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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## ZOMBIES AND OTHER TYPES OF COINS

The April meeting of the RECC started out with a final wrap-up of this year's show. Merle continued to receive positive feedback about the show, and we look forward to our 50th Show next year. Because the Long Beach Coin Show moved to February for next year, our date needed to be moved. It is tentatively planned for February 15-16, 2018 (Friday and Saturday). This does mean that show set-up will be February 14th (Valentine's Day, the same day as our meeting), but we all know what is more important.....

John B talked about the upcoming Antique Bottle Show this May 6-7 at the Santa Rosa Veteran's Building. It sounds like an interesting show to go to.

The topic for the May meeting is **CURRENCY NIGHT**. This is the first time we have ever had this topic. Many of you collect currency, and there are a lot of categories— so bring in your example(s), talk for a few minutes, and get 4 free raffle tickets. Any kind of currency is welcome: star notes, silver certificates, short snorters, fractional currency, federal notes, foreign, etc. This could be a really fun and educational night, so please bring something to show to the club.

### TYPE SETS

● Guy S started the talk with one of his many type sets, this one from Newfoundland. Prior to it becoming a province of Canada in 1858, it only had merchant tokens for new change. All of these are of relatively low mintage and also relatively inexpensive. And of course he even has the Canadian token book.



- Andy O has a collection of foreign coins made by the U.S. mint. Many of these were around WW II, but he also has the book listing everything we have made for other countries over the years. It is fun trying to get one of each type.
- Matt A brought in his type set of Zombie coins. These are silver rounds with spoofs of various U.S. coin issues. To make the set more interesting, he also included a regular version of each U.S. coin paired with its zombie cousin.



More Zombies!



- Charlie C bought a couple old English coins from Frank Villalon many years ago. They were English groats, or fourpence coins of Henry VI and Henry VIII. And as the saying goes, the rest is history. Next came buying the book(s), and starting a type set of each of the King Henrys (and writing an article about them in the ANA journal *The Numismatist* entitled "Hammered Henrys"). It eventually led to a bigger set of all English kings and queens (missing only 4 or 5 of them). The type set brought in had 7 of the 8 Henry's, only missing the 1st, and there are some interesting bits of info about them. Henry I happened to be hunting in the Black Forest with his older brother (then King William II, son of William the Conqueror). Will II was mysteriously shot hunting, died, and Henry I was immediately crowned king then and there in the forest. Hmmmm. Henry II and III coins had small crosses on the reverse, and it was common for people to clip bits of silver off and save it for extra value. So Henry II changed the reverse to a long cross, so clipping would be detected more easily. And Henry III also had hands chopped off of minters who used underweight planchets for coins. All the portraits up until Henry VII featured cartoon-like designs. The Henry VII groat in the set was the first time a realistic portrait was used on an English coin, at the beginning of the Renaissance. And the two of Henry VIII show an early portrait and a more recognizable older portrait.



Short Vs Long cross



Henry V, the warrior king



Henry VII, new portrait (this is the first, or transitional issue with the new design)



Henry VIII, early portrait



Henry VIII, later more familiar portrait



- Finally Merle talked about his ever changing U.S. Type Set. He gets it out every year, finds one coin to upgrade, and looks for that the our coin show. Most of the coins are affordable, and it never gets tiring or boring looking to upgrade this set. The one coin that does not have a space in his collection is the \$4 gold Stella. The Flowing Hair variety sells for \$76,000+ in XF; the Coiled Hair variety *starts* at \$525,000 (Proof 64 is the lowest grade).



## 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.

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RED BOOKS for sale: Lee G has obtained a special club price for 2018 Red Books. Please e-mail him if you would like a copy, at [lgong@sonic.net](mailto:lgong@sonic.net)

Spiral bound- \$9

Large print- \$18

Mega Red Book (new 3rd edition)- \$30

Since there is a little extra space to fill in here, there are a few other sub-sets of English kings to collect. There were 8 Edwards, though Edward VIII abdicated and his coins were few and ridiculously expensive. But how about these 6 Georges (shown here in order)?



Or these 4 Williams (also shown in order)?



## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership:** Dale C, Gary C, Giulia R, Matt A, and Bill Van V

**50:50** pot of \$94 was split with Georgia

**Raffle:** Joe (twice), Glenn M (three times), Fred, Jack H, Matt A, Larry M, Kathryn E (twice), Roger, and Michael

**February Attendance:** 54+

**New Members:** Derek W (#939) and Ron S (#940)- WELCOME!

**Guests:** Fred, George, Art, Roger

**Auction:** 30 exciting items

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

### KIDS KORNER

In April, we enjoyed using the coin microscope donated by Matt A. The microscope makes coin varieties much easier to see.

In May I will set up the microscope again and we will be looking for coin designers and their corresponding initials on coins. I wonder how many of us know the following designers which appear on US coinage:

VDB, F, FS, W, JS, B, M, JF, AW, GR, & AF  
The kids will provide the answers next month.

See you in May. Rich

Volunteers for **refreshments** for MAY are anyone who can bring goodies. We forgot to take names of volunteers.

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

**May 21, 2017. Vallejo Numismatic Society 45th Annual Show.** Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo

**July 22-23, 2017. Fremont Coin Club's 45th Annual Show.** Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

**August 20, 2017. Fairfield Coin Club's 28th Annual Coin Show.** Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania, in Fairfield

**October 21-22, 2017. Delta Coin Club's 52nd Annual Show.** Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

**November 5, 2017. Peninsula Coin Club's 38th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.** Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

**February 16-17, 2018. Redwood Coin Club's 50th Annual Coin Show.** Sonoma County Fairgrounds' Finley Hall, Santa Rosa

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See you May 10— Charlie

