THE SAN JOSE COIN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Happy St. Patty's





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MARCH MEETING WILL FEATURE **BILL HURJA**

You don't want to miss our March meeting with Speaker, Bill Hurja who will be continuing his talk on Error Coins Part 2 "United States Die Variety Coins". Bill is a great speaker and adds a little story telling to his talks. Bill is very relaxed in speaking and enjoys telling us about him discoveries in collecting. Come on out and enjoy the evening with friends and fellow hobbyist. There will also be an Auction, Show and Tell, Refreshments and Raffle Drawing! See list of Prizes below . . .

MARCH RAFFLE PRIZES:

- 1. Isle of Man 1992 1/10 ounce gold crown, Manx Cat, Proof
- 2. Mexico 1945 2 pesos gold
- 3. 1896-S Morgan dollar
- 4. 1 oz. silver round, Sea World, Proof
- 5. 1991-S U. S. O. commemorative silver dollar, Proof
- 6. 1864 2¢ piece
- 7. 1873 Arrows Seated Liberty dime
- 8. 1967 U. S. Special Mint Set
- 9. 1908-S Barber half dollar
- 10. 1863 Indian cent

DUES ARE DUE

Before the end of March. Payment can be made to Membership Chair, Ed Sins or mailed to Membership Chair, San Jose Coin Club, PO Box 5621, San Jose, CA 95150.



HAVE YOU MOVED?

Send changes to: Membership Chair, San Jose Coin Club, PO Box 5621, San Jose, CA 95150.

WAY TO GO GORDON!!!



Our club's own Roving Ambassador, Gordon Donnell Life Member # 1429 who joined SJCC in January 1989 receives his \$20 Gold Coin from President, Ryan Johnson at the Cupertino Coin Show. Gordon always says, "I never win anything," but he beat the odds at our SJCC Annual Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show this year. While I was talking to Gordon about his win he told me that he has been in the clubs for close to 20 years and has never won any raffle this large. Usually he would win two pesos here and there and nothing larger than that. He was really pleased with his win. Gordon for years has attended SJCC general meetings and was always there to help promote all the bay area club raffle ticket sales or show dates whenever the president mentioned other announcements at the Gordon has had general meeting. health problems the past couple of years and unable to attend our meetings. He sometimes goes to a show if someone will drive him there and back home. Just remember in order to win these raffle prizes you have to buy tickets!

APRIL WILL BE A BUSY MONTH

April 30th ends the club's fiscal year. It is very important that members attend the April General Meeting, which includes the election of officers and board, and the medal design contest. Anyone interested in running for office should contact Sally The medal design contest Johnson. allows all members to have a chance to have their design adorn the obverse of our club medal. Designs must be submitted by the March Board Meeting, to be voted on at the April General Meeting.

MICHAEL S. (STAN) TURRINI IS OTED PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



Congratulations to Michael S. 'Stan' Turrini, life member #1304 who joined SJCC in November 1985. He turns sixty this April 23rd, has been a lifelong proud Californian and coin hobbyist, plus an aficionado of a whole mixture of other things: from stamps to seashells from model railroading to Joe Mora. A 'magna cum laude' graduate of San Francisco State University, 'Stan' just retired, after thirty-one (31) years in the classroom, and now taking the advise of a mentor has not retired 'from' something' but retired 'to' something, namely becoming the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) President. Previously, 'Stan' was CSNA's Vice-President and a Northern Director. He continues serving as CSNA's Youth Numismatic Coordinator and Assistant Editor for its quarterly Californian numismatist. As for CSNA, his first and foremost initiative is the 'CSNA Tomorrow Survey', coordinated by the 'CSNA Tomorrow Committee', which is a very comprehensive survey, questionnaire and poll, to CSNA's entire membership. The next, soon to be mailed, California Numismatist will include this 'Survey'. "From the data and responses, our hope is to compile statistics and comprehend how CSNA might better serve both its members and our 'world of money'," he stated. A confirmed bachelor, whose 'kids' where his students, a Knight of Columbus and an Elk, whose daily routine includes jogging, or trying to jog, and famous for his love of the beaches along San Mateo's Pacific Coast, 'Stan'

