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Upcoming meetings

- Friday, April 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Program: Officer Installation
- Friday, May 10, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Program: TBA

Cupertino Coin Club meets at West Valley Presbyterian Church, McHattie Hall, 6191 Bollinger Avenue at Miller Avenue, Cupertino.

EDITORIAL

In Loving Memory- Dean Soderstrom

Ernest (Dean) Soderstrom passed away March 31, 2013 at his home in the presence of family and friends. He was born in Oregon. He served in the US Army Air Corp in World War II, retiring from active duty in 1967. He is survived by 5 children, 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Kathleen, his wife of 34 years. Dean was an avid coin collector and a life member of Cupertino Coin Club. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 12, 11 AM at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 13601 Saratoga Ave. in Saratoga.

→ Kudos to **Youth President Brennan L.** for expertly leading the March general meeting! We had our elections of our Board of Directors for 2013-2014. Your new Cupertino Coin Club Board is:

President: Emile M.

Vice President: Greg J.

Junior President: Brennan L.

Recording Secretary: Lyle Okamoto

Corresponding Secretary: Al Lo

Treasurer: Gary

Historian: Harold W.

Board of Directors: Wayne C.

Martha D.

Steve Kooij

Allison Paker

Stephan L.

Howard W.

The new board will be installed at the April meeting. To celebrate this momentous occasion, we will be having **Polish Sausage Night!** Yah! Polishes and hot dogs will be served at about 7 pm so come early and bring your appetite. To make our celebration even better, feel free to bring a salad, bag of chips, or dessert to share.

→ The Santa Clara Coin & Collectibles Show is coming up on April 19-21. The Cupertino Coin Club will be selling drawing tickets at the front desk, and we need volunteers to man the table in shifts of two hours. There will be a sign-up sheet at the April general meeting for everyone who is interested. This raffle is a great fundraiser for our club so if you are able to help, it is greatly appreciated.

→ **Medal Design Contest** is coming in April! Sharpen your crayons and enter your finest medal design. The winner will have his or her design immortalized on our club's 2014 medals!

The **Cupertino Coin Club Medal Reverse Design Contest Rules** are as follows:

- The design must be on unlined paper in a circle of six to eight inches in diameter.
- The subject matter of your reverse design may be in the form of a single photo, postcard, or group of drawings in one design. Not all members of our club are artists, so the subject matter may consist of cutout pictures and the like.
- You may submit an explanation of your design.

- You may submit a maximum of two designs.
- The designer's name or initials may not appear on the design or design explanation. These will be added after the winning design is selected.
- If your entry is of a private, commercial, trademarked, or copyrighted subject matter, then you must obtain written permission from the rights holder. If permission is not granted, then the runner-up design will be used.
- The following information must be placed on the design: "42nd Coin Show", "Napredak Hall", and "February 16, 2014".
- All entries may be submitted at a regular club meeting or mailed to the club at: CCC Medal Design, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448.
- All entries must be delivered to the President by 8:15 PM at our April 12, 2013, meeting, or arrive at our club's P.O. Box by April 12, 2013. The entries will be voted upon by our membership at our April 12, 2013, regular meeting.
- In the event of IDENTICAL design submissions, the first design submitted will be entered in the design contest.
- The winning design becomes the property of Cupertino Coin Club and will not be returned. All other entries will be returned. The Cupertino 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.
- The winning designer shall receive one copper medal as the winner's prize.

→ **Dues are due!** Dues are still only \$5 for adults and \$1 for youths. Dues help pay for refreshments at club meetings and special events like Polish Sausage Night so be sure to pay your dues on time. To pay your dues or to double check that you have paid, see Membership Chair **Al Lo**.

→ Our **Annual CCC/SJCC Picnic** is slated for Saturday, July 20, 2013 at noon in Las Palmas Park in Sunnyvale. The cost is only \$3 for adult club members and those 17 and younger are free. This is the chance for everyone from both clubs to come together and bond over picnic foods like hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips. All the food is being provided by the clubs so you won't have to bring anything as a potluck. A reservation form is included with this newsletter. Please return all forms to SJCC Picnic Chair Keith Scott or mail to the address on the reservation form. Checks should be made out to San Jose Coin Club.

