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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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Next Meeting: March 13, 2013

## ITS SHOW TIME!!!!

The January meeting of the RECC was all about the upcoming show. Merle announced that all of the tables had been sold. 3 dealers couldn't come at the last minute, but Merle straightened things out. Thanks to Bob K for organizing the set-up and take down. By 5:30 Wednesday, everything was in place, and the set-up crew was treated to pizza! Many coins for the planned Treasure Hunt were donated by Jack Beymer, and some by Willie Q— thanks.

### MARCH TOPIC

The theme of the March meeting will be : **What I Bought/Sold at the Show, and WHAT I AM STILL LOOKING FOR.** Bring in an item, give a talk, and get 4 free raffle tickets.

It will also be our annual **CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE** dinner, all for **just \$5.** Please bring a side dish or a green dessert to share with the club.

### WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR

- ◆ Willie Q is looking for an 1873 closed 3 Indian cent



- ◆ Kurt G is working on a Morgan Dollar date set. Most of the ones he has so far were free from his wheeling and dealing, and he will also be upgrading them

- ◆ Blake M talked about a 1980 Canadian \$50 gold piece (1 ounce) that his grandmother gave him, not realizing its value—\$1700!



- ◆ Phil A is looking for Buffalo nickels— the harder dates— and proof cents

- ◆ Rich W is looking for Barber Dimes and a 1927-S Standing Liberty Quarter. He also talked about a \$10 million coin. The very first of the 1794 Dollars that was struck, pictured below, sold for that— and the buyer was prepared to pay up to \$15 million! It had sold for just \$506,000 in 1991. It is a historical coin, and may have been held by George Washington. Rich discussed how the numismatic market is ripe for the kind of consideration from investors that has long been associated with the art world, where paintings occasionally fetch over \$100 million. The market is strong for one-of-a-kind paintings, baseball cards, etc, and many feel the “Mona Lisas of Numismatics” are ready to explode in price. But that is for the ultimate rarities. As the number of serious collectors has declined in recent years, some are not sure this will trickle down to the ‘\$10,000 coins’. Time will tell.



- ◆ Merle is looking for 20 cent pieces and large bust dimes.

- ◆ Glenn C is looking for cents

- ◆ Gary C is looking for the 1824/2 Draped Bust Dime, and the Isle of Man 1/5 ounce Maine Coon Gold.



### COIN COMMANDMENTS

Here is the final list of 10 commandments that Rich W has compiled from members, and passed on to the Juniors.

1. Before you buy the coin, buy the book
2. Never clean a coin improperly
3. Only handle coins by their edges
4. Store coins properly in a safe place
5. Establish a budget and buy only coins you can afford
6. Establish a priority want list before buying coins
7. Do not speak over unprotected coins
8. Be very careful removing coins from 2-inch by 2-inch holders to avoid scratching
9. Own and use a loupe to inspect coins under magnification
10. Always be courteous to coin dealers at their place of business.

### **EMPOWERING THE CLERK With Recycled Silver Coins - Also Known As "Green" Silver.** Courtesy of Robert M

Clerks and cashiers watching for silver coins moving through a cash register can net an extra \$20 to \$200 a month without hurting the relationship they have with their employer or customers. Indeed they can even share in the prosperity creating win-win relationships, building trust and good will. Spotting or "listening" for the distinct look or sound of silver dimes, nickels, quarters, half and silver dollars is an art. Some have fine tuned instincts and this on-the-job-hunt leading to more prosperity is fun and exciting.

*"Listen for the "Ka-Ting",  
Look for the Shine -  
and just know everything will be fine!"*

### **COIN SHOW NEWS**

The show came and went quickly, and seemed to run very smoothly. As mentioned before, set up was handled quickly on Wednesday before our regular meeting. On Thursday at 4PM, the dealers were admitted to set up their tables, with 24-hour armed security until the show was over. And by 10 AM Friday morning, it was on with the show. Merle will present a tally from the show in March.

We held our annual Show Dinner Friday night at Fou Zhou Chinese Buffet. The food was good as usual, with a good turnout. Lee Gong donated 2 cases of wine, given away in a drawing after we had all finished.

