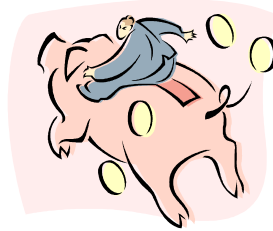


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Change is in the Air



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Prez Says...

How about last month's speaker, Ralph Marx, arranged by Mark Watson. I found Ralph's talk interesting, and all those travelers checks fantastic. He held everyone's attention as he rambled through history discussing the various checks, their original uses, and where they came from. My thanks to both of you guys.

At the May meeting, we will have open nominations for the election of next year's club officers. I appointed Jerry Yahalom and Tom Redmond to the Nominating Committee, so let's get busy and nominate our choice to lead us. Acceptance speeches—or at least an acknowledgement—by the nominees will follow with the election next month.

Also this month, a return of Coin-O night. We will have a brief business discussion, followed by Coin-O, and the auction, with door prizes spread throughout the evening. However, no show and tell this month. Last month's door prizes—the Mystery Coins—will get handed out as well.

Hope to see you there, and don't forget to bring a friend.

Cheers, Sandy

Check Please!

From past editor Greg Burns: It's rare to hear someone talk about this collecting avenue. Not many folks are into this realm, and that's probably why it was so interesting. I had no idea of the great diversity of these instruments, and Ralph's collection seems to have been quite complete.

It would be nice to have something from him to publish. I think a short story would go over well.



Change 1: The Nickel

From the CNN website, an update on the changes to the reverse of the nickel:

It won't be wooden and it still won't be all nickel, but the nation's 5-cent piece soon will have a new look. The U.S. Mint said the new 5-cent coins will be issued for three years

starting this year to recognize the 200th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition. The nickel's current design was introduced 65 years ago, in 1938.

"It is a new century, and the United States is in a renaissance of coin design," Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore said. "This is a very historic moment. It marks the first time in 65 years that Americans will reach into their pockets and pull out newly designed nickels. Americans used to change designs every seven or eight years in the last century. Now we do it every 25 years or so. We've gotten out of the habit," she added.

Images of the Louisiana Purchase and Lewis and Clark's legendary trip across the West will be shown on the "tails" side of the new coins. The "heads" side will continue to carry President Jefferson's face to recognize his role in the purchase from the French and the commissioning of Lewis and Clark's journey.

Holsman Fore couldn't elaborate on the number of designers contracted to revamp the coin, but she noted that both engravers and artists would have input on the final design. "Coins are a miniature work of art on a metallic material. The collecting community has been ask-

ing for [a new nickel] for years,” she asserted.

Change 2: The Quarter

From the California State website, a press release on the state quarter:

Governor Gray Davis today recommended five California State Quarter design concepts to the U.S. Mint as part of the Fifty State Commemorative Coin Program. “I’d like to thank all of the Californians who overwhelmingly showed interest in the Quarter Project,” Gov. Davis said. “With so many submissions, my choice was not an easy one. I believe that the five finalists are an excellent representation of our great state.” The U.S. Mint will review and revise the five designs to meet appropriateness and coinability criteria. The Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, and the Secretary of the Treasury will then review the designs. The five final design concepts are:

- Golden Gate Bridge Collage, Designer: Sarah Bailey of San Diego
- The Gold Miner Collage - “A Golden Moment,” Designer: David Biagini of San Francisco
- John Muir - “Yosemite Valley,” Designer: Garrett Burke of Los Angeles
- Waves And Sun, Designer: James M. Cody of Weed
- The Giant Sequoia - “The Largest Living Thing on Earth,” Designer: Jonathan Louie of San Diego.

The U.S. Mint will work in conjunction with the Governor to create the final California State Quarter design which will then be sent to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for approval. States are honored in the order in which they ratified the Constitution and joined the Union. California was admitted

to the Union on Sept. 9, 1850 and will be the 31st state to release its commemorative quarter in January 2005. To view the five final designs, go to the following website: www.caquarter.ca.gov

Change 3: The \$20 bill

As a follow up to last month’s article, here’s the latest news for the changes to the \$20 bill from the BEP website:

On May 13, 2003, the Department of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve System will unveil a new design and updated security features for the \$20 bill that will be issued in late 2003. Because counterfeiters are turning increasingly to digital methods, and as advances in technology make digital counterfeiting easier and cheaper, the government is staying ahead of counterfeiters by updating the currency every 7-10 years.

