

The Diablo Die Break

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Our next meeting: 03/21/19

This is our Anniversary and awards banquet.

Members who have not purchased tickets for the banquet portion are welcome to attend the meeting for the award presentations and coin drawings.

Doors open at 6pm, the dinner will start at 6:30pm.

**Concord Museum & Event Center
1928 Clayton Road
Concord, California**

2019 Officers:

Robert E. Luna (President)

Kyle Anderson (Vice President)

Charles Ludvik (Treasurer)

David Davis (Secretary)

Jim Gallegus (Board Member)

Brad Lee (Board Member)

Neil Robertson (Board Member)

Mission Statement

The Diablo Numismatic Society of Concord, CA is a non-profit coin collecting club dedicated to serving all its members from beginner to expert – with focus on three priorities: education, fellowship, and fun!

The SOCIETY meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month.

March is our anniversary and awards banquet. If you have not purchased tickets for the dinner, please attend our meeting for the awards presentations and the coin drawing portion of the meeting.

The dinner and meeting will be at our regular meeting place.

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[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/](http://www.usmint.gov/kids/campCoin/timeline/)

United States Mint Education pages:

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

Diablo Numismatic Society Club Meeting Minutes Date: 02/21/2019

The meeting called to order: 7:02pm by President: Bob Luna

Total Attendance: 37 New Members/Guests: 3

New Members/Guests:

John Ward
Ryan Anderson
Janet Kinney

On time prize: Walker Half necklace **Won by:** Dave Davis

Treasurer's Report by Charlie Ludvik

General Account: \$ **Coin Show Account:**

The following announcements were made:

Bill Green's show in Sunnyvale at the Dominion Hotel
We have 3 new members - Janet, Jason, and John

Tonight's Program: Eagle Scout's Journey Thru Scouting and The BSA Coins

Speaker: Ryan Anderson and Kyle Anderson

Show and Tell: Miscellaneous **Entries:** 7 **Prize:** Goody Girl Medal **Winner:** Bob Luna

50/50 Drawing: \$18.00 **Total Pot:** \$35.00 **Winner:** Gene Berry, Don Hill won the runner-up prize

Drawing Grand Prize: 1880-S Morgan Dollar **Winner:** Bob Luna

Membership Drawing Prize: 1954 Washington Qtr.

Membership Drawing Winner: Bill Hickman was not here, so Brad Lee was the winner.

Miscellaneous:

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted by:

David F. Davis Jr. Club Secretary

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

JANUARY 17th

NEIL ROBERTSON – HISTORIC GERMAN COINAGE

FEBRUARY 21st

RYAN ANDERSON – EAGLE SCOUT'S JOURNEY THROUGH SCOUTING &
BSA'S COINS - 2010

MARCH 21st

Annual Club Anniversary Awards Banquet – To be held at our regular meeting place and it will be catered by Back Forty BBQ. Check with Charlie Ludvik for dinner tickets. Members without tickets are welcome to attend the awards presentations and coin drawing.

APRIL 18th

Glen Lindwall - Tiny Coins - Ancient and Modern

APRIL 21-27, 2019 - NATIONAL COIN WEEK

THE GREAT AMERICAN COIN HUNT!

THIS WILL BE THE BIGGEST COIN DROP IN HISTORY! DEALERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL BE PARTICIPATING! MAKE SEARCHING YOUR CHANGE FUN AGAIN!

MAY 16th

Don Kagin - The world's Oldest Prospector and Other Hobbies Night

JUNE 20th

MARK CLARKSON – HARD TIMES & CIVIL WAR TOKENS

JULY 13th (SATURDAY)

ANNUAL CLUB SUMMER BBQ – BORGES RANCH (No Meeting)

AUGUST 15th

BRUCE BERMAN – ANNUAL COIN GRADING CLINIC

SEPTEMBER 19th

EXHIBIT NIGHT – A THEMED TOPIC BOXED or FRAMED

OCTOBER 17th

SCOTT GRIFFIN – TONED MORGAN DOLLARS

NOVEMBER 21st

KYLE ANDERSON – HISTORY OF MODERN OLYMPIC COINAGE

DECEMBER 7th (SATURDAY)

