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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## A GOOFY MEETING- OOPS!

And now for something a little different. The RECC had a brand new topic for it's May meeting: Error Coins and Currency. As usual, there was a little business to get things started.....

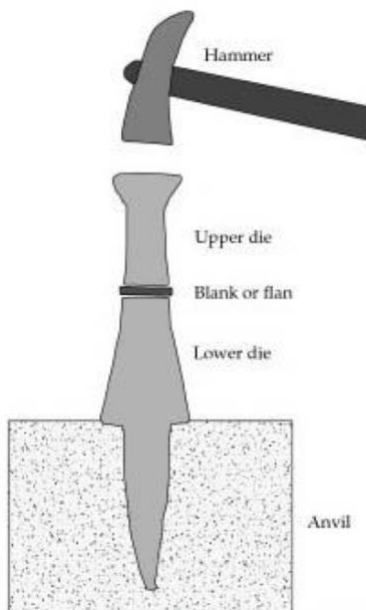
Mike M handed out Red Books to those who ordered them. For some reason the Mega Red Books were not yet available, but they should be available at the June meeting.

The topic for the June meeting will be: MY FAVORITE OBSOLETE COIN OR CURRENCY. By obsolete, Merle says it is anything that is no longer made. Bring something in and talk about it, or just talk about your favorite even if you don't have it and get four free raffle tickets!

Mike M was talking with Merle about an autobiography that one of our coin club members wrote. It had a title in Italian that translated to "In the Mouth of the Wolf"—by Angelo Catelani. It detailed his experiences in World War II and was very interesting. In honor of Angelo and his service, we have given him an Honorable Life Membership, #98!

We also have two more new Life Members: Deanna J (LM-99) and Helmut J (LM-100) got the numbers they wanted. Now we have Life Member #101 available to the next person who wants to join that select group.

## ERORRS



The show & tell started off with a slide show presentation by Charlie C on "Ancient Errors and Oddities". The talk was dedicated to Lee Gong. Besides having a fabulous collection, Lee was extremely knowledgeable in the minting process and about how modern errors occurred. The slide show began with some information on the *ancient* minting process, starting with making planchets. Pictured here are ancient molds for producing bronze planchets, with two different denomination blank planchets. The diagram on the left shows how each coin was struck. Imagine after hammering away for hours on end- your arms would likely get tired and some errors would occur. Because the reverse (top) die was held by hand, it was frequently off center.

Double strikes were fairly common in ancient times. Imagine if the initial strike was significantly off center: the minter could simply strike the planchet again. One very rare ancient error is seen here. The initial strike completely missed the planchet, which was struck with the hammer. The corner of the obverse image still shows. The planchet was simply flipped over and both dies were aligned for the second strike. Ironically Larry C brought a modern version of a rare “flip-over double strike” dime also shown here.



Another kind of ancient error is called a brockage. This is where a planchet sticks to one of the dies after being struck. The next time that die is used, the stuck planchet acts as the die to produce a mirror image. Pictured here is a “Widow’s Mite” coin with an anchor on the obverse and a star on the reverse, with both an obverse brockage and a reverse brockage.



In ancient times, it was sometimes easier or more economical to strike new coins over old ones, rather than having to manufacture new planchets. While technically not an error, if the strike was not hard enough it would allow us to see what was on the “undertype”. This dime-sized coin was struck over a Roman denarius of Emperor Trajan- and you can see him peeking out of the bunch of grapes.



Finally, countermarks were used in ancient times to re-value coins, to confirm their worth (for instance when they were taken to a different country and used for trade), or for propaganda. The coins here bear the stamps of the 10<sup>th</sup> Roman Legion. LXF= Legio (Legion) X (ten) Fretensis (a battle won by the legion). The symbols of the legion were the galley (ship), a running boar, and a dolphin.



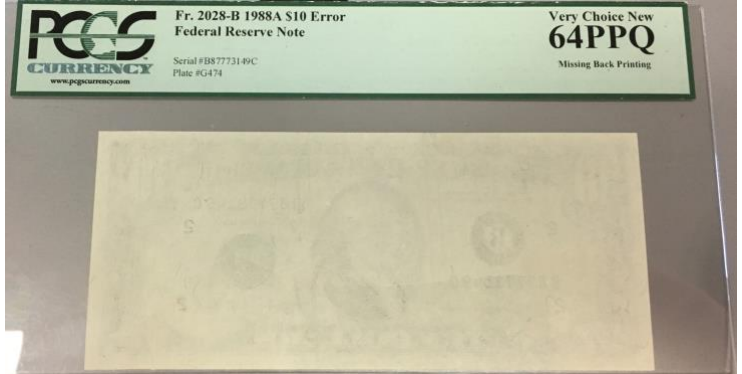
And if you thought some of these were nice, take a look at the rest of the Show & Tells!

