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

April 2017 Club Meeting in Review

There were 52 in attendance

We had 5 new members join - James Lind (Our 1000th member - won a Silver Eagle
Gary Collier, Angelo Vandarakis, Demetrios Vandarakis,
Georgio Vandarakis,

On Time Winner: Brett Casagrande - 1964 Japenese Yen
Show and Tell Winner: Don Hill - 2016 Mexican Libitoid
Trivia Winner: Mike Stanely
Drawing Grand Prize Winner: 2016 BU - National Treasure 5-1oz Silvers (Your Secretary missed who won. :(

Kyle Anderson's Report: General Account: $5,223.38 Show Account: $3,616.34

Mike Stanley was recognized for being the clubs long standing member - over saw the clubs archives

Annoucements: Gene Berry announced the Fairfield clubs Show - Sunday August, 13, 2017 - See attached flyer
Vallejo Club's 45th Coin Show - May 21, 2017 - 9AM - 4PM - Florence Douglas Senior Center

DNS's annual BBQ Reservation forms will be available at our May 2017 Club meeting

Presentation: Mr Donald H. Kagin showed a presentation on the Saddle Ridge Hoard and Billy the Kid photo.

Worldwide: Trivial Coin Facts

1252	Florence, Italy was the first city to mint its own gold coins in 1252. The fiorino became known as the florence, then the florin
1940	Silver coins fell from the skies on to the town of Gorky, Russia. A tornado had lifted up an old money chest and dropped the coins it contained as the wind carried it long
1989	The Bank of Canada issued the last $1 bill. The paper buck's departure was preceded in 1987 by the arrival of the dollar coin, affectionately known as the loonie
Cleopatra	Cleopatra was no older than 18 when she became the queen of Egypt. Despite her glamorous image today, she is depicted on ancient coins with a long hooked nose and masculine features
Beaver pelts	The Canadian beaver was that country's first natural resource to be exploited by the Europeans. For many years beaver pelts were a unit of currency
Eggs	For a time, it was the custom to use eggs as a form of currency in France. Once a year, poverty-stricken clerics and students trudged through the streets of Paris, carrying an egg basket, and collected what they could
Drums	Kettle drums were once used as currency on the island of Aler in Indonesia
Coin-throwing Marathon	On July 2-3, 1999, a team of 30 people from the Sports Club Association Viialan Pyry, Finland, scored 92,551 points in 24 hours playing the traditional Finnish game of throwing coins at a flat target

1962

The first international convention for coin collectors was held in August 15 - 18, 1962, in Detroit, Michigan, sponsored by the American Numismatic Association and the Canadian Numismatic Association. Attendance was estimated at 40,000

Numismatics

The scientific study of coins is known as "numismatics", a term derived from the Greek word nomisma, meaning a coin or a currency. A numismatist may be a coin collector or not. A coin collector may be a numismatist or not

Large and small

The largest banknote in the world was issued in China during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1399). It was a 1 Juan with a size of 22.8 x 33 cm. The smallest banknote ever was issued in Romania in 1917. It was a 10 bani with a size of 2.28 x 3.8 cm.

Japanese Currency Law

According to the Japanese Currency Law, a maximum of 20 coins of the same denomination can be used as legal tender. Rejection of the acceptance under 20 pieces of the same denomination is prohibited. In case of over 20 pieces you can reject accepting the coins in daily transactions

Coins Don't Smell, You Do

Scientists have sniffed out the reason for the musty, "metallic" odor you smell after handling coins or touching metal objects. A new study finds that the smell of iron is, ironically, a type of human body odor, created by the breakdown of oils in skin after touching objects that contain the element. When touching objects made of iron, perspiration from skin causes the iron atoms to gain two

electrons. The doubly negative iron atoms react with oil in skin, causing them to decompose, forming 1-octen-2-one

The largest numismatic organization

The American Numismatic Association was founded in 1891 and chartered by the Congress of the United States in 1912. The group has the world's largest circulating library of numismatic material and its headquarters includes the World Money Museum, one of the top three numismatic museums in America

