

New Regular Meeting Location

As the Knights of Columbus Hall is no longer available to us, our July and August meetings will be at Fort Mason in Building C, Room 370 San Francisco. The cost to the society for this room is \$72 per month. A search for alternative meeting space is ongoing.

Available from the PCNS:



PCNS 1000th meeting medals. The set includes both a proof silver and an antiqued bronze specimen and is only \$30 plus postage and insurance. A reminder of the Society's long and honorable history.

The Old Streets of San Francisco, Early Street Names on Some Brass Tokens by

Jerry F. Schimmel. Published by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in 1993. 41 pages including many pictures. A must have reference for those interested in western trade tokens or San Francisco history. \$10 plus postage

Many back issues of the PCNS quarterly are also available. Contact the Bulletin editor for specific issues.



1047th meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

Saturday June 21, 2003

Gold Mirror Restaurant
800 Taraval St. (at 18th) San Francisco

Annual Banquet

Dinner at 7:00 PM
No host bar at 6:00PM
\$32.00 per person

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Please join us for the annual banquet of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society at the Gold Mirror Restaurant. A registration form is enclosed with this bulletin. As in past years, the famous PCNS Bingo game will be played. Members are encouraged to bring prizes, both numismatic and non-numismatic.

1046th Meeting May 28, 2003 “Hut Tax Token” *Herb Miles* PCNS Secretary *Herb Miles* presented an interesting program on “Hut Tax Tokens,” a form of property tax instituted in Southern Rhodesia or Zimbabwe in the early 1900’s. These brass tokens were evidence of payment given to the native peoples to show they had paid the yearly tax on huts and spouses. They were made in various sizes and shapes, from round to triangular to square, of brass and showed the tax date and district in which they had been issued

The British South Africa Company started this practice to secure manual labor by the native people on the farms and in the mines the British were exploiting. After defeating the natives in a prolonged war, the BSAC developed this taxing procedure as a hidden method of making the natives subject to work in order to pay the yearly “hut tax.” If they did not work, they could not pay, so were then made into indentured servants and exploited as such, so in the end it was better to work the mines and farms as “free people” who could then earn money to pay the tax.

Herb also brought his collection of these interesting relics of a repressive colonial era for all to see.

Exhibits

Gordon Donnell brought along several items from the San Jose Coin Club Banquet gifts, a goodie bag containing a 1903 cent and an Alabama 25 cent piece, his Presidential Award of 6 different medals, his San Jose Coin Club Spirit Award, and an Aerial Firefighting silver and bronze medal set.

Stephen M. Huston brought a Railroad token from the 1961 New York World’s Fair featuring the Long Island Rail Road and some Aerogrammes unused sheets for sale to the membership.

Ken Takahashi exhibited a grocery bag of fruits and vegetables as well as a new Canadian \$0.50 cent piece with gold plating, a Roman brockage coin, and a whole grouping of covers (envelopes) with various themes, Wells Fargo from a “recreation house”, some flight envelopes featuring the Graf Zeppelin, etc

Michael Wehner brought two zinc or pot metal Large Format Golden Gate International Exposition medals, one cleaned and the other oxidized, both showing the logo of this famous exposition.

Cal Rogers brought a very nicely designed bronze medal honoring the Surveyor 3 Moon landing; the Apollo 12 moon flight from Cape Canaveral.

Jack Free exhibited several Series 1934 \$100 notes and some mint bags, i.e., bags used by the various banks and the U.S. mint to carry coins.

Raffle

A San Francisco Postal Service keychain featuring scenes of San Francisco, Cable Car, the Bridges, Chinatown, Coit Tower, etc., minted in 1982 went to *Jack Free*.

A Wells Fargo bookmark featuring the Stage Coach logo went to *Jerry Schimmel*.

A California State Numismatic Association 80th Semi-Annual medal of 1981 honoring the paddle wheel steamboat SS Eureka, a show hosted by PCNS was won by *Jack Free*.

5 Hawaiian Coin Club Wooden Nickels; featuring native flowers of Hawaii, the orchid, noni, Bird of Paradise, Oha-Wai, and the Stephanotis went home with *Federico*.

A 1923 San Francisco “Peace” dollar was won by *Gordon Donnell*.

The last copy of “Liberty Seated Dimes” written by Al Blythe and donated to the Society when he spoke several years ago went to *Jack Free* (again).

A Don Kagin “Two Cents” piece minted for his ANA governor run was also won by *Jack Free*.