The new \$20 notes will be safer, smarter, and more secure currency: safer because they will be harder to fake and easier to check; smarter to stay ahead of tech-savvy counterfeiters; more secure to protect the integrity of the U.S. currency.

Change 4: Sad News

The Old Man of the Mountain, New Hampshire's natural stone profile that looks like a gnarled human face, fell from its mountainside overnight, a state official said Saturday (May 3). Don Bliss, the state’s director of emergency management, said there were no injuries. It wasn’t immediately clear what caused the damage, but Amy Bahr, president of the Franconia Heritage Museum, said she has long been aware that the natural profile could slide, and there had been several efforts over the years to stabilize it. “I knew it would go sometime, I just didn’t think it would

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happen in my lifetime,” Bahr said.

The profile, about 40 feet high and 25 feet wide, was one of the most photographed sites in the state and was considered New Hampshire’s state symbol, appearing on travel brochures and even the state quarter.

Upcoming Coin Events

May 18: North County Monthly Coin Show will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Anaheim, just off the 91 Freeway at Glassell St. Hours are from 9 AM to 4 PM.

May 29 - June 1: The tri-annual Long Beach Coin Show will be in town. It’s at the Convention Center off Pine St. and the doors open at 10 AM.

June 1: Great American Coin and Stamp Show at the Airtel Hotel, 7277 Valjean Ave, in Van Nuys. Come on in as it’s free.

Through August: Starting now, you can sale tickets to the NASC gold drawing. Tickets are \$2 each with \$1 going to the club. So, help out the club by grabbing a pack or two to sale. Then bring the money in at the August meeting.

For What’s It Worth

Wow—a new nickel, the selection of the California state quarter, and new money. An exciting time to live in.

Until next month,
Mark

This Month—Our 527th Meeting



Program

It's Coin-O time again. Bring your rabbit's foot, charm bracelet, and four leaf clover to this month's meeting for luck. Also, remember the club nominates officers this month for next year.

Door Prizes

- Silver Eagle (Early Bird)
- 1968 Mint Set
- 1889-O Morgan Dollar
- 1982 Proof Set
- 1969 Proof Set
- 1891 Morgan Dollar (Special Prize)
- 1879 Morgan Dollar



Birthdays

- Mark Watson.....May 1
- Jeff Ballard.....May 5
- Sandy Mazel.....May 5
- Wilfred Gamble.....May 18
- Christopher Watson.....May 18
- Katharina Miyoshi.....May 26
- Jennifer Watson.....May 30



Refreshments

The Fritchers are at helm for this month's eats. In the batter's box for June, it's the president, Sandy Mazel.



Did we forget you? Then let the newsletter editor know so he can get you next year!

Meeting Results for April 2003

Attendance—16 members and 2 guests

Show and Tell

- Mary Purnell Thin quarter
- Greg Burns Lusitania medal
- *Wilfred Gamble..... News item / token
- **Joe Purnell..... Old times
- Viesturs Zagars..... Red book
- Jerry Yahalom NASC notes
- Mary Yahalom Currency
- Earl Fritcher Error coins
- Dorsille Fritcher Error coins
- ***Tom Redmond..... 2003 State quarter

** indicates the number of dollars worth of door prize tickets won during the Show And Tell drawing.*



Door Prize Winners

- Silver Eagle (Early Bird) Earl Fritcher
- 1882-O Morgan Dollar Bob Vick
- 1888-O Morgan Dollar Greg Burns
- 1879 Morgan Dollar Joe Purnell
- 1885 Morgan Dollar Tom Redmond
- 1978 Proof Set Sandy Mazel
- 1883 Morgan Dollar Tom Redmond
- 1884-O Morgan Dollar Greg Burns
- 1981 Proof Set Sandy Mazel
- 1992 Proof Set (Special Prize)..... Tom Redmond
- 1976 Proof Set Jerry Yahalom

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Thanks to Bob Vick for the festive food!



Membership Drawing

Sorry Connie Redmond, \$648. You're number was drawn but you weren't there. Next month, \$3 of tickets!





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January 18, 2004—March 21, 2004
May 16, 2004—July 18, 2004
September 19, 2004—November 21, 2004

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