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ITS SHOWTIME!

Prior to the February meeting, the Finley Building at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds was taken over by almost 2 dozen RECC members. Everything was set up and made ready for the coin show. Many thanks to all who showed up (and a pizza dinner for the effort!).

Once our meeting started, Merle went over final preparation items. All the available tables were sold. Don Rinkor donated 14 PCGS MS-62 Morgan Dollars for the Silver Dollar raffle— many thanks. Members were encouraged to wear their club badge as a show of club unity and pride. We thanked Bob K for organizing the volunteers for set up and take down. And thanks to Merle and Lee for all the behind-the-scenes hard work. Some info and photos about the show are on following pages, and Merle should sum it up at the March meeting.

MARCH MEETING INFO

Speaking of the March meeting, the topic will be : **“What I bought at the show/ What I was looking for but couldn’t find at the show”**. Maybe someone in the club has it and can help. Give a 3 minute talk, get 4 free raffle tickets.

It will also be our annual March **CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE NIGHT!** For just \$5, you will be treated to lots of freshly cooked delicious corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes (thanks to the chefs at G&G Market, of course). **Please** either bring a **side dish** or a “green” **dessert** to share with the club. You don’t want to miss any of this!



Congratulations to Jeff B for becoming our 79th LIFE MEMBER, #79. You too can become one, just talk with Merle.

WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR AT THE SHOW

- ◆ Giulia R is looking mostly for Mercury dimes
- ◆ Guy S likes the big Russian 5 Kopek coins, and needs only a few dates to complete his set. He also needs just the 1947 Canada dollar to complete another type set. Here it is.



- ◆ Frank B has a few holes in his Mercury Dime and Lincoln cent collections, and he is now working on a Jefferson nickel collection.
- ◆ The last Mercury dime that Gary C got was his 1925-D, a hard date to get. He is still looking for coins with lighthouses on them and 1/5 ounce Isle of Man gold ‘cats’. Here is one for you.



- ◆ Matt A is looking for a Kindle or smart phone app for coin collections. Anyone have an idea?
- ◆ Curtis S is working on a U.S Type Set, and needs the first two of just about all the series: half cents, cents, half dimes, quarters, and halves.

- ◆ George W was at a store, and saw a woman whose profile looked *just like* Lady Liberty on a US coin, and he was impressed.
- ◆ Charlie C (that is me) isn't looking for anything in particular, since he found what he was looking for at the big NYINC (New York International Numismatic Convention) auctions. In particular, this is an example of the very first coin minted of silver. Early Greek coinage was initially minted of electrum, an alloy of gold *and* silver. Some thought it was a natural alloy found in nuggets of streams of Lydia- in what is now western Turkey. But analysis of many of those coins found a very uniform combination suggesting they were actually alloyed that way. King Kroisos of Lydia in 564-550 BC was the first to mint coins in the separate metals. It features a lion attacking a bull. Both the gold and silver coins of Kroisos had the same obverse, with incuse punches on the reverse. The largest denominator for both metals is called a stater (which this silver one is), and weighs about 1/3 ounce. To Merle, it looks like a big rock. To me, it is a beautiful bit of ancient history. The gold staters are also very rare, but much more costly (~\$30,000-\$50,000). They do come in smaller denominations of half stater; trite (1/3 stater); hecte(1/6 stater), hemi-hecte (1/12 stater); mysehemihekte (1/24 stater), and there is probably a 1/48th denomination. I do have the 1/12 stater in gold, also pictured here. It is under 1/4 inch in size.



- ◆ Bob K has a simple list of things he is looking for: gold
- ◆ Bob T has put together coins he had into an 18th Century type set, and only needed a Trade Dollar to complete it.
- ◆ Mike C likes looking in 'junk boxes' for sterling coins of Canada, England, and Australia. He recently went on E-bay and got 1843 and 1844 English half farthing (1/8 penny) coins. They were initially minted for use in what was Ceylon (now known as Sri Lanka), but used for circulation in England. He got a great price on the two, less

than half the current value. They are smaller than a dime in size.



- ◆ Bill C talked some more about Russian coins.
- ◆ Glenn C is back to looking for coins from Cyprus
- ◆ Merle bid on a Heritage auction on-line for early proof sets, and brought in a beautiful 1942 set with both types of proof from that year, all graded PCGS P-65 or 66. He paid under Grey-sheet price for all, including the CAC stickers. He is looking for Barber Quarters in Proof Cameo condition. There are only 24 dates in that series, all with mintage under 1000, and 'relatively' affordable compared to other more popular coins.

COIN SHOW DINNER

Friday after the first day of the show, we held our annual Coin Show Dinner at Fou Zhou Chinese Buffet again. It was well attended with club members and dealers, with more than enough food for all.

We also had our biennial Membership Gold Coin Drawing as well. Because not everybody could attend the dinner, you didn't need to be present. The winners were:

- ◆ Frank Denicola, a 2-1/2 Peso Mexican gold coin
- ◆ Frank Bowers, a \$2-1/2 Indian Head US gold coin
- ◆ Michael W, a \$5 Indian Head US gold coin. Congratulations!



