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SHOW TIME!

Once upon a time there was a building at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds that sat empty and quiet. Then the RECC descended upon E. L. Finley Hall and changed it into our show venue. Thanks to about thirty club members who showed up an hour before the start of our usual meeting. The tables were covered, labeled, and readied with plugs/lights/coin cases. Kitchen provisions were stored, the sound system was readied, and our banner was hung with pride. We all celebrated by devouring six extra-large pizzas, then headed off to our regular meeting.



There was very little business to discuss at the meeting since preparations for the coin show were complete. We did discuss the March meeting, which will be our St. Patrick's Day meeting. Due to the high cost we will not have a dinner, but we will have **DESSERT NIGHT!** Please bring a **GREEN DESSERT** to share with the club and enjoy the festivities.

March will also be a golden night for two reasons. First, we will have ***The Oldest Living Pioneer*** visit and tell tales about our nation's gold rushes from a 'firsthand' perspective. Take a journey with the one man that experienced the famous Gold Rushes in the U.S. during the 1800s: from the Carolinas to California, from Georgia to Colorado, including the Mormons and their role in the Gold Rush. Imagine that he knew about all of the coins that were issued from the gold discovered in these rushes and how they came about? This is a one-man show by Donald H. Kagin, Ph.D/Numismatics, the world's leading authority on Private and Pioneer Gold coins.

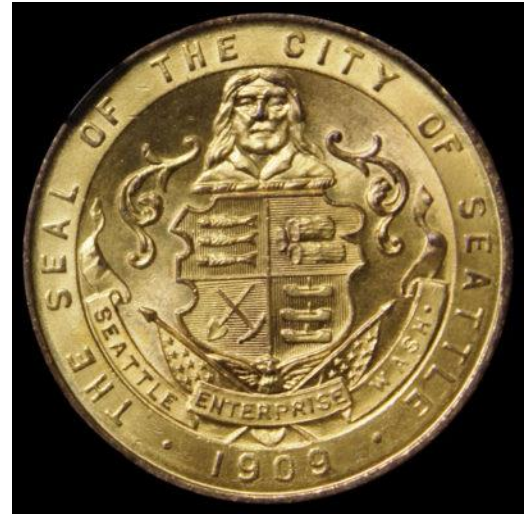
PLUS, since we did not have a coin show dinner, we will have our **Six Month Membership Gold Drawing** at the March meeting! For every meeting you attended in the last six months, a wooden nickel with your membership number was added to the pile of woods to draw from. We may have one, two, possibly three gold pieces to give away- but you **MUST BE PRESENT** to win.

PLUS, we will also have tallies from the coin show available. These include the top three sellers of Gold Coin Drawing tickets, who will all win a prize---- and a fourth prize will be drawn among all the other sellers!

GUEST SPEAKER: JEFF SHEVLIN

We were fortunate to have author/dealer Jeff Shevlin as a guest speaker. Known as the “So-Called Guy”, Jeff’s specialty interest is So-Called Dollars. These are dollar-sized tokens/medals commemorating events in U.S. history. They do NOT include items related to sports or business. Of over 800 known, about half are associated with fairs and expositions. Jeff’s new book, co-authored by Bill Hyder, is So-Called Dollars From The Pacific Coast Expositions. It has a forward by Q. David Bowers. Jeff described the contents of the book and the extensive research that went into it. For each of the eight expositions, there was a section on the numismatic events related to each expo, and a section listing each and every known variety. These are all beautifully illustrated.

Jeff discussed the standard reference book on So-Called Dollars, by Hibler and Kaplan (giving the dollars their “H&K” number). His research for this new book discovered many more varieties and corrected some misconceptions about the metal composition of some known varieties. And for the first time, So-Called Dollars of the 1962 Seattle World’s Fair are now catalogued. The new book comes in a hardcover edition with 300 pages in full color. A Deluxe edition bound in purple leather includes a commemorative medal encased within the cover. The medal’s obverse die was the same official U.S. Mint die from the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition engraved by George Morgan (of Morgan Dollar fame), pictured here; the reverse commemorates the printing of the book. The medals are available separately, if any are left. Jeff will be printing a yearly price guide as well, and gradually increasing the scope of So-Called Dollars included in that guide. His slide show was well received by the club, and members had excellent questions to help with the discussion.



ON WITH THE SHOW

This year’s show was dedicated to the memory of Lee Gong. There was a memorial to Lee at our club table, which many people appreciated. We came to realize how much he had done in past years. It takes a lot of effort by a lot of people to run a coin show the size of ours. Thanks particularly to Vice President Mike M for stepping up and providing much of the support for things we took for granted that Lee did in the past.