INTERESTING FACTS

Currency timeline

1776 to 1778	Codfish were depicted on many of the first coins of the infant United States
1787	The first one-cent coin was struck by a private mint. This coin, known as the Fugio cent, was 100% copper and this composition would continue until the mid-1800's
April 2, 1792	The US Mint was authorized to produce one-cent copper coins for the first time. Originally, there were four designs struck: the "chain" cent, the "wreathed" cent, the "flowing hair" cent, and the "liberty" cent. In the same year, a law that established the Mint made coin defacement, counterfeiting, and embezzlement by Mint employees punishable by death
October 15, 1794	The first coin in the United States was issued; it was a silver dollar
1815	No one-cent coins were minted due to a copper shortage caused by the War of 1812 with Great Britain
latter 1800s	The Mint issued two-cent and three-cent coins
1856	The Flying Eagle cent was first produced; this coin was notable for its change in composition -- 88% copper and 12% nickel
1859	The Indian cent was first introduced and depicted an Indian princess on the obverse. A popular story about its design claims a visiting Indian chief lent the designer's daughter his headdress so she could pose as the Indian princess. Most Indian cents minted during the Civil War went primarily to pay Union soldiers. After the Civil War, in 1864, the composition of the one-cent coin was changed to 95% copper and 5% zinc.

1862	The US Department of the Treasury first issued paper US currency to make up for the shortage of coins and to finance the US Civil War. The first paper notes printed in the United States were in denominations of 1 cent, 5 cents, 25 cents, and 50 cents
1864	The one-cent coin was made legal tender by the Coinage Act of 1864
July 5, 1865	By the end of the US Civil War, 33% of all US paper currency in circulation was counterfeit. This was a devastating situation for a nation struggling to recover economically from such a destructive war. On July 5, 1865, the Secret Service was created as a part of the Department of the Treasury to help suppress counterfeit currency
1873 to 1878	The Mint produced a large, heavy silver dollar exclusively for use in trading with China
1874	Since 1874 the mints of the United States have been making currency for foreign governments, whose combined orders have at times exceeded the volume of domestic requirements
1892	The first US commemorative coin was produced, featuring Christopher Columbus
1899	Coin telephones appeared for the first time, patented by Hartford, Connecticut inventor William Gray and were installed in the Hartford Bank. Local calls using a coin-operated phone in the United States cost only 5 cents everywhere until 1951. Before 1899, when using the first pay telephone, a caller did not deposit coins in the machine. He or she gave them to an attendant who stood next to the telephone
1959	The Lincoln Memorial was added to the reverse of the one-cent coin by Mint engraver Frank Gasparro to mark Lincoln's 150th birthday, making it the first and only coin to have the same person on both sides. If you inspect it carefully, you will see the statue of Lincoln inside the Memorial.
1990	Over seven billion notes worth about $82 billion were produced for circulation by the Federal Reserve System, at a cost of 2.6 cents each. 95% will replace unfit notes and 5% will support economic growth. At any one time, $200 million in notes may be in production. The Bureau of Engraving produces $4,095 in paper currency each minute

1998	More than 10 billion pennies were minted in the United States, according to US Treasury, Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The actual number of coins produced, by denomination, was as follows: pennies, 10,257,400,000; nickels, 1,323,672,000; dimes, 2,335,300,000; quarters, 1,867,400,000; and half-dollars, 30,710,000
2000	19 US coins found to have been produced with errors, of 28 billion that have been minted

Composition of US coins

When the U. S. Mint was established in 1792, the law required that all coins be made of gold, silver or copper. For a considerable period of time afterwards, gold was used in the $10, $5 and $2.50 pieces, silver was used to make the dollar, half-dollar, quarter, dime and half-dime while the penny and half-cent coins were made of copper. In 1933, during the Great Depression, the U.S. Mint stopped making gold coins altogether. In 1965, as a result of a severe silver shortage, Congress dictated that silver no longer be used in making quarters and dimes. In addition, the silver content of the half-dollar (previously 90%) was reduced to 40% in 1965 and then eliminated entirely in 1971. All of these coin denominations are now composed of copper-nickel clad with an outer layer of a 75% copper, 25% nickel alloy and a pure copper core. Nickels are made of the same copper-nickel alloy but without the copper core.

