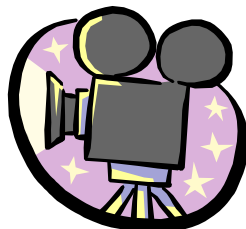


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Our New Program Chairperson Charges Into Action...



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Out with the old and in with the new. That's the tide that keeps us moving forward, and the "new" in this case is our own 1st Vice President, Oded Paz. As 1st VP, Oded carries the responsibility of Program Chairperson. He's in charge of arranging for a program each month, and he's starting off with an interesting video, "Numismatics and Television", from the ANA Library. Oded even pre-screened another video, but decided it was a snoozer and saved us from the deep sleep that would have come about from watching it. I'm looking forward to the one that made his final screening cut, and to the programs he'll arrange for in coming months, too!

White Elephant—Big Bucks for Buffalo Heads

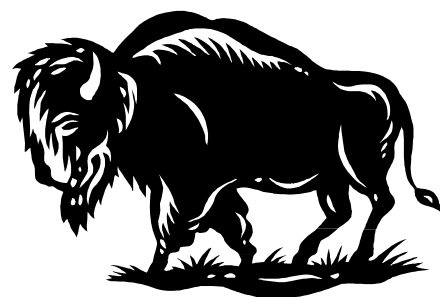
Mary Yahalom worked up enough excitement while auctioning off the White Elephant lots that the club raised \$67.30—way to go, Mary! And thanks to all of those that donated and bid on the items. We all helped to make the evening a financial success for the GCC.

While most of the lots were trinkets of this and do-dads of that, there was one lot I simply can't fail to mention, the ending price of which was so high, it seemed likely to make it to the moon before the bidding stopped! I'm speaking of course of the framed photograph of an old west scene (perhaps a Wells Fargo stage station?). I've included a photo of it on page 2 in case you didn't get a chance to peek at it during the meeting. It



Mary Yahalom holds up a White Elephant lot and tries to convince the crowd to bid. Most everything sold; good job, Mary!

shows several loaf-about's lounging on an old-town boardwalk underneath several mounted



heads of buffalo and has a typewritten added notation as to the significance of the shot. Mary Purnell (thinking of hubby Joe's interests in the old west) and Bob Vick entered into a heated contest to see who would take it home. The price started out for under a buck, and quickly jumped higher and higher, but finally the bidding stopped and Bob was left to take the beauty home with a smile on his face and a spring in his step. Of course that was easy figuring he was \$23 lighter than when he came.

June's Attendance Drawing

We finally held our attendance drawing, the one where all those in attendance write their

names on a ticket and put them in a bucket. Tom Redmond was the winner. I'm embarrassed to admit that I didn't write down what the prize was. Somebody with a better memory than I can remind me at the meeting so I can include it in the next newsletter. We'll be having another attendance drawing later this year. Because our first one was in June I'm guessing that we'll have the next one in December at the Holiday Party.

Welcome New Members

We're happy to report that two new members signed up for the Glendale Coin Club at the August meeting.



Sandy Mazel (member #639) found us on the internet, came to our meeting, and decided to join up. Sandy collects most anything. I'm guessing from the "CM" on his GCC Application that Sandy is also a member of Coin Masters (an Internet-based coin club). Welcome, Sandy!

Craig Rathkamp (member #640) was the invited guest of member Mark Watson. Craig collects Washington quarters, Indian cents, and Winged Liberty Head dimes, as well as store cards (I think we need some of these for "Show 'n Tell"). Craig's also a member of Verdugo Hills Coin Club. Welcome, Craig!

Mark Watson—New Club Representative

Mark Watson will soon be an even busier guy than he's been in the past. Mark volunteered to

act as the Glendale Coin Club's ANA Club Representative and as our NASC Club Representative. These are both important positions that link us to these two key organizations. Mark will be attending various meetings and gathering correspondence and will make occasional reports to the GCC membership in order to keep us informed of the goings-on in the ANA and NASC. Thanks, Mark.

Dorsille's Accident

We were told at the August meeting that Dorsille had been in an auto accident. She's reportedly okay, but rather shaken by the experience. She and Earl weren't able to make it to the August meeting...hope everything's better now, Dorsille. We'll look forward to seeing you and Earl at the September meeting.



Magnificent Management List	
President	Mary Yahalom
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Board	Harry Reder
Board	Viesturs Zagars
Board	Bob Vick
Board	Tom Redmond
Board	Jerry Yahalom

Bill Perkins—New Key Person

Bill Perkins has graciously agreed to be the new "Key Person" for us. Bill will go early to CalFed on the Friday of our monthly meeting so he can pick up the key to the meeting room. This way we'll all be able to continue to enjoy the hospitality of CalFed's donated room. Thanks, Bill, we couldn't do it without you! Now if we can just arrange a back-up for Bill...



