

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. Our Website is www.diablocoinclub.org

The next gathering will be the 694th meeting of the Society, Thursday, May 19, 2016. 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: “Medals & More Mare Island Collectibles” - James Kern, the Directory of the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum. Mare Island named because General Vallejo’s mare thought to have drowned in a storm was found alive on this island. The base was founded in 1854 manned by Admiral David Farragut and closed in 1996. There are thousands of memorabilia items. One is large as a submarine to as small as a 10 cent piece. There are plaques, flags, tokens, medals, coins, buttons, patches and the list goes on.

Trivia Question – Why is there a mint mark on coins? Jeff Brody won a Silver Eagle for correctly answering that it was done to correctly weigh the silver or gold content of a coin.

Show & Tell: There were 11 entries. Tom Spohn won a Great Panther Mining Co. 1 oz Silver Round for showing his miniature Franklin Mint presidential medals.

50/50 Drawing: \$106 was the total pot. Anton Standkoff won \$53.

Drawing Winners: 17 winners – Gene Berry the 1828 ½ Cent Grade Fine-12 grand prize.

Membership Drawing: Mark Laurenson was not present to win the 2000 Silver Eagle ungraded. Don Hill was present to win the 1972S proof JFK 50 cent piece.

May Meeting Preview: Coin Grading Clinic by Bruce Berman



MAY 2016 DRAWING PRIZES

NR	ITEM	YEAR	GRADE	COST	REMARKS
1	National Treasures	2016	BU	\$90	5 one oz. silver coins Large Letters, Large Stars
2	Large Cent	1834-1881-	Fine	\$75	Stars
3	Morgan Dollar	S	MS-63	\$52	PCGS
4	Morgan Dollar	O	MS-63	\$52	PCGS
5	Two Cent Piece	1868	VG	\$28	Nice for Grade
6	Hawaii Trade Unit	N/A	BU	\$27	Treasure Chest Coin
7	Indian Head Cent	1907	MS-61	\$25	Pretty Coin
8	American Prospector	1982	BU	\$23	one oz. silver, Engelhard
9	Canadian Maple Leaf	1988	BU	\$21	one oz. silver
10	OPM Metals	N/A	BU	\$19	one oz. silver
11	Buffalo Bar	N/A	BU	\$19	In God We Trust
12	Australian Kangaroo	2016	BU	\$17	Authenticity Mark Survived Lake
13	Eisenhower Dollar	1974	Burnt	\$1	County Fire
	Total Cost			\$449	
				11	Coins Certified
				2	Coins Raw
					Drawing Intake

The long awaited and eagerly anticipated “Enrichment Drawing” will be held at our August meeting. This will be the first time such a drawing has been held and each person who has won the least valuable prize in our monthly drawings for the last year or so is eligible. In other words, the least shall be first. This is a chance for someone who received a token prize to get something more valuable. To date, those eligible are Matt Frazier, Bill Hickman, Dave Davis, Anton Standkoff, Glenn Stephenson, Tom Spohn, James Laird, Jon Maria Marish, and Rob Schussman. You must be present at the August meeting to win. One person will be added to the list at May, June and July (barbecue) meetings.

MAY 30, 2016
Memorial Day



LIBERTY HEAD GOLD (1849-1854)



3 CENT SILVER PIECE 1852

This Month in American Coin/Currency History:

05/27-1652 – Massachusetts issues first silver coinage act

05/10/1775 – First issue Continental paper money

05/13/1785 – Continental Congress decides that the unit of American money will be the silver dollar, with all coins in a decimal ratio to each other

05/25/1804 – First deposit of native U.S. Gold discovered in North Carolina

05/16/1866 – Shield nickel authorized

05/18/1875 – Philadelphia Mint strikes first 20-cent coins

05/18/1908 – Congressional legislation restores the motto, "In God We Trust" to the coins of the United States.

05/20/1911 – First coinage of cents at Denver

05/22/2000 – Carolina State quarter released

05/21/2001 – Rhode Island State quarter released

05/20/2002 – Louisiana State quarter released

05/17/2007 – John Adams Dollar Coin was released into circulation

05/15/2008 – John Quincy Adams Dollar Coin was first released to the public

05/29/2008 – Louisa Adams coin and medal released through the First Spouse Coin and Medal Program

05/14/2009 – Mint released second redesigned Lincoln One-Cent Coin.

05/21/2009 - John Tyler Presidential \$1 Golden Coin first released

05/26/2009 - Guam Territorial Quarter released

05/20/2010 - President Franklin Pierce Dollar Coin released into circulation.

Upcoming Shows:

June 5 Sacramento	Sacramento Coin Show , Lions Gate Hotel, McLellan, CA
June 24&25 Concord	East Bay Concord Coin Show , Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord, CA Bill Green, (925) 351-7605
July 30-31 Fremont	Fremont Coin Club 44th Annual Show , Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont, CA. Info: Bourse Vince Lacariere, (510) 792-1511, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, CA 94538

Youth Section



A perfect introduction to coin collecting is the Coin Discovery Set. It includes magnifying glass, gloves and tubes for collecting quarters. Learn how coins are made and different finishes.

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?"

From the Board of Directors:

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, and Show & Tell ticket distributions. We need members with computer skills, website contacts, mailings and other items as needed. If you have suggestions for improvements or wish to volunteer, please contact an officer or a Board member. Thank you for your consideration.