

The Diablo Die-Break



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Our next meeting: 01/21/2021

**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**

Outgoing 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)

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Janet Kinney (Board Member)
Gene Berry (Board Member)

Our Web site is: 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 and password above

DNS MEETING 749 Of November, 2020

This was the last regular meeting on Zoom.

PRESENTATION:

A. Forgotten Mints. Alexander Hamilton, first secretary of the treasury, pushed for national coinage which led to the Philadelphia (National) Mint. The North Carolina gold rush of 1799 led to opening of the Charlotte © Branch Mint. A second gold rush, occurred nearly simultaneously in Licklaw, Georgia. By 1829 the gold rush took over Cherokee land. In 1838 the Cherokee were moved to Oklahoma (Trail of Tears) and the Dahlonega (D) mint was established. The New Orleans (O) mint was established not for a gold rush but for a shortage of coins in the South. The 1848 gold rush in San Francisco led to opening a mint there in 1854. This one was replaced by the "Granite Lady" in 1874. The Denver (D) mint opened in 1906. The Dalles mint in Oregon was abandoned in 1870 before minting any coins. The Comstock Lode in Nevada led to the Carson City (CC) mint to deal with tremendous amounts of silver. Many mints now serve as museums.

B. Inside the old S.F. Mint, the Granite Lady, is an eight-minute video covering operations from 1874 to 1937. The Comstock Lode produced silver ten times the value of gold from the California rush. Much of this silver came to the old S.F. mint for coinage. The mint survived the 1906 earthquake and fire only because it had a water well and cistern.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Bruce Berman is retiring as a coin dealer after turning 81 two days ago. He will sell all of his inventory at gray sheet by appointment only. He is at (925) 283-9205 or kingfisher94556@yahoo.com.
2. The next DNS Board Meeting will be on January 10 by Zoom.
3. Charlie paid for our liability insurance.
4. Submit votes for officers and directors by December 7.
5. Our next monthly Zoom meeting will be December 17. This one is just a social hour.
6. The Redwood Empire Coin Club cancelled its show for February.
7. The Scott Griffin S.F. coin show for December is cancelled.

SHOW AND TELL: Topic: My most interesting coin story or most beautiful coin

Larry Casagrande got a 75 year gold coin celebrating anniversary of the end of WWII.

Bob Luna purchased a 1909VDB Lincoln cent for \$7 and had it graded MS-64R.

Neil shared a 2020 American Gold Eagle with V75 mark. He sold it at a high price as competition for this coin was fierce.

Dave Davis showed a 1904 Barber dime with album toning.

Bill Hickman showed a 1908-S MS-64RB Indian cent with CAC sticker.

Bill Madaus got three silver Mayflower coins, one for himself and one for each daughter.

Charlie Ludvik had a Brenner's Motherhood Medal from 1911, a 70 mm bronze.

Cricket showed her favorite statue which looks much like Charlie's medal.

James Doyle has a Donald Barsi coin.

Janet Kinney won a silver dollar for Fire Prevention week in second grade.

Along with the dollar she received a ride on a fire engine. This was the best day of her life but her older brother used the silver dollar to buy penny candy.

Upcoming Coin Shows

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

Zoom Participation Drawing

While we are meeting on Zoom and not in person, we will have a **Zoom**

Participation drawing. The prize will be an **American Silver Eagle.**

We will number the Zoom participants and then randomly draw a number,

the prize will be mailed to the winner.

We hope this will increase our Zoom membership participation for our

meetings.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY PROGRAM SCHEDULE for 2021

Some of these programs and events depends on if we can meet at the Concord Museum or as a group in public.

January

Commemorative 2021 Morgan & Peace Dollars - Kyle Anderson

February

Program title to be determined

Neil Robertson

March

Carson City Mint tour - Gene Berry

Annual Dinner to be determined

April

Coin Photography - Dave Davis

May

1909 Year Set - Lloyd Chan

June

America the Beautiful - Kyle Anderson

July

BBQ at the Concord Museum

August

The Numismatic Degree - Bill Hickman

September

Coin / Currency Display Night

October

What I got at the Contra Costa Coin Show

November

1896 Educational Note Series - Karen & Glen Stephenson

December

Christmas Dinner – location to be determined

1922 no D Lincoln Cent – Counterfeit

By Robert E Luna 1-11-21

Recently I helped one of our members, Nick T. get a 1922 no D Lincoln Cent sent to PCGS for authentication and grading. I suspected something odd about this coin as did Larry C. but could not definitely say it was authentic. It came back counterfeit with a strong reverse.



This coin was made from very good obverse and reverse dies

and could fool the average collector as genuine. The key dates in this series are the 1909 S VDB, 1914 D, and this coin the 1922 No D and are the most valuable so counterfeiters are tempted by a hefty profit. These keys have shown up as raw offerings on ebay and are coming not only from China but also Serbia and are being offered at a sell price of \$ 14.99 on a foreign website with no incuse stamp on the coin as being a replica. If interested in obtaining any of these key dates it is best to get them already graded and slabbed by either PCGS, NGC.

There are three varieties of this 1922 date that are well known to numismatists being the 1922 No D, the 1922 weak D, and cents with either a weak or strong reverse. As with the 3-legged Buffalo Nickel, the 1922 No D cent was created due to over polishing of the dies which removed the D mint mark.

“There are not as many fakes of the 1922 No D cents as there are of the 1909 S VDB and 1914 D cents. When an illegitimate 1922 No D cent is received by NGC, it is almost always an alteration. It is fairly easy for a counterfeiter to use a tool to scratch away the D, but this typically leaves prominent tooling marks, which aid in detection.”¹ The coin pictured with this article was made from dies and is incredibly an excellent counterfeit of a genuine 1922 No D.

The best way to obtain genuine key date Lincoln cents is to purchase them from a reputable coin dealer that you know and are already slabbed, graded, and authenticated.

Some diagnostics for 1922 No D counterfeit detection

- a. LIBERTY too close to rim
- b. Excess metal on wire edge on obverse at 10 o'clock position
- c. Image and lettering mushy
- d. Wrong weight or size
- e. Tools marks where mint mark should be
- f. Price too good to be true

1. Max Spiegel, Numismatic Guaranty Corporation, Counterfeit Coin Detection, November 2018
2. Photos, Max Spiegel, ibid

Miscellaneous information:

Provided by Charlie Ludvik

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News Briefs

US Mint has redesigned the reverse of the 2021 quarter dollar to feature Washington crossing the Delaware River. The obverse will revert to Flanagan's original design. These quarters will be released starting April 5.

A law to authorize 2021 Morgan and Peace silver dollars passed Congress and was signed by the president. Options include Morgan dollars from the Denver, Philadelphia and San Francisco mints. Privy marks to recognize the Carson City and New Orleans mints were discussed. Special finishes are also possible. Peace dollars will be produced at the Philadelphia mint.

Collectors Universe, the parent company of PCGS, will become privately owned in 1st Qtr 2021.

Stack's Bowers Galleries has acquired Coin in Motion technology which shows high resolution animations that capture the in-hand visual appeal of coins.

Some Upcoming US Mint Products

February 4 – Platinum proof coin with theme of freedom of religion

February 8 – One ounce silver medal honoring the Air Force

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