

The Diablo Die Break



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The SOCIETY meets the Third Thursday monthly at the Concord Police Community Meeting Room located at 1350 Galindo Street in Concord.

The next gathering will be the 681st meeting of the Society, Thursday, May 21, 2015. Please plan to attend.

The doors will open at 6 P.M. to accommodate our scout/youth meeting. Our general meeting will begin promptly at 7 P.M.

April Review:

MARK LAURENSEN – THE HOBO NICKEL

Highlights: Mark gave the history of the early pioneers in the art of altering Buffalo Nickels into other characterizations. He provided samples of publications, wooden nickels, elongated coins and buttons which he obtained from the present day Hobo Nickel Society. He even had a small collection of actual coins for display.

Monthly Winners:

On Time – Mike Stanley won 5 plastic encapsulated 1968 Canadian Dollar coins

Show & Tell – Tom Spohn won a 2001D Native American Dollar Coin MS 68 for showing his counterfeit coin.

50/50 Drawing– There was \$86 in the pot. Dave Davis was the winner of \$43.

14 Drawing Winners: The Grand Prize, an encapsulated 1938 Walking Liberty Half was won by Beth Stockholm.

Membership Drawing – The grand prize was the 1989 Silver Eagle Dollar ungraded won by Dave Davis.

May Meeting Preview:

OTHER HOBBIES NIGHT- Members share their non coin hobbies. There will be awards for the best presentation.



MAY 2015 DRAWING PRIZES

<u>Count</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
1	\$100 STAR NOTE BILL	2009	RAW	\$105	<u>Crisp</u>
2	MORGAN DOLLR	1881S	MS63	\$54	NGC
3	MORGAN DOLLAR	1887	MS-63	\$54	PCGS
4	LARGE CENT	1856	?	\$50	Attractive Coin
5	GODDESS FORTINA	N/A	.999	\$50	1 Gram gold
6	HALF DIME	1857	VF+	\$40	Good Value
7	WALKING LIBERTY HALF	1941	AU	\$25	
8	HAWAIIAN SEA TURTLE	N/A	BU	\$23	Treasure Chest Coins
9	SILVER ROUND	N/A	.999	\$22	Buffalo 1 oz.
10	SILVER EAGLE	2014	Mint	\$21	
11	LIBERTY DOLLAR	1986	PF-69	\$16	NCG Can
12	HALF OUNCE SILVER	1984	BU	\$12	Sunshine Mining Co.
13	CAPPED BUST	N/A	BU	\$2	1 Oz. AVDP Copper
14	OCTOBER DNS DRAWING TKTS	N/A	N/A	\$20	
			*TOTAL COST	\$504	(3) COINS CERTIFIED (3) COINS RAW (8) miscellaneous

**Actual value is generally higher*



This Month in American Coin/Currency History:

- 05/10/1775 – First issue Continental paper money
- 05/16/1866 – Shield nickel authorized
- 05/18/1875 – Philadelphia Mint strikes first 20-cent coins
- 05/20/1911 – First coinage of cents at Denver
- 05/25/1804 – First deposit of native U.S. Gold discovered in North Carolina
- 05/27-1652 – Massachusetts issues first silver coinage act

MAY 25, 2015

MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America country. The 30th of May was originally chosen as Memorial Day (or Decoration Day as it was then called) because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

However, on 28 June 1968, the United States Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which moved four holidays, including Memorial Day, from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a convenient three-day weekend.

The change moved Memorial Day from its traditional

May 30th date to the last Monday in May. The law took effect at the federal level in 1971.

Memorial Day Coins



Upcoming Shows:

May 17 Vallejo	43rd Annual Vallejo Coin Show , Vallejo Numismatic Society, Florence Douglas Senior Center, call Edwin Hoffmark, Jr. 707/642-8754
June 20-21 Modesto	Stanislaus County Club's Modesto Coin & Collectible Expo , Modesto Centre Plaza 1000 L Street. Call Dan Brown 800/471-2319 ext 1
Jun 26-27 Concord	East Bay-Concord Coin Show , Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord, CA Bourse Chair: Bill Green (925) 351-7605, Free gold & silver coin drawing for all Coin Club members. TO BE CONTINUED
Jul 25 & 26 Fremont	Fremont Coin Show , Elk's Lodge 38991 Farwell Drive Fremont, CA, Bourse: Vince LaCariera (510) 792-1511, CoinVince@aol.com Free admission & parking!
Aug 9	Fairfield Annual Coin Show , Fairfield Community Center 1000 Kentucky Street Willow Hall, Fairfield, CA, Bourse: Bob Belleau 707/567-6938

In addition to the above shows, our club will be holding our annual picnic on Saturday July 18, 2015 at the Old Borgess Ranch 1035 Castle Rock Road in Walnut Creek. Further information and flyers will be available at our May and June general meetings.

Youth Section:

Connecting America Through Coins

2012 Anniversaries Making American History (US Mint)

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

United States Mint Education pages: <http://www.usmint.gov/kids/games/>

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/teacher/network>

If you have an interesting story or article that you want to share with the membership, please submit a word document to misterbbl@yahoo.com. Your submission can also appear on our website under "Did you know?"

Our Board of Directors is requesting the general membership assist in more of the club duties. At our monthly meetings we need help with attendance count, On Time, as well as Show & Tell ticket distributions. We welcome those with computer skills, website contacts and other items as needed. If you have suggestions for improvement or wish to volunteer, please contact an officer or Board member. Thank you for your consideration.