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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## SHOW ROUNDUP

The business part of the March RECC meeting was a round-up of the show. Overall it was another great show. Attendance on Friday this year was 315 (down from 375 last year), but up on Saturday at 435 (versus 370 last year).

We had 42 dealers this year (compared to 46 last year), and there were a number of last minute changes needed- but they were handled.

Merle thanked a number of people for their special efforts: Lee G for helping set up/run the show; Bob K for organizing set-up and clean up; Mike M for manning the kitchen; Rich W for running the kids table and passing out a gazillion books/albums; David A for setting up and helping repair anything a dealer needed repairing; Curtis S and Connie P for ticket sales; Charlie C for organizing the registration table; Jody for preparing the dealer dinner; and Don Rinkor for donating the slabbed Silver Dollars. And of course a big thanks to Merle for getting all the dealers signed up and organizing the entire show.

For the gold ticket sales, there was a friendly but very competitive rivalry between Andy S and Jack H to sell the most tickets, which came down to the wire. This year 32 members sold more than last year's 36 members. The top ticket winners were:

#1 Curtis S, #2 Connie P, #3 Andy S.

Each of them will get a gold coin of their choosing for the effort. And a 4th gold coin winner was drawn, which was Jack H, who won a Mexican 2-1/2 peso gold coin.

There was also a drawing from among all those who set up and cleaned up the show, and that winner was Andy S, who won an 1885-O Morgan dollar in MS-62. And finally the door prize drawing for the show went to Rick S!

There were other happenings at the show. After the first day closed, we had our annual Coin Show Dinner again at Fou Zhou Restaurant. We had a bit smaller crowd, but the food was good (seemed better than last year). We also had our 6 Month Gold Coin Drawing. Because not all

members could make the dinner, you did not need to be present to win. There were three gold pieces drawn from attendance tokens of the last 6 RECC meetings. And the winners were:

3rd: a 2-1/2 peso Mexican gold coin- Charlie C

2nd: a 5 peso Mexican gold coin- Wayne Z

1st: a 1900 \$2-1/2 US gold piece, slabbed MS 60, to Mike M!

We also had attendance prizes for the dinner. Since there was no wine to give away, Merle had three Mercury Dimes (MS 65/6) and a 1988 Club Medal in a 2017 ANACS slab.

The final excitement at the show was the big Gold Coin Drawing. Merle lined up three kids to draw winning tickets. The very first one drawn was for the top prize, so every ticket would have a chance to win. The second ticket was for the next biggest prize, so all remaining tickets had a chance for that. Those two tickets were set aside in order while the other 7 tickets were pulled for the 3rd place prizes. And the winners were:

For 2-1/2 peso Mexican gold: #02559 Jerry St. G, #01674 Bob A, #11677 Jim C, #04898 Jeff H, #05104 Jack H, # 05241 Forestville Hardware, #08490 sold by Connie P

For the \$5 Liberty Head gold: Irene C

And for the \$20 St Gaudens gold: Bob A!



The topic for the April meeting is **TYPE SETS**. Bring yours in, talk about it, get 4 free raffle tickets. For anyone who did not bring in goodies for the March meeting, please bring in a dessert to share with the club in April if you can— thanks.

**WHAT I GOT AT THE COIN SHOW**  
**WHAT I AM STILL LOOKING FOR**

- ◆ Curtis S was looking for 1 gram gold coins to give to grandkids
- ◆ Bob K went a little crazy on his spending, and got a 1942-S Walking Liberty Half dollar in MS-65!
- ◆ Matt A was looking at an 1859 Indian cent, but it was a bit too much. An hour before the show closed he was able to get it for a good price.
- ◆ Bill C found a Russian Polushka, a 1789 1/4 Kopek coin. This one had a nice portrait of St. Michael and the dragon, which was fortunate since they were often worn smooth. Not many small copper coins were minted in that era, both because of the scarcity of copper, and for the English it “was beneath them” to mint such a small coin.



