



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 ***

Apr 4th - Board meeting at the Church

Apr 12th - Regular meeting
Last Chance to order your FCC Coin Medals

Apr 26th Regular Meeting
Theme: Super Auction

*** Coin Shows/Events ***

National Coin Week

Apr 17 - 26th

Member Display @ Bank of the West - Paseo Padre (Near Lake Elizabeth)

Apr 15-17th Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, & Expo
5001 Great America Parkway
Santa Clara

April 17th-23rd - National Coin Week.
Membership displays @ Bank of the West

May 1st Vallejo CC
Veterans Memorial Bldg.
420 Callaghan Lane
Vallejo

May 6-7th Sacramento Valley Coin Club - DANTE CLUB
2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.
Sacramento

May 20-21st San Francisco Historical Bourse
Holiday Inn Golden Gateway
Gold Rush Ballroom
1550 Van Ness Ave
San Francisco
Admission: \$10 or \$5 with coupon from www.SFBourse.com

APRIL 2011

Santa Clara Show this month!

The cold weather is starting to fade and spring is almost here. There are a number of updates to bring to the FCC membership, so let's get to it! **Coin Medals:** The board set the *first meeting in April (April 12th) as the deadline for members to order their individual club medal sets*. Each set consists of 1 silver medal, 1 antique bronze medal, and 1 bright bronze medal. The price is **\$55 per set and each order must be paid at the time the order is placed**. If medal sets cost the club less than the \$55 price, a partial refund will be made (any amount over 99¢). All individual medal sets must be preordered; the club will not have extra medal sets available for sale. Please pay in cash or by check. No rolls of coins will be accepted. A sign-up sheet will be at the membership desk. Bruce Caires will be collecting the money and issuing receipts. The club is changing its award structure for: National Coin Week Exhibitors, FCC Coin Show exhibitors, and Club officers. We are substituting a bronze engraved medal instead of the silver medals the club. **Membership Dues are due:** Those who still have not paid their dues will see their "bubble" removed and their name removed from the newsletter list. New Club Sponsor: Larry Shapiro Rare Coins (Palos Verdes, CA) **Show Raffle Tickets:** Remember to check out your Fremont Coin show raffle tickets from Don Ehlers. The club will again be holding an all gold show raffle, featuring a \$20 St. Gaudens gold piece.

National Coin Week Apr 17-23, 2011: The Club will be exhibiting again at Bank of the West. If you are interested in exhibiting see a Club officer and the club has cases for use. **Speaker Program:** No Speakers for the March meetings. 1st VP Bruce Caires will have further updates in May. **Announcements:**

See you at the next meeting in April!

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

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

MARCH MEETING NOTES

Mar 8th, 2011 Meeting called to order at 7:07pm by Pres. Chuck Call. (32) attendees. **Bubble Draw:** Kurt Hermann **Door Prize:** TBD. **Announcements:** April 12th is the deadline to purchase FCC Medal Sets -- See Bruce Caires is taking signups & the \$55/set payments. Lyle Okamoto had discount coupons available for the ANA Show in Sacramento and has raffle tickets for the Diablo Valley Numismatic Society's coin show in October. Secretaries' minutes waived. **National Coin Week** starts on April 17th; the club will be exhibiting at Bank of the West. See a club officer to exhibit and if a display case is needed. The club has extra display cases.

Show and Tell:

Aaron Houston - brought his set of Fremont Coin Club medals which included the 1976 edition

Dan McCarthy - 1986 Silver Mexican "Onza"

Tony Yu - showed off a fantastic find: A 1893-S Morgan Dollar that was in a money clip he bought

**** Chuck White** - brought a Franklin Half set with its Capital Plastics holder which he saved from the smelter

Ron Ikebe - Provided an update on JP Morgan and the silver futures market

Roger Lyles - a 1984 pamphlet about silver

Brüta Ehlers - shared a \$1 in savings bank token

Ken Barr - 1645 Swiss 1/2 Batzen from the Canton of Sittin

Lyle Okamoto - 1844 Large Copper from the Bank of Montreal in Canada

Bill Hurja - shared some nice Red Wheat Cents from the 1940's, part of a hoard he acquired.

**** Chuck White won the Show & Tell Prize.**

Auction: Chuck Call auction 14 lots; **Silver Prize Winners:** Ray Kowalski (2X), Ed Caires, Alan Sobaje, Bill Hurja, Jim Barton **Gold Prize Winner:** Chuck Call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm



TonyY found this 1893-S Morgan in a money clip



Chuck White rescued this set of Franklin Half dollars in its Capital Plastics holder from the melting pot!