Even with scattered rain on both days, there was usually a steady stream of people coming to the show. There were some gripes about people having to pay for parking, but a ride on a cart sure made up for it to those who needed it. Thanks to the brave souls who did a driving shift in the cold weather.

Thanks also to all the club members who worked at the front entry tables. Besides getting people in the doors, we had gold and silver dollar drawing tickets to sell. Silver dollar drawing ticket sales were particularly brisk on Saturday. We will have a tally of all the expenses and income at the next meeting. And one final thanks to Don Rinkor for generously donating the fourteen PCGS MS-62 Morgan Dollars for the Silver drawing!



Pictured above on the left are Angelo C and Andy O working hard at the Silver Dollar drawing tickets. We sold almost two full rolls of red tickets on Friday. On the right above are Michael W and Mike M. And to the right is Bob A selling the gold drawing tickets. Everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves, and the smiles continued throughout the show.

The one man responsible for the majority of arranging the show is our own president Merle. Once things were safely under way he did get a chance to do some 'shopping'. The photo below is of him talking with Jeff Shevlin, the So-Called Guy. Jeff spoke at the meeting a couple days earlier and had a number of the So-Called Dollars he talked about in his cases (as well as more books to sell, of course!).



Two other hard workers at the show were: David A, who fixed broken cases or anything else, as well as giving one of the dealers with a dead car battery a jump start. And Rich W, who ran the Junior table (getting some relief from Amber B as well). Thanks to generous donations, there were foreign coins, currency, books, magnifying glasses, and more to give to kids, as well as a treasure hunt!



Perhaps the most anticipated events of the show were the hourly Silver Dollar Drawing, and especially the Gold Coin Drawing. About an hour prior to the gold drawing, people started gathering at the front of Finley Hall waiting for the event. At 4p.m. sharp Merle had kids lined up to pull



tickets, starting as always with the first prize \$20 St. Gaudens prize, followed by the \$5 Indian Head gold, then the seven 2-1/2 peso Mexican gold pieces. Mike M kept a close eye on the drawing as well to insure it was done fairly.

And the winners were: 2-1/2 peso gold: Caysen Kennedy (ticket # 5336), Charlie Catlett (#2042), Brian Tolson (#11894), Tiffany Sargis (#1551), Arthur Pereira (#3671), Alex Frudakis (#10103), and Jack Hayworth (#8999)



\$5 Liberty Head Gold: Jim Cauley (#10229)- pictured below left
 \$20 St. Gaudens Gold: Andy Olsten (#1135)- pictured below right





Two of the 2-1/2 peso gold winners.



DRAWING WINNERS

Membership:

50:50 pot of \$110 was split with Angelo C

Raffle: Bob K, Glenn M (twice), Jack H (thrice), George C, Andy O, John B, Joe D, Wolfgang W, and Bill R

Gold Coin raffle: 1/10 ounce gold was won by Bill R

February Attendance: 54+

New Members: Wolfgang W (#970J) and his dad Chad W (#971)- WELCOME!!!!

New LIFE MEMBER- Robert Matson, LM-95. Congratulations!

Guests: yes

Auction: 37 exciting items

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

Finally, after all the drawings were done, we had to pack up and clean the building. Thanks to all those who helped with this as well. Some had to leave early, so this is the photo of those who could stay 'til the very last item was packed up to be stored away- until our next show!

KIDS CORNER

Rich W spent time with the kids in February in helping them prepare for the show. He worked long and hard at the show talking to kids and adults. There were piles of coins to sort through as well as things to give away: magnifiers, albums, and books. Look for more show follow-up and education for the kids at the March meeting.



Volunteers for **refreshments** for March are all of us bringing **GREEN DESSERTS** for our St. Patrick's Day meeting- thanks!

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of each 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 p.m. sharp.

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UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

March 15-16, 2019. South Bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show. Domain Hotel, 1085 El Camino Real,
Sunnyvale

March 22-24, 2019. WESTS (Western States Token Society) Annual Token Jamboree. “Lodge
Room”, Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa

April 5-7, 2019. Albuquerque Coin Club Spring Show. Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North, 5151
San Francisco Rd NE, Albuquerque. This is the new club Gary C also joined

April 28, 2019. Vallejo Numismatic Society 47th Annual Show. Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333
Amador, Vallejo

July 27-28, 2019. Fremont Coin Club 46th Annual Show. Elk’s Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:
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