

The Diablo Die Break

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Our next meeting: 10/15/20

**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

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 Club Meeting Minutes

DNS MEETING 747 OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Geni, a French company, now certifies coins in an octagonal holder. Neil showed us an example.
2. Dave Davis announced that John Ward will hold a "small" coin show in Bakersfield; someone else adding that the show will be held second weekend in October. I later learned that the show will be held November 7-8 at the Hyatt Place (1,700 square feet)
John is also holding a show at American Legion Post 509 in Fresno on October 23-24. 100 people will be allowed in the room at a time.
3. The National Money Show will take place in Phoenix March 11-13, 2021. This coincides with Major League Baseball Spring Training for those of us who had this year's trip cancelled by Covid-19.
4. Bob Luna just completed a set of Lincoln cents with a 1909-S VDB. Starting with 1934, the coins are all mint state or proof.
5. Lyle Okamoto has found 8 silver dimes while looking thru Coinstar machines.

SHOW AND TELL: Topic Your most unusual coin

Gene Barry showed an 1850 \$1 gold which has passed thru 3 generations of his family.

Rob Schussman displayed two 1828 half cents. One has 12 stars on the obverse; the other 13. Both have the same reverse and Rob bought the 12-star for \$ 600 at a Heritage Auction.

Kyle showed his very first gold coin, a \$ 5 1909-D. He obtained this coin at an Ocean Beach (San Diego) coin shop for \$ 75 in the 1970s. The entire coin is incuse, except for the mint mark.

Larry Casagrande showed an 1890-CC Morgan Dollar in a special PCGS holder. Only 750 coins received this particular slab, half of them Israeli coins submitted by Danny Kaye.

Charles Ludvik had a colorized half-dollar, a dome coin which appears to be a basketball. The Certificate of Authenticity is serialized by the mint director and Larry also has one of these coins.

Demetrios Vandarakis showed an 1808 East Indian Medras coin found in a shipwreck.

Bob Luna displayed 3-1938 Jefferson Nickel trial strikes. The first won a contest but reverse was rejected for the final coin. A Felix Schlag submission also won a prize but was rejected for the final design. The final design combined the obverse from the first coin with a new traditional reverse. The Jefferson Nickel is the only U.S. coin design with top of the date against the rim.

Neil added two coins to his German Empire proof set. One is an 1875-A (Berlin) Germany Mark, PF-64 Ultra Cameo. The other is an 1874 1 pfenning in great color with a certificate.

Janet Kinney showed a Fiji issue silver coin which came with a miniature Coca Cola dispenser, showing four bottle caps.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 15th

JIM KERN from VALLEJO NAVAL MUSEUM – TOPIC to be determined

NOVEMBER 19th

Neil Robertson - ANA Seminars

DECEMBER 13th (SUNDAY)

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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE for OCTOBER 2020

Member interest as well as attendance at our monthly Zoom meetings has increased rapidly. Besides our “Die Break Newsletter” and our website at “diablocoinclub.org” our Zoom meetings are the only way to keep in touch with the club. Eighteen members attended the Zoom meeting in September. We had a number of interesting “show and tell” coins with photos and I want to highlight a few of them with this message. The topic for this meeting was “Your most unusual or unique coin”.

First, we had Demetrios V. one of our younger members showed his Admiral Gardner 1808 shipwreck coin. Whether the shipwreck is the Atocha (Spain), the S.S.

Central America (U.S), the El Cazador (Mexico) or any other shipwreck.....sunken treasure is exciting to all collectors. This copper coin shows the darkened patina of the “shipwreck effect”.



Kyle A. shared a Five Dollar gold quarter eagle he obtained for \$75 in San Diego when he was a young collector.



Larry C. who collects unusual holders shared an incredibly unique PCGS holder with ballooned out sides. To say the least the 1890cc at MS61 is a unique coin all on its' own.



Rob S. had two remarkable Half Cents in his collection. One with a normal obverse with 13 stars and another with only 12 stars. The minter at the time was somewhat distracted at the time or had an issue with one of the original 13 States so he left it out!



Bob L. shared two unofficial trial strikes of the Jefferson nickel submitted in the Mint contest of 1937/38 for the new nickel replacing the Buffalo nickel in 1938. The winning entry was not adopted as shown here alongside one of the losing entries and the adopted design.



We will be having another ZOOM regular meeting on our regular meeting date of Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 pm. Information and access code will be sent to all members in our Die Break Newsletter well before this ZOOM meeting date. Since Jim Kern of the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum was unable to present his program in September, we have it rescheduled for our October Zoom meeting. The agenda will be loose and informal so all who attend can participate. Show and tell topic will be

“My ugliest coin”

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OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING IS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH BY ZOOM. AGENDA AND ACCESS TO BE EMAILED TO BOARD MEMBERS.

DNS Officer Ballot

Current nominations:

President:	Kyle Anderson	
Vice President:	Neil Robertson	
Treasurer:	Charlie Ludvik	
Secretary:	Maria Stillwagon	
Directors: Vote for 3	Janet Kinney	
	Dave Davis	
	Gene Berry	

**Additional write-in nominations are
allowed.**

Voting will be delayed until January 2021.
Anyone may be added to the ballot,
you may even nominate yourself.

Miscellaneous information:

Provided by Charlie Ludvik

10/1/2020

News Briefs

All the videos of the 2020 Newman Numismatic Portal Symposium in August have been posted for viewing. The symposium covered a variety of numismatic subjects both of general and specialized interest. The link is <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediadetail/539070>

PCGS is introducing NFC (near field communication) technology to all its holders starting in October. The slabs will include a chip that can be scanned to authenticate the item and help anti-counterfeiting efforts. The scans can also assist with inventory control. Details of the changes are at www.PCGS.com/security.

Some Upcoming US Mint Products

November 5 – The US Mint will sell End of World War II American Eagle proof coins with a special V75 privy mark. The gold coin will have a mintage of only 1945. The silver coin will have a mintage of 75,000. Both will probably be quick sellouts.

November 9 – The US Mint will sell a 24-karat one-half ounce gold coin for the 75th anniversary of the end of world war II. The gold coin will have a mintage of 7500. A one ounce silver medal of the same design will have a maximum mintage of 20,000.

The US Mint announced a huge increase in the price for bronze medals, effective January 1, 2021. The price of 3” medals will increase from \$39.93 to \$160. The price of small medals will increase from \$6.95 to \$20. If you are considering purchasing bronze medals from the mint, you may want to make your purchases in 2020.

New Books

Disney Numismagic—The Art and Magic of Collecting Disney Currency by Teddy Charles Ryan III. A reference with an up-to-date price guide for Disney currency.

Useful Web Sites

The US Mint has published a short article with videos on how coins are made.

The link is: <https://www.usmint.gov/news/inside-the-mint/how-coins-are-made-coin-production-terminology>

Members; please call another member and remind them to attend a Zoom meeting. A laptop, tablet, or smart phone is all you need. You may still phone in with your phone although you won't have the video you can still hear and speak during the meeting.

It is still too early to plan a Christmas dinner. We will let you know as soon as we know.

The Morgan and Peace dollar replicas (they are not being called commemoratives) have passed. They will be produced in 2021.

Bob Luna will check with Carol as to when we will be able to meet in person at the museum (with masks and social distancing).

If you have a topic you are interested in or would like more information on that topic, 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.

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