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MARCH MADNESS

Well, madness may be a bit of an exaggeration, but it sure was a fun March meeting. Merle recapped our Coin Show, which was a big success with dealers, collectors and (for the club) financially. Thanks go to Bob K for arranging set up and take down, to Lee G and Merle for all the preliminary arrangements, and for all of you who worked at the show. Rich W and Willie Q were great helping at the club table and the Treasure Hunt.

We had 442 attendees on Friday, and 471 on Saturday. Lots of Silver Dollar drawing tickets were sold, and our thanks again to Don Rinkor for the donation of the slabbed dollars. Some Gold Coin Drawing tickets were sold at the show, but the majority were sold by 42 club members who sold tickets prior to the show.

Among club members who sold tickets, the 3rd highest total (\$505) was sold by Jim C, who received a Nevada State Museum Commemorative as a prize. The second highest total (\$850) was sold by Connie P, who received a gold coin. And the highest seller, at \$1100, was Curtis S, who received a Civil War era 1861 \$2-1/2 gold piece. And among the other gold drawing ticket sellers, Andy S was drawn to receive a 4th prize— a 2-1/2 peso Mexican gold piece. Finally, the Coin Show door prize winner was announced— Jon Maria M. Congratulations to all.

It just seems to get better and better every year. What a great club we have!

Many thanks for Lee G and the gang at G&G Market for bringing delicious corned beef and extras to our meeting, as well as to the members who brought side dishes and desserts. There was more than enough for all, even with the great turnout we had. Yes, there were some very nice green desserts.

Goodies for April were not announced, so anyone bringing dessert would be greatly appreciated.

WHAT I FOUND AT THE COIN SHOW

- * Merle really likes to collect 20 cent pieces. The most common date was 1875 S, with 1.15 million minted. The rare dates were the last 2 years, when only proofs were made, 1877 (510 minted) and 1878 (760 minted, 600 sold and the rest melted). Merle was surprised to find an 1877 Proof 65 coin, and bought it for a very good price.



- * Glenn C was able to sell all his coins from Cyprus and able to purchase cents for his new collection.
- * Phil A found 2 Buffalo nickels for his set, and a proof cent.
- * Willie Q found not one but two 1863 closed 3 Indian cents, and also a nice overprint bill from Hawaii.



- * David A is still working on his U.S. type set, and has been looking for 50 cent commemoratives, and saw one at a good cost at the show. He also bought a U.S. Trade Dollar



- * Bob K bought just a couple of coins— \$5 Liberty gold!

* Rich W manned the club table most of the show, and thanked Treasure Hunt assistants Willie Q, Lee G, and Jack Beymer (for his generous donations). He has been looking for an 1893-S Morgan dollar– and there were *ten* in the coin show! He was able to carefully look at their conditions, the prices, and.....will wait for the right one to come along. He also bought a small block of very old sticky perforated paper for some odd reason (they were just postage stamps, after all) :-))

* Joel M was able to sell some stuff at the coin show. He is still looking for an 1878 CC dollar in a GSA soft pack. He did find an 1885 CC PCGS MS63 Morgan Dollar.

* Charlie C bought 2 items at the show, and was surprised (and happy) they were there. The first was a “prutah” minted by Pontius Pilate, under the authority of Tiberius in Rome. Pilate was the governor of Judea, and the one with the authority to convict Jesus and inflict capital punishment. The coin had the date “LIZ” on the reverse (in Greek), like the one pictured below, indicating the 17th year of Pilate’s rule– the year 30 AD. Quite a historic little coin. The other purchase was a medal by Jean Dassier in 1731. As a tribute to King George II, he created a medal of each of the Kings and Queens of England. Dassier was prolific and made many other medals. But this royal series was restruck from the original dies in 1820. Charlie bought one of Queen Elizabeth I. The obverse has a very high relief and well detailed portrait of the queen. The reverse shows a scene depicting the defeat of the Spanish Armada. Those reading this on-line should enlarge these images to see the detail, especially the lightning striking the Spanish ships. The medal is ~ 1-1/2” in size. The medals go well with Charlie’s collection of actual coins of the English kings and queens.



* Gary C is still looking for an Isle of Man Maine Coon Cat in gold. The closest he has gotten so far is the photo in last month’s newsletter.

* Irene C was pleased to win her gold coin(s). She purchased gold drawing tickets and put her grandson’s name on them– and he won. He was very pleased.

* Dan C purchased a fascinating convex gold coin from the Byzantine Empire around the year 1150 AD. It featured a youthful bust of Christ on the obverse, and Emperor Manuel on the reverse. Dan’s coin was in a slab, protecting the fragile shape and nice details. Manuel was a powerful Emperor, and the Byzantine empire went into decline after his death. This type of curved coin is called a hyperpyron.



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 March meeting was well attended with Juniors discussing what they bought at the coin show. At the meeting they sorted through donated coins and assembled 20 coins into 2 X 2s to make a complete album page.

In April, Willie Q will be our guest speaker. He will discuss Indian Head Cents. See you at 6:15PM sharp!

Rich W

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: RJ, Rodney M, Phil A, Harry D, David A, and Claude F

50:50 pot of \$106 was split with Joel M

Raffle: Edwin H, Rodney M (twice), Gary C (twice), Jack H (twice), Paul R (twice), Bill R, Bob K, and Dan A

March Members: 67+

New Members: Stephan K, Michael S, Evan and Mason B, Nicole C, Matthew W, Glenn M, and Denis L rejoined after a bit of a hiatus. WELCOME!!!!

Guests: Yes, several

Auction: 17 exciting items

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for April are any of you who care to bring desserts. Thanks!

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.

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

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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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:
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See you April 10— Charlie