→ Why not get ready for spring in our **Cupertino Coin Club T-shirts** which just happen to be available in sizes L-XL with our CCC logo on either the front or the back. They are a bargain at only \$8 each or two for \$15. See **Lyle Okamoto** at our club meeting if you are interested in the finest coin club T-shirts anywhere!!!

→ **Happy Birthday** cheers go to our April birthday members. **Happy Birthday, Tyler M., Greg J., Duane B., Linda R., & Mr. Michael S. Turrini!!!**

Recap of our **Friday, March 8, 2013 General Meeting**

- **Club President Fred D.** called our meeting to order at 7:31 PM. **Fred** welcomed everyone. There were 42 people in attendance, including five youths. **Junior President Brennan L.** will be running our meeting tonight.
 - **Ken B.** expertly called our club auction, and **Shawn C.** was our youth runner.
 - **Junior President Brennan L.** took control of the gavel and ran our meeting.
 - **Julia B.** drew our winning Buyer's Prize ticket.
- Buyer's Prize:** **Ken B.** (Morgan dollar 2011 0.999 fine 1-oz. copper medal) Thank you Julia! Congratulations Ken!
- Announcements followed. **Lyle Okamoto** announced the Livermore Valley Coin Club 50th Annual Coin Show on Sunday, March 10, 2013, at the Elk's Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore. **Lyle** also announced the Fremont Coin Club 41st Annual Coin Show on Saturday and Sunday, July 27-28, 2013, at the Elks Lodge #2121, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont. **Lyle** has All-Gold Drawing Tickets for the FCC Show. **Lyle** wished everyone a Happy Pi-Day (3.14 - 3/14). Our CCC/SJCC Annual Joint Picnic will be on Saturday, July 20, 2013, at Las Palmas Park, 850 Russett Drive, Sunnyvale.

• **President Fred D.** wished Happy Birthday to our March birthday members, of whom, four were present. **Ron Ik.** picked number 4 (of 4).

Birthday Prize: Brennan L. (Pandas 2012 0.999 fine 1-oz. copper medal) Thank you Ron! Congratulations Brennan!

• **Betty H.** drew our winning Attendance Prize ticket.

Attendance Prize: Brennan L. (New Zealand, 1984, copper-nickel dollar) Thank you Betty! Congratulations Brennan!

• **Harold W.** asked youth member **Alex T.** to announce Show and Tell with sixteen presenters, including:

Greg J.	Series 1914 large-size \$20 bill
Chuck C.	Buffalo
Ed S.	unusual coppers
Ken B.	"\$4 Stella" love token
Don B.	star note silver certificates purchased at our CCC Show
Gary	Paulsen NASDAQ chip
John M.	Barber half obtained at bank
Harold W.	1832 Capped Bust half with lettered edge
Shawn C.	Washington quarter album
Allison P.	first 2013 cent finds
Martha D.	tenth-ounce California bear medal
Keith S.	1876 Seated Liberty quarter purchased on eBay
Bill Hu.	1999 Lincoln cent, far AM variety
Howard W.	Queen Mary medal
Alex T.	Buffalo nickel
Lyle Okamoto	latest Coin Star silver finds

Youth member **Shawn C.** received a 1939-D Mercury dime for his Show and Tell participation. Youth member **Alex T.** received a 1967 Kennedy half for his participation. **Junior President Brennan L.** picked our winning Show and Tell Prize ticket.

Show and Tell Prize: Allison P. (Aztec 2012 0.999 fine 1-oz. copper medal) Thank you Brennan! Congratulations Allison!

• Nominations: **President Fred D.** announced our 2013-2014 club officer nominees. There were no contested offices. **Katherine R.** moved to close nominations. **Keith S.** seconded. The motion passed.