Lots of interest in bullion silver in the FCC regular meeting auction & @ the Livermore Vally CC Coin Show

Mar 22nd, 2011 Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by President Chuck Call. (36) members in attendance. **Bubble Draw:** was waived till the bubbles can be replaced. **Door Prize:** won by Rose Rose. **Announcements:** **Last Chance to get the **2011 FCC Medal Sets** will be at the April 12th meeting. See Bruce Cairns for the payment of \$55/3-coin set and for the list of unassigned numbers. There was also a discussion about FCC Gold medal strikes between President Chuck Call, Roger Lyles and Vince Lacariere. There were (7) Gold FCC medals struck the last time the club struck medals. See Chuck Call if you are thinking of purchasing a Gold Medal. President Chuck Call welcomed to new FCC Members: Alan Sobaje and Chris Kowalski. **FCC Membership dues:** Is due now. .

Show & Tell (12) participants included:

Lyle Okomoto - CoinStar finds

Dennis Pagano - a set of (3) medals depicting the Great Seal of the United States

Michael Jordan - Something Green -- St. Patrick Stamps.

Dorothy Galovich-Call - Something new to collect, Koala Bear bullion coins from Australia.

Bill Hurja - Anything Green -- multi-colored 1916 Mercury dime purchased @ the ANA show.

Gary Acquistapace - very colorful \$10 slot tokens from the Riviera in Las Vegas.

Roger Lyles - 1670 Colonial St. Patrick's farthing.

Jacob Claassen - Unusual Jefferson Nickel...and error? or Not!

Chuck Call - A collection of large denomination currency: \$100, \$500, & \$1000 notes.

Briita Ehlers - a "hot" penny w/Seattle Space Needle image + how hot sauce might be used to cleanup coins.

****Michael Jordan won the Show and Tell prize****

Auction: Chuck Call auctioned 16 lots, including one donation. **Prize Drawing:** Silver Winners: Triple Winner - Robert Gatriex; Chuck Call; Dennis Pagano; Howard Silsdorf; Gold 2-peso Winner: Ed Cairns. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.



1670 St. Patrick's Farthing
Photo Courtesy of Roger Lyles



APRIL 18TH, 2011 -- ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1906 GREAT QUAKE
UNITED STATES MINT AT SAN FRANCISCO



Quick Facts: Origin and Beginnings 1848 - 1854

- In December 1848--with the **California Gold Rush** underway and the urgent need for gold coinage for commerce in the West -- **President James K. Polk**, in his last annual message to Congress, proposed that a new branch of the United States Mint be located in California.
- **Established as the fourth branch** mint (following the principle mint at Philadelphia (1792) and branch mints at New Orleans, LA, Dahlonega, GA, and Charlotte, NC (all 1835), by **Act of Congress** and the signature of **President Millard Fillmore**, on **July 3rd, 1852**.
- **Open for business on Monday, April 3, 1854**, with the receipt of the first gold deposits; actual coin production began two weeks later. The mint's opening rated only a very small article in the next day's issue of the Daily Alta California, the city's chief newspaper.
- **Only vitally needed gold coins were produced in 1854**---\$4 million worth by end of year, approx, 200,000 oz of gold (then officially valued at \$20.67/oz.). **Production of silver coinage began in 1855**. [Coinage of the minor, non-precious metal denominations--cents and nickels--was restricted to the Philadelphia mint until the early 1900's.]
- **The "S" mintmark, first used in 1854, is the oldest mintmark still stamped on coins of the United States Mint**. [Although, the Philadelphia Mint began producing coins long before San Francisco, the "P" mintmark was only used for the first time in 1942, to identify wartime silver-alloy "nickels" for later remelting. Philadelphia had no need for a mintmark when it was the sole mint (1792-1837) and remained without one, by tradition, for most of its history.]
- The Second [OLD] mint 1874-1937 and 1972-1997 is **located in the downtown San Francisco area, at the NW corner of Fifth & Mission Streets**. Built in the classical style of architecture, usually labeled "Federal Greek Revival" was the one of the last and best built of this style. The building's foundation was **built on top of a bed of sand to withstand earthquakes**; and so, the Old Mint survived the Great Quake and Fire of 1906.

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