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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 610th meeting of the Society, Thursday, April 16th, at the hall. Please plan to attend.

March's Meeting

There will be no regular meeting for the month of March. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 16th. The only activity this month will be the Annual Banquet.

Annual Banquet

For those of you who have made arrangements to attend, join us for the 49th Anniversary Awards Banquet to be held on Wednesday, March 18th at Marie Calendar's in Concord. All reservations must be received by March 13th.

Banquet raffle:

1/10 Oz. Gold – BU

1881-S Morgan Dollar PCGS MS-64

1881-S Morgan Dollar PCGS MS-64

1882 Morgan Dollar PCGS MS-64

1882-S Morgan Dollar PCGS MS-64

1882-S Morgan Dollar PCGS MS-64

1887 Morgan Dollar PCGS MS-64

1921 Morgan Dollar PCGS BU

1880 Morgan Dollar NGC MS-64

1887 Morgan Dollar NGC MS-64

1878over7 VAM Morgan Dollar - BU

Welcome new members: Darril Duthie and Tom Green

**Membership Dues are due for
2009.**

This is your last reminder.

**If you receive this newsletter by mail,
and have not yet paid your dues for
2009, you have received an envelope
to make your payment.**

**If you receive your newsletter by e-
mail, please submit payment to the
address below:**

Adults are \$10.00 and Juniors are \$5.00.

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February Meeting Review: 48 in attendance

Jeanine Patterson and Carleen Vinum of the Concord Police Department gave a presentation on "Home Security". The following items were stressed for burglary prevention and protection of your property:

- Keep your lawn clean and shrubs low

- Have a metal door

- Make friends with your neighbors

- Make a note of strange individuals in the neighborhood and license numbers of strange cars

- Have a dog or automatic dog barker

- Keep your car locked while in the garage and hide keys in the house

- Change the code to your garage door periodically

- Keep garage door opener out of sight

- Have a safety deposit box

- Catalogue your coins

- Notify the police if on extended vacation (they have volunteers that will check your property)

- Avoid conversations with door-to-door sales people (none are allowed in Concord with the exception of the Scouts)

Mike Stanley auctioned off 5 lots.

Winners, were as follows:

On Time: Mike Stanley

50/50: Tom Green, \$43.00

Show and Tell: Larry Casagrande, with 10 participants

Raffle Drawing: James Laird x2, Harry Davis x2, Brad Lee, Glenn Stephenson, Steve McClure, Michael Anderson, John Arkoosh, Paul Romesburg, and Irene Carillo.

Non-winner was: Beth Stockholm

Gold winner – Ron Meckley

Membership Drawing: Slabbed Dollar – Gerald Doherty, not present
2008 Silver Eagle – James Laird

This Month in American Coin/Currency History:

03/03/1849 – Gold Dollar approved

03/03/1851 – 3-cent coinage approved

03/03/1863 – Fractional currency notes

03/03/1875 – 20-cent issue approved
 03/11/1878 – Philadelphia Mint struck first Morgan Silver Dollars
 03/16/1933 – U.S. prohibits gold coins
 03/23/1836 – Philadelphia Mint struck first coins on steam-driven presses at 10:35 AM
 03/23/1975 – Old San Francisco Mint saved as historical landmark
 03/24/1964 – Kennedy half-dollars distributed
 03/28/1838 – First branch mint coinage (Charlotte, half eagles)
 03/30/1795 – First coinage, half dimes

Upcoming Shows:

Apr 2 - 5 Santa Clara	Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo , Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, (805) 962 - 9939 scshow@exposunlimited.com
April 17 & 18 Sacramento	Sacramento Coin Show , Red Lion Inn (Next to Sears), 1401 Arden Way, Peter McIntosh, (916) 317 - 9055 mcintoshcoins@yahoo.com
May 1 & 2 Sacramento	Spring Coin Show , SVCC, Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.
May 3 Vallejo	37Th Annual Vallejo Coin Show , Vallejo Numismatic Society, Vallejo Elks Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway, Information: (707) 642 - 0216 or (707) 547 - 0518 EMPERORI@juno.com Free admission & parking!

Announcements:

- Σ The new attendees for this evening were: Tom Green, Lawrence Chizmar and Mike Tinner.
- Σ We welcomed Hart Fairclough, a long time member who has not attended a meeting for quite a long time.
- Σ Mike Turrini reports the CSNA is looking for members and he will be conducting a survey.
- Σ Mike Stanley will be attending the ANA Show in Portland, March 12-15, 2009.
- Σ Bill Green reports due to a conflict Zio Frado's will not be able to host our Christmas Party on 12/12/09. By a show of hands that date will be changed to Friday, 12/11/09.
- Σ Our annual picnic will take place on Sunday, July 12, 2009 at Danville's Oak Hill Park. The site is reserved and has been paid. We need a volunteer to be the chair person who will be responsible for arranging the catering, room set up and clean up.
- Σ Our annual coin show will take place October 10-11, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Ave., Concord. Mark Clarkson will handle the accounting and keep track of the money. We do need a volunteer to promote ticket sales.
- Σ Bruce Berman will be the speaker at our meeting on April 16, 2009. His topic is "What Is A Coin Collection"