



THE DOUBLE EAGLE

Newsletter of the Fremont Coin Club

<http://www.fremontcoinclub.org/>

Club meetings start at **7pm** on the **2nd & 4th Tuesday** of each month at the Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, California

*** **Club Meetings** ***

March 9 - Club

Theme: Short Meeting

March 23 - Club

Theme: Anything Green

April 5th - Board

Trinity Lutheran Church

*** **Shows** ***

Mar. 6 Visalia, Coin Show,
Sons of Italy Hall
4211 West Goshen Ave,
Visalia

Mar. 12-14 Western States
Token Society - Red Lion Inn
1401 Arden Way,
Sacramento

Mar. 14 Livermore CC
Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur,
Livermore

Apr. 17 Santa Maria CC
Elwin Mussel Sr. Center
510 East Park,
Santa Maria

May 2 Vallejo Numismatic
Society, Elks Lodge
2850 Redwood Pkwy,
Vallejo

*** **National Coin Week** ***

Coming: Apr 18– 24

*Note: FCC Board has voted to
increase newsletter advertiser
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"Go For the Gold"

An inspiring Winter Olympics wrapped-up recently with the U.S. doing quite well in medal standings. There is still a chance for your own "gold" at a regular meeting in the prize drawing. Perhaps share a favorite Olympic coin for "Show and Tell"? Speaker Programs: Our February meetings had some excellent program speakers: President Chuck Call (Collecting American Silver Eagles); Michael Turrini (*Jo Mora*—California Jubilee Half Dollar). Details and factoids about those talks on page 4. Interested in being a special presenter? Please see Bruce Cairns at the next meeting. Upcoming topics *may* include: "*Grading Morgan Dollars*" and "*The Lowly Cent*". Coin Show News: Roger Lyles, notes that Long Beach was a very active show and that "collector coins" were selling well. Youth Programs: Juniors attending 2010 club meet-ings will get a ticket entered with their name for a Jan 2011 drawing — See Wanda Johnson. Special Note from the Board/Officers: Please limit purchases using large denomination coins (no more than 10, please) for auction items and drawing tickets. Rolled coinage is fine, but please take it easy on our Treasurer. Membership Dues are due: See Dennis Pagano. Membership Bubbles will start disappearing. Field Trip: The Club is considering a visit to the SF Federal Reserve during Spring Break (Apr 5-9th) or during the summer. 1:30pm Thursday April 8th *may be* a potential target date/time that coincides with Fremont schools—spring break. Sign-up sheet on the back table. (16) folks have signed-up; details see Aaron Houston or Dorothy-Galavich Call. C.S.N.A website notes that there is a *Numismatic Educational Symposium* in sunny San Diego on March 20th at the Holiday Inn—Mission Valley. Notable Speakers: Barry Stuppler (Past ANA Pres.), Richard Ponterio (Bowers-Merana) info here: www.calcoin.org/symposia.html San Diego is nice in springtime. There is a special newsletter insert about Gordon Donnell's special coin meeting on Feb 28th. Lastly, with the approach of the Spring Equinox (Mar 20th), **remember to set your clock's ahead on Mar 14th** (Sunday). Sacramento and Livermore shows occur that weekend.

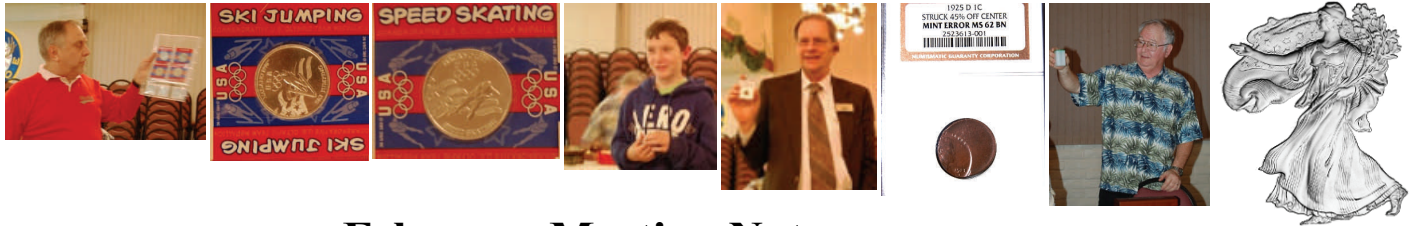
Happy St. Pats!

