all, patient. The latter is key: patience.

Of course, Fairfield has just begun its efforts, and hopefully continues its enthusiasm, and as the months progress, your youth numismatist coordinator might have follow-up observations and opinions.

Second, with my impending retirement I would like to have some time to visit and to observe, particularly around northern California, youth numismatic programs and activities. While newsletters and bulletins are received from some local coin clubs in southern California, my knowledge is, candidly, much more aware and apparent to what exists around Northern California. As mentioned several times beforehand, both the Redwood Empire Coin Club and the San Jose Coin Club have exemplary commitment and participation.

Again, if your local coin club has something involving youth numismatics, please do contact me.

Third, next CSNA youth tables. Looking ahead, my only two scheduled youth table for the next several months are the Cupertino Coin Club's annual show on Sunday, February 24, in Napredak Hall, San Jose, and the

Alameda Coin Club's annual show on Sunday, June 22, in the main gym of Alameda High School, on Oak at Central, in Alameda. Invitations would be welcomed from other local coin club shows around northern California. The CSNA youth table would include a parallel numismatic information table, with complimentary free hobby literature, and the SQS (State Quarter Search) for the youngsters.

Fourth, SQS: this popular State Quarter Search is available at local coin club shows provided the local organizers donate the State Quarters, usually about \$50.00 in face value, while our California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) provides the free State Quarter albums and the logistics for the SQS. I am considering developing a packaged program and plan which could be parceled and shipped to local coin clubs wanting to do the SQS and only needing the instructions and materials, except the State Quarters. This concept is only being considered, and the costs, specifically the parceling and shipment, would be factors.

With that, until next time! Remember: have fun with your hobby! Always serve others! Enjoy your collecting! And, create hope!

Inquiries may be sent to PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410 or my home email at EMPERORI@juno.com.



Going's On

by Greg Burns



Hi, everyone! Hope your days are starting to look as springtime as mine. The last quarter we had board meetings for both associations, so we have plenty to talk about. Let's dig it...

CSNA had a board meeting during the convention in San Jose at the beginning of February. It was a the new place: the fairgrounds. Went well, considering how difficult these types of transitions can be. I noted the SJCC folks busily taking note of things that could be improved for next year, so it should be even better in 2009.

After the usual formalities that mark the start of all board meetings (quorum check, pledge of allegiance, whatever), we started off with serious business. Treasurer Roy Iwata handed in his four-page, very detailed report. Fifty-cent version is that our net worth dropped from \$81,240.14 last year to \$79,547.61 this year. I'll do the math for you: it's \$1,692.53 less than it was. Hmmph. You folks are gonna have to start sending in more nickels and dimes if this trend keeps up.

To lift our financial depression, we took a short break to hang the new banner. It looks pretty neat: see a photo of it on page 30.

Picking back up with serious stuff again, Corresponding Secretary Dennis Halladay (not present) sent in his final report (see page 8). Dennis has been one hard-working guy when it comes to the CS tasks. Thanks! Now it's Stephen Huston's turn in the barrel. Stephen is a very organized, disci-

plined guy. You can tell from his work on the Web site (www.calcoin.org) and the behind-the-scenes work he's been doing for years managing the mailing list that brings everyone their copy of TCN. I think he's going to do a terrific job. Give him your support.

Anyways, while we were wrapping up the CS discussion, the board decided to continue the recruitment medal program for the coming year. Short version—recruit even one member and get an engraved medal and the accolades of thousands (well, quite a few, anyways.) Recruit more than one and get more, and even fancier, medals.

Convention Chair Ron Ishizaki stood up and relayed some of the challenges of the new venue, but again, it seems he and his crew have matters well in hand for the few improvements that will make this show really shine next year. I'm already planning on attending; you should, too!

The board voted to buy \$50 worth of gold raffle tickets from SJCC. I don't know if we won, but if so, expect to see some type of whoop-de-doo about it soon.

Lee Kuntz mentioned that the Golden State Coin Show dates were set for August 22, 23, and 24 at the Arcadia Masonic Center. Got that one on my calendar, too.

Jim Hunt gave his ANA report (see the updated Phoenix version in this is-

sue), and will report on the Baltimore show in the next TCN (you do know he's our ANA rep now, don't you?)

Joyce Kuntz handed out an update on the medals program. Don't know how she's going to keep her sanity, what with the price of silver going through the roof, and the upward pressure on costs caused by lower medal sales. Anyway, seems there were 79 silvers struck, 96 golden bronze, 90 of the oxidized bronze, 55 of the aluminum, and 3 sets of off-metal strikes (copper, oxidized copper, and lead), for a total of 329 medals struck for the 122nd convention. By the way, try and guess what the price of the new sets will be for any that contain silver...

I stood briefly and got the group's consensus to strike 100 of the new literary award medals. That should cover us for the next 5-6 years or so. I also announced, with both gratitude as well as regret, that I'd no longer be putting my favorite artworks on the rear cover, because (get this) *we have an advertiser who wants the spot!* Yes, Heritage has stepped up to the (rather expensive) plate and has agreed to purchase a year's worth of back-cover ads. Go there now and take a peek at our most supportive advertiser's pleadings.

The assembled group decided to add e-mail addresses to the officer's listing at the back of TCN. Guess I better go do that now...

...caramba, what a pain! Anyway, I think I got them all. If I made any mistakes or left anyone off, let me know and I'll correct it in future issues. I wonder if webcrawlers will pick those e-mail addresses up off of the PDF files I post on the Internet and turn them over to the spam-masters? Betcha.

Membership Chair Phil Iversen stood briefly and recounted his herculean efforts at getting a mass membership-sign-up mailing out to ANA folks in California. Must have been hard, cause it sure paid off. See the results in the record-setting tally on page 9 of this issue. Phil said he was going to do rounds two and three soon, so we may see even more members shortly.