• A break was called. **Martha D.** sold drawing tickets on behalf of our club. During the break, five youths participated in our Youth Drawing. **Betty H.** and **Dan B.** brought pie, cookies, croissants, fruit strudel, muffins, tea, coffee, and more to share with our club members. **Greg J.** brought sodas and juice. **Wayne C.** helped with clean-up.

• **Old Business:** none

• **New Business:** none

• **Drawing Time.** **Ed S.** drew our first two winning tickets.

1. **Jonathan**
2. **Joe M.**
3. **Joe M.**
4. **Jonathan**
5. **John M.**
6. **Martha D.**
7. **Dan B.**

Grand Prize: Dan B. (2013 First Release silver Eagle, NGC MS-69)

• Our meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM. Everyone said "Goodnight".

Recap of our **Wednesday, March 20, 2013 Board Meeting**

President: **Fred D.**

Vice President: **Emile M.**

Recording Secretary: **Lyle Okamoto**

Corresponding Secretary: **Al Lo**

Historian: **Harold W.**

Board Members (3): **Martha D., Greg J., and Stephen L.**

- **Club President Fred D.** called our meeting to order at 7:32 PM. **Fred** welcomed everyone. There were eight board members and no guests present.

- **Recording Secretary Lyle Okamoto** reported nothing new.

- **Corresponding Secretary Al Lo** received the usual club newsletters, including ANA The Numismatist and CSNA The California Numismatist. **Al** also received a change-of-address from **Don B.**

- **Treasurer Gary** was not present. Both **Fred D.** and **Al Lo** had copies of the Treasurer's Report. All is well. The final numbers for our CCC Show are not in yet. **Al Lo** noted that there still is another approximately \$5 in expenses to be paid.

- **Historian Harold W.** reported nothing new.

- **Program Chair Emile M.** reported that our Friday, April 12, 2013, meeting will feature Club Officer Installations, 43rd Anniversary Party, and Medal Design Contest. Our party will be Polish Sausage Night. **Greg J.** will bring soft drinks (6 sodas and 2 juices).

Out-going **Club President Fred D.** will start our general meeting, and in-coming **Club President Emile M.** will take over and finish our meeting.

Greg J. will arrive early at 6 PM to cook the water for our sausages to just the right crispiness. **Martha** and **Fred D.** will look into hot dogs and sausages at Smart & Final and Costco. After a discussion, we determined that we will need about 70 sausages (30 hot dogs and 40 Polish sausages). **Fred D.** will call **Katherine R.** about bringing salads. **Fred** will bring a big bag of chips. **Rita** and **Joe M.** have the utensils and paper plates donated by **Katherine R.**

- **Membership Chair Al Lo** reported no new application for membership. **Dues are due.**

- Our illustrious **Coin Press Editor Allison Paker** was away celebrating her 3-year anniversary with **Steve Kooij.**

- **Picnic Chair Lyle Okamoto** reported that our CCC/SJCC Annual Joint Picnic will be on Saturday, July 20, 2013, at Las Palmas Park, 850 Russett Drive, Sunnyvale.

- **Nominating Chair Al Lo** reported that we have a full slate of officers.

- Old Business: **Harold W.** spoke with **Keith S.** about a cabinet for our CCC medal display. **Ron Is.** has our ticket drum from **Martha D.** **Ron** will try to fix the drum.

Fred D. reported on our NCNA Gordon Donnell Award nominees. **Fred** read the nomination letters for our two candidates. **Emile M.** moved to accept both nominees. **Martha D.** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Copies of the nomination letters were give to **Historian Harold W.**

- New Business: **Fred D.** had a sample drawing ticket for **Scott G.'s** Santa Clara Show in April. **Fred** received the following price quotations from Minuteman Press in Fremont: 2000 tickets for \$136.63 and 2500 tickets for 182.63. **Scott G.** pays for the tickets, our club pays for the prizes, and our club keeps the money from ticket sales. The drawing prizes will be one \$2.50 Liberty, 2 Mexican 2-pesos, and 12 silver Eagles. Our board recommended 2500 tickets for the April show.

