

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2020

November 25William Hyder *Santa Cruz Cigar Tokens*
December 23Holiday gathering and election
January 27, 2021*Speaker and Topic TBA**
February 24, 2021*Speaker and Topic TBA**

* See "Speak Up!" below

PCNS MEETINGS IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

In-person meetings of PCNS are suspended until further notice. Instead, we will meet online. This has the benefit of enabling those who are unable to be in San Francisco to join us for a meeting **and** to give a presentation!

SPEAK UP!

As can be seen above, there are ample opportunities for **you** to make a presentation in coming months. Your presentation can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Please email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

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Meetings of the Board of Governors normally take place 30 minutes before the membership meeting in the same location. Online board meetings may begin at 7:15.

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PCNS WEBSITE

Visit www.pcns.org to read our *Papers* (including the not-yet-printed 2019 *Papers*), get the latest *Bulletin*, or to check our meeting schedule.

New! Beginning with the May, 2020 Meeting, you can also view a recording of the presentation on our YouTube channel, available through links from pcns.org!

Use a QR scanner/reader to open pcns.org via this code.



1255th Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



Lingering Wisps of Blue Smoke: Santa Cruz Cigar Tokens *William Hyder*

Wednesday, November 25, 2020, 7:30 PM
online

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BY THE WAY, WHICH ONE'S PINK?

(Hat tip to readers who get the reference....)

It seems that tokens exist for just about every possible commodity, ranging from alcoholic beverages to general merchandise to female companionship (i.e., dancing, in a sense). Tokens are, ultimately, all about advertising and promotion.



Thinking of the popular subjects of promotional items, tobacco products once had a significant role to play. Not surprisingly, cigar and tobacco shops figured prominently in the token business back before smoking became socially unacceptable in most circles.

Join us on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25, as **Bill Hyder** shares his gleanings on cigar tokens from the charming beach town of Santa Cruz, California.



OCTOBER MEETING RECAP

Scott Safe gave an excellent presentation on the story of Pikes Peak region of Colorado. Pikes Peak was identified by Lt. Zebulon Montgomery Pike in 1806. Gold was discovered in the region in 1858, not long after the California Gold Rush had played out. The numismatic developments in Colorado followed a similar pattern, with the significant difference that the Pike's Peak region of the Kansas Territory was not just distant from the rest of the United States; it was isolated: surrounded by some of the tallest mountains in the continental U.S., without a nearby ocean to facilitate trade. That situation didn't change until the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869, which passed to the north of what had become the Colorado Territory.

Starting with locally-produced gold coins and fractional currency, Scott traced the emergence of a large number of so-called dollars and other exnumia in the years leading up to the opening of the Denver branch mint in 1906. Subsequently, a considerable array of souvenir pieces emerged, which Scott thoroughly and enjoyably detailed.

Favorite piece of advice: Buy—and eat—the donuts at the Summit House atop Pikes Peak!



NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

We have received a membership application from Jeff Michael, of San Francisco. Per PCNS bylaws, Jeff will become an Active Member of PCNS at the November 25 meeting.

OCTOBER MEMBER EXHIBITS

Stephen: Alaska mining token, and a New South Wales mining token.

Paul: Photo of boxes of Chinese coins minted in San Francisco, unknown date.

Scott: PCNS 250th meeting brass token.

Bill: Set of new centennial tribute Wilson dollars, the book *Financing an Empire*, and the missing piece for his type set collection of elongated US coins from the 1893 Columbian Expo (a Flying eagle cent).

Mike M.: 1841 silver dollar teething coin with ribbon.

Michael: Islington Old Church token.

Erik: 10fr Jungfrau Swiss commemorative.

Herb: Patent Centennial Celebration token dated April 10, 1891, 68 mm.

STEP UP!

As the year (thankfully) comes to an end, it's time to elect officers for 2021. We're always looking for fresh faces to get involved in the leadership of PCNS. Note that "fresh faces" can include well-rested veterans as well as relative newcomers.

Nominations are now open, so feel free to talk about your potential candidacy with a current or former officer (see the back page for a list of current officers).

ZOOMING

Our November meeting will take place online using the Zoom platform. If you're already familiar with Zoom, then you're all set. A meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to you separately.

If you're new to the Zoom service, you'll need to do a few things ahead of the meeting. **Don't wait until the last minute to get set up!**

Setup is fairly straightforward, but could be intimidating to those who aren't used to installing software. For detailed instructions, please see the April issue of the *Bulletin*.

Making Yourself Heard: When you join the session, your microphone is automatically muted, so no one will be able to hear you. When you wish to be heard, click the microphone icon at the bottom of the screen. Then, **please re-engage the mute** function. Sometimes a cough or background noise can cause you to pull the focus away from the presenter.

Member Exhibits (a.k.a., "Sharing"): Take pictures of any items you wish to exhibit, upload them to your computer or device, and share the pictures when the time comes. Holding objects up to your computer's camera **does not work**.

See you—virtually, at least—on the 25th!