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

Upcoming Coin Shows

March 22nd - 23rd, 2019

Sacramento Coin Show; Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover Street
McClellan, CA 95652

Apr 6th, 2019

Visalia Coin Show; 210 Café, 210 W. Center Ave, Sat 9-4
Visalia, CA 93291

Apr 12th - 13th, 2019

Santa Clara Coin Show; Santa Clara Convention Center
5001 Great America Pkwy
Santa Clara, CA 95051

Apr 26th - 27th, 2019

Sacramento Valley Coin Show; Four Points Sheraton Hotel
4900 Duckhorn Drive
Sacramento, CA 95834

Apr 28th, 2019

Vallejo Numismatic Society Coin Show; Florence Douglas Senior Center
333 Amador Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

Jun 2nd, 2019

Sacramento Coin Show; Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover Street
McClellan, CA 95652

Coin of the Month

1887/6 Morgan Dollar w/Rainbow Toning



The lower arc of the six is visible under the seven.

THE STEP-BROTHER TO THE 1909-S VDB

Thoughts by Robert E. Luna

Most of us got our start in coin collecting with the Lincoln Wheat Back Cent when we were kids. I did, along with my brother. We used to search through our coins from collecting monthly paper route receipts as well as by making numerous trips to the local Bank of America in search of Lincoln Cents which we were still needing for our Whitman cent albums. We never found a 1909-S VDB...but we tried.

The step-brother to the 1909-S VDB is the 1909 VDB which over the decades never got the attention of its much rarer and more valuable brother.

There are many coin shows on television these days but the one I watch is "Rick's Coin TV" who recently did a program on the 1909 VDB Lincoln Cent. I like this television show on coins because he doesn't just want to sell you something, he also does a mini-program on the coin series he is presenting. Buy or not you will gradually learn something about many U.S. Coinage issues over time.

I have included with this article for the "Die Break" a TV screen shot on the 1909 VDB cent he was presenting on a recent evening. This study lists the 1909 VDB with a total mintage of 27,995,000 cents and the 1909-S VDB as 484,000 cents minted (from the Red Book) which is truly a vast quantity difference.... and thereby rarity.

Let's look at the numbers graded a little closer and we find that there were only 13,857 cents graded by NGC/PCGS in grades MS65, 66, 67, and 68 in RED. This is a very low number for these higher grades and if you add in the 25,026 of other cents graded by NGC/PCGS in RED for a total of 38,883 cents....this is still a low number for a 110 year old coin in mint RED graded condition!

I think many collectors have overlooked this coin in favor of the remarkably rare 1909-S VDB and are missing out on a truly rare coin after looking a bit closer. I ask you now, is the 1909 VDB a step-brother to the 1909-S VDB? I think not!

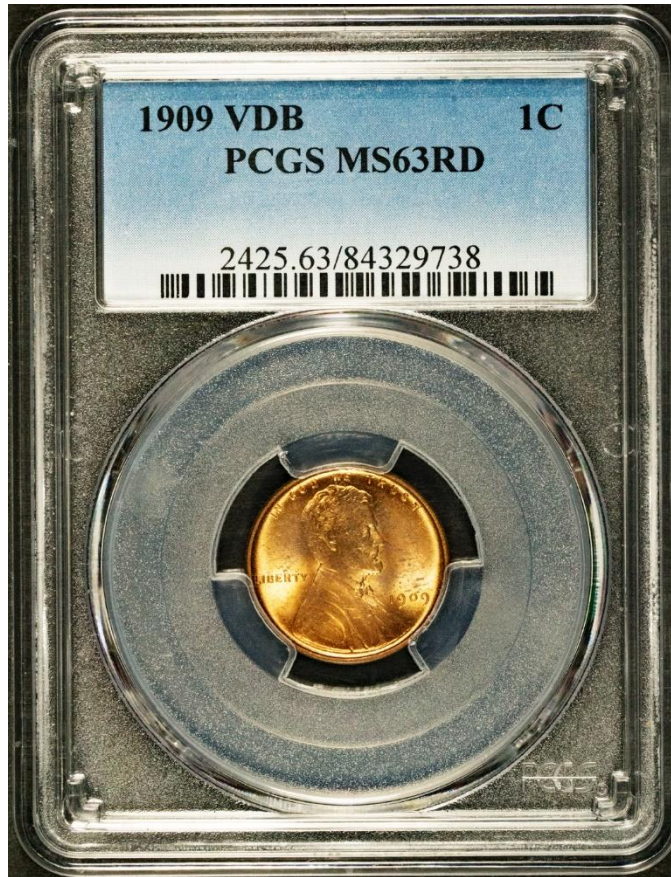
Hopefully, we don't now have a run on the 1909 VDB so the prices go up.

