

# **The Diablo Die Break**

**60<sup>th</sup> Year Vol. 08 November 2020**



## **Our next meeting: 11/19/20**

**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**

### **NOVEMBER 19th**

Neil Robertson - ANA Seminars

### **DECEMBER 16th**

No dinner, this will be a Zoom Get-Together Meeting

# DNS MEETING 748 OF October 15, 2020

**PRESENTATION:** Jim Kern of the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum gave a talk titled "Tales from the Museum's Vault." The Museum has four old vaults, containing treasures not all of which are numismatic. In the late 1800s under Teddy Roosevelt, we developed into a "two ocean Navy," making Mare Island the primary Naval Base on the West Coast. Fascinating tidbits from this talk are too numerous to list here but the museum possesses many famous autographs. The museum makes for a good visit at 734 Marin Street in Vallejo. Hours are Tuesday thru Thursday noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10-4.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. We can hold an outdoors meeting in January in the courtyard at the Concord Museum, subject to wearing masks and social distancing. We might also be able to hold an indoor meeting if food is served. Details are in flux; more to follow.
2. Our Christmas dinner at Zio Fraedo's is cancelled. We might have a Zoom meeting, as we will for sure in November. Stand by.

## **SHOW AND TELL: Topic: Your Ugliest Coin**

### **Larry Casagrande showed:**

- a) A 1945-S Jefferson (War) Nickel in a Sample Slab
- b) A Peace Dollar (?) that looks like it has measles

**Bob Luna** displayed an 1893-CC Morgan Dollar from a 50-lb. box of coins he appraised for a widow. This silver dollar was part of his fee for doing the appraisal.

**Neil** shared a German medal celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of making sausages.

**Herb Lederman** got his start in coin collecting with change from purchase of a 25-cent Oh Henry bar. One coin was a Roosevelt dime, another was a 3-cent silver piece.

### **Dave Davis showed:**

- a) An 1860 silver 3-cent piece, PCGS PR-64
- b) An 1881-O Morgan Dollar, a "pocket piece," worn so badly that the mint mark cannot be seen.

**Bill Hickman** showed a 1944 Walker, PCGS MS-65, which is a replacement for his ugliest coin.

## John Ward's Coin Shows

One of our dealer members - John Ward, produced two small coin shows. One in Fresno and one in Bakersfield California. Here are some pictures from those shows.

His website is [CalJohn66silver](http://CalJohn66silver.com).

These are from the Fresno show:









**One of our members, Bill Hickman searching for that special coin**









These are from The Bakersfield show:













## **Diablo Numismatic Society Presidents Message**

11/4/2020

**Hello All Members and guests,**

To say the least ....we all miss our face-to-face monthly meetings, however you can stay in touch by joining our Zoom meetings on our regular meeting dates. We will not be holding our annual Christmas Banquet this year but we will hold a Zoom meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> which will be a "Social Hour" type meeting with no planned agenda.

Election ballots for DNS Officers and Directors will be mailed and emailed with the Die Break Newsletter and we ask that ballots with your vote be returned by the same method to Dave Davis by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our program for the November meeting will be two short videos, one on the San Francisco Mint and the other on little known or obscure United States Mints that many are not aware existed.

It has been discussed to start up our face-to-face meetings in January but prudence and safety tells us to hold off for another month or two. The Concord Museum will welcome us back with open arms and the Museum staff is excited to see all us again.

Stay collecting (by whatever means), stay safe, and stay healthy. See you all at our next Zoom meeting.

Our next regular meeting on Thursday, November 19th will be held by Zoom. Invites and log- in details will be sent out well before the meeting. Our Show & Tell topic will be "My Best Coin or Currency Story".

Our next Board meeting will be held by ZOOM on Sunday at noon, January 10, 2021

Robert E Luna, President

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# Miscellaneous information:

Provided by Charlie Ludvik

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## News Briefs

Stack's Bowers Galleries is auctioning the "World's Worst Type Set." This type set features coins in stunningly worn condition.

The link to the auction and images is:

<https://auctions.stacksbowers.com/auctions/3-OXEHM/the-november-2020-collectors-choice-online-auction-us-coins-featuring-bill-fivazs-worlds-worst-type-set-lots-92001-92453>.

## Some Upcoming US Mint Products

November 17 – The US Mint will partner with Canada to sell a series of coins and medals commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower. The gold coins will have a maximum mintage of about 5000. A Canadian £2 silver coin and the US silver medals will have limited mintages.

November 30 – The US Mint will sell 2020 PD uncirculated coin sets. Mintage is limited to 213,000. These sets will not include a 2020-W nickel as previously planned.

## New Books

*Whitman Encyclopedia of Colonial and Early American Coins*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. by Q. David Bowers. A reference book which tells the story of coins in early America.

## Useful Web Sites

The American Numismatic Society has started its monthly Greatest Coins video series. The November topic is the Brasher Doubloon.

The link is <https://www.youtube.com/c/NumismaticsOrg/videos>

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