

CALENDAR FOR 2019

June 22.....**Summer BBQ**, see inside
July 24.....*Speaker & Topic, TBA at Ortega Branch Library**
August 28.....*Speaker & Topic, TBA at Ortega Branch Library**
September 25.....*Speaker & Topic, TBA at Fort Mason Center**
October 30.....*Speaker & Topic, TBA at Fort Mason Center**
November 27.....*Speaker & Topic, TBA at Fort Mason Center**
December 18.....Holiday gathering and elections **at Fort Mason Center**
* See "Speak Up!" below

SPEAK UP!

There is ample opportunity for **you** to make a presentation in the second half of 2019. Your presentation can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a Paper. Email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

MEETING LOCATION UPDATES

It appears that the long-promised but oft-delayed renovations at our usual Fort Mason meeting space may actually happen this summer. We have secured space for July and August at the **Ortega Branch Library** in San Francisco's Sunset District. Look for more information inside.

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1238th Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



Annual BBQ Lunch
Saturday, June 22, 2019, 1:00 PM
Berkeley, California

PCNS + PO BOX 475656 + SAN FRANCISCO CA 94147

A CURE FOR THE SUMMERTIME BLUES!

In lieu of our regular June meeting, the annual PCNS BBQ will take place on Saturday afternoon, June 22 (the first full day of Summer) in Berkeley. The cost is \$20 per person, payable in advance online by PayPal. Those without PayPal should email webmaster@pcns.org to arrange for onsite payment. **Please RSVP by Monday, June 17 if at all possible.**

Good company, great food, and a perfect location make for a delightful afternoon. Vegetarian options abound. Leftovers are all but guaranteed. If you wish to bring food to share, please plan on dessert. Hawaiian shirts are encouraged, but not required.

Directions will be provided to those who RSVP. **Remember, there is no meeting at Fort Mason in June.**



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

One important proposal was made at the May board meeting, and we would like members who were not in attendance to share their feedback. The board is considering producing the 2019 Papers exclusively in electronic format. The financial benefit is that this change would save the cost of printing. From a manpower standpoint, a considerable amount of time is currently spent formatting the publication twice, once for online reading and once for print. What are your thoughts about the 2019 Papers being distributed electronically rather than in print? Email webmaster@pcns.org prior to the July 24 meeting and let us know.

MAY MEETING RECAP

Federico Castillo presented the third installment of his ongoing study of Latin American tokens. While United States tokens were mainly used in cities as a substitute for money, Latin American tokens were primarily used in rural areas and had more varied uses. In the city, tokens typically substituted for money in such forms as “good-fors,” entrance fees, or transportation fares.

By contrast, in rural areas, tokens were used for purposes to pay workers or suppliers. Frequently, these tokens could be used to purchase merchandise at company stores. They were frequently used to measure in agricultural tasks,

corresponding to unit count, weight, volume, distance, length of time, or task. For example, a *canasto* token was equal to a basket of coffee cherries in Costa Rica, while a *limpia* token from Guatemala was equivalent to the labor to clear a specified area of a field. A *chopp* token was equivalent to a unit of liquid measure, as for beer. An *arroba* token from Mexico was equivalent to the weight a burro could carry, about 25 lbs; while a *pasada* token marked a unit of distance, such one trip across a river.

Adding to the complexity of the subject, tokens of the same name could have different meanings in different countries.. Federico did an excellent job of illustrating and explaining the wide variety of Latin American tokens, showing that in rural Latin America, tokens were much more than simply a substitute for money.

MAY MEMBER EXHIBITS

Jerry: Venezuela coins and tokens

Jeff: A collection of nickels

Charlie: 1838 Anti-slavery token “Am I not a woman and a sister” and San Francisco Columbia one dollar token: Golden Jubilee 1888-1938

Bob: A 2019 American Legion silver commemorative dollar

Dan: Two 1876 Centennial Exposition wood plaquettes

Federico: 1932 Costa Rica medal celebrating the creator of snake anti-venom

Michael: 1852 Henry Clay California medal and a Golden Gate Bridge medal

MAY DRAWING RESULTS

Charlie: Coins of England book and a Utah so-called dollar from the 1909 Alaska-Yukon Expo

Ed: Modern US Proof Sets book

Jason: 1982 proof George Washington commemorative half dollar and \$5 scrip note from Heppner Sheepskin Store

Jeff: Two tickets the upcoming Giant’s game donated by Dan

JULY & AUGUST MEETING LOCATION INFO

PCNS meetings in July and August will take place in the Community Room at the Ortega Branch of the SF Public Library, 3223 Ortega Street (between 39th and 40th Avenues) in San Francisco’s Sunset District. We expect that the general meetings will start promptly at 7:00 pm so that we can be finished by the time the building closes at 8:30 pm. Parking and transit information will appear in the next *Bulletin* and on the website.