Here's a shot of the most noteworthy lot of the White Elephant Auction evening: a framed print of an old west scene extolling the excitement of hunting buffaloes.

GSCS and NASC Banquet

I stopped in at the Golden State Coin Show on Saturday, August 25th. I went on a late afternoon so that I could also conveniently attend the NASC Awards Banquet to be held at a nearby Coco's later that night.

The GSCS had quite a few dealers in attendance, but was nowhere near as big as I remember the last one I went to (probably 10 years or so ago). I saw Mary and Jerry Yahalom there, a few familiar faces from other shows (Joel Anderson, etc.), and met a few new faces... mostly those of the core of the NASC, a state level club I joined while signing in to the show.

The exhibits were pretty good and I enjoyed a 30-40 minute stroll through that area closely examining them. Made me think about perhaps putting together an exhibit of my own next time around. May be something you might think of also. It seems like it would be a lot of fun. We could even make it a group project. Let me know if you're interested.

The NASC Awards Banquet later that evening was also a delight. I sat next to several interesting folks and had entertaining conversation all night long. The food was sumptuous: prime rib, chicken, fish, various vegetables, garlic mashed potatoes, salads, pies, cookies, oh my goodness, I'm getting hungry all over again! I put it all together with a couple of glasses of white zinfandel wine and felt I



came out the richer for the transaction.

The awards themselves were beautiful and interesting: engraved medallions, desk sets, clocks, each being presented with a description of what went into the decision and what the significance of the award was. During the evening I learned more about the people and workings of this state level club and thoroughly enjoyed myself. The banquet closed with the awarding of two money trees as door prizes, as well as the flower table arrangements, etc. I had a lot of fun and vowed to go again next year. I suggest you do also.



Long Beach in October

The famous Long Beach show is coming up October 4-7 at 100 S. Pine Avenue in Long Beach (at the Convention Center). Remember your GCC membership card; it gets you \$3 off of the \$5 admission price (lucky you ends up only paying \$2 to get into this world class show). If anyone is interested in carpooling I suggest they bring it up at the September meeting.

Anybody Hear the One About...

The workers at the Mint who went on strike to make less money?



Some Other Nearby Coin Shows

It was announced at the August meeting that there would be a coin show in Buena Park on October 27th (10am-6pm) and

28th (10am-4pm). It will be held in the Retail Clerks Hall at 8550 Stanton Ave. There are supposed to be over 64 dealers tables. I was told it was on the corner of Stanton and Crescent by Knott's Berry Farm.

In our own backyard (Glendale) we'll soon be having the GlenPlex Coin & Stamp Expo, Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Road. This winner will be held September 21st through 23rd.

If you'd like to take a peek at a current listing of coin shows in California, Gary Beedon keeps one up to date on the NASC website at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~beedon/nasc.htm>.



And from the ANA's "Money Talks" Radio Scripts...

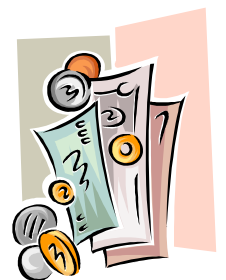
I'll fill out the rest of this newsletter with a couple of items from the American Numismatic Association's website. These "Money Talks" scripts are from the program's beginnings in the early 1990s, but are as interesting as the day they were first heard... (GB)

America's Odd Denomination Coins

by Charles Surasky

Everyone is familiar with today's coins...the pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters that we use in our everyday lives. But did you know that Americans of the last century had some very unusual coins jingling around in their pockets and purses?

During the 18th and 19th



centuries, coins with face values of one-half cent, two-cents, three-cents, and even 20-cents, were struck by our government and used as circulating money.

Copper half-cents were among our nation's first, and most popular, coins. They were abandoned during the 1850s, when inflation pretty much destroyed their buying power.

Bronze, two-cent coins, dated 1864 to 1873, were America's first coins to include the motto "In God We Trust." Increased religious fervor, brought on by the devastation of the Civil War, helped to get the motto struck onto the coin---which was almost the size of today's quarter.

In 1851, the Mint began striking a 3-cent coin. Why a 3-cent coin? Why, to pay for the new 3-cent stamp, of course. That year, Congress had lowered . . . yes, lowered . . . the price of first-class postage from 5 cents to 3 cents. The same Act of Congress that lowered the postal rates, authorized a 3-cent coin for people to use to pay for the stamp. Remember, this was a time when there were shortages of coins, and making change wasn't always easy.

Silver 20-cent coins were perhaps our nation's most unusual denomination. This coin came into being to make it easier for store clerks to make change for purchases. But the 20-cent coins were produced for circulation in only two years . . . and the series quickly ended, because they were too often mistaken for 25-cent coins.

The United States even struck a series of silver dollars

that were illegal to spend in this country . . . they could only be spent in Asia. But that's another story, for another day.