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FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

AT THE FEB. 11TH GENERAL MEETING

Club President, Ryan Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM. We went directly into the club auction, called by Auctioneer, Ken Barr, Richard Boston was the Auction Chair and Vice President, Bill Hurja ran the lots. Twenty consignors submitted lots. There were 42 members, no youths, and one guest (Kathe Lockley) present at the meeting. Those who helped at our January coin show were called to the front and thanked by the membership. Show Chair, Ryan Johnson expressed his thanks to everyone who helped at our show. Announcements followed. **Immediate** Past President, Fred Davis announced that the National Computer Museum has a five ton, Babbage Difference Engine #2 on display. Demonstrations of the Babbage difference engine are given Wednesday through Friday at 2 PM and Saturday and Sunday at 1 PM and 2 PM. Medals Chair, Gordon Stubbs has the undelivered drawing prizes from our show's All-Gold Drawing for those who were not present at our show. Secretary, Al Lo Corresponding reminded everyone that the Cupertino Coin Club 37th Annual Coin Show is this Sunday, February 22, 2009, at Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Librarian, Ed Sins notified everyone that eBay Seller IXWisdom from Hong Kong is selling U.S. "replicas." Treasurer, Ray Johnson announced that Capital Plastic six-hole holders are available for sale at \$17.50 Recording Secretary, Lyle Okamoto announced that he has drawing tickets available for the Fremont Coin Club 37th Annual Coin Show All-Gold Drawing. Sally Johnson reminded everyone that the SJCC Banquet is May 9, 2009, at the Three Flames Restaurant. Show and Tell followed with fifteen presenters introduced by Lyle Okamoto.

Larry Benson - Roosevelt dimes sets from BU rolls

Bill Hurja - elongated coins

Ken Barr - 1907 \$1000 "rare proof specimen"

Richard Shusterman - Seychelles 1939 rupee

Martha Davis - 2009 U.S. Territories quarter set

Chuck White - 1909-S VDB Lincoln cent found in a plastic baggie

Ed Sins - Spanish Philip II 2 escudos, Seville Mint; 1788 Louis d'or

Keith Scott - 1847-O and 1850 Seated Liberty quarters

Dan Shattuc - "silver certificate"

Richard Boston - Obama dollar Brian Daniels - 1795 Flowing Hair half Bill Higgins - metal detector finds from the Santa Clara Fair Grounds

Howard Wheeler - miscellaneous badges **Lyle Okamoto** - 1958-D and 1967 halves found in rolls

Don Pannell - 1807 Bust dime, ANACS AU-50 details; new Sacagawea dollar

Show and Tell Prize: Bill Higgins (1991

U.S. proof set)

Attendance Prize: Ron Kanke (1967 U.S. SMS)

Youth Prize: no youths present

A break was called. During the break, Board Member, Martha Davis sold drawing tickets for our main drawing. After the break, a special presentation was made to Al Lo. Al was presented with the Charles Kappen Best in Show trophy for his "America in Space - Young Astronauts Medals" display at our January coin show. Recording Secretary, Lyle Okamoto read the minutes to the Monday, January 26, 2009, SJCC Board Meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Treasurer, Ray Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report. Ray reported that the club's checking account had a balance of \$14,333.26 along with \$171.50 cash on hand, for a total club balance of \$14,504.76. Ray also noted that he had received one bill for show advertising. This bill represented the end of our show expenses.

Old Business none
New Business none

Drawing time! **Ed Sins** drew the first two tickets. The winners were:

- 1. Chuck Call
- 2. Tony Yu
- 3. Tony Yu
- 4. Bill Hurja
- 5. Chuck White
- 6. Rich Medefesser
- 7. Chuck Call
- 8. Bill Shattuc
- 9. Al Lo

Grand Prize: Bill Hurja

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 PM.

