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Editor's Message

Welcome to summer! The CCC has a number of activities this summer, including our June, July, and August meetings, our medal design contest (page 5, our 2020 medal, right), and our picnic on 15 August (page 3).

On the following page, Suzy T. describes our volunteering at Scout-o-Rama, the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, Scouting America's "open house" at History Park San Jose. On page 4, Dan S. summarizes his talk from our May meeting on "Hyperinflation Money."

Elsewhere in this issue, Dan S. quizzes us on circulating coins and he and I outline the American Numismatic Association's America250 National Parks Project.

If you have any questions about the *Coin Press*, or are interested in submitting articles or advertisements, please reach out to me. Advertising is only \$5 for a business-card sized ad (3.5"x2"). Please consider submitting to help support the club.

-Cam S.



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Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday cheers go to our members with June Birthdays. Happy Birthday: Emily B., Steve C., Griffin G., Glen G., Richard J., Joseph K., Steve K., Al L., Quincy M.-L., Gemma R., Scott S., Dan S., and George G.! Make sure to attend our meeting this month for the opportunity to win a special prize! Last month, Lucas H. won the birthday prize. Congratulations to Lucas!

Club News

Upcoming Meetings and Events

12 June: General meeting; other hobbies night

18 June: Online board meeting

10 July: General meeting; “Beauty and the Beast” Contest
guest presenter: Art Bernstein
Topic: Semiquincentennial Coin Selection by CCAC

16 July: Online board meeting

14 August: General meeting; 2027 Medal Design Contest; Costco sub sandwiches and potluck

15 August: CCC & SJCC Annual Join Picnic; 1:00 p.m.

20 August: Online board meeting

11 September: General meeting; guest presenter: **Don P.**

The Cupertino Coin Club will have their general meetings in person at St. Joseph’s Church of Cupertino, located at 10110 N De Anza Blvd in Cupertino. Our presentations, begin at 8:30 p.m. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. unless noted. Meetings feature an auction, show and tell, and drawings, as well as a speaker.

Guests and youth are always welcome!

Coin Collecting Booth at Scouting Festival

By Suzy T



The Cupertino Coin Club (CCC) hosted a coin collecting booth for 4,000 attendees at Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, Scouting America's annual Scouting Festival called “Scout-O-Rama” on Sunday,

May 9, 2026 at History Park San Jose. Huge thank yous go to the CCC's club and board members Don P., Ivan L. (youth), Gran and Griffin G., Dan and Cam (youth) S.,

Richard S., Suzy T., and Emile M. Our booth was placed between the

information booth and the bug booth on the main road that runs through the park.

There was a lot of traffic in this area of the park. Lots of families with youth between the ages of five and

seventeen stopped by to learn about numismatics. We had a

number of giveaways to start kids' coin collections, including coin folders, pennies, and foreign coins. Flyers were handed out for our

next Scouting America Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop in October as well as club information on when and where we meet.

There were hands-on activities, teaching visitors about counterfeit coins, how to determine coin values, and introducing them to

repousse coins. This is our second year hosting a booth at this event. It was a huge success! We are already registered for next year's

event, the day before Mother's Day at History Park San Jose. This is a full-day event that all families should not miss, both Scouting and

non-Scouting. There are so many fun booths to visit and learn about outdoor activities and hobbies. We will be there. Come visit us!



ANA News

By Dan and Cam S.

With the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of American Independence right around the corner, consider participating in the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) semiquincentennial youth project, "America 250: Connecting Coins With the Land(s) They Represent" to receive excellent prizes relating to conservation and the semiquincentennial.



The project rewards young numismatists (YNs, youth below 18) for participating in nature volunteer efforts with numismatic prizes exciting interest in America250. The project is divided into seven steps based on cumulative volunteer hours. Acceptable are any volunteering events that relate to park clean up, water or wildlife, repair and rebuilding, and education. Highlights from the prizes include the excellent book Parks in Your Pocket (step one, two cumulative volunteer hours), commemorative silver half dollars (steps four and five, ten and fifteen volunteer hours, respectively), a commemorative silver dollar (step six, twenty volunteer hours), and troy ounce silver bar (step seven, twenty-five volunteer hours, Figure 3).

