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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

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**1081st meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
8:00PM Wednesday May 24, 2006
Room 370, Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California



The Denman Grammar School Medals

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Please join us Wednesday, May 24th at 8:00PM to learn the story behind the Denman Grammar School Medals and one of the recipients. Board meeting starts about 7ish. Please note that there are five Wednesdays in this month. As usual we meet on the fourth Wednesday which is not necessarily the last.

1080th meeting. April 26, 2006: April Fools! *Everybody*
(compiled by *Herb Miles*)

April Fools! We had no speaker last month. Instead members were asked to bring something in a spirit of April 1st. There was, of course, no shortage of foolish things. However a report on them will have to wait until next month.

Banquet June 24, 2006

We return to the Gold Mirror Restaurant at 18th and Taraval Streets in San Francisco for the annual banquet. The price is \$41 per person. See the attached form for dinner choices. The famous PCNS bingo game will return!

2006 Papers Contest.

We have received five papers for the annual contest. They are now in the hands of the judges. Awards are expected to be made at the banquet. Thanks to all the authors!

Tentative 2006 future programs

June: Banquet

July: *Federico Castillo*, TBA

August: *Whalen*, "Christian Gobrecht and His Dollar"

Fall: *Elliot Wehner* "National Bank Notes"

Fall: *Steve Huston*, TBA

Please contact Michael Wehner if you would like to speak in 2006 at (415) 928-4469 or mf_wehner@yahoo.com

Parking

We have learned that Fort Mason will begin charging for parking. Our best guess is that it will about \$6 to park for the three hours of a board meeting and a regular meeting. It should be starting this month. Suggestions for alternatives are solicited.

Editor's note:

Sorry for the repeat article below, but I had to fill the space. Plus there is a weak tie in to the program but you will have to come to the meeting to find it out!



1876 California Medal Michael Wehner

Obverse: GEORGE WASHINGTON GREAT FOUNDER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA . JULY 4, 1776 / (bust of GW in wreath, crossed California and US flags, early SF bay scene with sailing ship stage coach and pony express) / C.F. MOHRIG / A. KUNER. F

Reverse: PROGRESS OF TIME AND FREEDOM TO ALL MANKIND / JULY 4, 1876 / CALIFORNIA / (State seal, contemporary SF bay scene with steamship, railroad, miners, Fort Point, Alcatraz lighthouse) / (circle of stars)

Silver, 40.3 mm, looped for suspension, cataloged as Baker-410.

This rare California medal, celebrating the centennial of the United States, is a collaboration between two important pioneer California engravers. A number of fractional gold pieces are attributed to C.F. Mohrig. However, it was Albert Kuner who was the most prolific of early San Francisco diesinkers having engraved many of the early private gold issues. The capital letter "F" after his name on this piece likely stands for "fecit", Latin for "made it". One might speculate that Mohrig engraved the dies while the very successful Kuner manufactured it in his shop. Further research is warranted to determine the relationship between these two men.