- From 1793 to 1837, the cent was made of pure copper
- From 1837 to 1857, the cent was made of bronze (95% copper, and 5% tin and zinc)
- From 1857, the cent was 88% copper and 12% nickel, giving the coin a whitish appearance
- From 1864 to 1962, the cent was again bronze (95% copper, and 5% tin and zinc) -- [1]
- From 1962 to 1982, the cent's tin content, which was quite small, was removed. That made the metal composition of the cent 95% copper and 5% zinc
- From 1982, the composition was changed to 97.5% zinc and 2.5% copper (copper-plated zinc). This was done as a cost cutting measure and to make the penny lighter in weight

[1] -- In 1943, the coin's composition was changed to zinc-coated steel. This change was only for the year 1943 and was due to the critical use of copper for the war effort. However, a limited number of copper pennies were minted that year, makeing them a rare, collectible item.

Reeding on US Coins

The dollar, half-dollar, quarter, and ten-cent coin denominations were originally produced from precious metals (gold and silver). Reeded edges were eventually incorporated into the design of these denominations to deter counterfeiting and the fraudulent use of the coins, such as filing down the edges in an attempt to recover the precious metals. The one-cent and five-cent pieces are considered "minor" coins of the United States and have never contained precious metals, with the exception of the so-called Wartime nickels (from mid-1942 to 1945), composed of 56% copper, 35% silver and 9% manganese.

Denomination	Number of Reeds
Dime	118
Quarter	119
Half dollar	150
Dollar (1.04 diameter)	189
Susan B. Anthony dollar	133
$1 Silver American Eagle bullion	201
$50 Gold American Eagle one ounce bullion	161
$25 Gold American Eagle half-ounce bullion	133
$10 Gold American Eagle quarter-ounce bullion	109
$5 Gold American Eagle tenth-ounce bullion	103
$5 Gold commemorative	106
$10 Gold commemorative (1984 Olympics)	135

MAY 2017 DRAWING PRIZES

1. Buffalo Nickel	1938-D/S	MS-65	$ 120	PCGS
2. Peace Dollar	1921	VF-20	75	Raw, High Relief
3. Morgan Dollar	1884	MS-63	68	PCGS
4. Morgan Dollar	1881-S	MS-63	47	PCGS
5. Morgan Dollar	1879	AU	40	Raw
6. Large Cent	1849	VF-20	38	Raw
7. Chinese Panda	2017	Proof	29	
8. Half Dollar	2014-D	MS-69	27	Commem., NGC
9. Maple Leaf	1988	BU	23	Orig. Mint Wrap
10. Maple Leaf	2016	BU	21	Superman
11. Buffalo Round		BU	19	1 Oz. Silver
12. Mercury Dime	1940	MS-63	13	Raw
13. Token			3	Knott's Berry Farm
Total Cost			$ 523	

Certified Coins 9
Raw Coins 4

Upcoming Social Events for 2017

July 8th – Summer BBQ – Lower Parking Lot Area at Borge's Ranch.

December 10th – Annual Club Christmas Party at Zio Fraedo's.

(Keep in mind, there are no regular club meetings on these months)

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

GREAT NEWS……
DNS' NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING
PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO TAKE A LOOK
DiabloCoinClub.org

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.

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These Coin Show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a Coin Club Show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. If you would like a Commercial Show listed: you need to be a N.C.N.A. member for one free annual listing. Additional listings for Commercial shows are $15 each. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismatic Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com and updated Show listings can be seen on this website!