It was announced that Al Lo would be one of the new directors from the north, due to the departures of John Russel and James Laird. The other guy stepping up to the director's plate is none other than So-Called Dollar Guy, Jeff Shevlin. Welcome aboard to both of you!

It was also announced that Michael Turrini would be stepping in to fill the VP spot left open by Mike Stanley's resignation. Michael is already an experienced CSNA person, so that transition should be pretty easy. Congratulations, Michael!

Librarian Ruth Phillips was absent, but the report is that the library is doing fine. I have a couple packets I've been bringing to the northern events (symposiums and conventions) for a couple years now, hoping to catch Ruth and pass them along. But the packets and Ruth never show up at the same time and the same place. Guess I should mail them, huh? Okay, will do.

The CSNA Audio/Visual Library is being disbanded due to disuse. Poor Michael Turrini was also looking for Ruth Phillips (along with me) as he was struck with a trunk-full of video tapes and other A/V materials and needed to off-load them to someone before we broke up and went our separate ways. Don't know who he worked over to take them, but I know

I escaped unscathed. Still, the big question is: what do we do with this stuff now? No one is borrowing any of it, and it's questionable if anyone would take it as a donation. Do you have any ideas? I'm told a listing is on the Web site...hmmm, let me check... yes, go here: www.calcoin.org/audio-Vid/index.html. You can see a listing of the various materials available. Anyway, got any ideas?

Historian/Photographer Joyce Kuntz said she had nothing to report.

YN Coordinator Michael Turrini mentioned he would be doing his State Quarter Search program at the Golden State Coin Show, and is also working on a "lending" version of the program. Look for more details soon.

As educators extraordinaire, Jim Hunt and Michael Turrini pleaded the case of devoting greater financial resources to the educational symposiums. The gist of their point (as I understood it) was that putting on the symposiums was an appropriate way of fulfilling our educational mission, and that it was consistent with our charter. Compelling point. The board boosted their funding by another \$1,500 to help cover expenses such as room charges, hotel bills, airfares for speakers coming from afar, etc. We'll have to see if more people show up at these affairs to continue justifying this way of fulfilling the job. Can you help do your part by showing up?

Webmaster Stephen Huston handed out an extensive written report. The main points related to his new mail and e-mail addresses (see the back of TCN); the recent upgrading and revisions to the association's Web site (www.calcoin.org; go see it if you haven't visited before); extensive

updates to the mailing database format that will enhance the post office's processing; and two other important items. First, many clubs change addresses whenever they change officers. If you're a club officer, *please* check your club's contact/meeting info starting on page 62 to ensure it's accurate. Second, there are questions about the info for the following clubs:

Cupertino Coin Club
Fremont Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Greater Orange County Coin Club
Long Beach Coin Club
Santa Barbara Coin Club
The World Coin Club
Whittier Coin Club

If you're an officer of one of these clubs, please check and be sure we have the correct information! Send any updates to Stephen Huston at his e-mail address (ask@numorum.com).

For the NASC board meeting (I'm gonna burn through this pretty quick; not much room left):

See Corresponding Secretary Harold Katzman's report on page 8.

Treasurer Kay Lenker reported, much like Roy of CSNA, that funds were down <sigh>. I don't know what the starting total was, but we finished with \$30,907.51. More nickels and dimes, folks!

Joyce Kuntz said that ANA's Brenda Bishop was coming to do some advance work on the 2009 ANA convention in Los Angeles.

Lee Kuntz reported that the CSNA convention held a couple weeks previous had chilly weather, but was nice at the new location (rough parking this time around, though.)

I managed to get another consensus on the striking of 100 of the

new literary award medals. We got a green light all around, folks! Looks like we're a go for presentations at the Golden State Coin Show (GSCS).

Gold Benefit Drawing got voted up to \$2,500 for gold and \$200 for ticket printing. Hmm, gotta be getting tough to fill *that* ticket!

Gary Beedon's optimistic on his bourse chair tasks for GSCS and is anticipating a dealer table sell-out due to no competing coin shows that weekend (8/23&24). Joyce confirmed the 8/23 date for the banquet at Coco's with the same menu (all you can eat!) for \$32. I'll be there. *You will too!*

Grievance Chair Tom Fitzgerald jovially reported that no one's filed any grievances.

Albertus Hoogeveen and Gary Beedon continue to staff a table at the Long Beach expo, handing out flyers and membership materials for us.

As NASC photographer I gave over a packet of photos from the GSCS to Nona, our historian. I'll have more for her from the awards luncheon the next time I see her.

Nona also is the main ramrod on the policy and procedures committee. She said she needs to convene a meeting with that group, but I wasn't sure if there was some important topic they need to go over or if it was simply a routine review that was needed.

If your NASC speakers list is getting a little long in the tooth, take comfort: a new one's on the way soon. Bill Grant is estimating he'll need \$125 to print up a new updated batch in the fall.

Harold Katzman gave a brief report on the continued stirring of the pot on the subject of having workshops. He's been talking with PCGS's

Miles Standish and NGC's Rick Montgomery, a couple of pretty smart fellers. More when anything gells.

We then went over "old business" (as opposed to monkey business). Jerry Yahalom asked for everyone's 2008 budget. I kludged together some numbers like \$2,000 income (from ads...just a quick estimate) and \$14,000 expense (half of each for each association). Guess we can see where all the money's going, huh? Hey, there's supposed to be some credit from the membership fees, but I don't report on that.

We discussed banquet costs. We all agreed that all of the costs should be covered by the ticket sales (i.e. nothing subsidized by NASC), and that was to be handled by the awards recognition chair (currently George Moore III).

For new business we discussed the multiple open chair positions (come on, any takers?). Nona Moore said she had the case for the NASC Yap stone kept by our last/current curator, Tom Fitzgerald, and will get it over to him so the stone can be stored in the case.

We moved to make Gary Beedon a life member due to his status as past president. It passed.