The project is open to all YN members of the ANA. A YN membership can cost as low as \$15. Beyond the America250 project, membership in the ANA provides access to a number of activities and educational opportunities geared towards YNs. If you are interested in the project and a YN, consider joining the ANA. If you are an adult and know someone who may be interested in numismatics and the America250 project, consider pointing them to it. For more information about the America 250 project, visit

<https://www.money.org/america250-project/>.

The American Numismatic Association (<https://www.money.org/>) is the world's largest society of coin collectors and dealers. As District Representative volunteers and beneficiaries of the ANA's resources, we aim to provide information about it in this column, and are happy to answer any questions you may have about it.



Annual CCC & SJCC Joint Picnic

June means summer — and summer means outdoor fun and picnics!

A nice shady spot has been reserved at Las Palmas Park in Sunnyvale for our annual joint picnic with members and guests of Cupertino Coin Club and San Jose Coin Club. The picnic will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2026, from noon to 2:00 p.m.

The clubs will provide hamburgers, cheeseburgers, all the fixings, drinks, plates, napkins, and plasticware. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish, chips, salad, fruit, or dessert to share and complement the BBQ lunch.

Our grillmasters will once again showcase their barbecue skills during this celebrated annual tradition. Grilling will take place from noon to 1:00 p.m., so plan to arrive by 1:00 p.m. to enjoy the burgers while they're fresh off the grill.

Don't miss out on the fun! Please turn in your [reservation form](#) and payment at either club meeting no later than August 7, so we can plan for the correct number of attendees. Turn them in to Steve C at San Jose and Gran G at Cupertino. Members are welcome to bring guests; just include them on the reservation form.

We look forward to seeing you there for what should be a bright, sunny day!



May Program Summary: Hyperinflation Money

By Dan S.

In our May meeting, I presented a program on hyperinflation money. Economists define hyperinflation to be when prices rise by 50% or more per month (over 12,800% per year with compounding!). While recent price increases in gasoline, food, and other items are painful to our budgets in California, hyperinflation is orders of magnitude larger and more devastating for economies and populations. Early forms of paper money were vulnerable to hyperinflation, including *assignats* issued during the French Revolution. Most hyperinflation occurs during or in the aftermath of periods of war, or at other times of economic or political upheaval. One study identifies more than fifty examples of hyperinflation over the past century, with waves of hyperinflation following the First and Second World Wars, and the Fall of the Soviet Union. Notable examples of hyperinflation include Germany in 1922 and 1923, which is attributed to burdensome war reparations on Germany and its allies as part of the Treaty of Versailles ending WW1. With an economy in shambles and “hard” money requirements for reparations, the Weimar Republic government printed increasing amounts of unbacked paper currency (*papiermarks*) for internal use, leading to a peak monthly inflation rate of 29,500% in October 1923, which implies that prices quadruple every week. Blocks of paper money were burned to heat stoves and homes and were used as toys by children. The most severe hyperinflation occurred in Hungary in 1945 and 1946, with a peak monthly inflation rate of 4.19x(10x16)%

in July 1946 when, on average, prices would triple every day. The largest

denominated note ever issued was the 100 quintillion *pengő* note, a number which is a one followed by twenty zeros. A recent example of hyperinflation occurred in