On Saturday, the Boy Scouts had a 10:30 meeting where they all worked on their Merit Badge in Coin Collecting. Scouts from at least 2 different troops were present (Troop 32 was the apparent host, and Troop 55 members were also there). Our own members Rodney M Jr. and Sr as well as Guy S were instructors. The scouts also had time to 'scout' around at the show, and seemed to appreciate the opportunity to get the merit badge while there.

Also at the show, the RECC table featured a Treasure Hunt for kids. Rich W manned the table, and arranged for a number of dealers to give out foreign coins to kids who spotted a specially marked card on their display case. The kids could return to the club table and look up where those coins were from on a large world map.





The photo above was taken Saturday later in the afternoon when things were quieting down a bit. Attendance came in a fairly steady stream all day, with no big rush of stampeding numismatists this year. It seemed to have given shoppers more time to look over the vast array of coins available at the show, and to spend time discussing them with the dealers.

And of course there was a crowd beginning to congregate at the front of the building around 4PM, in anticipation of the Gold Coin Drawing. Merle dragged it on a bit with first having a raffle for the dealers for a discounted table next year. Then he drew the last of the Silver Dollar raffle tickets. Finally came the gold drawing.

As we have always done, the very first ticket pulled was for the biggest prize. This allowed every single ticket to have a chance of being pulled. Second prize came next. The first two tickets were laid face down, while the second through ninth tickets were drawn, each for a Mexican 2-1/2 Peso gold piece. And the winners were:

2-1/2 Peso Gold: Georgia Heath, ticket # 06727
Larry Gaye, # 03253
Redwood Empire Beauty College, # 10746
Hanna, # 11419
Rene' Flores, # 09385
Mike Josephson, # 00840
George Wenzleff, # 07154

\$5 Liberty Head Gold: Steven McJenkins, # 00862

\$20 St Gaudens Gold: Mike Reynold, #01021

Congratulations to all the winners. And many thanks for all the club members who helped set up and take down the show as well as those who worked at the show too. Details of the show will be discussed at the March meeting— see you there!

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. I have purchased coins for over 60 years— I will travel to your location.

Please call Frank Villalon 707-467-0250

KIDS KORNER

In February, we discussed world coins and talked about our coin show.

We had a surprise visit by Jack Free who brought a very nice bag of coins for the kids. Each received a Ziploc bag of mint sets and other high grade coins. The juniors met Jack and personally thanked him for these very nice gifts.

The junior table at our show was very busy with 21 juniors assembling their first album. Boy scouts also attended to continue work on their coin collecting merit badge. In all, many visitors including adults left our table very please with their gifts and increased knowledge. I was joined by my daughter and grandson at the table and we all had a very good time. Our show is one that our club can be very proud of. I learn more from this show than any other.

On March 11th, I will bring more of the usual and have an open meeting to talk about whatever the kids what to discuss. See you at 6:15 sharp! Rich W

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Andy O, David A, Randon S, Bob T, Jack H, Jonathan S

50:50 pot of \$ 168 was split with Alex F

Raffle: Andy O, Glenn M, Jeremiah R (twice), Edwin H, George W (twice), Curtis S, Lee C, Charles T, Bob B, Anthony V

February Members Present: 67+

New Members: Aaron B (#911) and Charles T (#912)- WELCOME!

Guests: Yes, we had some— Welcome!

Auction: Yes, we had one

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for March are all of you bring either a side dish or a green dessert to go with the 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

April 3-4, 2015. 2015 Wests Token Jamboree,
Western Token Society, Clarion Hotel, 1401
Arden Way, Sacramento

April 17-19, 2015. Santa Clara Coin Show

May 1-2, 2015. Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Annual Spring Coin Show. Points by Shera
ton, 4900 Duckhorn Avenue, Sacramento

May 17, 2015. Vallejo Numismatic Society 43rd
Annual Show. Florence Douglas Senior
Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and
Florida), Vallejo

June 20-21, 2015. Stanislaus County Coin Club's
Modesto Coin and Collectibles Expo.
Modesto Centre Plaza, 1001 L St., Modesto

June 26-27, 2015. East Bay/Concord Coin Show.
Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave., Concord

June 28, 2015. Alameda Coin Show. TBA

July 25-26, 2015. Fremont Coin Club's 43rd
Annual Show. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell
Drive, Fremont

August 9, 2015. Fairfield Coin club's 26th Annual
Coin Show. Willow Room, Fairfield Commu
nity Center, 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsyl
vania

September 4-6, Santa Clara Coin Show
September 26, 2015. 2nd Annual NCNA Seminar.
Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73
Marin Street at Capital, Vallejo

October 9-11, 2015. Diablo Numismatic Society
19th Annual Contra Costa Coin and
Collectibles Show. Elk's Lodge, 1475 Creek
side Dr., Walnut Creek

November 1, 2015. Peninsula Coin Club's 36th
Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.
Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway,
San Jose

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See you March— Charlie