There were sundry other closing announcements, but nothing earth shaking. We did manage to hammer out a date for the next meeting:

May 18 at 10:00 AM at the Arcadia Masonic Center. I'll be there. Will you?



We Get Letters...

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to it: GregSBurns@gmail.com.*

Numismatic Theatre

CSNAers and NASCers: I have been appointed the Numismatic Theatre coordinator for the 2009 World's Fair of Money under the esteemed leadership of G. Lee and Joyce Kuntz, and am now beginning to create—to *fish* in other words—a potential pool of provocative presenters and spirited speakers for the American Numismatic Association gathering next year in California. If you are interested, please contact me with your name and possible program. You may write to P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410, or e-mail my home at emperorI@juno.com. There is no stipend or honorarium to speak; however, there would be suitable recognition. My emphasis would be to attract a nice representation of Golden State coin hobbyists to speak and share their numismatic knowledge. Hope to hear from you!

—**Michael S. Turrini, FRCNA**
Numismatic Theatre Coordinator

*Thanks for the early heads-up,
Michael. We have a lot of interest-
ing people here in the state, and a lot
of knowledge to share. Hope you're
flooded with offers!...*

Greg

Henri Heller Passed

Hello,

I thought you might want to know,
my dad, Henri Heller, passed away



December 6, 2007, at the age of 83. I saw mention of him in *The California Numismatist* fall, 2006.

—Wendy Heller

Hello Wendy,

My condolences on your loss. Yes, I see your father was mentioned in Harold Katzman's secretary's report, and that 2007 was your father's 50th year of membership...very impressive. I'll certainly make mention of it in the next issue...fifty-year members are hard to come by, and their passing is something to be noted.

*Regards,
Greg*

Convention Comments

Dear TCN Readers:

Wow! Overcoming the radical change in venue and other assorted consternations, kudos and compliments need to be expressed to the San Jose Coin Club and Ron Ishizaki, General Chairperson, for the recent joint San Jose Coin Club's Annual Show and the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) semiannual Convention, this passed first weekend in San Jose, California, at the new site,

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the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.

Chuckles abound about where the “petting zoo” was or when the carnival rides began,, but the attendance coupled with the fine and solid organization of the San Jose Coin Club welded a difficult situation and relocation into nice event, attracting a steady and solid crowd all days.

Ron Ishizaki did a yeoman’s and exemplary effort facilitating the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) convention’s Awards Banquet on the Saturday, February 2, 2008: great food, nice room, fun entertainment, and grand door prizes! A+, Ron! You Earned It!

Maybe the cotton candy was missing and baking contest lacking, but the San Jose Coin Club, and the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, deserve a round of applause for making the relocation work and succeed. Great Job, SJCC!

Remember: Have Fun With Your Hobby! Always Serve Others! Enjoy Your Collecting! And, Create Hope!
Numismatically Yours,
—**Michael S. Turrini, FRCNA**

Coin Identification

Dear Mr. Burns:
I have a souvenir coin of the 1906

San Francisco Earthquake and Fire. On one side it has the date at top of April 18, 1906 and shows California Street and marked on the bottom San Francisco, CAL. On the opposite side it reads San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, bottom: Ruins of City Hall Souvenir. It measures about 1-3/8” across and appears to be bronze.

I would be interested in finding out any information about this coin—it was my father’s and I inherited it from him. He was born in 1914 and owned it since he was a young man. I cannot find a similar coin on line and am interested in selling it. I was shown some interest by a local coin dealer in Illinois, but was not interested in his offer. Any information would be appreciated. I can get a digital picture if anyone is interested.

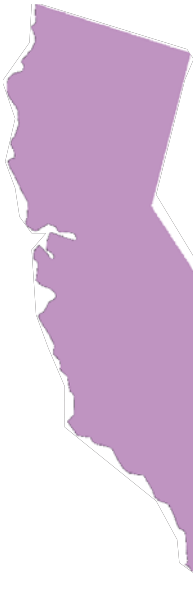
Thank you for your help,
—Martha Callahan
Sugar Grove, Illinois

I passed along Ms. Callahan’s query to the one expert I know on the topic of SF tokens: Dr. Michael Wehner. Michael responded with the below reply (GB):

Martha,
What you have here is known as

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Around the State...



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Ginny's Gleanings: *Happy Valentine's Day. The San Jose Coin Show was very successful despite being in a new location. Congratulations to all. Also to be congratulated for reaching the 50-year pinnacle are the Covina Coin Club and the Culver City Coin Club. At the NASC banquet last week we all learned that at least in the Kuntz's home, money does grow on trees.*

Stan's Statement: *hello! First, welcome to another saga in Around the State. Second, during the recent CSNA convention in San Jose, Phil Iversen passed to me two large scrapbook binders of the ANA national coin work from the long gone, but once extremely active and alive, East Bay (Oakland) Coin Club. Reading these two scrapbooks from 1958 and 1959 was going back six decades to the towering and commanding personalities that once were our world of money here in California. This confirms one of the functions and intentions of our current TCN: to document and to remember the history—names, events, dates, and activities—of our world of money and its local coin clubs around California. So, read on!*

Club Reports...

VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB brought in the New Year with a special *Buy, Sell and Trade* session for all members. Incoming officers are **President Chuck Singer**; **1st Vice-President Irene Demattei**; **2nd Vice-President Jeff Klemzak**; **Treasurer Don Weir**; **Assistant Treasurer Mike Baldwin**; and **Secretary Doris Fuller**. Acting Executive Director of ANA, Kenneth Hallenbeck, sent a letter to the club announcing that VHCC is a host club of ANA's 2009 convention in Los Angeles. The club is busy gearing up for their 43rd coin show March 20 at the Van Nuys Masonic Hall.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY began its 2008 year with *Other Hobbies Night* at its January meeting: **Chuck Gardner**, natural body lotions and

Mare Island medallions; **Caulia Gardner**, political cartoons from local *Vallejo Times-Herald*; **Josef Klaus**, photography; **Tim Klein**, model flying airplanes; **Robert E. Luna**, cartoon animated figures; **Michael S. Turrini**, rare United States stamps; **Harry W. Davis**, earthquake medals; and **Irene Carrillo**, candy. **Josef Klaus** was honored as the society's latest service medal recipient last December, plus with the "roast and laugh" at the annual joint Christmas party with the Fairfield Coin Club. He received a large supply of Magic Mending Tape!