Zimbabwe in 2007 to 2009, with a peak monthly rate of 7.96x(10x10)%, when prices would double

every day. In a two-year period, banknotes were issued in denominations of one to 100 trillion Zimbabwean dollars. Contemporary accounts of living through that hyperinflation time show both the human toll—unemployment rates exceeding 85%, life savings quickly becoming worthless, and waves of cholera passing through Harare, the nation’s capital, when their currency was not accepted internationally to buy water treatment supplies—and the human resilience in navigating through times when money, as we typically use it, fails. Examples of hyperinflation money, including French revolutionary *assignats*, are generally available at coin shows and online auctions for prices \$20 or less, except for the trillion-dollar notes from Zimbabwe, which command a premium because they show all of the 0’s when writing their numeric value (and beware of fake hundred trillion dollar notes offered on eBay, which seems like the ultimate irony!). While collecting notes that quickly became worthless soon after they were issued may sound like a poor collecting strategy today, this is an easy way to own a tangible artifact from distant places and times, when governmental hubris led to hyperinflation and citizens learned to persevere without trust in money.



Submit Your Medal Design for 2027!

By Emile M.

Our August general meeting will feature the medal design contest for our 2027 medal. If you want to submit a design, please read the rules below:

- Members in good standing (all dues paid and current) are eligible to submit a design.
- The design must be on unlined paper in a circle of six to eight inches in diameter.
- The subject matter of your reverse design should be something memorable about Cupertino, of cultural significance, or historical in nature. Repeat or similar designs of past medal will not be accepted. Your 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. The better the artwork, the better the design work with our minter.
- 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. Initials 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 included on the design: "53rd Coin Show" and "St. Joseph of Cupertino Church". Because we don't yet know the date of our 2027 show please insert just the year 2027 into your design. We reserve the right to add the full date of the 2027 show once it has been decided upon and confirmed with the location.

- All entries may be submitted at a general 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 Medals Chair Emile M by 8:00 PM at our August 7, 2026 meeting or arrive at our club's PO Box by July 31, 2026. The entries will be voted upon by our membership at our August 8, 2026 general 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 of their design as the winner's prize.

Previous Winners



General Meeting Minutes from 15 May, 2026

By Steve C.

Club President **Gran G.** called our May general meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone. There were twenty-nine adults and eight youth in physical attendance.

Griffin G. conducted our club auction, **Emile M.** was our auction chair. **Cam S.**, **Jason A.** and **Mateo R.** were our runners. A youth drew our winning Buyer's Prize ticket. **Monty B.** won the Buyer's Prize, a 0.999 fine one-ounce copper round.

Announcements:

- **Gran G.** Welcomed our guests.
- **Lyle O.** announced the upcoming coin shows;
 - **5 and 6 June:** Bill Green East Bay Concord Show
 - **25 and 26 July:** Fremont Coin Club Show at the Fremont Elks Lodge
 - **31 May:** Sacramento McIntosh Coin Show

A guest drew our winning Attendance Prize ticket. Attendance prize winner: **Ron I.** (0.999 fine one-ounce copper round)

We wished Happy Birthday to our members with May birthdays. Birthday Prize winner: **Monty B.** (0.999 fine 1 oz. copper round, Aztec Calendar design).

Gran G. introduced show and tell;

- **Don P.:** 2026 Steve Jobs Innovation Dollar
- **Ivan L.:** 1797 ticket stub
- **Suzy T.:** 2026-P and -D Liberty Dime rolls
- **Laurin M.:** Marcus Aurelius Roman coin
- **Martha D.:** Niue two-ounce Neimifus
- **Howard W.** Britannia two coin set
- **Preston C.:** \$2 bill
- **Ken B.:** Five and ten Pound Banknotes

A club Member drew the winning show and tell prize ticket. Show and tell prize winner: **Martha D.** (0.999 fine one-ounce copper round, Flowing Hair Design)

Our gues speaker this meeting was Dan S., who presented on hyperinflation money.

A break was called and drawing tickets were purchased. Drawing winners:

- **Emile M.:** 1948-S Quarter
- **Ivan L.:** 1948-D Quarter
- **Gran G.:** 1945 Walking Liberty Half Dollar
- **Ivan L.:** 1957-D Quarter
- **Suzy T.:** 1943 Dime
- **Ivan L.:** 1963 Franklin Half Dollar
- **Gran G.:** 1936 Dime
- Grand Prize Winner: **Emile M.**, 1892 Columbian Exposition Half Dollar.

