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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello everyone,

It's March and St Patrick's Day will be here soon. I recently read an article that involves some luck in finding treasure where you wouldn't expect to. I am not as serious of a collector like many of you are. I enjoy searching junk boxes for coins that I find visually appealing. While they aren't particularly valuable, there's always the hope that I encounter something that everyone else might have missed. Speaking of treasure, we have some great prizes for this year's show. Now is the time for us members to buy and sell raffle tickets. A generous member has donated some amazing prizes that we will award to the top ticket sellers. Imagine if we had 3/4 of our tickets sold before the show! Plus, you'll still earn a bonus five tickets for every fifty that you sell. You can check out as many tickets as you like, you don't have to pay for them, you just return the tickets you aren't able to sell. I'd like to see all of us take a shot at winning those prizes. At the last meeting we approved a couple of changes to the club's bylaws. The changes will only apply to new Juniors that sign up after February 2020. Feel free to ask me about them.

Continental Currency coin worth \$100,000 found at French flea market.

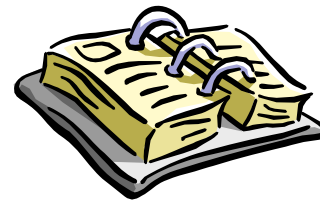
A 50-cent flea market find has been certified as a rare 1776 pewter Continental Currency dollar valued at \$97,500. The buyer spotted it in a junk box full of assorted coins at a market in Northern France in June 2018. He was curious about this unusual American piece and agreed to shell out half a euro (56 American cents). He Googled it, took it to a local coin dealer who didn't know what it was.

This coin was proposed by the Continental Congress for nationwide issuance. Pattern pieces — trial strikes of a new design for a coin — were struck in pewter, brass and silver. This die variety, known as Newman 2-C, has only ever been found in pewter.

1776 Continental Dollars feature an obverse of three rings. The center ring design is a sundial, with the rays of the sun and text below the dial, "MIND YOUR BUSINESS." The next ring features "FUGIO" and the sun. The last ring contains the text, "CONTINENTAL CURRENCY." The reverse features a design of interlocking chain links around the border of the face, featuring the names of the 13 colonial states. The reverse design contains two rings, the center of two rings reads "WE ARE ONE" and the ring around the center ring reads "AMERICAN CONGRESS." The coins have several varieties. While produced in a variety of metals, the coin was most often struck in pewter. Both obverse and reverse were designed by Benjamin Franklin.

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Mark Your Calendars!



March

Show & Tell Theme: Toned Coins

March 4, 2020 – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

March 11, 2020 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Program – **Nicholas Lopez** - Toning

(2) Mini-Bourse Night

March 25, 2020 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Auction



April

Show & Tell Theme: Non-Round Coins

April 1, 2020 – Board Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

April 8, 2020 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Collector Spotlight: **John Silveria** "World Silver Coins"

(2) Mini-Bourse Night

April 22, 2020 – General Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

(1) Auction

The Continental Currency coin never was circulated. They went with paper money instead, and it was an unmitigated disaster of devaluation and counterfeiting. Time, while fleeting, heals all wounds, however, and one of four known silver issues of the pattern piece sold at auction for \$1,410,000 six years ago.

The first official circulating coin of the newly independent United States would be this coin's fraternal twin. The Fugio or Franklin cent was struck in copper and minted in 1787. The "Fugio," sun, sundial and "Mind your business" were on the obverse, the loops representing the 13 states (not labeled) interlinked around "We are one" on the reverse. It was only issued that one year. After the ratification of the Constitution in 1788, the triple motto was replaced with the one on the Great Seal of the United States, E pluribus unum.

Abbreviated from: <http://www.thehistoryblog.com/archives/57924>



SCCC 2020 Coin Show Raffle Sales Contest

New for 2020! The top sellers of raffle tickets for our 2020 coin show will win a prize, in addition to the usual five free incentive tickets for every 50 sold. The top prize will be GOLD! See **Nicholas Lopez** at the meetings to check out tickets. Then turn the stubs back in with \$9 for every book of 10 tickets to receive credit towards these prizes.

This month **Harold Harrison** is off to an early lead, having already sold 100 raffle tickets! We only have until the first meeting in June to qualify for the top sales prizes.

Sales Leaders through February

1. **Harold Harrison, 100 tickets sold**



March Birthdays

Miya Mills-Icasiano	03/01
Jon Stout	03/01
Mike Tandy	03/07
John Hoffman	03/12
Joan Alvarez	03/14
Juan Alvara	03/20
Richard Mac David	03/21
Vicki Jackson	03/30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Enjoy & Celebrate !!

Welcome New Members!

2020 Dues Due

Dues for 2020 are now due and payable. Your prompt payment will be appreciated. Dues remain at \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for juniors under 18 years of age. See **Aaron Brown** at the meetings or send your check to SCCC, P.O. Box 1672, Modesto, CA 95353. To remain a member in good standing dues must be paid by the first general meeting in March.

Auction Rule Reminder

Friendly reminder that there is a limit of 7 lots per consigner per auction. Please do not alter the auction form to add more lots. Not only does this make the auction take longer, but the altered forms increase the likelihood of errors when totaling the proceeds for the consigner.

Beginning with the auction at our 2nd meeting this month, any lots listed on an auction form beyond the allowed 7 will be withdrawn. Thank you for your cooperation, and happy bidding.

Junior Challenge Question

(Question provided by **Aaron Brown**)

Question: Of the most common metals used to make coins (gold, silver, nickel, and copper) which is the most likely to change color by reacting with chemicals in the air?

February Junior Challenge Question: What flying animal will be depicted on the American Samoa National Park quarter this year? (Hint: It's not a bird!)

Answer: A bat (and its baby)!