UPLAND COIN CLUB celebrated Valentine's Day by viewing the History Channel's video *Money*. **Ken Crum**, noted local numismatist, spoke on *Fractional Currency* in January. This is an area of numismatics close to his heart. **Bill Grant** is asking for designs to commemorate the upcoming 600th meeting night in September. Design deadline is August 8.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB Your assistant editor had a laugh with SCCC's **President Aaron Brown's** message in the January *Gold Strike*: "I hope those visions of American Eagles and presidential dollars dancing in your heads were realized in your Christmas stockings on Christmas morning. Surprisingly, the 1933 Double Eagle and the EID MAR Denarius on my gift list were absent from my haul this year. Oh well, maybe next year! What? I'm An optimist!" **Frank Ramczyk** launched the 2008 year for the SCCC at its January meeting with a nice program on *Mint Acts of 1792 and 1965*, described as "shining light on the legislative foundations of our money."

SANTA MARIA COIN CLUB is winding down their 50th year celebration after enjoying various programs over the year. At least they still have a few coffee cups left to sell.

SANTA ANA COIN CLUB members enjoyed the video presentation of **Don Kagin** on *The Romance of Pioneer Gold*. A video of *Money Makers International* was the program in December. Special thanks to **Roy Iwata** for that information.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB The SJCC's December meeting had a *Lickin' and Stickin' Stamp Party*: "we had a great turn out for our Christmas meeting. Thanks to all of the members who applied the mailing labels and stamps to the five thousand mail-out postcards. There was even time to spend talking with your neighbor while helping the club with the annual mail outs . . . Thanks to **Kim Alt** for maintaining the name/address database plus printing and sending the labels from Oregon, also to **Martha Davis** for purchasing fifty rolls of stamps, and to **Ray Johnson** for getting the five thousand advertising cards printed. Can you believe that we addressed all five thousand cards and still had a good time! That's called giving back to the club!" The only sad news was that Santa Claus, who normally graces the SJCC's December meeting, was unable to be present this year.

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB **Lyle Okamoto** is now doing the SFCC's monthly *Two Cents Worth* via electronic mail/means, and the club elected new executive officers for 2008, and they are: **Jack C. Trad**, president; **Dr. Michael F. Wehner**, vice-president; **Lyle Okamoto**, secretary; and **Michael S. Turrini**, treasurer. Outgoing secretary and editor of *Two Cents Worth*, plus loyal booster, **Mark Wm. Clark** stepped-down as he began his relocation to the Sunshine State, Florida. In clarification and to prevent any confusion, Mark still is residing here in the Golden State and his plans have him phasing slowly but surely to the Sunshine State over the next year or so. The club began its calendar year at its January meeting with *Numismatic References and Books*, which sparked good participation and questions, and at this meeting the club resurrected its *50/50 Drawing* giving the winner, Michael S. Turrini, \$15.00!

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY members were wowed by **Albertus Hoogeveen's** presentation on *Lewis & Clark* at their installation dinner. Albertus brought many related items for his talk. **Les Peich** and **Ken Spindler** won prizes for their participation helping out during the year. February's program was a coin auction with all members allowed up to 5 items. The pace was fast and all enjoyed it. Member **Everett Jones** has the program in March. He will teach all about the modern U.S. commemoratives.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB Wow! What an idea! Kudos to the SVCC! Your assistant editor opened the January *SVCC Newsletter* to a full 2008 calendar with all the SVCC meetings, and even programs, plus events all dated and listed, all in one handy and easily filed or posted single sheet! At the club's January *Installation Banquet*, the 2008 executive officers were installed by **Bud Brakowiecki**, and they are: **John Bither**, president; **Steve Bowers**, vice-president; **Bob Shanks**, treasurer; **Stanley Klagenberg**, recording secretary; and **Penny Klagenberg**, corresponding secretary. Several sicknesses reduced the planned attendance at this annual gathering; but, **Lou Juricich** made two large cakes for all to enjoy and eat! Adding to the evening, President John Bither presented an interesting fifty-year history about the Club.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB ended its 2007 year with an active gathering on December 12. First, there was an youth-only auction of 123 lots organized by **Lee H. Gong** with runner **David Avila** and helper **Bruce Schiller**. Second, the club reelected its 2008 executive officers, and they are: **Merle Avila**, president; **Lee H. Gong**, vice-president; **Kurt Ginter**, treasurer; and **Dr. Charles Catlett**, secretary. Third, kudos to **Roger Tobin**, of San Rafael Rare Coins, and **Clark Smith**, of Gold Hill Coins, for their generous donations to the club, plus also to **Sean Murphy**, who volunteered to serve as the club's "Drink Guy." No, not what you think, the RECC's "Drink Guy" avoids hard liquor! Sean is now responsible for the water and soft drinks at the RECC's monthly meetings.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB First, kudos to PCC member **Jim Southward** who donated a large box of coin books and albums, which would be used for drawing prizes and auction lots. Second, kudos to **Michael S. Turrini**, along with **Gordon R. Donnell**, who staffed a combination youth and information table at the PCC's November coin show. Michael also donated face value, \$60.00, to the *State Quarter Search*, and he and Gordon staffed the table for the entire duration of the show. Thanks to all three!