Our general meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve C.

CCC Recording Secretary

Quiz Column: Circulating Coins

By Dan S.

1. Why aren't there any 1975-dated quarters?
2. In what year and on what denomination did the "P" mint mark make its debut on circulating U.S. coins?
3. After the above-noted coins, what was the next U.S. circulating coin to feature the "P" mint mark?
4. Bullion coins have a high purity of a precious metal, such as gold or silver, most often with 99.9% or greater purity. Though similar sounding, billon coins have a proportionally low content of precious metal, <50%. What U.S. circulating coins are billon?
5. Place the following minor coin denominations (<\$1) in the order of the year when they were first produced at a U.S. Mint facility: Half cent, cent, two cent, three cent, five cent, ten cent, twenty cent, twenty-five cent, fifty cent. In cases where there were multiple types of the same denomination (e.g. large cents and small cents), provide the earliest type.

Board Meeting Minutes from 21 May, 2026

By Steve C.

This month was our in person board meeting. In attendance were:

- President: **Gran G.**
- Vice President: **Suzy T.**
- Treasurer: **Emile M.**
- Recording Secretary: **Steve C.**
- Corresponding secretary: **Al L.**
- Historian: **Griffin G.**
- Board Members (five): **Don P., Dan S., Mike R., Steve T., Alex R.**

Also in attendance were **Mike W.** and **Brian D.**

Club President **Gran G.** called our May board meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. and welcomed everyone. There were eleven board members and chairs in attendance.

Recording Secretary **Steve C.** reported nothing new.

Corresponding Secretary **Al L.** reported on:

Correspondence received: Magazines and newsletters:

- May *The Numismatist* (American Numismatic Association)

Treasurer **Emile M.** gave the treasurer's report. All was well.

Historian **Griffin G.** reported pictures will be uploaded from the May meeting.

Curator **Emile M.** reported nothing new.

Program Chair **Suzy T.** reviewed our upcoming club events;

- **12 June** will be Other Hobbies Night, with no guest speaker.
- On **10 July** we will have our "Beauty and the Beast Contest," and our guest speaker will be **Art B.**, on "Semiquincentennial Coin Selection by the CCAC"
- On **14 August** will be the 2027 Medal design contest with Costco sandwiches and a potluck.
- On **15 August** we are having our CCC/San Jose Coin Club Joint Picnic at Las Palmas Park in Sunnyvale.

Membership Chair **Al L.** reported one application, for **Mark S.**, whose birth month is May. The board members voted and accepted the new club member.

Coin Press Editor **Cam S.** was not present at this

meeting but would like everything for our newsletter by 29 May.

Facebook and website Chair **Suzy T.** updated the upcoming events and recognized members with May birthdays.

Youth advisor **Emile M.** reported that there were eight youths present at the May general meeting.

Show Chair **Mike W.** reported our Coin Show recap. The show was a huge success, with 10% more tables sold, 20% more attendance and 6% higher drawing ticket sales compared to last year. Thanks to all our volunteers making it a great event.

Old Business

Members discussed ways to improve our club coin show for next year.

Emile M. moved to adjourn. **Suzy T.** seconded. President **Gran G.** adjourned our board meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve C.

CCC Recording Secretary

Quiz Column: Circulating Coins

By Dan S.

1. The bicentennial design quarters, dated 1776-1976, were minted in 1975 and 1976.
2. 1942 on the "nickel" reverse. Due to the war-time need for nickel, this coin did not contain nickel, rather it used a silver alloy; the large mint-marks on their reverse were used to differentiate these from nickel ones.
3. 1979 Susan B. Anthony dollar
4. Nickels of the WWII years (35% silver); half dollars of 1965-1969 (the 1970 Kennedy half dollars were 40% but the business strikes went into mint sets)
5. Half-cent, large cent, half dime, half dollar, dime, quarter; silver three-cent, two cent, twenty cent.