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MARCH MADNESS

We had over 90 members and guests show up for the March meeting of the RECC. Part of it was excitement from the recent show, part was the good weather, but a big part was probably the promise of great food. And was it ever! Thanks to the great cooks at G&G market, we had delicious corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, and rolls, plus some green jello, salad, and some green desserts. There was plenty of food for all, and just about every morsel was eaten.

Merle gave a wrap up of the Coin Show, with thanks to many members who put in a lot of time to make it succeed, particularly Lee G; Bob K for arranging set-up and tear down; Rich W for manning the kid's table; and Mike M for keeping the coffee going and kitchen all neat. Plus thanks to all who worked up at the front table. Here are some of the numbers:

Friday attendees: **465**
Saturday attendees: **484**
Total= **949**, the most ever!
46 dealers were there.

36 members sold gold coin drawing tickets, enough to cover coin costs and them some. Merle presented gold coins to the top three ticket sellers:

Jim C sold 500 tickets, and won an 1857 Flying Eagle cent clashed with a 50 cent piece

Curtis S sold 900 tickets, and won a 1/10 ounce American Gold Eagle in MS 70

Connie P is the new sales champ, with 1300 tickets sold! She won an 1899 \$5 gold piece in MS 61.

And among those who sold tickets, a 4th name was drawn: **Mike M** won a 2-1/2 peso Mexican gold piece.

APRIL TOPIC

The topic for the April meeting will be a continuation of the one we had in March: What I Still Need For My Collection. Give a three minute talk and get 4 free raffle tickets.

Scott G talked about the recent Old S.F. Mint Coin Show. Dinner after the show featured a tribute to Willie Q, which was very nice.

The photo below is a photo of Willie with Bruce Braga at the previous coin show.



SHOW AND TELL

Between bites of corned beef, several members talked about what they got at the recent show.

☛ Christine S purchased an original hobo nickel. These began in the early 1900s by itinerants who would carve a design in a Buffalo nickel, often offering in exchange for a meal. Early ones can be quite valuable, especially if attributed to one of the early artists, like Bert Weigand (who erased the L, I, and Y from Liberty to sign his pieces 'BERT'), and George Washington "Bo" Hughes.



- ☛ Guy S bought some Mexican coins, at nice affordable prices
- ☛ Matt A got some Lincoln cents for his collection

Merle purchased an example of the first proof 3 cent silver. Perhaps 200 were minted, and he has one of these puppies! Of course many of his 'puppies' are low mintage proofs, like his 20 cent pieces. He also talked about the Half Disme at one of the dealer tables at the show. This was minted from silver that George Washington donated.



- Glenn C is collecting Buffalo nickels— again.
- Carson K got 18 Mercury dimes at the show!
- Mike M went to the show with a specific budget. He was really interested in a 1916-D Mercury Dime, but the budget one he heard about was more than he would spend. So he ended up with an uncirculated Indian gold coin instead. That sure sounds like a nice compromise.
- Phil A talked about getting the Jackie Robinson \$1 silver commemorative.



The Lion Thaler

I saw something at the show I was interested in, but hesitated to get it. Fortunately it was still in Frank's case at the last meeting. I like coins with historical value, and this was definitely one. It was a 1589 "Lion Thaler" from Holland. So what is the big deal?

Early coins in the American colonies were mostly what people brought over from Europe. Many different coins from different countries had varying values. Yes, the colonies did mint some of our own coins, but perhaps the most common foreign coin was the Spanish milled 8 reales. But the Lion Thaler is probably where the term 'dollar' came from.

These were minted by the Dutch provinces starting in 1575, and soon became a favorite coin for trade abroad (from Holland), including the middle east. The obverse features a standing knight with a shield resting against his legs. The reverse features the same lion (only much larger), surrounded by the motto "CONFIDENC DNO NON MOVETVR", "who trusts in the lord is not moved".

The coins were usually struck on thin planchets that did not fully fill the thickness of the dies, so they were often weakly struck. This coin (yes I bought it) is graded by NGC as AU Details with surface hairlines. What NGC doesn't realize is that they really don't come any better than this. Who knows who may have handled it centuries ago.

One side note: most of us learned about George Washington tossing a silver dollar across the Delaware River to see if it was frozen. What is wrong with the tale is that the U.S. did not have any dollar coins minted at the time. It could have been a Lion Thaler like this, or more likely the Spanish Milled 8 Reales "Dollar".



Bill G talked about an upcoming coin show in Sunnyvale as well as the coin drawing he had at our coin show.

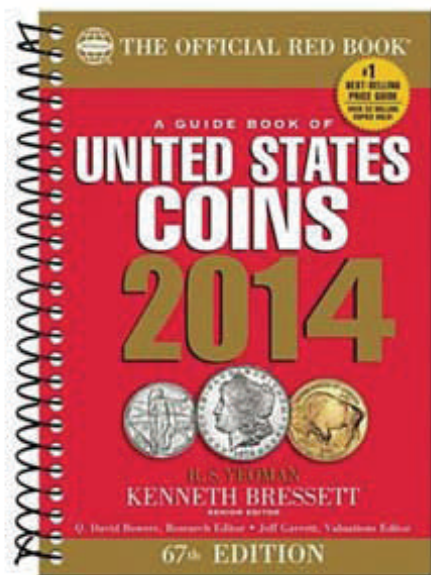


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RED BOOKS

Lee G I will have new 2014 Red Books to sell in May or June. He will have 20 spiral and 5 large print to sell on a first come first serve basis. The cost will depend on when we receive them plus postage. You can reserve one by calling him at 707 546-3071 or email at lgong@sonic.net. If you reserve one you must pick it up at the next meeting or we will sell to the next person if we run short.



KIDS KORNER

At the March meeting, planned discussions of our coin show were overtaken by new donations brought in by Joe Mc C. Juniors received high grade coins, currency, and presidential dollars. In addition, fractional notes were passed out courtesy of Frank V. Carson continues to be our most enthusiastic new junior member. He continues to add to his Mercury Dime collection, but accepts other items as well. He meets me in the parking lot to help carry things in to the meeting. In April, my wife and I will be in France. I will ask for a volunteer to run the junior meeting at 6:15. Rich

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Irene C, Casey McL, Joe McC, David V, Glenn C, Michael W

50:50 was not done

Raffle: David V, Bill R (twice), Curtis S (twice), Jim C, Jack H, Jerry St G, Bob K, Irene C

March Members Present: 80+

New Members: several people joined since the coin show— WELCOME!

Guests: Yes

Auction: 50 of 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 April are:
Cal G, Ann N, Barry P, and Mike. 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

April 25-27, 2014. Santa Clara Coins and Collectibles Show. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5100 Great America Parkway

May 2-3, 2014. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Show. Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento

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

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

August 10, 2014. Fairfield Coin Club 25th Annual Coin Show. Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky (off Pennsylvania), Fairfield

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

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

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See you April 9— Charlie