Emile M. reported that Scoutarama is coming on Saturday, May 11, 2013. There will be a table available for a coin collecting display. **Fred D.** said that he will bring it up at the San Jose Coin Club board meeting.

- Show Business: For our Cupertino Coin Club 41st Annual Coin Show on Sunday, February 17, 2013, **Fred D.** said that it looked like another great show. Napredak Hall manager **Vivian** has us in her datebook for 2014, but we do not know if she will raise our hall rental rate. **Vivian** allowed us to book the date for our 2014 CCC Show, but she would not let us put a down payment on the hall rental.

Fred D. reviewed our lessons learned from our CCC Show. **Fred** said that we should set aside chips for lunch pre-orders because we ran out of some types of chips. We received lunch pre-orders at 11 AM, but the dealers did not want to eat until about 1 PM.

• **President Fred D.** thanked everyone for the support that we gave him. Our meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM. Everyone said "Goodnight!"

Please note this month's board meeting is on April 17, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the same McDonald's at 5122 Stevens Creek Boulevard at Lawrence.

Closing prices from April 8, 2013

Gold: \$1566.20/troy ounce	Copper: \$3.3406/pound	Euro=US\$1.3023
Silver: \$27.22/troy ounce	Australian dollar=US\$1.0416	Swiss franc=US\$1.0693
Platinum: \$1535.00/troy ounce	Canadian dollar=US\$.9836	100 Japanese yen= US\$1.000
Palladium: \$732.00/troy ounce	British pound=US\$1.5268	10 Mexican pesos= US\$0.821

UPCOMING MINT RELEASES!

- **March 28-** 2013 United State Mint Proof Set®
- **April 11-** Presidential \$1 Coin Rolls, Bags and Boxes- Theodore Roosevelt Rolls, 100-coin bags, 250-coin boxes, & 500-coin boxes
- **April 16-** 2013 America the Beautiful Quarters 3-coin set™- Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial (OH)
- **April 18-** American Eagle Gold Proof Coins
1 ounce, ½ ounce, ¼ ounce, 1/10 ounce, & 4-coin set
- **April 23-** Native American \$1 coin rolls, bags, and boxes
Rolls, 100-coin bags, 250-coin boxes, & 500-coin boxes
- **April 25-** 2013 America the Beautiful Quarters Uncirculated Coin Set™
- **April 30-** 2013 United States Mint Happy Birthday Coin Set
- **April 30-** 2013 United States Mint Congratulations Set
- **May 2-** 2013 United States Mint Silver Proof Set®
- **May 9-** 2013 Theodore Roosevelt \$1 Coin Cover
- **May 9-** American Eagle West Point Two-Coin Silver Set

UPCOMING SHOWS!

• **Santa Clara Coin & Collectibles Show.** April 19-21, 2013. Friday & Saturday 10-7. Sunday 10-4. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara. \$6, \$2 off with coupon. Admission good all three days.

• **Sacramento Valley Coin Club's 56th Anniversary Spring Show.** April 26-27, 2013. Friday 10-6. Saturday 10-4., The Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. \$3, \$1 off with blue coupon. Free parking! Free hourly door prizes! Gold & silver coin raffle!

• **Vallejo Numismatic Society 41st Annual Vallejo Coin Show.** Sunday, May 5, 2013. 9-4. Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Ln., Vallejo. Drawings! Exhibits! Youth Table! Free admission & parking!

• **San Francisco Historical Bourse.** May 17-18, 2013. Friday & Saturday 10-6. Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, 1500 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco. \$10, \$5 off with coupon.

• **Downtown Coin Club Annual Coin Show.** May 18-19, 2013. Saturday 10-5. Sunday 10-4., Carson City Nugget, 507 North Carson St., Carson City, NV. \$2, \$1 off with ticket. Admission good for both days. Kids free. A portion of the proceeds to benefit The Nevada State Museum and Carson Senior Center. Gold & Silver Raffle! Free parking!

