

# 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](http://www.diablocoinclub.org)**

The next gathering will be the 697th meeting of the Society, Thursday, August 18, 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.

## **July Review**

There was no general meeting due to our annual BBQ Picnic held at the Old Borgess Ranch. No minutes were taken. 32 attended.

## **August Meeting Preview**

“Errors on Indian Head Cents” By Alexander “Xan” Chamberlain



## Fun Fact: Christopher and August Bechtler Dollar Coins (1831-1850)

The Bechtlers began their mint in 1831 by producing \$5 and \$2.50 coins. In 1832, perceiving a need for a smaller denomination, the family began issuing a \$1 gold coin that is recognized as the first gold dollar coined in the U.S. It would be another 17 years before the U.S. Mint issued \$1 gold coins.

Although the Bechtlers minted only three denominations of coins, they issued a wide variety of weights and sizes. Their coin designs were simple, having no eagles or other decorative elements. The dollar value and the Bechtler name were stamped in raised letters. On at least one of the early series, Christopher added "assayer" to his name. Some coins are stamped with the location name "Rutherford County", "Rutherford", or "Rutherford". Most say "North Carolina" or "North Carolina Gold". The actual size is quite small. Most are just one-half inch in diameter.

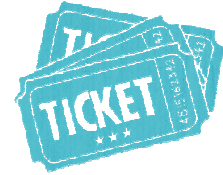
Bechtler coins today are quite scarce and consequently, command high prices when offered for sale. This is especially true of those specimens minted prior to the Coinage Act of June 28, 1834, which increased the value of gold by more than 6%. This caused massive melting of the Bechtler coinage.

For anyone interested in viewing these great coins the North Carolina National Bank of Charlotte has the best collection that can be viewed today. The Bechtler coin press can be seen at the American Numismatic Society in New York. Some dies for the coins are in the State Hall of History in Raleigh and the rollers used to shape the ingot strips for cutting into planchets is in the Smithsonian Institute.





## August 2016 DRAWING PRIZES



NR	ITEM	YEAR	GRADE	COST	REMARKS
1	100 Bill	2009	Crisp	\$105	Star Note
2	Morgan Dollar	1886	MS-63	\$60	NGCS
3	Morgan Dollar	1884-O	MS-63	\$53	PCGS
4	Buffalo Nickel	1923	AU-58	\$40	PCGS
5	Large Cent	1850	VF+	\$30	Attractive Coin
6	American Silver Eagle	2016	BU	\$22	Certificate of Authenticity
7	Silver Maple Leaf	1988	BU	\$20	Original Mint Wrap
8	Drawing Tickets	N/A		\$20	October Coin Show
9	Indian Head Cent	1906	AU-58	\$17	
10	Lincoln Cent	2009-S	PR-69RD	\$15	Early Childhood PCGS
11	International Trade	N/A	BU	\$12	1/2 Oz. Silver
12	Mini Gold Coin	1865	BU	\$10	Mexican 14K
13	Bald Eagle Half	2008-S	Uncirc.	\$8	
14	Steel Cent	1943-S	GemBU	\$7	Beauty
15	Jefferson Dime	1953-S	AU-58	\$3	Silver
				\$422	Total Cost
				7	Coins Certified
				6	Coins Raw
				2	Miscellaneous
					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, Rob Schussman and Ian Moss. You must be present at the August meeting to win.



LIBERTY HEAD GOLD (1849-1854)

3 CENT SILVER PIECE 1852

**This Month in American Coin/Currency History:**

- 08/08/1786 – First standard for gold, silver coins: 11 parts fine to 1 part alloy
- 08/29/1862 – Bureau of Engraving and Printing begins
- 08/05/1892 – Authorization for 1<sup>st</sup> commemorative coin produced by the mint, a 50-cent piece known as the Columbia half
- 08/02/1909 – The Lincoln cent is issued, featuring Lincoln in profile
- 08/01/1932 – First release of Washington quarters
- 08/06/1974 – Philadelphia mint strikes for Bicentennial coins
- 08/18/1975 – Bicentennial quarters introduced
- 08/07/2000 – New Hampshire State quarter released.
- 08/06/2001 – Vermont State quarter released.
- 08/02/2002 – Indiana State quarter released.
- 08/04/2003 – Missouri State quarter released
- 08/30/2004 – Iowa State quarter released
- 08/29/2005 – Kansas State quarter released.
- 08/28/2006 – North Dakota State quarter released.
- 08/03/2007 – Idaho State quarter released.
- 08/16/2007 – Thomas Jefferson Dollar Coin released to the public.
- 08/14/2008 – Andrew Jackson Dollar Coin was first released to the public
- 08/25/2008 – Alaska State quarter released.
- 08/20/2009 – James K. Polk Presidential \$1 Golden Coin released.

**Upcoming Shows:**

Aug 21 Sacramento	<b>Sacramento Coin Show</b> , 3410 Westover St., McClellan, CA., 95652 Contact: Peter McIntosh (916) 317-9055
Aug 26-28 Santa Clara	<b>Santa Clara Stamp, Collectibles &amp; Coin Show</b> , Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA., Scott Griffin (415) 601-8661
Sept 17 Vallejo	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NorCal Numismatic Seminar</b> , Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, 736 Marin St. Question: EMPERORI@juno.com or 707-246-6327
Sept 18 Livermore	<b>Livermore Valley Coin Club 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Coin Show</b> , Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, PO Box 610 Livermore, CA 94551

## 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](mailto: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.**