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MAY MINUTES

Something seemed a little strange at the May meeting of the RECC. First, members were slow to trickle in. Second, there were no dealers at all. Apparently they were all at the Las Vegas Coin Show. I guess maybe sales are better in Sin City. We still managed just fine, and will welcome them back next month.

The Vallejo Coin Show apparently had a good turnout. And three RECC members won coins in the drawing there: Merle, Joe McC, and Connie P (gold!).

Rodney M Jr. proudly talked about an honor he is receiving. In January he applied for and won scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado (only 2 were given out!). It is an incredible learning event with specialized seminars on a wide range of topics. Rodney will be taking the advanced grading seminar (and will skip taking the beginning grading session). Congratulations!



- ◇ Matt A brought in his 1537 Hungarian denar, weighing a grand total of 0.6 grams.
- ◇ Gary C talked about his 2016 Proof Mark Twain Dollar. It has meaning to him since he went to Mark Twain Junior High. The coin has lots of features (perhaps too many?)- see for yourself. Gary was also one of the fortunate collectors able to buy a 2016 U.S. Mint gold Mercury Dime, a 100th anniversary of the first year it was minted. It was a beautiful coin (he showed me, but did not talk about it because it is not a silver coin). The Standing Liberty quarter and Walking Liberty Half dollar will also be planned for later this year—the date to be determined.



MY FAVORITE SILVER COIN

- ◇ Julia R started off the talk with her favorite: a 1916-D Winged Liberty (Mercury) dime. She cannot afford it now, but one day.....
- ◇ Karson's favorite is an 1889 Morgan Dollar he got from his grandfather.
- ◇ Keanu likes the 1941 Mercury dime he has in MS-63.
- ◇ Guy S was 19 years old in 1962, when he saw an auction catalog with a 1496 dated German groschen coin. He was the only bidder and won the lot for \$6.50! Today it is worth ~ \$700. The closest image I could find on the internet is this 1500 German coin.



- ◇ Mike M brought in his Black Box Carson City Morgan Dollar. These were from a hoard found stashed away by the U.S. Mint, and sold to collectors. Mike has some extras of some years, is looking for the less common dates. Ask him if you have some extras laying around. Merle added that they are more valuable with the tag the mint included with each one, with a serial # beginning with the year the coin was minted.

- ◇ Bob K: Merle helped him buy the Baseball commemorative \$1 coin, graded NGC P-69 ultra cameo
- ◇ Rich W's favorite coin is the Morgan Dollar. He talked about an article about loose change found in scrapped cars. The U.S. ships hundreds of thousands of tons of scrap to China each year. A multimillion dollar machine shreds scrap cars to fist-sized pieces, then various technologies are used to separate the materials. Very small items are hand sifted and mutilated coins are picked out by hand (cheap labor costs, probably). The mint has been redeeming mutilated coins by weight for nearly a century, and there has been more than \$100 million paid for the scrap coins since 2009! Recently the mint has stopped payment because foreign and possibly counterfeit coins were included. Plus it was estimated that each vehicle exported to China as scrap would have to have 746 coins (about \$105) to account for what was being brought back.
- ◇ Glenn C rambled on about JFK. He had a very nice reverse proof coin
- ◇ Charlie C talked about an old colonial silver coin. He collects English sixpence, which were first minted by Henry VIII's son Edward VI, and has examples of all but one of the English rulers. So it was time to expand to sixpence coins minted here in the western hemisphere (there were 7). THE first coins to be minted in the west were from Sommer's Island, or Bermuda— featuring a hog on one side and ship on the other. New England minted silver shillings, six pence, and three pence—all extremely rare and valuable. Then Massachusetts minted the Willow, Oak, and pine tree coins. Lord Baltimore minted a sixpence. And finally John Chalmers minted coins. Captain Chalmers was a Continental Army recruiting officer, part time Methodist preacher, and Sherriff of Baltimore. Because of a shortage of silver coins, he struck shillings, six pence, and three pence in 1783. The Red Book states Chalmers was a silversmith, but tiny initials T and S on the Chalmers coins reveal the minter as Thomas Sparrow— a friend and active silversmith. (Breen's Encyclopedia of U.S. Coins was a much more thorough source of info). The obverse had a star within a wreath and the motto J Chalmers, Annapolis. The reverse featured clasped hands (in case you cannot tell from the picture), the date and denomination. There are less than 75 samples known. This coin is graded EF 40 by PCGS. It is weakly struck on half, but has nice details on the others. 1 six pence down, 6 more types to go.



- ◇ Merle couldn't decide what was his favorite, so he brought in three coins: an 1873 3 cent Pr-66 (only 600 minted); an 1877 Pr-66 cameo 20 cent piece (510 minted). And a Wells Fargo H&K 'so-called dollar'. Every Wells Fargo employee in 1902 got one (all 500 of them). The details on the 20 cent piece eagle, and the entire Wells Fargo medal were remarkable.



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.

East Bay/Concord Coin Show

June 24 & 25

1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord

There will be two separate drawings for this show.

- ♦ Gold and silver registration prizes of 1/10 ounce U.S. Gold Eagle; 1883-O PCGS MS 62 Morgan Dollar; 1939 PCGS MS 65 Mercury Dime in an old green holder
- ♦ Club Member Only drawing of 2 gold nuggets weighing 2 grams total. Just show club ID and fill out registration form— you do not need to be present to win

Favorite Coin— continued

- ♦ Georgia is still waiting for her favorite coin. It is from the small island nation of Nieu, and features a Hawksbill turtle. It has a very nice turtle design on the reverse. The obverse features Queen Elizabeth II.



- ♦ Mike C carries a 1887 English half crown in his pocket. His favorite silver coin is the Walking Liberty half dollar.
- ♦ Finally, Lucky Larry likes the 3 cent silver. It was initially minted as a coin to pay for a postage stamp.



DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Wendell B, Mike M, Andy O, Rodney M Jr., Dimitry L

50:50 pot of \$114 was split with Keanu

Raffle: Alana S, Jon Maria M (twice), Rick S, Charlie C, Bill R, Mike S, Edwin H, Bill C, Sam (twice)

May Members Present: 60+

New Members: Tiffany S (# 929), Keanu S (#930 J), Brigit S (#931 J), Alana S (#32 J), and Amy S (# 933)- WELCOME!!!!

Guests: yes, there were several

Auction: 31 exciting items

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

KIDS KORNER

Alana, Brigit, Carson, Giulia, and Keanu attended the May meeting. All received coins, currency, and special showcase boxes made possible by Jack Beymer via Joe Mc C. We continue to discuss different ways of collecting and housing our collections.

The June meeting will be hosted by Guy S as I will be out of town. See him in June at 6:15. Rich W

Volunteers for **refreshments** for June are : Guy S, Glen M, Cal G, and Angelo C. 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

June 18-19, 2016. Modesto Coin and Collectibles Expo. Clarion Inn Conference Center, 1612 Sisk Road, Modesto

June 24-25, 2016. East Bay/Concord Show.
Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord

JULY 30-31, 2016. Fremont Coin Club Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

August 7, 2016. Fairfield Coin Club 27th Annual Coin Show, Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown) 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania

October 15-16, 2016. Delta Coin Club 52nd Annual Coin Show. Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

November 6, 2016. Peninsula Coin Club 37th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.
Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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See you June 8— Charlie