AT THE FEB. 23RD BOARD MEETING

San Jose Coin Club President, Ryan **Johnson** called the February 23, 2009 Board Meeting to Order at 8:00 PM, with 11 members present. Absent were Youth President, Evan Hart, Recording Secretary, Lyle Okamoto. Corresponding Secretary, Al Lo and Board Member, Richard Shusterman. The minutes of the February General Meeting were waived, as was the Corresponding Secretary's report. Treasurer, Ray Johnson gave his treasurer's report saying that it was up to

the minute. Curator, Bill Hurja received the club medal specimens from Medals Chair, Gordon Stubbs. Historian, Sally Johnson reported that she took a picture of Life Member, Gordon Donnell receiving his \$20 gold piece that he won at the San Jose show. Program Chair, Bill Hurja said that he will be the speaker at the March meeting. His subject will be 'Part two - United States Die Varieties'. Medals Chair, Gordon Stubbs passed out his report on club medal sales, show admission and show raffle ticket sales. Gordon was complimented on the excellent job he has done on the medals program and at the front desk at our annual show. The board entered into a long discussion on our current medals program; the costs, the interest level of the buyers, etc. A review of the medals program will continue at a future meeting. Nomination Chair, Sally Johnson circulated a sign-up sheet for board members to continue, or not, in their board position. Sally will seek more nominees at the general meeting. Banquet Chair, Sally Johnson announced that the banquet will be held at the Three Flames, on May 9th, with prices being about the same as last year. Youth Advisor, Sally Johnson recommended that discontinue buying the youth prizes, until further notice, for the general meeting, as there are adequate prizes available. Newsletter Editor, Ray Johnson asked if anyone had anything for March's newsletter. Membership Chair, Ed Sins asked Ray to put an announcement in that reminded members that dues were due. Ed reported that there were no new members and gave the board an analysis of the club's members; 161 Life Members, 16 Pre-paid Members and 57 Members on an annual basis, for a total membership of 234. Ed also reported that Life Member. John Palmieri. #91. is celebrating 50 continuous vears as a member this vear. having joined SJCC in January, 1959. Board Member, Ron Ishizaki asked that Dealer, Robert Mish be sent a thank you note for his youth donation to the club. Youth Advisor, Sally Johnson offered to send a thank you. Old Business: The board was reminded that the April meeting was election of officers and the medal design contest. New Business: None. Show Business Sally Johnson passed out an analysis of the show advertising from ads gathered at the door. discussion followed on the cost and effectiveness of the show advertising. The dealer complaints and other possible show locations were brought up and discussed. **Bill Hurja** volunteered to repair the broken show cases.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 PM.

SJCC OFFICERS & BOARD

15 Seated Members

President - Ryan Johnson Vice President - Bill Hurja Treasurer - Ray Johnson Youth President - Evan Hart Recording Sec. - Lyle Okamoto Corresponding. Sec. - Al Lo Historian - Sally Johnson Librarian - Ed Sins Immed. Past Pres. - Fred Davis Curator - Bill Hurja Bourse Chair - Ray Johnson Webmaster - Sally & Ryan Johnson

BOARD MEMBERS

Gordon Stubbs Martha Davis Mario Miramontes Ron Ishizaki Keith Scott **Richard Shusterman**

Hall of Fame Members are Board Members Emeritus with full voting privileges.

The Board of Directors Meeting convenes on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 PM.

All Members are invited to attend

This Month, March 23, 2009

MEETING PLACE

Denny's Restaurant 2077 North First Street (408) 436-8481

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 7, 8 West Token Jamboree Red Lion Sacramento Inn

Mar 8 Livermore Valley Coin Show Elk's Lodge, Livermore, CA

Mar 11 SJCC General Meeting Speaker - Bill Hurja - Part 2 'United States Die Varieties'

Mar 23 SJCC Board Meeting SJCC General Meeting Apr 8

Elections and Medal Design Contest

Apr 17,18 Sacramento Spring 2009 Show Red Lion Sacramento Inn

SJCC Board Meeting Apr 27

May 1, 2 Sacramento Coin Club's Spring Show Dante Club. Sacramento. CA

May 9 **Annual Awards Banquet** Three Flames Restaurant

May 13 SJCC General Meeting Speaker - TBD

Subject - TBD May 18 SJCC Board Meeting (3rd Monday)

