

FRONT RANGE COIN CLUB

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Second Thursday of Each Month

November 2023

Attendance

22 members were in attendance.

Welcome to our new members Pat, Tim, Don, and Phillip. We look forward to getting to know you and your areas of interest in the hobby!

Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

Vice President Joe G. presented a proposal to order foods and tableware from Burgers' Smokehouse for the club holiday dinner in December. Ken D. made a motion to grant a budget of up to \$1,500 to fund the purchase. The motion was granted with none opposed.

The club continues the development of the 30th anniversary club medal to be released in late 2024 and dated 2025 per an unopposed motion presented by President Dave J. and accepted by the membership. Member and Mint Master Dan C. will finalize some design proposals of the front range and other proposed ideas and will present them to the club in the coming months. Ken D. also moved to purchase 200 oz of silver grain through Member Gene M.'s store at a great

price and that medals will be struck in silver and copper. The motion passed unopposed. The medals are currently proposed to be struck 50mm in size at 2 ounces of silver and additional medals will be struck in copper.

New Business:

Denver Coin Club member and show committee chair, Steve Sellers, visited our meeting to announce that the Denver Coin Club will be holding a show at the Denver Kickers Club on January 26th and 27th. For more information, visit:

<http://denvercc.anacclubs.org/Area%20Shows.html>.

As a reminder from FRCC coin show director Ken D., the club's Spring Coin Show is quickly selling out, with 75% of tables sold already. If you would like to purchase a table before they are gone, applications are available at:

frontrangeclub.org.

Secretary Dalton J. brought forth a request of the FRCC to assist the Denver Coin Club in sending out postcards for their upcoming

new show in January to develop awareness of the new show. After lengthy discussion, it was so moved and agreed unopposed to allow printed copies of the FRCC's labels to be provided to Dalton J. as representative of the FRCC one time to apply to DCC postcards to help the club get their show off the ground. Dalton will handle the labels and make sure the labels are properly used in the postcard mailing. Dalton and the DCC will cover all costs associated with the label printing and postcard mailing.

Member John B. has the Mega Redbook for sale at his cost of \$39 per book, a GREAT deal! If you are interested, please let him know.

DCC Member Neal P. brought some incredible ANACS MS70 graded 140th anniversary of the congregation commemorative medals struck by Dan C. to support the protection, maintenance, and restoration of Temple Aaron in Trinidad, CO. The Temple is the second oldest west of the Mississippi, and oldest continually operating Jewish Synagogue in CO and the mountain west. Neal is the president of the organization stewarding the property, and they are doing fundraising activities to fund the site. For more information and to order a silver or copper medal (while supplies last, mintage 140 for silver and selling fast), visit:

<https://www.templeaaron.org/>



Presentation(s)

Member Dan C. announced that members should drop by the Colorado School of Mines Museum in Golden, CO to see an incredibly impressive and largely complete collection of territorial gold.

President Dave J. gave a presentation on the introduction and use of the 20 cent piece. It was primarily introduced to increase the use of silver from the Comstock Lode. The 1876 CC 20 cent piece is a major rarity of the very short, two year, five coin series.

The Carson City mint produced 113 coins while in operation and the mint has been converted into a museum and displays 111 of those coins today. In 1999 while doing landscaping excavation, a pit was dug, and tons of cancelled dies were found. The mint would wear out a die, someone would put chops through it to cancel it, and then it would be thrown out the window onto the ground below outside.

The dies were heavily corroded, and they were cleaned up with the use of WD40 to help remove the earth and corrosion. The state technically owned the dies, but a member of the Reno Coin Club was working on the project and the club had taken many dies to clean them up and several pairs “disappeared”. The dies that were recovered were logged by club members and numismatists and several varieties were confirmed and another was identified from these dies.

More dies were found later upon additional excavation for another project, but the state forced those over 400 dies to be left buried

for “historical accuracy”. Those dies were not restored or researched.

