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APRIL NEWS

The April meeting of the Redwood Empire was simple— coins and food. No foolin'.

The May meeting will be our 750th! Hmm, perhaps worthy of a gold coin????????? It will be **Dessert Night**, so everybody bring something if you can. And the topic of the meeting will be **MY TYPE SET**. Bring it in and talk about it, and you will get 4 tickets for the raffle.

Edwin H talked about the Vallejo Coin Show coming up. And Merle talked about the national token show in Reno over Labor Day. And that was all the business we had.

MY CURRENT COLLECTION

- Rich W talked about upgrading his Type Set in between working on other collections. With a type set, it is often possible to gradually upgrade the quality of the coins, so this can be a never ending collection and lots of fun.
- David A is still looking for posters with coins, and working on his type set as well
- Carman B is working on a collection of Commemoratives, all MS 65 and above. He only needs about a dozen more to complete the set!
- Willie Q is building a set of holey Indian Cents. But they have to be old holes. So no more drilling your junky old coins and giving them to Willie. He also brought in his set of non-hole Indian cents, all XF-AU condition. Nice set.



- Charlie C brought a book on coins, which is about a legal case that was up before the U.S. Supreme Court in March. The book is a copy of a petition for a writ of Certiorari. It involves the Ancient Coin Collectors Guild (ACCG) working to preserve our right to import coins from countries (Cyprus, China, etc) blocked by a MOU (memorandum of understanding) agreed to under the US Executive branch. The agreements were meant to block historically significant items such as statues, architecture, etc from illegally being taken from the country of origin. But coins traveled extensively throughout the ages, so even if found in distant countries, they still would be banned from import to the US. No other country in the world has such ban, so they can be bought and sold and shipped anywhere but the US. There was some pretty shady dealing to get these memorandums approved without oversight, as well outlined in the book. Unfortunately the Supreme Court refused to hear the case (only 4 of 150 requests were granted that month). Prior U.S Circuit courts declined to do anything, so the ACCG will continue its efforts.

- Merle really, really, really likes 20 cent pieces. He just got another, this one being an 1878 graded Proof 61 by NGC. It goes well with his Proof 62, 63, and 64 coins (as well as the rarer 1877, his proof 65 20 cent piece). With mintages under 600, these are quite scarce. This is his coin pictured here





Merle also talked about tokens. He was at a token convention the weekend prior to our meeting. There must have been over 50,000 tokens, plus 800+ at auction. Out of boredom he looked at one bulk lot and spotted a rarity. And for \$450 he bought the whole bunch of tokens, including the one he spotted— worth ~\$2000. It is one of only two known of this variety. It makes his 20 cent pieces look common. The token was from the Washington Hotel Bar in Petaluma, and the reverse is of the Jacob Strahle Billiard Manufacturer, from San Francisco. Strahle, an emigrant from Germany, was a fine craftsman who specialized in fine and rare woods in the manufacture of pool tables, balls, cues, etc. His company was advertised on many hotel/saloon tokens in the US. Strahle's work was so good his company was asked to manufacture the last railroad tie used for completing the transcontinental railroad. The Strahle tokens were only made from 1883 to 1891 and are very sought after.



Lee G talked about an experimental pattern piece he owns, listed as Judd-2060. It was an experimental plastic piece, one of many pieces of various composition tried by the U.S.Mint while metal was scarce during WWII. Lee recently obtained a book on patterns and experimental pieces of WWII, which he found fascinating and hard to put down. He sent it in to be graded, only to find out there was graffiti scratched on the reverse of the plastic. It had a likely significance being a trial piece, but Lee is trying to find out what it is.



KIDS KORNER

Juniors that attended the April meeting got a special treat. Willie did a presentation on Indian Head Cents which was excellent. He began by showing us his first collection that he started when he was a junior. Then he explained that some of these first coins made it into his Dansco album which now holds the complete collection. He brought several Indian cents and invited the juniors to select one and "card it up".

In May, we will be treated to a presentation by Bill S. on the subject of Buffalo Nickels. The juniors and I are learning a lot from these special guest speakers.

Come and listen in on May 8th at 6:15 sharp! Rich W

NEW LECTURE SERIES

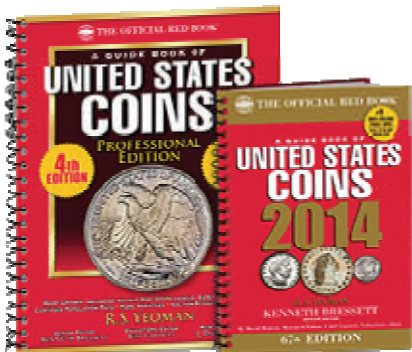
Lee Gong will be giving an **ADVANCED COLLECTING** talk at the beginning of each meeting. He will begin at 6PM. This will be very interesting and informative, geared to all adult and advanced Junior members.

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

CASH paid for coin collections, will travel. I have been buying coins for 58+ years. Frank Villalon 707-467-0250

We have purchased from the ANA the 2014 spiral bound **Red Book** to sell to our members. The cost to our members will be **\$8.50 each**, the regular price for the Red Books are \$14.95. We have only 20 to sell and we have 2 of the large print version for \$15.00 ea. If anyone would like to reserve one call Lee Gong at 707 546-3071 or email him at lgong@sonic.net



FOR SALE: Beautiful uncirculated 1 ounce 2009 gold American Eagle at spot price plus \$50. Call Steve K at 548-0839



DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Frank V, Lee C, Harold r, Jasmine M, Charlie C, Harry D, and Glenn C

50:50 pot of \$ 84 was split with Charlie C

Raffle: Jack H, Rodney, Mike M, Jerry St. G, Philip A, Jon Maria M (twice), Gary C (twice), Adriana M, Edwin H, Larry M, Andy S, and Kevin Q

April Members: 56+

New Members: Bob F (#804) rejoined, Steven E (# 868J), and Lee C (#869)- **WELCOME!!!**

Guests: Yes, several

Auction: 37 exciting items

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for May are *all of us* bringing desserts. Thanks!

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

May 5, 2013. 41st Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show. Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane (off Redwood Parkway and turn south on Admiral Callaghan)

June 22-23, 2013. Stanislaus County Coin Club's Modesto Coin and Collectible Show. Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L St (10th and K Streets), Modesto

July 27-28, 2013. Fremont Coin Club 34th Annual Show. Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

August 11, 2013. Annual Fairfield Coin Show. Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky St.

September 28, 2013. CSNA Annual Northern California Educational Symposium. Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, Vallejo

October 12-13, 2013. Diablo Numismatic Society's 17th Annual Coin Show. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive (off Concord Ave)

October 20, 2013. Delta Coin Club's 49th Annual Coin Show. Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

November 3, 2013. Peninsula Coin Club 34th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

November 24, 2013. Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) Show. Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane (off Tennessee Street & I-80)

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:
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See you May 8— Charlie