See Back Page of Newsletter for Show Details Or visit: wwwsanjosecoinclub.org Click on Club Shows or Club Events

LET'S TALK ABOUT THESE

\$ BILLIONS \$

I found an interesting article on line (author unknown) and decided to pass it along, with a few comments of my own - Ray Johnson

One of our founding fathers observed that when the public realized it could vote themselves money from the national treasury, our country could not survive. Now our grandchildren are going to grow up to an America that we won't even recognize. This fact is too true to be funny.

The next time you hear a politician use the word 'billion' in a casual manner, think about whether you want the politicians spending YOUR tax money.

How many zeros in a billion? A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.

- A billion seconds ago it was 1959
- A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive
- A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
- A billion days ago no-one walked on the Earth on two feet.
- A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes, at the rate our government is spending it.

While this thought is still fresh in our brain, let's take a look at New Orleans. It's amazing what you can learn with some simple division. Louisiana Senator, Mary Landrieu (D) is presently asking Congress for 250 billion dollars to rebuild New Orleans. This is an interesting number. What does it mean? Well, if you are one of the 484,674 residents of New Orleans (every man, woman and child), you each get \$516,528 - or if you have one of the 188,251 homes in New Orleans, your home gets \$1,329,787 - or if you are a family of four, your family gets \$2,066,012. Washington D.C. - HELLO!!! Are all of your calculators broken?

Building Permit Tax

CDI, License Tax

Cigarette Tax

Corporate Income Tax

Dog License Tax

Federal Income Tax

Federal Unemployment Tax

Fishing License Tax

Food License Tax

Fuel Permit Tax

Gasoline Tax

Hunting License Tax

Inheritance Tax

Inventory Tax

IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax)

IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)

Liquor Tax Luxury Tax Marriage License Tax Medicare Tax Property Tax Real Estate Tax Service Charge Tax Social Security Tax Road Usage Tax (Truckers) Sales Tax Recreational Vehicle Tax School Tax State Income Tax

State Unemployment Tax Telephone Federal Excise Tax

Telephone Federal Universal Service Fee Tax

Telephone Federal, State and Local Surcharge Tax

Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge

Telephone Recurring and Non-recurring Charges Tax

Telephone State and Local Tax Telephone Usage Charge Tax **Utility Tax**

Vehicle License Registration Tax

Vehicle Sales Tax

Watercraft Registration Tax

Well Permit Tax

Workers Compensation Tax

And to think we escaped the British to avoid so many taxes. Still think this is funny? Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago and our nation was the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely no national debt; we had the largest middle class in the world and Mom stayed home to raise the kids. What happened? Can you spell politicians? And I still have to dial 1 for English. If any of this stimulates your interest in a billion, then just try to wrap your thoughts around what our politicians keep talking about -800 Billion.....Dollars.

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stated his credo in serving as CSNA's President would be 'to lead is to serve'. When going to coin shows he stated, "I never or rarely bring my 'want list' along to a coin show; rather, I walk the bourse floor many times and just wait until something in a case 'catches my eye' ", he remarked." If I were to complete a set or finish a series, and both cases, maybe not, it would not stop, for my 'eye' is always open to something else, and something with a story to it or behind it," he added. The San Jose Coin Club and the numismatic community congratulate you on your new office and wish you much success!