1909 VDB Lincoln Cents

Total 1909 VDB Mintage	27,995,000
Total NGC/PCGS 1909 VDB MS RD Approximately 1 in 1,118 Graded RD	25,026
Total NGC/PCGS MS65 RD	9,476
Total NGC/PCGS MS66 RD	3,992
Total NGC/PCGS MS67 RD	386
Total NGC/PCGS MS68 RD	3

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RareCollectiblesTV.com Rick's
U.S. Coins

This coin will be in the coin drawing this month.



The Monthly Coin Drawing

	March					
	Date	MM	Description	Cond.	Grade	Coin Value
1	1997		Gold Panda - 1/20 oz	PCGS	MS 69	\$ 110.00
2	1885	O	Morgan Dollar	PCGS	MS 64+	\$ 75.00
3	1886		Morgan Dollar	PCGS	MS 64	\$ 68.00
4	1887		Morgan Dollar	PCGS	MS 64	\$ 65.00
5	1909		Lincoln Cent - VDB	PCGS	MS 63 RD	\$ 55.00
6	1946	D	Roosevelt Dime	NGC	MS 66 FT	\$ 54.00
7	1946	S	Washington Quarter	NGC	MS 66	\$ 40.00
8	1958	D	Franklin Half	NGC	MS 64 FBL	\$ 35.00
9	1954	S	Washington Quarter	NGC	MS 66	\$ 40.00
10	1996		Thanksgiving Founder - January	Raw	Unc	\$ 20.00
11	2014	P & D	Roosevelt Dollars	Coin Vault	Unc	\$ 10.00
						\$ 572.00

We are now using a tiered ticket system:

9 tickets or less = \$2 per ticket

20 tickets for \$20.00

50 tickets for \$40.00

75 tickets for \$60.00

100 tickets for \$80.00

125 tickets for \$100.00

150 tickets for \$120.00

175 tickets for \$140.00

200 tickets for \$160.00

The more tickets you buy, the more tickets you will receive and the better your chances of winning a nice coin or two.

Miscellaneous information:

I do have a new e-mail address, check below.

Articles are always needed for this paper.

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.

My thanks to Bob Luna for the article on the 1909 VDB cent.

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News Briefs

US Mint to issue 2019-W cents as bonus for annual sets (Proof cent in proof set, reverse proof in silver proof set, and uncirculated cent in uncirculated coin set).

United States wins two 2019 Coin of the Year awards – best gold coin for American Liberty 225th Anniversary gold coin and the most inspirational coin for the Boys Town Centennial Commemorative dollar.

DNS member Lloyd Chan was featured in a full page article in the March 5, 2019 issue of Numismatic News.

Some Upcoming US Mint Products

March 14 – American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative coins (\$5 gold, \$1 silver and clad half dollar, all denominations in proof and uncirculated versions).

April 12 – American Buffalo 1 ounce gold proof coin

April 17 – 2019 silver proof sets

New Books

2020 A Guide Book of United States Coins (Redbook) will be available on April 9 in various formats (discounts often available).

Useful Web Sites

[PCGS Price Guide https://www.pcgs.com/prices/](https://www.pcgs.com/prices/)

[NGC Price Guide https://www.ngccoin.com/price-guide/united-states/](https://www.ngccoin.com/price-guide/united-states/)

Both sites provide average retail price information and population reports for slabbed coins. Access is free.