Some pairs of the cancelled dies have since been used to strike medals by the mint and Ken Hoppel of the Reno Coin Club, as well as our very own Dan C. of the Moonlight Mint.

Thank you, Dave, for another entertaining and informative numismatic presentation!

Treasurer's Report

Bob L. gave the November financial report, which was as follows:

Current balance: \$21,808.39

Club dues for 2024 membership are coming due in January. Dues are currently \$2 per person, or \$5 for a family membership.

Drawings/Door Prizes

The November silver coin drawing was held.

The coin won was an 1889 Morgan Dollar.
The winner was Neal P.!

The monthly door prize drawings were held.

The coins won were x2 barber and x2 mercury dimes.

The winners were Dan C. and Rich K.!

The 4th quarterly gold coin drawing will be held on Friday, December 15th, 2023, at the club holiday party. The price per ticket is \$2.00. The prize will be a 1927 \$2.50 Indian Quarter Eagle gold coin.

New Coin News

An impressive sale of Clark Gruber territorial gold:

<https://www.coinworld.com/news/us-coins/market-analysis-a-charming-mountain-brings-a-big-price>

Are government-owned mints becoming too commercial?

<https://www.numismaticnews.net/world-coins/mints-and-private-enterprise-collude>

Upcoming Programs

If you would be willing to present your favorite topic or show your collection, please let Joe Garguilo or Rebecca Murren know to schedule an event for you. If there is a topic or a discussion you would like to see/hear, let Joe or Rebecca know and they will try to get an outside presenter scheduled for a future meeting.

Local Area Coin Clubs

*On average, doors open 30 minutes before the start of a meeting:

Front Range Coin Club:

7:00 PM, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 640 Alpine St, Longmont, CO;
2nd Thursday monthly & December 15th, 2023.

Northside Coin Club:

7:00 PM, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 12099 Lowell Blvd, Broomfield, CO;
2nd Tuesday monthly.

South Suburban Coin Club:

6:30 PM, 1000 Englewood Pkwy,
Englewood, CO 80110;
2nd Thursday monthly.

Denver Coin Club:

7:00 PM, Salem United Church of Christ,
5300 E. Florida Ave, Denver, CO;
Last Thursday monthly.

Fort Collins Coin Club:

6:30 PM, Senior Center, 1200 Raintree
Drive, Fort Collins, CO;
1st Friday monthly except July & December.

Greeley Coin Club:

7:00 PM, Moose Lodge, 3456 11th Ave,
Evans, CO;
2nd Tuesday monthly. No meetings July and
August.

Cheyenne Coin Club:

7:00 PM, Ascension Lutheran Church, 712
Storey Boulevard, Cheyenne, WY;
3rd Tuesday monthly.

2024 Coin Shows

More 2024 coin show information is coming
soon. Local shows and major annual coin
shows have ended for 2023.

January:

4 th -7 th	FUN Show Orange County Convention Center North/South Bldg Hall NB 9400 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL
26 th -27 th	The Denver Coin Club Show Denver Kickers Club Fieldhouse 16776 W 50th Ave, Golden, CO 80403 Steve Sellers, denvercoinclubshow@outlook.com

February:

2 nd – 3 rd	Cheyenne Coin, Currency, Tokens, & Collectibles Show Laramie Community College, College Dr., Cheyenne, WY Bill Arnold, 307-630-2350
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March:

9 th -10 th	Front Range Coin Club Spring Show Boulder Cty Fairgrounds, Longmont, CO Ken Davis, 303-772-6706
14 th -16 th	ANA National Money Show The Broadmoor Resort; CO Springs, CO conventions@money.org
22 nd -24 th	Fort Collins Coin Club Show Larimer County Fairground, Loveland, CO Jim Oscarson, 970-294-3385

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The FRCC Holiday Dinner will be held in lieu of a monthly meeting on:

Friday, December 15th, 2023 @ 5:30 for Setup & Prep, 7:00 for Dinner at

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 640 Alpine St, Longmont, CO 80504