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Twelve PCNSers enjoyed the society's 1100th meeting and annual holiday banquet this past December with a change in venue from the society's normal meeting room in San Francisco's Fort Mason Center to the Gatehouse of the Center, an upscale temporary relocation! At this closing 2007 gathering, the society's 2008 executive officers and governors were elected: **Federico Castillo**, president; **Sandra Whalen**, vice-president; **Michael Whalen**, treasurer; **Herb Miles**, acting secretary (it was reported that "Herb would like to groom a successor, please consider it. Herb will teach you how to do it!"); with **Ed Treuting**, **Gordon R. Donnell**, **Kenneth K. Takahashi**, and **Dr. Michael F. Wehner**, governors. Outgoing President Dr. Michael F. Wehner appointed, as his last official act, **Daniel Feldman** as the society's ANA club representative. As a junior at the San Francisco University High School, he is among the youngest club representatives, and already an accomplished numismatist and frequent speaker at PCNS meetings!

ORANGE COUNTY ANCIENT COIN CLUB members are looking forward to the February program on cylinder seals by **Frank Martin** and **Ken Baumheckel**. Members will enjoy the slide show and learn exactly what cylinder seals are, who used them, how they were used and how they evolved over 3000 years of use. The numismatic angle is the depiction of ancient coins on the seals. I'm sure it will meet the *seal of approval* by the club!

NORTHROP GRUMMAN COIN CLUB members learned how the U.S. Branch Mint in Carson City came into existence from a video provided by **Phil Iversen**. January's program was a video on *Classic U.S. Gold Coins of the 20th Century*. The annual holiday party featured barbecued turkey provided by member **Larry Buck**. Just to make sure that they get their "turkey fix" next year, Larry was made an honorary life member. (Actually it was for his hard work and dedication to the club over the years.) Congratulations, Larry.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION **Mark Wm. Clark**, longtime officer and supporter of the Liberty Numismatic Society, San Francisco Coin Club, and Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, was NCNA's 2007 recipient of its coveted Miller Medal. NCNA, as this issue of TCN is being prepared and printed, regretfully does not have a date or site for its 2008 Nor-Cal Show. Hopefully, within a few months, something should be finalized. Inquiries may be to EMPERORI@juno.com or 707-642-0216.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB mailed its short January newsletter, and it reported that the club's December Christmas party had drawing winners: "On-Time" to **LaVonne Spencer, Grady Wilcox, and Paul Purdom**; and the "Gold" to **Terry Garner**. The club has adjusted its annual dues to \$7.00, or as reported "make note of it and come prepared to make the appropriate 2008 financial adjustment."

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY The LNS' January meeting had the installation of its officers and directors: **Gene C. Hoy**, president; **Kenneth Fowler**, treasurer; **Dr. Regan Shea**, secretary; with **Jim Rosen, Chris Thompson, Allan Edmonson, and Mark Wm. Clark**, directors. Only the vice-president position remained vacant. At this same meeting, **John Jencek** presented his *Roman Provinces and Their Coins*, a follow-up to his highly received *Collecting Ancient Coins*. To fit this special PowerPoint presentation the coin-of-the-month drawing included only coins from those countries with borders on the Mediterranean, any twenty! The LNS members voted to select Dr. Regea Shea's design of the 1913 Ford Model T at the society's planned 2008 club medal issue.

INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO members were enthralled with **Mike Ontko's** presentation of *Brazil – Land of the Future and Always Will Be* at their annual banquet at Coco's. As usual, New Hampshire member **Bob Fritsch** presented another challenging quiz on the subject of topical collecting. **Ken Aring** presented a slide show entitled *Animals, Birds, Mythical Creatures, Representatives of Liberty & Ships*. Whew, I think he got them all!

HEMET NUMISMATISTS attended their Christmas luncheon at the Sizzler in Hemet. Each attendee received a gift. One of the highlights is the 50/50 drawing. New officers are **President Mary Morrow**; **Vice-President Rafael Flores**; **Secretary Dot Williams**, and **Treasurer Pete Pettys**. Noted numismatist **Gary Beedon**, NASC president, presented the program in January: a splendid slide show on the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia.

HEARTLAND COIN CLUB had a very successful donation auction and potluck in December. Tyler's Taste of Texas will be the setting of the installation banquet. **President Ken Stempien**; **1st Vice-President Greg Schenewerk**; **2nd Vice-President Joe Swinko**; **Jr. Vice-President Torrey Schenewerk**; **Treasurer Vince Kohlbecker**; **Secretary Ginny Bourke**, and **Corresponding Secretary Joyce Darnell** will all be installed. **YN Cole Schenewerk** will take over the duties of ANA coordinator for the club. Taking a cue from the ANA, Greg and Vince are busily updating membership addresses and e-mail addresses.

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB held their annual club banquet in January at the Moonlight Pizza and Chicken Restaurant in Fountain Valley. **Secretary Mac McMahon** presented the program about *Roman Imperial Gold*

Coins (claims he doesn't have any!) from a slide show prepared by **Vice-President Mike Ontko**. According to the members, Mike would be a great salesman as he has been able to talk **Jerry Kleeb** into a program on Greek coins. **Ron Guth** will do the honors in March.

GLENDALE COIN CLUB members enjoyed **Tom Fitzgerald's** talk on the *San Francisco Mint* in December. **President Oded Paz** presented his thoughts on the recent coin show: same old story, same old hands, new problems but despite all, it was a very successful show and the dealers were thrilled. December was also the holiday party, which was enjoyed by all.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY ended its 2007 year with its annual holiday party at Fresno's Home Town Buffet, at which "we did away with the formalities and just ate and drank." The society elected its 2008 executive officers, and they are: **Robert Fitzpatrick**, president; **Dixie Tuck**, vice-president; **Sandra Arie**, treasurer; and **Randy Clifton**, secretary, plus editor for its monthly *Fresno Numismatist*. As reported, the party also witnessed a gift exchange and donations for Toys For Tots, plus a membership drawing for a 1879CC Morgan dollar in good condition that was won by **Dennis Nuedek**. The FNS began its 2008 year with a *Currency Grading Workshop* by **Bill Febuary** at its January meeting, which used actual paper money samples to educate in grading currency.