RECALLING RON---GONE BUT STILL REMEMBERED

“I Count Myself In Nothing Else So Happy, As In A Soul Remembering My Good Friends.”---Shakespeare

It has been two decades, since March 16, 1993, when Ronald Lee ‘Ron’ Miller was tragically murdered in his Fremont, California coin shop.

In the weeks following, there were tributes in various California periodicals and local newspapers, summing up that Ron was an *‘ambassador to numismatics’*: attending a coin show nearly every weekend, belonging to over fifteen (15) local coin clubs as well as national and specialty groups, serving as President of the Fremont Coin Club, San Jose Coin Club, and Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), as well as other positions. His most notable contribution was cofounding the Fremont Coin Club back 1971. In addition, he was a frequent speaker at local coin clubs, a generous supporter toward local coin club activities, and a staunch supporter of youth numismatics, plus a recognized authority in California tokens and Buffalo Nickels, which he once addressed as his niche.

While it has been twenty years, and many may not remember him, his presence is still felt. At Fremont Coin Club meetings, every once in a while, his name is mentioned always in respect and reverence. Among coin dealers, who have been in the business for many years, his name is spoken in kindness and acknowledgement of his knowledge and enthusiasm for our hobby, and his famous labeled coin holders and flips still appear just as the day that he marked and stapled these.

These are all good, and these speak of the legacy Ron left. His legacy is not just memories or his famous flit-tipped written wavy lined flips with that unique left hand writing; no it is greater lessons.

Ron preached quality. Buy and collect quality, not just the highest grade or best choice specimen, but, quality in the look and rarity. His talks always punctuated that quality never deteriorates nor loses its luster and only earns value and enjoyment years afterward.

Ron believed in service. His aforementioned short summary only tips the iceberg of his service. He committed himself to service in those groups that he joined and became active. He once remarked to this author that after a particular grueling ordeal at a local coin club board meeting he thought about quitting. I asked what he did: he returned to the next board meeting and continued, rising to become its President.

Ron encouraged others to participate. He wanted not so much others to replace him in a particular position or assignment, but to join in the effort. He firmly believed and advocated, by his own example, that one should be more than a *dues-paying* member: one should be a *committed and contributing* member.

Ron never forgot that family is first. With all his shop hours, weekends at shows, and regular cycle of meetings, family was first. A fellow coin hobbyist of many years, Fred G. van den Haak still recalls that he and Ron would always talk about their families and children rather than a potential coin purchase. Also, my late Mother never forgot Ron telephoning a message saying that he could not attend an evening event since one of his children was quite sick, remarking as the dad he had to be with his kid.

It is these that endure, and among those dwindling number of acquaintances, customers, and friends, there a legacy: something now two decades later that lasts and cannot be forgotten.

For those of us, who knew Ron, purchased coins from him, were associated in positions along side of him, and still remember the telephone call reporting his tragic passing, we cannot forget. It is in this vane that this remembrance was written: to remind us that Ron was that *‘ambassador to numismatics’*.

To continue his legacy, in the immediate years after his passing, the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) established the *‘Ron Miller Memorial Award’*, *‘The Miller Medal’*, as it is named. This annual award has honored several Californian coin celebrants in its nearly two decades and is intended to instill and to inspire his example for decades yet to be.

Closing, Bruce Lee once remarked that ***“The Key To Immortality Is First Living A life Worth Remembering.”*** Nothing speaks of his legacy plus more eloquently of Ronald Lee ‘Ron’ Miller.

--Michael S. Turrini
Vallejo, California

Michael S. Turrini, active and avid California based coin celebrant, was associated with the late Ron Miller in the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) and purchased several prized coins from him, particularly a very high grade 1934S Peace Dollar. Mr. Turrini was bestowed the first *‘Miller Medal’* back in 1995.