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Redwood Empire Coin Club

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year. The Redwood Empire Coin Club started off the year with three new members: Anthony and David V, and Bruce C—WELCOME!

Merle reminded members to pay their dues, if not done yet.

The memorial service for Willie Quarante went very well, with lots of members showing up as well as some of his past girlfriends and family, all remembering his warmth and friendship.

Merle gave an update for the upcoming Coin Show.

- All tables are sold
- Bob K took down names for people setting up (around 5 PM the Wednesday of our next meeting) as well as helping to clean up.
- Charlie C also is taking down names of those willing to work at the front table for a 2 hour shift, and will be asking for volunteers for time slots at the next meeting. Even if you do not sign up, if you are at the show and want to give one of the workers a break for a bit feel free to pitch in.
- We will have our Coin Show Dinner Friday night February 14 at Fou Zhou restaurant— see Merle for sign-ups.
- We will be having our 6 Month Membership Gold Coin Drawing at the dinner. But you need not be there since not everyone will be able to attend.

February Meeting Topic

The topic for the February RECC meeting is **“What I am looking for at the Coin Show”**. Give us a brief talk about it, and get 4 free raffle tickets.

SHOW AND TELL

- ◆ Rod M Junior recently attended the Concord Coin Show, and purchased an 1858 Seated Liberty coin in XF 40



◆ Bill G brought in an 1853 dollar in MS 63 with a great story to go with it. His father was a merchant marine during World War II, and was sunk *twice*— once by a mine and once by a torpedo. His wife advised him to get a land-based job, and after the war he worked as a port captain for a U.S. shipping line in Paris. While there he traded a case of chocolate for the coin!

◆ Charlie C talked about an electrum coin he recently purchased. Last year was a talk about the worlds first attempt at coinage, a nugget stamped with a mark on one side. This new one actually has an imprint on both sides. One side is striated (has lines), the other has a punch mark, and is a type of the first known true coins. The denomination is 1/24th of a stater (the largest denomination), but being both gold and very rare,. It is all that he could afford. It was minted around 670 BC in Ionia, part of what is now western Turkey. The photo gives you a perspective on how small it is.



- ◆ Phil A talked about how he obtained an 1830 Capped Bust Half Dollar. Several years ago he was a cashier at a gas station, when a man rushed in needing \$15 worth of gas and claiming he had \$15 in a bag of change. After hemming and hawing, Phil let him have the gas. Later, when counting the bag of change, it did indeed have \$15 total in it. But included in that change was the 1830 Capped half dollar!





- ◆ Bob T likes to collect medals, particularly New York medals. One recent eBay find was a New York Worlds Fair medal from 1939. Most were 1-1/2", but this was a rarer 2-1/2 inch size he got. The reverse depicts The World of Tomorrow, Today, and Yesterday. And he was able to see where he used to live on the panorama of the city pictured on the coin!



- ◆ Larry M talked about some certified dollars he recently got. Now PCGS grading has split the standard numerical grading further by listing some coins as "MS65+" and "MS63PL" for instance. These added gradations are likely a way they compete with businesses like CAC, which affixes a sticker if a coin is in the upper half of a grade.
- ◆ Jim C talked about how the U.S.Mint sold cancelled dies from 1995-1996 Olympic coins. Those dies can be used any way the new owner wants,

- ◆ And they are being struck on new planchets. Of course they show the big "X" from the cancellation. A company started doing just this, which is OK with the mint. But it was NOT OK with the U.S.Olympic Committee, which put a stop and made the company destroy all its stock. But not before Jim had purchased one of the 15 sets that got out (of 300 total made).
- ◆ Merle talked about sticker coins, which ranged from cents to dollars. He particularly likes the dollars. Various stores or companies would place a sticker on the coin to act as advertising. We even did it with SBA dollars a few years ago. Merle has sticker dollars from such places as Stumptown Days (~1954), Calistoga "Sam Brannan Days", and the Elk's Club in Placerville.
- ◆ And while trying to find an image of a sticker dollar, how about the one below? A banana sticker somehow made it onto a sheet before printing the bill at the BEP. This is a real item, and sold for over \$25,000 at a Heritage Auction. The bidders were going ape. There were peels of laughter. It was ripe for buying. :-))



KIDS KORNER

I missed the January meeting due to a bout of the flu. However, several juniors met and helped Merle affix labels and stamps to our postcard mailers. All 2875 of them!!

At the February meeting, we will discuss our coin show and getting ready to go to a coin show. There is still time to see mom and dad about making some extra money for purchases at the show. There will be a treasure hunt on Saturday and a Junior booth open both days for any kids that attend the show.

As usual, many donated items will be offered free to juniors. See you at 6:15 sharp!

Rich W.

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.

The first sticker dollar is known from a coal company that had been getting bad mouthed by people in town, saying it did not support the town. It paid its workers in silver dollars, and placed stickers on all of them. Soon most of the dollars in town had stickers, and people realized the coal company supported the town much more than they thought.



DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Harry D, David V (new member's luck!), Rod M, Riley R, Glenn M, Mike M, Rose F

50:50 pot of \$ 94 was split with Curtis

Raffle: Jim C, Glenn M (5 times!), Edwin H, Jack H (twice), Mike B, Curtis S, and Mike M

November Members Present: 46+

New Members: Anthony and David V (#s 882 and 883), and Bruce C (#884)

Guests: Yes

Auction: 53 of exciting items

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for January are Phil R, Charlie C, and anyone else who wants to bring something in to share

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

January 3-4, 2014. East Bay / Concord Coin Show. The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord

January 24-26, 2014. San Jose 46th Annual Coin, Stamps, and Collectibles Expo. Double Tree Hotel Bayshore Ballroom, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose

FEBRUARY 14-15, 2014. Redwood Coin Club 46th Annual Coin Show. Sonoma County Fairgrounds Finley Hall, Santa Rosa

February 16, 2014. Cupertino Coin Club's 42nd Annual Coin Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

May 4, 2014. Vallejo Numismatic Society 42nd Annual Show. Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo

March 14-15, 2014. South Bay / Sunnyvale Coin Show. The Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale.

June 27-28, 2014. East Bay / Concord Coin Show. The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord.

July 12-13, 2014. California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) 132nd Convention and Coin Show. Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Way, Vallejo

July 26-27, 2014. Fremont Coin Club's 42nd Annual Show. Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

September 26-27. North Bay / Santa Rosa Coin Show. Flamingo Resort Hotel, 2777 Fourth Street, Santa Rosa.

October 18-19, 2014. Delta Coin Club's 50th Annual Coin Show. Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

November 2, 2014. Peninsula Coin Club's 35th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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See you February 12— Charlie

