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ITS SHOW TIME!

The club meeting in February was all about preparation for the upcoming coin show. All 67 tables were sold already. The biggest item was where to put them: the fairgrounds had to put in handicapped accessible bathrooms, which chopped off 24 feet of space! But Merle did some creative rearranging and fit everybody in. Bob K has gathered names of people setting up and taking down after the show, and Charlie C has names for those wanting to work the front tables (with hopefully more volunteers at the show).

A new Fairground rule made it necessary to have a code to get into the gate for the show— we'll see how well that works. It was not certain how customers would be parking.

Look for a show wrap-up at the March meeting.

The topic for the March meeting will be: **What I Bought at the Show and What I am Still Looking For.** Bring or talk about a coin, and get 4 free raffle tickets. The theme of the March meeting will be **Corned Beef and Cabbage Night!** For a mere **\$5** you get delicious fresh made corned beef, cabbage, rolls, and condiments from the gang at G&G Market!. *Everyone is encouraged to bring a **side dish** or a **green dessert**.* Hmmmm, could be interesting!

WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR AT THE SHOW

- ◇ Steven H became interested in 20 cent pieces thanks to Merle introducing him to the series. He is looking for "affordable ones".



- ◇ Philip A was at the recent San Jose Coin Show looking for Walking Liberty Half Dollars, and found all the dates he was looking for! Now he will be looking for Buffalo Nickels.



- ◇ Gary C was at the Recent Long Beach Show, and finally got the 1804 Dime he has been looking for. He only needs 5 more dates for that series, and is also

looking for an 1824/2 Capped Dime to complete that series.

- ◇ Joel M is collecting Barber coins— dimes, quarters, and halves.
- ◇ Jim C found some interesting coins on-line. Apparently they are modern 1970 and 1975 overstrike images placed on real Ike dollars. It is an interesting oddity since they were not minted in either year. He also has a '1933' Buffalo nickel image modern overstrike on a real Buffalo nickel.



- ◇ Willie Q found two special cents for his collection last year: 1960 Small D/Large D and 1960 double D cents. He is looking for a proof small D/large D, as they are known to exist. And of course he is looking for holey coins.

- ◇ Richard is looking forward to having the Junior Members attend the show and participate.
- ◇ Charlie C is looking forward to all the variety our show has to offer, including medals (particularly Art Nouveau) and ancients. For American coins, the 1851 silver three cent is



appealing, as the only coin of the entire series to have a mint mark.

- ◇ Glenn brought in his collection of Cyprus coins and notes, and is always looking for more.
- ◇ Merle is always on the lookout for 'Good For' tokens, especially local ones. And he also likes the 20 cent coin series.



COIN SHOW NEWS

The Coin Show seemed to be another success, with very cooperative weather and not so cooperative Fairgrounds rules. Parking was more difficult but the turnout still seemed good. Final tallies will be presented at the March meeting.

The Coin Show Dinner was attended by 46 people, who enjoyed plenty of good all-you-can-eat food. Club member Irene C celebrated her 39th birthday....again. There were a couple dozen bottles of wine generously donated by Lee Gong, given away in a drawing at the dinner. And we had our 6 Month Membership Gold Coin Drawing. Up for grabs were three \$2-1/2 Indian Head gold pieces! And the winners were: Lucky Larry M, Bob McL, and Mike C!

SHOW DRAWINGS

For the hourly Silver Dollar Drawing at the show, we had seven Morgan dollars each day in PCGS slabs, all graded MS-61. It drew lots of attention with very good ticket sales. Many thanks again to Don Rinkor for the 14 total slabbed dollars he donated to the club.

And as usual, there was lots of anticipation building up for the Gold Coin Drawing at the end of the show. There were also lots of people buying those drawing tickets up to the last minute. The tickets were drawn in specific order: the first one was for the \$20 Gold, so every single ticket had a chance to win. The \$5 gold was drawn next. Those first 2 winners were not announced to the end though, just to build up anticipation. Then the other winners were drawn. They were (including ticket #s):

For 2-1/2 Peso gold:

- #00772 Bob Stern
- #07177 Steve Campbell
- #02673 Dan Carey
- #06995 Bob Belleau
- #08997 C. Belliecci
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- #05922 Jim Cauley

For the \$5 Indian Head Gold-

- # 05841 Jerry St. George

For the \$20 St Gaudens:

- #05275 Dan Connors

Congratulations to all winners!

TRIVIA QUIZ

I found a very interesting looking medal at the coin show, and couldn't resist buying it because of some of the details-- they just don't seem to make them like this any more. I have an 1897-S Morgan Dollar to give to the first person who can identify it at the next meeting. Parts of the medal are shown here.