There was a new award given at the dinner meeting, in honor of the late Gordon Donnell. He was very active for over 20 years in various clubs and capacities, strongly supporting the hobby. The Northern California Numismatic Association instituted the Gordon R. Donnell Memorial Meritorious Award, aka the "Donnell Award" late last year, and commenced presenting the awards in 2013. It is supported by the NCNA, while the selection and presentation of honorees will be by the individual NCNA Clubs (2 awards per year). It will be a medallion with a portrait of Gordon on the obverse, and blank on the reverse for engraving the recipient's name and information, as well as a certificate.

The first Honoree was Merle Avila, who has been our president, co-chaired the Coin Show, and is a large promoter and supporter of our hobby. The second one was Willie Quarante, who is always helping the club, even without being asked. Both received certificates and a warm round of applause at the dinner. The medallions are yet to be made.



Lee G presenting Merle with his certificate



Lee G presenting Willie with his certificate

## SHOW DRAWINGS

Sales were brisk both days for both the silver dollar and gold coin drawings. There were seven slabbed MS-62 Morgan Dollars given away hourly each day, generously donated by Don Rinkor. And people were still buying the gold tickets right up to the end. We will see who sold the most among our club members at the next meeting.

The winners of the gold coins were:

For Mexican 2-1/2 Peso-  
 Optio Coins, ticket # 05351  
 Connie Peterson, # 08667  
 Ramona Smith, # 10773  
 Juan N (sold by Irene C) #04071  
 Frank Bowers, # 11876  
 Mike Cotta, #10940  
 Berry Pevey, # 01251



## MEMBERSHIP GOLD

We also had our 6 month Membership Gold Coin Drawing at the meeting. For every month you were at a meeting, a wooden nickel with your membership number was taken and put in a pot to draw the monthly membership prize. Each month the pot was added to the pile, so after 6 months there were up to 6 entries for each of you to win a gold coin. Instead of one \$10 gold coin, Merle got 3 gold coins to give away. And the winners were:

Adrienne M, a \$5 American eagle  
 Carman B, a 1926 AU 58 \$2-1/2 gold piece  
 Irene C, a 1902-S \$5 gold piece! We also sang happy birthday to Irene as usual at the coin show dinner. Congratulations!

\$5 Liberty Gold: Juan N (again!), # 04024

\$20 St. Gaudens: Dan Connors, # 03138



The coin show isn't all work— hopefully everybody had fun and enjoyed being there.



A big thanks to our clean-up crew. We were out of the building in record time.



These are just some of the dealers who were at our show, and come back year after year. We appreciate their supporting our club and the 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

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

## KIDS KORNER

The February meeting was well attended with Joel M demonstrating an app on his I-Pad that is a PCGS grading tool that pictures coins in the various grades. Very good and available at a low price. See Joel for details. At the **March meeting**, we will discuss what we got at our coin show. See you at 6:15.

## Coin Show Youth Table & Youth Treasure Hunt

Juniors who attended our show were greeted at front by Charlie, who directed them to the youth table at the back of the room. There they found three tables of donated items including albums, world coins, elongated coins, and ANA items from the US mint. Many assembled their own albums and filled a two by two page of world coins. The treasure hunt included a list and hunt for ten items held by dealers throughout the room. Three people made this possible: Lee G., Willie, and Jack Beymer who donated the coins. Visit Jack at his new store location in Big Oak Plaza, Santa Rosa and thank him. Visit Lee at G and G markets and thank him. Thank Willie where ever you can find him.

And thank Rich for all the work he did organizing and working at our youth table and treasure hunt. The photo here is one of the few moments he had to rest at the show.



## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership:** Phil A, Jerry St.G, Bob B, Dan C, Randon S

**50:50** pot of \$ 104 was split with Edwin H

**Raffle:** Mike M, David A (twice), Frank C, Kurt G, Joel M, Bill R, Edwin H, Phil A, Connie P (twice), and Jonathan S

**February Members:** 70+

**New Members:** Rodney M (#857) joined his son as a member— WELCOME!

**Guests:** Yes, several

**Auction:** 7 exciting items

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

## 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.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for March are all of you for bringing a side dish or green dessert to go with corned beef and cabbage— 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

**March 10, 2013. Livermore Valley Coin Club's 49th Annual Coin Show.** Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore

**April 19-21, 2013. Santa Clara Coin and Collectible Show.** Santa Clara Convention Center

**April 26-27, 2013. Sacramento Valley Coin Club's Spring Coin Show.** Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento

**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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