William the Conqueror *by Scott T. Rottinghaus*

He conquered England with just 5,000 men. It was on this date in 1066 that William, Duke of Normandy, defeated King Harold at the Battle of Hastings. No successful invasion has been launched against England in the 900 years since then.

For his new kingdom, William the Conqueror issued coins very similar to those previously used in England. He even imitated the old designs. William left the monetary system untouched as he installed his new political order.

Silver pennies were the only coins issued during William's reign. One of William's sterling silver pennies would have been a good day's wage for an

11th century worker. To make change, people would cut the pennies into halves or quarters. The coins were very thin---so cutting them wasn't difficult. William's pennies had a cross on one side, so people could simply cut along the line of the cross, giving equal-sized pieces.

Larger amounts of money were measured by weight. It

took about 240 of William's pennies, or pence, as they were called, to weigh a pound. That's where the British monetary unit, "pound sterling," came from. The penny itself weighed---you guessed it---about a penny-weight. Even the shilling was originally only a weight---often used to weigh other commodities, like bread.

William the Conqueror's coins were apparently very successful. His son, William II, issued coins almost identical to his father's. In fact, it's hard to distinguish between the coins of the first two Williams. The dynasty William founded didn't change his monetary system for over two centuries.

A penny in the 11th century held a lot more value than a penny does today! But today's collector can still buy one of William's silver pennies for little more than a day's wage---a day's wage at today's rate, that is.

Joke From Tyler Burns

A man listening to the radio hears that a car is headed the wrong way on a highway, forcing people off the road. He realizes his wife is on that highway and quickly calls her on her cell phone.

"Honey, watch out because a car is going the wrong way and running people off the road!"

She screams back, "It's not just one car! There are thousands of them!"



This Month—Our 507th Meeting



Program

Oded has arranged an interesting video for us featuring noted authority, David Lisot. Learn how television has been used and abused in it's presentation of numismatics. I'll see you there...

Door Prizes

- 1990 Mint Set
- 1 Ounce Silver Round—Presidential
- 1992 Mint Set
- 1 Ounce Silver Art Bar—Gettysburg
- 1945 Walking Liberty Half Dollar
- 1 Ounce Silver Art Bar—Flying Tigers
- 1957 Franklin Half Dollar
- 1 Ounce Silver Art Bar—Marilyn Monroe
- 1964 D Kennedy Half Dollar
- 1922 Peace Dollar
- 2 Peso Gold



Birthdays

- Bea Young9/9
- Bill Owen.....9/9
- Jackie Crandall9/13
- Ina Mauck9/21
- Denise Ballard9/23
- Viesturs Zagars9/25
- Jerry Klein9/27
- Mary Purnell9/27



Did we forget your birthday? If so, let our newsletter editor know for next year!



Refreshments

Bea Young will be bringing the goodies in September. I know Bea's discriminating tastes means that we're in for some exceptional treats. I recommend fasting as a means of preparation for the meeting!

Last Month, August 2001—Meeting Results

Attendance—21

Early Bird Prize

New member Sandy Mazel hit the early bird prize in August!



Show and Tell

- Jerry Klein Commemorative Chips
- Kim Klein** Long Beach to Catalina
- Mark Watson Buffalo C&C Set
- Wilfred Gamble*** New Item Sham
- Craig Rathkamp..... 1877 Indians
- Denise Ballard Japanese Gift
- Bob Vick* Past President's Plaque

** Indicates the number of dollars worth of door prize tickets won during the Show and Tell drawing.*

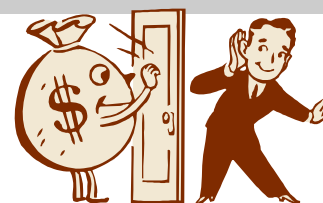
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Denise Ballard arranged our tummies' delights in August. Thanks, Denise!



Door Prize Winners

- 1987 Mint Set (Early Bird)..... Sandy Mazel
- 1964 Proof Set (Silver!).....Mark Watson
- 1 Ounce Silver Round Wilfred Gamble
- 1990 Mint SetJerry Klein
- 1987 Proof Set Kim Klein
- 1 Ounce Silver RoundJerry Yahalom
- 1992 Mint SetSonia Keshishyan
- 1989 Silver Eagle Bob Vick
- 1889 Morgan Dollar (Special Prize)... Mary Purnell
- 2 1/2 Peso Mexican Gold Mary Purnell



Special Prize

Mary Purnell walked away with the 1889 Morgan Dollar.



Membership Drawing

Wow, second month in a row the Ian Crandall won but wasn't present to claim the prize. It'll be \$4 in door prize tickets next month.





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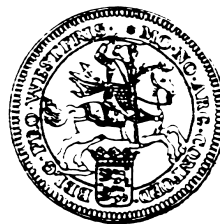
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