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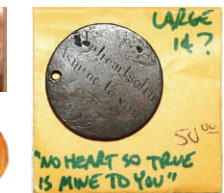
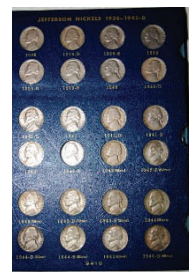
Meetings: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month. Annual dues: Regular \$5, Junior (under 18) \$2, Honorary (over 70) Free.

Chuck Call, President; Bruce Cairns, First Vice President; Dennis Pagano, Second Vice President; Briita Ehlers, Treasurer; Dorothy Galovich-Call, Recording Secretary; Aaron Houston, Corresponding Secretary; Directors: Dave Collins, Harry Davis, Don Ehlers, Wanda Johnson, and James Lawrence



February Meeting Notes

Feb 9th, 2010. (32) members attended. meeting of the Fremont Coin Club called to order at 7:02 pm. Ram Sethi won (2) Walkers in the bubble drawing; Door prize winner: Ray Kowalski won a proof set. Paul Meyerholtz won a \$2 Bicentennial note and stamp with first-day cancellation in a one-time door prize drawing. The extra prize was from Gordon Donnell's estate. Elaine Barton won the silver heart in the *Valentine's Day* drawing. Don Ehlers announced he has all 13 designs of the FCC medals; some are still available for purchase. **Special Presentation: "Collecting Silver Eagles" by Chuck Call.** Building a set of Silver Eagles is both inexpensive and easy to complete. Most coins sell at little over the price of silver. Chuck also presented ways in which collections may be stored, including slabs, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" holders in a binder, Dansco albums (unc. pieces only), and Intercept albums (both proofs and uncs). The presentation served as a prelude to Chuck's announcement that this year the club will record the attendance of junior members. For each meeting a junior attends, they will get a ticket for a drawing to be held at the January 2011 meeting; the first prize will be a 1996 Silver Eagle which Chuck will donate. Additional prizes may also be available. **Show and Tell:** Mike Jordan (complete set of Jefferson nickels); Lyle Okamoto (1919-S cent he found in a Coin Star machine's "rejected change"); Gary Acquistapace (Valentine's casino tokens from Lemoore, CA's Palace Casino and Las Vegas' Opera House Casino); Ken Barr (5 of his favorite love tokens: 1868 \$3 coin, "From Clara to John"; 1854 half, initials MCR; 1878 Morgan, initials MEB; large cent "No heart so true is mine to you;" and a 8-coin bracelet with various initials); Jacob Claassen (2002 holographic Taiwan coin); Roger Lyles (1925-D cent, 50% off-center strike); Chuck White (2 1/2 gram silver bar with US flag); Ray Kowalski (General Mills tokens commemorating the Winter Olympics); Briitta Ehlers (elongated penny from Lucky Lottery); Roger Lyles won the Show and Tell drawing. Prize Drawing had (3) double silver winners: Ray Kowalski, Dan Claassen (3x-Winner; won the Gold), and Paul Meyerholz. Chuck auctioned 14 lots. Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm



Feb 23rd, 2010. Meeting was called to order at 7:13; (30) members attended. Ken Barr won the bubble draw. There was a door prize winner. We had (2) guests, one of which was a returning member who renewed his dues. Chuck Call made a series of announcements including upcoming coin shows and Gordon Donnell Special Coin meeting in Vallejo-Feb28th; Don Ehlers announced that club show drawing tickets are now available for member check-out. Michael Turrini then commenced with his talk about Jo Mora (see page 4 for more details) **Show and Tell:** Dorothy Galovich-Call showed off her 1879-CC GSA Morgan Dollar graded MS 62 by NGC—a 5th wedding anniversary present and 2nd most rare of the CC dollars; Lyle Okamoto found a "virgin" U.S. Virgin Island Quarter + some coins from the Cupertino Coin show; Aaron Houston showed off a San Francisco Old Mint commemorative silver dollar; Ken Barr showed off some art medals he bought at the San Jose show, including a "Toy Book Johnson" high relief bronze medal honoring Victor D. Brenner with a portrait of the Greek god Mercury on the obverse. Dan Claassen shared some coins with a geographic quiz involving countries that have changed their name ([British Honduras](#) now Belize; [Burma](#) now Myanmar; and [Ceylon](#) now Sri Lanke; Chuck White ("the copper king") shared a "small" 2160 gram bar of copper along with a couple of US Large cents he found in a dealer junk box at a local coin show



February Meeting Notes (cont.)

Show & Tell (cont): *Michael Turrini* shared (2) coins he found in Gordon Donnell's famous backpack, his last (2) prizes: a "VF" 1884 Liberty Head nickel—Diablo Numismatics Society; a 1929-S Standing Liberty Quarter in fine at a joint Christmas party; *Bill Hurja* shared a 1945-P double die reverse, first Monticello double die he has found. *Briita Ehlers* shared an error San Jose coin wooden nickel that she gave to Lyle Okamoto. *Ken Barr* won the Show and Tell Prize which was a George Washington half dollar. Chuck Call auctioned 12 lots + 1 donated lot from Gordon Donnell's estate. (Prize Drawing winners list was missing from my notes at time of publication; update in the next issue.) Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Club Officers and Board Members Duties

Chuck Call - President
Bruce Caires (1st VP) - Programs & Show Exhibits
Dennis Pagano (2nd VP) - Membership Chairman
Briita Ehlers - (Treasurer) - National Coin Week exhibit coordinator; club auction accounting
Dorothy-Galovich Call - Recording Secretary
Aaron Houston - Corresponding Secretary; editor of the Double Eagle club newsletter; club photographer
Dave Collins (Board Mbr.) - Prize drawing ticket sales coordinator
Harry Davis (Board Mbr.) - Liaison to Northern California Numismatic Association and other California Coin Clubs
Don Ehlers - Coin show ticket sales and show security; club medals coordinator + sales
Wanda Johnson - Youth Activities
James Lawrence - Dinners and Banquets coordinator



Remember to visit Dennis about Club Membership Renewal

Club Auction lots for Feb 9th meeting



New FCC Member checking out Chuck Call's Silver Eagles



Gordon Donnell's Final Prize



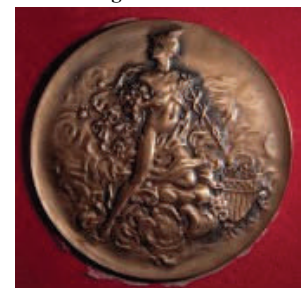
Bruce Caires checking out the Feb 23rd auction items



