

# **The Diablo Die Break**

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## **Our next meeting: 09/17/20**

**This will be a Zoom meeting. See Neil's e-mail for instructions to join the meeting**

**Concord Museum & Event Center (Closed)  
1928 Clayton Road  
Concord, California**

### **2020 Officers:**

**Robert E. Luna (President)  
Kyle Anderson (Vice President)  
Charles Ludvik (Treasurer)  
David Davis (Secretary)  
Bill Hickman (Board Member)  
Janet Kinney (Board Member)  
Neil Robertson (Board Member)**

**Our Web site is: [www.diablocoinclub.org](http://www.diablocoinclub.org)**

## **Youth Section**

### **Connecting America Through Coins**

Kids' interactive timeline: <http://www.usmint.gov/kids/campCoin/timeline/>

### **United States Mint Education pages:**

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/games/>

**Here are more detailed information to sign in to a Zoom meeting:**

**Click on the link below:**

<https://zoom.us/join>

**Meeting ID: Check Neil's e-mail for meeting number**

**Password: See above**

**Click on join.**

**If you don't have a camera on your PC, you may join the meeting by telephone:**

**Dial :**

**+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)**

**Enter the meeting id above**

## **DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

### **SEPTEMBER 17th**

**JIM KERN from VALLEJO NAVAL MUSEUM – TOPIC to be determined later**

### **OCTOBER 15th**

**BILL HICKMAN – THE NUMISMATIC DIPLOMA**

### **NOVEMBER 19th**

### **DECEMBER 13th (SUNDAY)**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER – ZIO FRAEDO'S, PLEASANT HILL  
(NO REGULAR MEETING)**

# Diablo Numismatic Society Club Meeting Minutes

## DNS MEETING 746 OF AUGUST 20, 2020

Kyle Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and briefly reviewed the Zoom meetings we have had since March. The National Anthem was performed by country artist Martina McBride, who received a raucous and appreciative response from a live audience. After the business part of the meeting, there were three announcements:

- 1) Charlie Ludvik said that from August 28-30 the Newman Numismatic Portal will have various presentations. Go to [NNPsymposium.org](http://NNPsymposium.org) to register
- 2) Club elections will be held in November. Please consider serving by running for one of two open Board positions or for one of the Club offices. Nominations are forthcoming and everyone is welcome to run. Competition is a good thing!
- 3) Our Christmas party is scheduled for December 13, Corona virus willing.

Gary Collier gave a fascinating presentation on metal detecting. Gary is a founder and current VP of the Mt. Diablo Metal Detecting Club. The beginning of his story is much like most of ours, in that he started collecting pennies at about age 6 with encouragement from his grandfather and a coin dealer. He had several jobs including one as a slot machine technician. Later he got a metal detector and went to Europe looking for coins. His stories there were thrilling and dangerous. Gary found a silver Charles I coin and some items dating back to the 1600's, among these items were artifacts from the London fire and before. There are three types of metal detectors; a used one-knob control is recommended for beginners. Many use the gains from each detector to purchase the next and more advanced one. The Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Water Company. We discussed cross-over meetings between the two clubs, featuring a field trip where we would tag along on a detecting adventure. Next month's featured speaker will be from the Vallejo Museum.

For show and tell, Neil brought a 1937 1 shilling Irish coin. At first it looked counterfeit but the denticles look good. Maybe it was struck over another coin.

Dave Davis showed a 1915 MS-66 PCGS Buffalo Nickel. He is pairing this coin with a proof of the same grade and mint that he purchased years ago.

Larry Casagrande displayed an MS-63 Jennings, Wheeler and Company token that he purchased on E-Bay. This clothing company token was desirable because the two names match Nancy's father's name and mother's maiden name.

## Upcoming Coin Shows

All California's coin shows have been cancelled due to Covid-19.

# Pictures from Gary Collier's Metal Detection Program



Gary with a Walking Liberty Half Found under the ski lift





**Searching under a ski lift during the off season**



**Found coin ready to be extracted after detecting**



**Examples of ground corrosion**





**Examples of lawn mower damage**



**A great find! A 1932-D Washington Quarter**



A street-peddler's license - a bronze tag

**The new mint-approved design for 2020-W End of World War II 75th Anniversary 24-karat gold \$25 coin.**





# Miscellaneous information:

Provided by Charlie Ludvik

## News Briefs

Due to the COVID-19 crisis release dates for some US Mint products have been delayed. The US Mint website contains up to date information.

The 2020 ANA Summer Seminar has been canceled due to COVID-19 safety concerns. In its place, the ANA is offering free 1 and 2 hour on-line classes on 11 topics from June 29-July 10. Pre-registration is required. More information is at [info.money.org/elearning](http://info.money.org/elearning).

## Some Upcoming US Mint Products

June 4 – 2020 Basketball Hall of Fame commemorative coins, including \$5 gold, \$1 silver and 50 cent clad in proof and uncirculated. All coins will be dome shaped. Colorized versions of the silver and clad coins will be sold at a later date.

The US Mint will produce some coins with a V75 privy mark, signifying the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of victory in WWII. The first of these coins are the 2020-W quarter dollars that are mixed with 2020 PD circulation quarters.

## New Books

*Hobo Nickel Guidebook*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. by Stephen P. Alpert. An updated reference for an interesting area of numismatics.

## Useful Web Sites

This video tells the story of how coin dealers cooperated to solve a case of coins stolen in the mail.

The link is: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/581061>

A free e-book on the Jewish-American Hall of Fame Medals, the oldest active series of art medals in the United States.

The link is: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/556056>

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If you have an area you are interested in or would like more information on that topic, please feel free to notify me.

If you have a special coin you would like to showcase, let me know. Send a photo or I can photograph the coin for you and include it in the Die Break.