- Guy S brought an off-center coin from ~ 200 BC Pontos. The obverse portrait is in the lower left corner; the reverse features a standing Nike
- Bill G brought in a 1906 Liberty Head Nickel (his favorite!) graded PCGS AU 58 with a planchet lamination error on the obverse.
- Jim C brought in several currency errors. He also showed this Lincoln cent brockage to the right, and a very rare split coin (a shield nickel); it was split in the mint bag- and very rarely are both halves seen together.

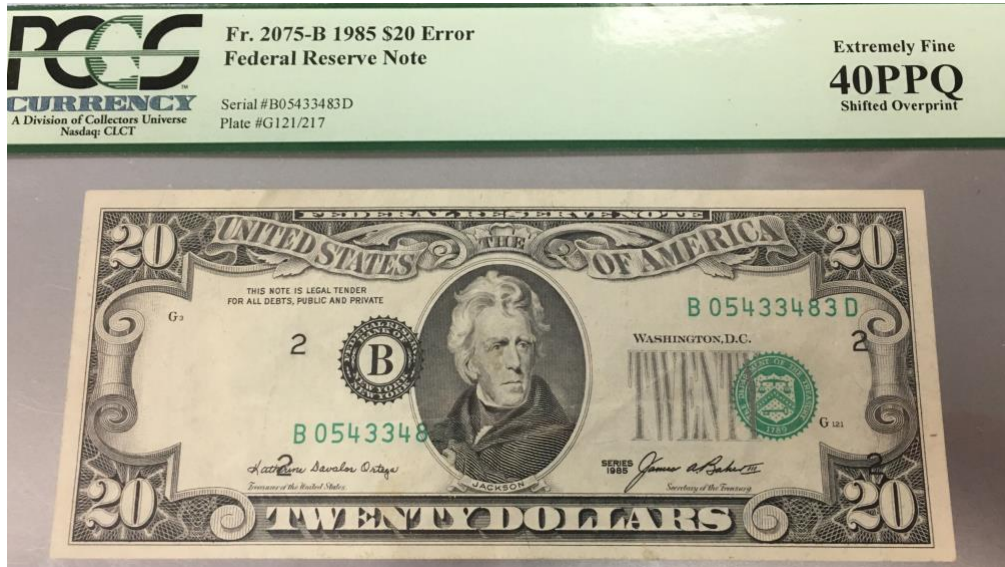




Andy S had a lot of fun showing off some fantastic currency errors. Some were in plain plastic holders. Others were 'slabbed', which was nice because a precise description of each error was included. These first two are shown both obverse and reverse. The first one had some of obverse printing done on the reverse side. The next one had *no* printing on the reverse side!







Finally, Larry C brought in some wonderful slabbed error coins. His flip-over double strike was shown earlier. Here are others:



A 1970-S double struck Jefferson Nickel and a 2000 cent double struck reverse capped die.



### KIDS CORNER

Ember B has volunteered to hold the Junior Meeting in June. As usual she will come with donated items and an interesting discussion. In June, I (Rich W) will be chasing rainbows- the trout kind in the Sierra Nevada. Ember will see you in June at 6:15pm!

Dear Redwood Empire Coin Club Members,

As Many of you might know, the costs of operating the Coin Club over the last few years have increased greatly. Our meeting room rental, insurance, newsletter, etc. continue to increase, and the yearly membership dues no longer cover the current expenses.

Rather than raising Membership dues, the RECC Board has decided to approach the Members with a request for donations. Many organizations, like the American Numismatic Association, have done this successfully.

All donations are tax deductible. Our club is a non-profit 501 (c) organization, and you will receive a tax receipt with each donation. We will also gratefully acknowledge each of you in the monthly newsletter. If you cannot afford a monetary donation at this time, but would like to donate Numismatic items instead, we may be holding a special auction of those items at our Club meetings.

If you would like to make a donation to help keep this club running smoothly into the future, please contact any of our Board Members at the next meeting and they will be glad to accept your donation.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation and continued support!

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.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for June are Ed and Art M, Tiffany S, and Matt A- THANKS!!!

## **DRAWING WINNERS**

**Membership:** Wendell B, Art M, Jim C, Ed M, Steven C, Harold R, and Guy S

**50:50** pot of \$74 was split with David Y

**Raffle:** Art M, Matt A, Glen M (three times!), David W, Bill S, Tiffany S, Helmut J, Andy O (twice), and Andy S

**Gold Coin raffle** (Canadian 1/10 ounce): Bob K

**May Attendance:** 52

**New Members:** Jim W, #975- Welcome!

**Guests:** yes

**Auction:** +/- 35 items exciting items

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

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### **UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS**

**June 2, 2019. Sacramento Coin Show.** Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Sacramento

**June 21-22, 2019. East Bay/Concord Coin Show.** The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave, Concord

**July 27-28, 2019. Fremont Coin Club 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Show.** Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

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