

The Diablo Die Break



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The SOCIETY meets the Third Thursday Monthly at the Veterans Memorial Bldg., 2290 Willow Pass Road. Doors open at 6 PM. Meeting starts 7 PM SHARP.

The next gathering will be the 609th meeting of the Society, Thursday, February 19th, at the hall. Please plan to attend.

February's Meeting

Community Service Officer Jeanine Patterson with the Concord Police Department will be giving a presentation on "Home Safety and Security". Please bring your questions

Monthly raffle:

1/10 oz. Gold Eagle – BU
1945-S "Micro S" Mercury Dime – BU-64
1913-S Barber Half - F
1944-S Walking Liberty Half - BU
1877-S Liberty Seated Dime - XF
1909 Barber Quarter - VF
1918-S Standing Liberty Quarter - F
1909 VDB Lincoln Cent - BU
1907-S Barber Dime - VF
1913 Type II buffalo Nickel - XF
1939-S Jefferson Nickel – BU-63
1946-D Washington Quarter – BU-63
1957-D Franklin Half Dollar – BU-63
1929-S Walking Liberty Half - F

Welcome new member: Bart Misenhimer

Join us for the 49th Anniversary Awards Banquet to be held on Wednesday, March 18th at Marie Calendar's in Concord. Please see the attached sign-up sheet included with this newsletter. Note: there will not be a regular meeting in March.

**Membership Dues are due for 2009
If you are not sure if you have paid for 2009, please check the list at the February meeting**

Dues are now being collected for 2009 membership. Adults are \$10.00 and Juniors are \$5.00. You may pay at the meeting or by mail:

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Concord, Ca. 94522-0177**

January Meeting Review:

Chuck Nikkel gave a presentation on "Collecting Key Type U.S. Coins". He discussed 20th Century coins, Barber coins, Gold coins and what makes a coin scarce. He advised to be on the lookout for counterfeit coins and always buy quality coins. We had great interaction with those in the audience.

Winners, were as follows:

On Time: Carl McClure

50/50: Jon Marish, \$47.00

Show and Tell: Charles Ludvik, with 8 participants

Raffle Drawing: John Russell x 2, Michael Shu x2, Lisa Nikkel x2, Brad Lee, Jon Marish, Doug Brewer, Glenn Stephenson, Cyrus Flyte and James Laird.

Non-winners were: Paul Romesburg, Tim Mulgrew and Bill Hickman
Gold winner – Paul Romesburg

Membership Drawing: Slabbed Dollar – Joe Schell, not present
2008 Silver Eagle – Harry Davis

This Month in American Coin/Currency History:

02/05/1912 – First coinage of Nickels at Denver Mint
02/09/1793 – Congress authorized foreign coins as legal tender
02/09/1924 – First National Coin Week
02/10/1870 – Carson City Mint delivers first coinage (Silver Dollars)
02/11/1964 – First coinage of Kennedy half dollars
02/12/1873 – Coinage Act of 1873 signed by President Grant
02/21/1853 - \$3 gold coin approved
02/21/1857 – Flying Eagle design authorized for cent, half-cent discontinued
02/25/1791 – First charter date – The Bank of the United States
02/28/1878 - Passage of Bland-Allison Silver Purchase Act, providing for issue of silver certificate

Upcoming Shows:

Feb 22 San Jose	37th Annual Coin & Collectibles Show , Cupertino Coin Club, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, Bruce Braga (408) 839 - 1883 BruceBraga1@AIM.com Free parking!
Feb 20 & 21 Santa Rosa	Redwood Empire 41st Annual Coin Show , Redwood Empire Coin Club, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, E. L. Finley Hall, 1350 Bennett Valley Rd., Merle Avila (day) (707) 585-3711, (eve) (707) 824 - 4811
Mar 8 Livermore	46th Annual Coin Show , Livermore Valley Coin Club, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Bourse: Stephen Kramer (925) 422 - 3794 Free admission & parking!

Announcements:

Mike Turrini reported that the ANA Convention would be held in Portland, March 12-15.

Harry Davis reported that the NCNA Coin Show, Sept. 26-27, would be moved from Fremont to the Elks Loge in Vallejo.

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49th Anniversary Awards Banquet

When: Wednesday, March 18th, 2009

Time: Conversation and Cocktails – 6:00 PM
Dinner served at – 6:45 PM

Where: Marie Callender's
2090 Diamond Blvd.
Concord, Ca.

Menu: #_____ Country Fried Steak

#_____ Roasted Turkey Dinner

#_____ Braised and Slow Roasted Pot Roast

Dinner includes Caesar Salad, Cornbread and choice of Coffee, Iced Tea or fountain drinks. The meals also includes a slice of Apple, Chocolate Cream or Lemon Meringue Pie.

Pie Choice: #_____ Apple

#_____ Chocolate Crème

#_____ Lemon Meringue

Remit Check Payable to D.N.S.
Promptly mail this form and check to:

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Reservations must be received no later than March 13th.

Name: _____

Number in Party _____

X \$20.00 per attendee= _____