Dorothy-Galovich Call collects "CC" Dollars

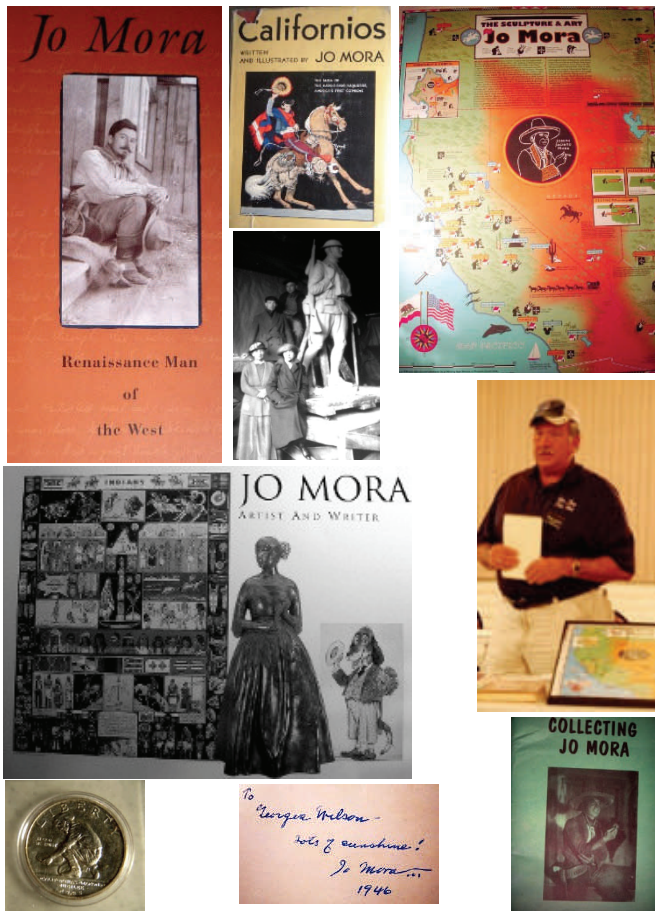


Ken Barr shared an art medal honoring Victor D. Brenner



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- **Note to Coin Club Newsletter Advertisers**, with the new year, the club will be contacting you for your continued support of the club.
- **Medal Designs:** It's not too early to start thinking about a design for the next club medal due in 2011. The design competition should occur mid to late 2010.
- **Coin Show Prize Drawing Ticket Booklets** are now available — See Don Ehlers for details.



Feb 9th Presentation Factoids

“Collecting Silver Eagles” (with Chuck Call)

- Green Monster Box (GMB) contains 25 rolls; each roll contains 20 coins/roll; total of 500 coins per box
- US Mint made special burnished Uncirculated Eagles in 2006-08 with the “W” mint mark; no burnished coins issued in 2009 & 2010
- Eagles can be collected in binders with plastic flips, Dansco Albums that are expandable; Intercept-Shield albums that includes proof issues; and certified slabbed coin sets
- 1996 is key year for the Eagle series, but also for the Canadian Maple Leaf and the Mexican Libertad
- There is often up to a \$3/coin premium over silver spot price for Silver Eagle coins

Feb 23rd Presentation Factoids

“CA Jubilee — Jo Mora” (with Michael Turrini)

- [Jo Mora](#) only designed (1) U.S. coin; the CA Jubilee Half Dollar. Also, designed depression scrip (Carmel Dollars); and, a religious medal for Riordan H.S. in SF.
- Mora came from a wealthy family of artists from [Uruguay](#) who emigrated to Boston in 1880's; Father and grandfather were sculptors. Jo Mora studied art in Boston & NY, but he was not part of the east-coast art/design establishment.
- Mora's designs for the Jubilee Half were considered: “average...done by an amateur...the depiction of the bear is all wrong” by the [U.S. Commission of Fine Arts](#) (CFA); The CFA, comprised of east-coast designers/bureaucrats, wanted their own man, [Robert I. Aitken](#) (\$50 Pan-Pacific gold/Dewey monument at SF Union Sq.), to do the job for \$2500. California Jubilee Committee led by future SF mayor [Joe Rossi](#) insisted on Mora, for a “nominal fee”.
- Telegrams between Rossi and the Mint were testy; east coast vs. west coast mentality. Mora's designs had to be sent by Rail Express and by Air Mail in order to make the planned Diamond Jubilee ceremonies...Risky, airplane was still new technology. US Mint wanted their money ASAP for the work on the coin dies; Rossi had to wire the money.
- US Treasury department in the 1920-30's, generally, did not approve the minting of commemorative coins.
- First CA Jubilee Half was publically viewed by the [Pacific Coast Numismatic Society](#) on Aug 26th, 1925.
- The SF Clearing house distributed the Jubilee Halves for \$1; (470) CA babies born on 9-8-1925 got one; Striking ceremony held at the Old SF Mint; 20 participants got one; SF De Young Museum received one for display.
- **Jo Mora—Renaissance Man of the West:** sculptor; painter; muralist; etcher; illustrator; cartoonist; cartographer; photographer; Navajo & Hopi speaker + tribe member; cowboy; author; children's book author; world-traveler; vaquero; business-man; journalist; diarist + lots more.



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