Mar. 5, 2017	**LIVERMORE**. Livermore Valley Coin Club 55th Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 422-3794
April 21-3, 2017	**SANTA CLARA.** CoinExpo Santa Clara Coin, Currency, Stamp and Sports Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. **Admission $6, $2 off with coupon**. Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottgriff@hotmail.com
May 21, 2017	**VALLEJO**. Vallejo Numismatic Society 45th Annual Show, Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo. Admission and parking are FREE! Bourse: Edwin Hoffmark, Jr., P O Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428 Phone: 707-642-8754. E Mail: paper4coin@yahoo.com
July 22-23, 2017	**FREMONT**. Fremont Coin Club 45th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 8991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401 Fremont, Ca. 94538
Aug. 13, 2017	**FAIRFIELD**. Fairfield Coin Club 28th Annual Coin Show, Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown) 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania. **Admission $1, Free with flyer or card!** Bourse Coordinator: Bill Bartz 707-688-8014
Sept. 16, 2017	**VALLEJO**. The 4th Annual Northern California Numismatic Seminar, sponsored by The Northern California Numismatic Association. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, in Downtown Vallejo. Four speakers have been scheduled: David Harper of Numismatic News, Paul R. Johnson, Unionville, Ontario, Canada, Robert E. Luna, Benicia, Ca and Roger Lyles, Fremont, Ca. The "theme" for this year is "Collecting In Today's World"Registration for this all day event begins at 9AM with presentations beginning at 10AM; the afternoon program begins at 2PM. This is a "FREE" event and there will be free door prizes and all interested collectors are welcome to attend. Ample free parking is available. Updates: www.solanocoinclub.com. Questions: EMPERORI@juno.com or 707-246-6327
Oct. 13-15	**WALNUT CREEK**. Diablo Numismatic Society 20th Annual Contra Costa Coin & Collectibles Show, Elk's Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek CA 94520. Admission $3, 12 and under free, Free parking. Info: Larry Casagrande 925-683-1180 Bourse: James Laird 925-200-2276
Oct. 21-22, 2017	**STOCKTON**. Delta Coin Club 52nd Annual Coin Show, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, CA. 95205. Phone (209) 982-5961, E Mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com
Nov. 5, 2017	**SAN JOSE**. Peninsula Coin Club 38th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 380-4181 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
PROGRAM SCHEDULE
2017

JANUARY 19
MARIA STILLWAGON - THE FRANKLIN HALF DOLLAR

FEBRUARY 16
LARRY CASAGRANDE - A RANDOM WALK THRU A TYPE SET

MARCH 16
ANNUAL CLUB BANQUET – TEXAS BACK FORTY
(NO MEETING)

APRIL 20
DON KAGIN – NEWS FROM the A.N.A & SADDLE RIDGE HOARD/BILLY the KID PHOTO

MAY 18
OTHER HOBBIES NIGHT - MEMBERS SHARE THEIR NON-COIN HOBBIES

JUNE 15
MARK CLARKSON – OCCUPATION NOTES OF WORLD WAR II

JULY 20
ANNUAL CLUB SUMMER BBQ – BORGES RANCH
(NO MEETING)

AUGUST 17
BRUCE BERMAN – COIN GRADING

SEPTEMBER 21
EXHIBIT NIGHT – A THEMED TOPIC BOXED or FRAMED

OCTOBER 19
ROBERT E LUNA – SHORT ON MONEY ? .....TYPE & SHORT SETS

NOVEMBER 16
BRUCE BRAGA- COIN TONING

DECEMBER 3
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER – ZIO FRAEDO'S, PLEASANT HILL
(NO MEETING)

28th Annual Fairfield Coin & Collectibles Show

Sponsored by Fairfield Coin Club

Sunday, August 13, 2017

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Fairfield Community Center—Willow Room

1000 Kentucky Street

Fairfield, California

$1 ADMISSION (Free w/ Coupon) & FREE PARKING

Coins Bought and Sold ~ U.S., Ancient, & Foreign Coins ~ Paper Money ~ Gold & Silver Drawing

Youth Education Table ~ Door Prize Drawing

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Fourth Annual

CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC SEMINAR

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Registration Begins: 9:00 AM

Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum

734 Marin, *at Capital, downtown* Vallejo, California

FREE!----FREE ADMISSION TO MUSEUM!----DOOR PRIZES!

Theme: '*Collecting In Today's World*'

Presenters: **Paul R. Johnson**, *Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) Executive Secretary*, **Robert E. Luna**, *local northern California coin activist*, **Roger Lyles**, *well-known northern California coin dealer,* and **David E. Harper, NUMISMATIC NEWS** *Editor.*

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On-line Pre-registration: **dhem@comcast.net.**

45th Annual Vallejo Coin Show

Sponsored by Vallejo Numismatic Society

Sunday, May 21, 2017

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Florence Douglas Senior Center

333 Amador, Between Georgia and Florida

Vallejo, California

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