KIDS KORNER

We spent the February meeting discussing getting ready to go to a coin show. Most important: setting priorities and budget. We prepared some nice "freebies" that were given to juniors when they came in to the show.

At the show, we were fortunate to have Mr. Walter Ostramecki who is Vice President of ANA who helped arrange items on tables for juniors as well as items for the treasure hunts that were held on both Friday and Saturday. All of these free gifts were well received by junior attendees at the show. We owe a special thank you to Walter. He is genuinely interested in the juniors and exposing them to the world of numismatics.

At the March meeting, we will discuss the show and what we got there. See you at 6:15 sharp!

Rich W.

NEW LECTURE SERIES

Lee Gong will be giving an **ADVANCED COLLECTING** talk at the beginning of each meeting. He will begin at 6PM. This will be very interesting and informative, geared to all adult and advanced Junior members.

This intrepid crew set up the show Wednesday evening. It took an hour or so, thanks to a good turnout. Kudos to Bob K for organizing the set-up and takedown after the show. And thanks to the members who helped out. When the dealers arrived Thursday evening, everything was all ready for them.



This is what the bourse floor looks like after the dealers set up and leave for the night. All the displays are tucked away for the night, with security guards there around the clock keeping watch.



The front registration desk is shown, ready for the morning rush of eager show attendees. Thanks to all the club members who worked up front for the show. We had four people at all times—two to get 'em in the door, and two selling silver and gold drawing tickets.



These photos show one of the quieter moments at the show. There were times when it was hard to get through the aisles without bumping into another collector. Yet there was enough room at the dealer tables for all to shop, wheel and deal.



This was the big moment people were waiting for. By 4PM on Saturday there were collectors sitting around in chairs awaiting the big drawings at 5. The photo at right is President Merle Avila drawing a name from among all the dealers for a discount to next year's show.

Below, Lee Gong makes sure the Gold Coin Drawing tickets are well mixed, then Merle has a special volunteer draw the winning tickets out.



Finally, at the close of the show, these club members helped clean up. All the signs were taken down, tables cleaned off, lights and cases packed up, electric cords wound up, cooler emptied, etc. It was then carefully loaded into a trailer and taken away for storage.... Until next year's show.

Thanks again to all club members who helped make this another successful show.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads may be placed by any club member, up to 2 per month. They run for two months. Buy—Sell—Trade—Want Lists OK. Notify Charlie at each meeting (or mail to club P.O. Box, or even call) to get your ad in

WANTED: Merle Avila would like to buy your “Good For Tokens” that have the name of a town on them from anywhere in the USA. Please call: Days- 707-585-3711;

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Many thanks to Syd Perlman for donating mint sets, proof sets, and books to the Junior Members!

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Rick S, Harry D, Bob McG, Mike C, Bob A, Kent M, Joel M

50:50 pot of \$ 95 was split with Jon Maria M

Raffle: Gary C (twice), Edwin H, Bob B (3 times), Jon Maria, Irene C, Randy B, Jasmine M, Joel M, Bob K, Jack H, and Jerry St.G

February Members: 58++

New Members: none this month

Guests: Yes, several

Auction: 24 exciting items

Adjournment was at 9:00 p.m. sharp!

Volunteers for **refreshments** for March **are all of you** bringing in something to go with Corned Beef and Cabbage: a side dish or a green dessert!

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of every month. The Club’s meeting location is the **Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa** (opposite the County Fairgrounds across from highway 12), in the **“Dinner Room”** on the east side of the building, at 7:00 PM sharp.

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UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

March 11, 2012. Livermore Valley Coin Club's 49th Annual Coin Show. Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore

April 28, 2012. V.F.W. Coin and Stamp Show. Mendocino County Veterans Memorial Building, 293 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah

May 5, 2012. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Spring Coin Show. Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento

May 6, 2012. Vallejo Numismatic Society's 40th Annual Vallejo Coin Show. Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo

June 24, 2012. Alameda Coin Club Show. Alameda High School Gym (Oak Street at 2200 Central Ave), Alameda

July 14-15, 2012. Stanislaus County Coin Club's Modesto Coin and Collectible Show. Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street (10th and K Street), Modesto

July 28-29, 2012. Fremont Coin Club's 40th Annual Coin Show. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

August 12, 2012. 22nd Annual Coin Show, Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky Street, Fairfield

September 16, 2012. Livermore Valley Coin Club's Fall Coin Show. Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore

September 29, 2012. CSNA Annual Northern California Educational Symposium. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, Vallejo

October 13-14, 2012. Diablo Numismatic Society 16th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive (off Concord Avenue)

October 20-21, 2012. Delta Coin Club's 47th Annual Fall Coin Show. Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

November 4, 2012. Peninsula Coin Club's 33rd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:
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See you March 14, 2012— Charlie