Membership Challenge Question

(Question provided by **Aaron Brown**)

Question: What foul-smelling reactive element found in some older cardboard coin folders and albums is a common cause of toning?

February General Membership Question: Who is the only U.S. President to be featured on a U.S. coin during his lifetime?

Answer: Calvin Coolidge on the American Independence Sesquicentennial half dollar (1926).



MEETING DATE 02/12/20

Meeting was called to order at _7:02_PM by President Nicholas Lopez

Attendance:

Total: 27 Board Members: 8 Jr. Members: 7 Guests: _____

Guests (name): _____ New members: _____

First Draw winner: Alan Adams

Junior Challenge: What flying animal will be depicted on the American Samoa National Park quarter this year?

(Hint: It's not a bird!)

General Challenge: Who is the only U.S. President to be featured on a U.S. coin during his lifetime?

Announcements: 50/50 raffle tonight – Sharyn will have a sign up, coin show raffle tickets are available, update club's bylaws regarding junior membership and age limit (exception for current junior members) – Change approved by members

Show & Tell:

1. Newell Stitzell – 1856 French Napoleon III Emperor
2. Steve Catlin – Five Falkland Island Coins
3. Sharyn Brown – Book: Renaissance of American Coinage 1916-1921
4. Eric Goossens – 1983 Bronze San Jose Coin Club & 1971 White Metal San Jose Coin Club
5. Gene Edwardsen – FDC
6. Warren Kennedy – 1832 Capped Bust Fifty Cent Piece
7. Mark Garcia – Coin Book: Set of Barber Quarters – Missing 1901 S, 1896 S, & 1913 S
8. Frank Ramczyk – 1985 Silver Mexican 100 Peso MS66 & ANA US Coin Grading Book
9. Cecilia Lopez – 2019 West Point Quarter – Idaho River of No Return
10. Sofia Lopez – Iron Man Challenge Coin – NYPD Time Square

Show & Tell Winner (10 raffle tickets): Steve Catlin

Free Meal Winner: Mark Garcia

Junior Prize Winner: Sofia Lopez

Door Prize Winner: Martha Lopez

Raffle:

Winner List

David Hopp
Robert Droual
Ron Meyer
Alan Adams
Warren Kennedy
David Boudreau
Cliff Rice
David Boudreau

Last Draw Winner: Not present

Meeting closed at 8:30 PM

MEETING DATE 02/26/20

Meeting was called to order at _7:00_PM by President Nicholas Lopez

Attendance:

Total: 36 Board Members: 9 Jr. Members: 6 Guests: 2

Guests (name): John and Bernadette Myers New members: _____

First Draw winner: Cecilia Lopez

Junior Challenge: What flying animal will be depicted on the American Samoa National Park quarter this year?

(Hint: It's not a bird!)

General Challenge: Who is the only U.S. President to be featured on a U.S. coin during his lifetime?

Announcements: Purchase club medal, 2020 membership dues, sell raffle tickets (goals & prizes), Bylaw change reminder, website updated

Show & Tell:

1. Cecilia Lopez – 2020 P & D Quarters – American Samoa Bats
2. Sofia Lopez – 2014 Half Dollar Baseball Commemorative
3. Nicholas Lopez – 1977 Coin Book, two 1977 elongated pennies, & 1977 Russian 15 Kopeks
4. Karla von Hungen – Two Costa Rican Coins: 1903 2 Centimos & 1942 overstrike of the 2 Centimos into a 5 Centimos
5. Warren Kennedy – 1990 Canadian Penny
6. Geno Edwardsen – Book
7. Frank Ramczyk – Book: Mint Errors Price Guide
8. Eric Goossens – Book: 1997 California Token Supplement & Medals and Tokens of the Chicago Coin Club
9. Steve Catlin – 1892 Half Dollar Columbus Commemorative MS64 Toned
10. Newell Stitzell – Mint Coins: SF, DEN, & PHIL
11. Mark Garcia – Coin Book: History of the Mint from 1890 & 1826 Bust Half Dollar NGC MS62 Toned
12. Sharyn Brown – Book: Civil War Tokens & Tradesmen's Store Cards by Hetrich
13. Aaron Brown – Book: In God We Trust by Bierly

Show & Tell Winner (10 raffle tickets): Geno Edwardsen

Free Meal Winner: Warren Kennedy

Junior Prize Winner: Emily Ramczyk

Door Prize Winner: Karla von Hungen

Raffle:

Winner List

Jon Stout
Ron Meyer
Alan Adams
Dave Hopp
Newell Stitzell
Frank Ramczyk
Nicholas Lopez

Last Draw Winner: Not present

Meeting closed at 8:31 PM

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UPCOMING COIN SHOWS

March 13-14, 2020

South Bay / Sunnyvale Coin Show
Domain Hotel
1085 East El Camino Real
Sunnyvale, CA

March 20-21, 2020

Sacramento Coin Show Spring 2018 2-Day show
Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover Street
McClellan, CA

March 27-29, 2020

Western States Token Society's Token Jamboree 2020
Santa Rosa Veteran's Memorial Building
1351 Maple Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA

May 1-2, 2020

Sacramento Valley Coin Club's Spring Coin Show
Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Drive
Sacramento, CA

May 3, 2020

Vallejo Numismatic Society's 47th Annual Coin Show
Florence Douglas Senior Center
333 Amador (Between Florida & Georgia)
Vallejo, CA

Gold & Silver Spot Prices

	Feb 7	Feb 14	Feb 21	Feb 28
Gold	\$1,567.92	\$1,581.28	\$1,640.33	\$1,590.18
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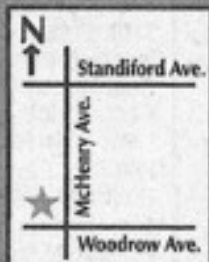
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