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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 612th meeting of the Society, Thursday, June 18th, at the hall. Please plan to attend.

June's Meeting

Hot Dog Night – Serving at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:00 PM

Scott Griffin will be talking on the subject “Challenges and Opportunities for a Coin Dealer”. Bring your questions and thoughts.

Monthly raffle:

1/10 Oz. Gold – BU

1917-S - Type 1 Standing Liberty Quarter - F

1880-S – Morgan Dollar NGC MS-63

1838 – Large Cent - VF

1858 – SL Cent - VF

1925 – Peace Dollar – NGC MS-64

1897 – Morgan Dollar – MS-60

1899 – Liberty Nickel - VF

1865 – 2 Cent - VG

1850 – Half Dime - VF

1865 – 3 Cent Nickel - VF

1863 – Copper Nickel Cent - VF

1944 – Mercury Dime – MS-63

May Meeting Review: 39 in attendance

Our program presenter was Larry Casagrande “Early Type Coins”

Key Points:

There are 78 early type coins.

It was certified coins that caught Larry’s interest in coin collecting.

Be alert to coins with low mintage.

Coins minted by hand led to die varieties.

Only about 10% of all those minted have survived.

Watch for counterfeit, retooled and cleaned coins.

Watch for auction prices to establish value.

He discussed grading with stars and green stickers on slabbed coins.

Chuck Call auctioned off 13 lots.

Winners, were as follows:

On Time: Lucille McClure

50/50: Paul Romesburg, \$47.00

Show and Tell: Mark Clarkson, with 8 participants

Raffle Drawing: Karen Stephenson x3, Pat Hogoboom x2, Gene Berry, Beth Stockholm, Larry Casagrande, Doug Brewer, Glen Stephenson, and Jon Marish. The non-winner was Elvin Thorson. The gold coin winner was John Russell.

Membership Drawing: Slabbed Dollar – Jim Doyle, 1804-O Morgan MS-63

Announcements:

1) Happy Birthday to Samantha Berry.

2) Mike Turrini informed us of the book auction in June. The ANA Elections notice will be coming out next month. Mike is the speaker, chairperson at the Los Angeles Coin Show. There will be an ANA Coin Show in Sacramento in 2010. The CSNA will be sending out another survey which will encourage all of us to join. Mike also advised that Gordon Donnell is in poor health. Those that know him are encouraged to call him about mid-day at (510) 547-0518.

3) Jon Marish advises the Fairfield Coin Show is August 16, 2009.

4) Chuck Call reported the ANA is in Los Angeles August 5-9, 2009. Those attending can pay \$16 for an annual ANA Membership which will include an on line monthly bulletin.

- 5) Lyle Okamoto gave a report on the Fremont Show.
- 6) Bill Green encouraged ticket sales for the October Coin Show. At our June 18th coin club meeting, Scott Griffin will be speaking on “Challenges & Opportunities for a Coin Dealer”. There will be no presentation at the July Picnic.
- 7) Larry Casagrande informed us hot dog night will start at 6:30 p.m. He enlisted John Marish and Mike Turrini to bring salads. Karen Stephenson will bring dessert. Larry also handed out the volunteer survey which was completed by members and handed in at the end of the meeting.

This Month in American Coin/Currency History:

- 06/22/1976 – Last silver (40%) Bicentennial coins struck
 06/23/1864 – Second law passed for fractional currency issues
 06/24/1968 – Redemption of silver certificates for silver ended by U.S.
 06/28/1834 – Gold Standard weight reduced

Upcoming Shows:

Jun 28 Alameda	Alameda Coin Club Show, Alameda High School Gym (Oak St. at Central, Tom Gesner (510) 923 - 4216 (day)
Jul 11 & 12 Modesto	Modesto Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show, Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Centre Plaza, (10th and K Streets), Sandy Woodward (209) 668 - 3682
Jul 25 & 26 Fremont	37th Annual Coin Show, Fremont Coin Club, Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Info (925) 792-1511 Vince LaCariere, coinvince@aol.com
Aug 2 Sacramento	Sacramento Coin Show, Red Lion Inn (Next to Sears), 1401 Arden Way, Peter McIntosh, (916) 317 – 9055 mcintoshcoins@yahoo.com
Aug 16 Fairfield	20th Annual Coin Show, Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky St., Robert Belleau (707) 644 – 6232

Diablo Numismatic Society Annual Picnic Picnic Chairman: Pat Hogoboom

Sunday, July 12, 2009, 5:00 PM

**Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Rd., Danville,
Ca.**

This will be indoors!!!!

Traveling North on I-680 you would need to exit at Stone Valley East and turn right at the stop sign. The park will be on your right hand side about 1.5 miles down the road. It is located next to Monte Vista High School and you may park in the school parking lot.

Traveling South on I-680 you would need to take the Stone Valley Road EAST exit. The park will be on your right hand side about 1.5 miles down the road. It is located next to Monte Vista High School and you may park in the school parking lot.

Catered by Back Forty Texas BBQ

Menu: Pork Ribs, Sliced Beef, BBQ Chicken, Tossed Green Salad, Fruit Salad, Corn Cobettes, BBQ Beans, Ranch Rolls, Cookies, Cake, Water and Sodas.

Cost: \$15.00 per Person

Name: _____

Number attending x\$15.00: _____

Total Payment Included: \$ _____

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DNS VOLUNTEER SURVEY

Your coin club depends on volunteers in order to be successful. Please complete this survey and let us know where you can help. Mark your choices and provide us with suggestions.

One survey will be drawn at random for a \$1 silver eagle at the July picnic (current board members excluded).

- 1) I am interested in a position on the board of directors:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - At Large Director

- 2) I am interested in organizing and leading a committee:
 - March banquet
 - July Picnic
 - December Holiday dinner
 - October coin show
 - Annual donation drawing
 - Monthly speaker program
 - Youth & Scout programs
 - Other:

- 3) While I don't want to organize or lead I am interested in volunteering:
 - March banquet
 - July Picnic
 - December Holiday dinner
 - October coin show
 - Annual donation drawing
 - Monthly speaker program
 - Youth & Scout programs
 - Other:

- 4) Here are my ideas for helping our coin club fulfill it's mission of education, fellowship and fun:

- 5) I am not interested or able to volunteer because:

Name: _____

Please return at next meeting or by mail if you have not done so.

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