FREMONT COIN CLUB has elected its 2008 executive officers and directors, and they are: **Alistair Skinner**, president; **Jeff Colburn**, vice-president; **Kris Martin**, second vice-president; **Britta Ehlers**, treasurer; **Dorothy Galovich-Call**, recording secretary; and **Matthew Hutchison**, corresponding secretary; with **Bruce Caires**, **Charles F. Call**, **Donald Ehlers**, **Wanda Johnson**, **Dennis Pagano**, and **Robert Whitaker**, directors. These were installed last January during the club's annual installation dinner held at Fremont's Spin-A-Yarn Restaurant. Matt Hutchison, the FCC's *Double Eagle* editor, expressed a universal sentiment in the December issue: "On a personal note, I would like to express my sincere thanks for all the helping hands and dedicated hours our club members have volunteered over the course of the year. Our effort truly is as a team..."

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB has begun an active youth program at its monthly meetings with **Paul Romesburg**, the club's youth director. The club began this new feature at its monthly meetings with assistance from **Lee H. Gong**, of Santa Rosa, and is seeking donations from its members. The FCC is avidly involving its members with various functions and chores. At the club's January meeting, the 2008 executive officers were elected: **Robert W. Belleau, Sr.**, president; **William F. Bartz**, vice-president; **Dr. Rodney W. Baker**, treasurer; and **Jon Maria Marish**, secretary.

DOWNEY NUMISMATICS' members viewed the video *Ship of Gold* from the NASC Visual Educational Library courtesy of **Phil Iversen** in November.

Albertus Hoogveen is informing all members of the adventures of Lewis & Clark in the club bulletin.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY The DNS had a fine gathering, filling three rooms of Lafayette's Hungry Hunter, last December. Presided by its **President James W. Laird**, a record attendance enjoyed good food with the appetizers filling most everyone before the main meal, a great drawing, free gifts, the installation of the society's 2008 officers and directors, and just time to meet and to mingle. The society's 2008 officers and directors are: James W. Laird, president; **John P. Russell, Jr.**, vice-president; **William J. Green**, secretary; and **Michael M. Stanley**, treasurer; with **Mark Clarkson**, **Bradford B. Lee**, and **Steven McClure**, Directors. They were installed by **Michael S. Turrini**.

DELTA COIN CLUB Even though it stormed throughout California last January the club still attracted over 60 members and guests to its annual dinner at Stockton's Old Spaghetti Factory, even if floods and blocked roads prevented its planned master of ceremonies from being present and presiding: "however, it was a great evening with many announcements from **Tom Jackson** and **Loris Enzinger**. Also, thanks to **William E. Horning**, who swore-in the newly elected executive officers for 2008...even without a planned program the evening went well as the cake and ice cream were served as the final bit for our annual dinner." The club's vice-president, **Theodore Garber**, was honored last January with a President's Medal from Northern California Numismatic Association **President Harry W. Davis**.

CULVER CITY COIN CLUB held their installation dinner at Billy's Deli & Café on January. **President Steve Demmer**; **Vice-President John Forrey**; **Treasurer George Gill**; and **Secretary-Editor Jack von Bloecker III** were all duly installed. *Coin-O* was the program at the December meeting. The club turns 50 this year.

COVINA COIN CLUB honored **Mo Fitzgerald**, treasurer, as the 17th recipient of the club's prestigious Walter H. Menegatti Award during their 50th Anniversary party in December. Making it especially nice was the involvement of member #1, **Marie Menegatti**. The ANA sent a list of award winners to the club and over the years more than 10 members have been given ANA national recognition. In January, **Vice-President Matt Miller** provided a slide show on *Coinage of Colonial and Pre-Provincial Canada*. Members are busily preparing for their 46th Coin-A-Rama, April 27, at the Arcadia Masonic Center.

COINEERS' members were all impressed with **Cole Schenewerk's** (noted San Diego area YN) presentation of the ANA's *Ancient Coin and the David R. Cervin Rare Coin Project*. Their installation dinner was held at the Great Moon Buffet in Pacific Beach. New officers are **President Tony A. Laiuppa**; **Vice-President Edmund Lee**; **Treasurer-Editor Andrew Woodruff**, and **Secretary Paul**

Michalewicz. Happy birthday to life members **Bill Bertsch** and **Joan Noga** who turned 91 and 92 in February. February's program was presented by well-known local paper money expert Andrew Woodruff who covered the topic *BEP Specimens*.

CHULA VISTA COIN CLUB'S Everett Jones decided to hold a contest last December. Members were asked to guess the price of gold and silver on the day of the December meeting with awards for those closest. Winners were **David Gross** who guessed the price of silver at \$14.25 (closed at \$14.27) and **Ted Koopman** who guessed gold closing at \$787.50 (gold closed at \$797.50). I'm throwing in the towel with guessers this good! The contest will be done again this year. The installation banquet was held at Zorba's Greek Restaurant and **Dave Jones**, president; **Ginny Bourke**, vice-president and secretary; and **Everett Jones**, treasurer were all duly installed.

CALIFORNIA EXNOUMIST SOCIETY heard **Michael S. Turrini** address its semiannual meeting this past February during the CSNA convention in San Jose. Michael shared some artifacts and ephemera from his renowned collection of Golden Gate International Exposition. He showed a nice representative sample of what is collectible. Notice: the CES is seeking donations of better tokens, medals, and items for its planned fund-raising auction held later in the year, during the Golden State Coin Show on Saturday, August 23. Those with donations may contact the CES at EMPERORI@juno.com.

ANCIENT COIN CLUB OF LOS ANGELES has had over 61,000 hits on their Web site during 2007 according to **Webmaster Mike Connors**. Balboa Mission Town Hall was the setting of the installation banquet. **President Bob Effler**; **Treasurer Barry Rightman**; and **Secretary David Stepsay** were installed. **Professor Robert Cleve** will be presenting his program on *Ancient Greek Painting of Paestum* in February. Last month, members were treated to a travelogue to the west coast of ancient Turkey when member **Randy Butler** presented *Travels In & Coins of Turkey*.