LOCAL COIN SHOW LISTINGS



May 28 - 30, 2009 September 10 - 12, 2009

Kids' Treasure Hunt Sat. 11 - 2 PM

ADMISSION:

General Admission: \$6.00 Children 7 & Under: FREE Seniors 65 & Up: \$3.00 Club Members (w/ Membership Card): \$4.00

SHOW HOURS:

Thursday & Friday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

CLOSED SUNDAY

Long Beach Convention Center 100 South Pine Ave. Long Beach, CA 90802

www.longbeachexpo.com

WESTERN STATES TOKEN SOCIETY'S 2009

WEST'S TOKEN JAMBOREE

March 7, 8, 2009 Sat. 10 - 6 Sun. 9 - 2:30
Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA
Admission Free * Exhibits * Drawings
Exonumia Auction
Saturday March 7th at 4:30 PM

Bourse - Michael Wehner, PO Box 194271, San Francisco, CA (415) 928-4469 mf wehner@yahoo.com

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB'S 46TH ANNUAL COIN SHOW

March 8, 2009 10 AM - 5 PM Admission Free Parking Free

Elk's Lodge 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, CA

(First St. Exit (Springtown) Off of Highway 580 Bourse - Steve Kramer, PO Box 610, Livermore, CA (925) 442-3794 <u>kramer5@llnl.gov</u>

SANTA CLARA Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo

April 2 - 5, 2009 November 19 - 22, 2009

Kids' Treasure Hunt Sat. 11 - 2 PM

General Admission: \$6.00 (Good for all 4 days) Children 7 & Under: FREE Children 8-16: \$3.00 Seniors 65 & Up: \$3.00 Club Members (w/Membership Card): \$3.00

SHOW HOURS:

Thursday: 11:00AM - 7:00PM Friday & Saturday: 10:00AM - 7:00PM Sunday: 10:00AM - 3:00PM

LOCATION:

Santa Clara Convention Center 5001 Great America Parkway Santa Clara, CA 95054

Free Parking www.santaclaraexpo.com

Sacramento Spring 2009

2-Day Coin Show

Friday and Saturday April 17, 18, 2009

Fri. 10 AM - 6 PM Sat. 10 AM - 5:30 PM

Red Lion Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA Capital City Fwy (Bus. 80) & Arden Way (Next to Sears), Sacramento,

\$3.00 Admission - Good for Both Days

Free Parking

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB'S

SPRING COIN SHOW

MAY 1, 2, 2009

Friday 10 - 6PM Saturday 9 – 4PM

Dante Club

2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento, CA
Door Prizes • Free Parking • Admission \$2 • Kids Free
www.sacvalcc.org (530) 885-9050

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB MEDAL DESIGN CONTEST RULES

- 1. The design must be submitted by a San Jose Coin club member.
- 2. The design shall be on 8½" x 11" unlined paper in a circle of a minimum of 4" to a maximum of 8" in diameter.
- 3. A maximum of two designs is allowed per person.
- 4. The subject matter of each submitted design may be in the form of a single drawing, photo, postcard or a group of drawings in one design. Since most members of the club are non artists, subject matter can be cut out or photocopied pictures, etc.
- 5. The subject matter of the reverse design (<u>not included in this contest</u>) will be the San Jose Coin Club logo and/or club information, as designated by the board of directors.
- 6. The subject matter of the obverse design shall be of the designer's choice and include the year of the next show. The Board reserves the right to reject any questionable subject matter designs.



(This design cannot be used)

- 7. A written explanation of the submitted design can be included for clarification.
- 8. No names or initials are permitted on your design; these will be added to the winning design after the judging.
- 9. If the entry is of a private or commercial subject matter, the designer must obtain written permission from that owner and submit this permission with the design. If permission is not granted, the design will be disqualified.
- 10. Entries may be mailed to the club address (San Jose Coin Club, PO Box 5621, San Jose, CA 95150) or brought to the General Meeting. Entries must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the member's name, and the words 'Medal Design Contest Chair' on the outside of the envelope.
- 11. All entries must be postmarked or submitted on or before the date of the regular March General Meeting.
- 12. In the event of IDENTICAL designs, the first submitted will be entered in the contest.
- 13. The winning design becomes the property of the San Jose Coin Club and will not be returned; all others will be returned.
- 14. The San Jose Coin Club Board of Directors reserves the right to modify the winning design to meet the requirements of the minting process. Any modifications will be cleared with the designer(s).
- 15. If the Medal Design Contest Chair submits a design, the President, at his/her discretion, shall appoint an alternate Medal Design Contest Chair to conduct the medal design contest process.