- ◆ Gary C talked about a 2/27/17 Coin World article about how a 1776 5 Kopek coin was found at Fort Ross. The Russians befriended the Pomo Indians during their stay at the fort. They even minted medals to give to the Pomos, but it is unknown if any still exist. Merle doesn't have any, and I could not find any photos on the internet.

- ◆ Guy S had several purchases at the show: ancient Persian silver Siglos; a big Russian 5 Kopek (or 2 or 3 or....); a Mexican 1/4 real coin in copper; QE 2 Silver Jubilee coin; 1820 Canadian token with a harp; and a French medal of Notre Dame Cathedral in bronze. I did not get a picture of it, but did find this medal with an intriguing design of the cathedral.



- ◆ Rich W bought a “Mega Red Book”. See classified ads if you want to get one at a discount
- ◆ Bob A was looking for some Canadian coins, and found a few. And at 4 PM Saturday he got a big gold coin— he won the \$20 St. Gaudens gold piece!
- ◆ Larry M found lots of Franklin half dollars at the Fremont Coin table
- ◆ Bill G is still looking for an 1885 Liberty nickel in mint state
- ◆ Mike C is looking for a 1/4 eagle coin. He could not make the show, but did get an eagle and double eagle coin from a dealer's shop

- ◆ Charlie C (that's me) looked for coins from Colombia, since my son lives there. There was a 1820 1/4 real coin at Stephen Album's table that said it was from Colombia but did not have specific markings. Knowing he and Joe can be trusted, I bought the coin, then looked it up in my book when I got home (it was a fair price too). When Simon Bolivar was liberating 5 South American countries from Spanish rule, Santa Marta (a small town in northeast Colombia) remained rebellious and minted its own loyalist coinage. So the crown on the obverse refers to Spain, and the SM on the reverse is for Santa Marta. Both sides have a castle (a likely reference to Castile, Spain) and a cannon with cannon balls.



- ◆ Merle also had several purchases, including a 1902 proof Barber half and two Proof-68 Franklin halves. He also spent a lot of time looking at Jeff Shevlin's so-called half dollars, and bought several really nice ones including an 1894 Panama Pacific Midwinter Expo token and the Panama Pacific token shown below (only his is even nicer!)



## 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

Spiral bound- \$9

Large print- \$18

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

### St. Patrick's Day

Although we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage every March, it was not discussed at the March Meeting due to lack of time. So Rich W gave me an article with 130 annotations all about the history of St. Patrick. I will pass on any attempt to summarize the history of St. Patrick, but will include this 1789 token with his portrait.



It is from the Associated Mine Company in Ireland. The obverse is a portrait of St. Patrick; the reverse features the seal of the company and its name.

Another coin you may know about is the St. Patrick's farthing and halfpenny. Minted in Ireland in the 1700s (and perhaps in the American colonies), it features St. Patrick on the obverse with St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin; the reverse features King David kneeling and playing a harp (with a semi-nude angel on the front).



## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership:** Angelo C, Guy S, Bill Van V, Ken R, Wendell B

**50:50** pot of \$86 was split with Tiffany S (happy birthday!)

**Raffle:** Glen M (thrice), Frank B, Jack H (twice), Curtis S (twice), Harold R, Gary C, and Dan C

**March Attendance:** 53+

**New Members:** yes: Joseph D, # 937, and John B, #938. Welcome!!!

**Guests:** yes

**Auction:** 23 exciting items

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

### KIDS KORNER

In April, we will be looking at some coins under a coin microscope. Thank you to Matt A for the microscope. Thanks to Bob's wife Lois for the operating instructions. Even I can follow the instructions and use the microscope easily.

I will bring in some Morgan dollars with overstrikes on the mint marks e.g., O over S, O over O, O over CC. They will be very evident under 10x magnification.

See you 12 April at 6:15— Rich

Volunteers for **refreshments** for April are all those who did not bring side dishes in March—please bring a dessert in April. 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 21-23, 2017. CoinExpo: Santa Clara Coin, Currency, Stamp, and Sports Collectibles Show.** Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara

**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 13, 2017. Fairfield Coin Club's 28th Annual Coin Show.** Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky of Pennsylvania, in the Civic Center, 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

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