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB writes that it has, at long last, a new and permanent meeting site: Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak Street, at Lincoln Avenue, one block from Park Street, on Alameda. Parking is available behind the library, and the club continues to meet on the first Tuesday of every month starting at 6:45 PM. Recent *Show 'n Tells* have included **Lyle Okamoto** with an elongated cent from the Santa Cruz boardwalk, and **Donald R. Barsi** with an encased Lincoln cent from Petaluma, along with **Tom Gesner** who shared three tokens: one each from Moab, Utah; Seattle, Washington; and Klamath Falls, Oregon. Your assistant editor wants to know: did they go to these sites or found those listed tokens elsewhere? Information about the ACC can be telephoned to Donald R. Barsi at 510-796-1225.

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, 7:30 p.m., Juanita's Restaurant, 1324 Park Ave. at Encinal Ave., Alameda; mailing address: P.O. Box 1763, Alameda, CA 94501. (CSNA)
- Ancient Coin Club of Los Angeles**—meets 2nd Sunday, 1:00 p.m., Balboa Mission Town Hall shopping center (between barber shop & beauty supply), 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., Granada Hills; mailing address: c/o K. L. Friedman, 16255 Ventura Blvd., Encino, CA 91436; e-mail: Fausta@pacbell.net; Web site: www.accla.org. (NASC)
- Bay Cities Coin Club**—meets 1st Saturday, 1:00 p.m., meetings held at members homes; mailing address: P.O. Box 5207, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413-5207. (NASC, CSNA)
- Brentwood Coin Club**—meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Raley's Food Center (staff room by the Pharmacy), 2400 Sand Creek Rd., Brentwood; mailing address: P.O. Box 1237, Brentwood, CA 94513; e-mail: Collectors@CoinClub.cc. (CSNA)
- California 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; e-mail: Emperori@juno.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- California State Numismatic Association**—meets twice a year during CSNA conventions at various locations; mailing address: Dennis Halladay, 20567 Nathan Dr., Riverside, CA 92508; e-mail: westdairy2@aol.com; Web site: www.calcoin.org. (NASC, CSNA)
- Chula Vista Coin Club**—meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F Street, Chula Vista; mailing address: 10601 Vista Camino, Lakeside, CA 92040. (CSNA)
- 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)
- Covina Coin Club**—meets 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., American Legion Post 888, 1436 N. Hollenback Ave.; mailing address: Helen Desens, 282 W. Bygrove St., Covina, CA 91722. (NASC, CSNA)
- Culver City Coin Club**—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., El Segundo Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., El Segundo (west of Sepulveda; south of LAX); mailing address: Steve Demmer, P.O. Box 813, Culver City, CA 90232. (NASC)
- Cupertino Coin Club**—meets 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m., West Valley Presbyterian Church, Parish Hall, 6191 Bollinger Avenue, Cupertino, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448; Web site: www.cupertinoclub.com. (CSNA)
- Delta Coin Club**—meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 7:00 p.m., St. Paul's Church Auditorium, 2220 West Alpine Street, Stockton; mailing address: P.O. Box 216, Victor, CA 95253. (CSNA)
- Diablo Numismatic Society**—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord; mailing address: P.O. Box 177, Concord, CA 94522. (CSNA)
- Downey Numismatists**—meets 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m., Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave., Downey; mailing address: Albertus Hoogveen, P.O. Box 222, Downey, CA 90241. (NASC)
- Eureka Coin Club**—meets 1st Tuesday (Sept. to May), 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Sonora Blvd. and F Streets, Eureka; mailing address: P.O. Box 505, Eureka, CA 95501-0505. (CSNA)
- Fairfield Coin Club**—meets 4th Wednesday (except December), 7:00 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, Parish Hall #1, corner of First and Kentucky Streets, Fairfield; mailing address: P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094. (CSNA)
- Fremont Coin Club**—meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Fremont Elks Club, #2121, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont; mailing address: P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, CA 94538; Web site: <http://home.comcast.net/~fremontclub/> (CSNA)
- Fresno Numismatic Society**—meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Las Palmas Masonic Temple, 2992 East Clinton, Fresno; mailing address: P.O. Box 11525, Fresno, CA 93773-1525. (CSNA)
- Full Step Nickel Club**—Call for local meeting dates and locations; (818) 841-2959; mailing address: Darrell Crane, President, P.O. Box 10909, Burbank, CA 91510; e-mail: grannis@earthlink.net; Web site: www.fullstepnickel.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- Gateway Coin Club**—meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Citibank, 19th and M Streets, Merced; mailing address: P.O. Box 3101, Merced, CA 95344-1101. (CSNA)

- Glendale Coin Club**—meets 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m., CitiBank, 2350 Honolulu Blvd., Glendale; mailing address: GCC, c/o Mark Watson, P.O. Box 6317, Lancaster, CA 93539-6317; e-mail: mark.c.watson@sbcglobal.net; Web site: www.GlenCoin.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- Greater Orange County Coin Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center, Fairview Room, 1845 Park, Costa Mesa; mailing address: c/o Ken Arnold, P.O. Box 10671, Westminster, CA, 92686; e-mail: galacark@yahoo.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- Heartland Coin Club**—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Bostonia Park Recreation Building, 1049 Bostonia St., El Cajon; mailing address: Lee Darnell, 1728 San Vicente Road, Ramona, CA 92065; e-mail: jyjoylee@pacbell.net. (NASC, CSNA)
- Hemet Numismatists**—meets 3rd Wednesday, 12:00 Noon, Provident Savings Bank, 1600 Florida Avenue (North-west Corner Giard and Florida), Hemet; mailing address: P.O. Box 51, Homeland, CA 92548. (NASC, CSNA)
- International Coin Collector's Society**—meets <unknown>; mailing address: P.O. Box 854, Van Nuys, CA 91408. (CSNA)
- International Numismatic Society of San Diego**—meets 4th Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., North Park Recreational Center, 4044 Idaho, San Diego; mailing address: P.O. Box 161081, San Diego, CA 92176. (CSNA)
- Israel Numismatic Society/Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles**—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Westside Jewish Community Center—Founders Room, 5870 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles; mailing address: 6266 Drexel Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90048. (NASC)
- Laguna Woods Coin Club**—meets 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m., Farmers & Merchants Bank conference room, 24300 Paseo de Valencia at Calle de la Plata, Laguna Hills. (NASC)
- Leisure World Coin Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Clubhouse No. 3, Room 2, Seal Beach Leisure World; mailing address: Austin Overholtz, 1331 Pelham Road, #67A, Seal Beach, CA 90740. (NASC)
- Liberty Numismatic Society**—meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Millbrae City Library, 1 Library Avenue, Millbrae; mailing address: P.O. Box 300, Millbrae, CA 94030-0300; Web site: www.lns-coinclub.org. (CSNA)
- Livermore Valley Coin Club**—meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Livermore Public Library, Community Room, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore; mailing address: Steven Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, CA 94551. (CSNA)
- Long Beach Coin Club**—meets 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m., Millikan High School Cafeteria, 2800 Snowden Ave., Long Beach; mailing address: P.O. Box 8101, Long Beach, CA 90808. (NASC, CSNA)
- Northern California Numismatic Association**—meets in annually during Nor-Cal coin shows in various communities; mailing address: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410; e-mail: Emperor1@juno.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- Northrop Grumman Coin Club**—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., 5500 Canoga Avenue, Building 30, APD Eng'g Conference Room, Woodland Hills; mailing address: Walt Wegner, Box 521, Woodland Hills, CA 91365; e-mail: wlwegner@msn.com. (NASC, CSNA)
- Oceanside-Carlsbad Coin Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakrest Park Dr., Encinitas; mailing address: c/o Eblen, 1772 Caliban Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024. (NASC, CSNA)
- Orange County Ancient Coin Club**—meets 4th Sunday; 1:30 p.m., Fountain Valley Public Library, 17635 Los Alamos St., Fountain Valley; mailing address: Roy Iwata (OCACC), P.O. Box 2449, Seal Beach, CA 90740-1449; Web site: www.socalcoins.com/OCACC.htm. (CSNA)
- Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**—meets 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco; mailing address: P.O. Box 457656, San Francisco, CA 94147-5656; Web site: www.pcns.org. (CSNA)
- Peninsula Coin Club**—meets 2nd Monday, 7:15 p.m., Sept-Jun meets at Jane Leland Standord Middle School, Room 140, 408 East Meadow Dr., Palo Alto; July-Aug meets at Palo Alto Elks Lodge, #1471, Board Room, 4229 El Camino Blvd., Palo Alto; mailing address: P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA 94306-0484; Web site: www.stanford.edu/~clint/pec. (CSNA)
- Redwood Empire Coin Club**—meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Building (opposite the county fairgrounds across from highway 12), 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa; mailing address: P.O. Box 9013, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. (CSNA)
- Sacramento Valley Coin Club**—meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 5026 Don Julio Blvd., North Highlands; mailing address: P.O. Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816; Web site: www.sacvalcc.org. (NASC, CSNA)
- San Bernardino County Coin Club**—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Highland Senior Center, 3102 E. Highland Ave., Highland, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 2745, San Bernardino, CA 92406. (NASC, CSNA)

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

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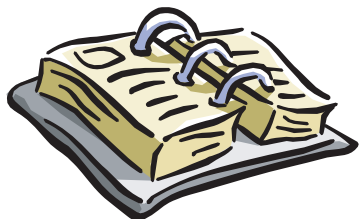
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Fifty Years Ago

- *Calcoin News* reported in “Who’s Who in California Numismatics” on Grant P. Hatch, then the oldest living member of CSNA. Grant was 92 at the time, having been born in 1865 (!), his father having arrived in the state in 1849 (guess why). Grant reported that he once shook hands with U.S. Grant, famous general and later president, at the San Jose Fairgrounds (site of recent CSNA convention). During General Grant’s stay, the fairgrounds raised the price of admission from 50 cents to one dollar. General Grant insisted the price be reduced or he would leave. They complied.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

- *The NASC Quarterly* reports that the 1983 lecture by Dr. Jerry Buss (real estate mogul and millionaire, and one-time owner of the LA Lakers and LA Kings, among other sports teams) was attended by 220 collectors and NASC members. Jerry relayed that as a boy he dreamed of having a 1913 Liberty Head nickel and an 1804 dollar, and by the time of his lecture, had both (among a great many other rarities, I’m sure!)
- CSNA’s Stephen Huston (current Webmaster) published “The Mexican Overdates of 1738” in the spring, 1983 issue of *Calcoin News*. Steven concluded his article by explaining he was then searching for the unreported, but assumed to have been struck, 2-Reals of Mexico showing 1737/6 overdates. I wonder if Stephen ever found his coin?

Ten Years Ago

- A big name in California numismatics passed away, Charles G. Colver (1920-1998). Charles served in many positions within CSNA, including president. He was named as a numismatic ambassador by Numismatic News in 1974, the first person so honored. He also served as NASC president, 1989-1991, as well as numerous local clubs and associations.
- *The NASC Quarterly* ran an article by Bill Cregan on, “Jefferson Nickels: a Lost Series.” Bill’s article is an interesting review of the madness that drove the price of the uncirculated 1950-D nickel to the \$25 level. Today that same coin goes for \$10-15. Ouch! Bill talked about the collecting craze and how kids would go crazy at the local coin store’s bid board for such a coin, and how the “roll and bag” speculation by dealers and investors drove the coin to such dizzying heights before it’s fall in the mid 60’s.

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