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Its Showtime!

Wow, what a meeting! The meeting room was packed for our February meeting, and thanks to several generous members there were plenty of goodies for everybody (with even some rare leftovers!). We had several guests, including Santa Rosa Press Democrat reporter Kerry Benefield and her photographer Darrel joining us early to get the scoop on what we do.

Merle went over some details of the upcoming show. Several more dealers have signed up for the show in the last week, assuring a nice dealer turnout. Bob K has signed up people for the show set-up Wednesday February 15- pizza afterwards was a nice enticement. He also has members signed up to help clean up after the show, and importantly got sign-ups for working two-hour shifts at the entrance table during show hours- thanks to all who are working. Once again, this show will be a group effort by the club.

Almost 2800 postcards have been sent out advertising the show. There will also be several ads in the Press Democrat, although the first one scheduled for last Sunday was not run because somebody in the advertising department screwed up. That hopefully will be fixed for the rest of the upcoming ads.

Merle reminded club members to pay dues if you haven't done so yet. Renewal applications are available on the RECC web site, or just check in with Charlie at the next meeting- we always have extras. Thanks!

We had a new member join early in the meeting, Christian N, who is our 1000th member! Here's a photo of Merle congratulating him on his membership. Later in the meeting Chris C joined the club as member # 1001.



MARCH MEETING TOPIC

No big surprise here: **SHOW US WHAT YOU GOT AT THE SHOW!** And **“WHAT I AM STILL LOOKING FOR!”** It should be a fun recap of the show. A Zoom link is at the end of this newsletter. If you want to show your coin on the projector screen, please e-mail images to newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com.

What may be a surprise: we **will** have our **6 MONTH MEMBERSHIP GOLD DRAWING!** Even though it has been over a year, we can finally hold this drawing. For every month you have attended a meeting, a wooden nickel with your membership number has been collected. We have about 9 months of attendance tokens and will pull three of them from the pot to give out prizes. There is no cost- but you **must be present to win!** Thanks to Seth Chandler of Witter Coins who donated a \$5 gold piece! We will also have a 1/10 ounce gold piece and a 2 Peso gold piece to be given away at the March meeting to lucky members.

WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR AT THE UPCOMING SHOW

A recent numismatic teleconference came up with this quote: “all numismatists are storytellers”. If you think about it, it describes our club and every meeting- you tell stories about what you have, what you want, etc. Here are the stories from this month.

- Guy S collects Mexican and Canadian type coins, including those produced before each was officially a country- looking for more. He also collects US type coins, now particularly looking for those minted before we had an official mint in 1793- what are usually referred to as “Colonials”.
- Joel M bought a 1923-S Standing Liberty quarter in AU condition last year. His two-year-old managed to put it in the trash, so it is somewhere in the landfill. So now Joel is still looking for a 1923-S Standing Liberty quarter in AU. Also looking for a 1909-S Indian cent in MS 63+.
- Bill R is looking to complete his Barber quarter set.
- Helm J is looking for Redfield Dollars and trying to recreate the hoard. There were only 407,000 dollars in that hoard! LaVere Redfield of Reno, Nevada would buy bags (1000 coins) of silver dollars, carry them home, and store them in his basement. He had 407 bags of the dollars by the time he died in 1974. In 1976 the entire hoard was sold for \$7.3 million, and many were put in plastic holders denoting they were from the Redfield Hoard or just stating Paramount for the Paramount Coin Company that marketed them. They are quite collectible today- at least by Helm....
- Mike C likes to look through foreign ‘junk coin’ trays looking for silver coins. He has been lucky over the last year finding some worth quite a bit more than he paid for.
- Dale C is looking for an 1859 Indian Cent for his type set, around an AU-55 would be nice
- Ember S is looking for 1932-D and 1933-D cents to complete her collection. And thanks to Rich W introducing it to her, she is now working on a Walking Liberty half dollar set.
- David A is looking for more Kennedy halves for his book, mainly proofs.
- Mike M is looking for lots of coins for his type collection, more of the older ones. All PCGS, all AU or better....
- Cat (guest for the evening): she showed us the first coin she ever bought, this 1896 Morgan Dollar- from the year her grandfather was born. She is looking for certain other Morgan dollar dates, as well as coins from the 30s and 40s for when her parents and in-laws were born. Finally looking for coins from 2000, when her son was born.
- Harold R (on Zoom) reminded us to thank Don Rinkor for all he does for the club. All the slabbed silver dollars for the hourly drawing *and* the gold coins for the Saturday gold drawing were generously donated by Don. We really appreciate it.
- Chris H is looking for coins from 1897 and 1900, 100 years prior to the birth of his daughters.
- Merle is going to be looking for “good for” tokens from Sonoma County, Morgans to improve his set, type coins, and upgrades to his early half cent (1804 or 1806).
- David G is looking for type set coins
- Bill C had found until recently that there was a lot of interest in Russian coins at shows (and auctions) here in the US from *Russian* collectors. He is hoping Putin put the kibosh on those interests so that he may have better luck finding the ones he wants for his collection.
- Eric S is looking for gold dollars, particularly the 1870’s, and Charlotte and Dahlonga mint issues. Possibly like these two
- Charlie C (that’s me!) will look for ancient coins, as usual. And we will have one dealer at the show who specializes in ancients. But I will also be looking for Conder Tokens. These were mostly halfpenny and farthing (1/4 penny) tokens produced in the 1790s by merchants in Britain because of a lack of small change produced by the British Mint. There are a huge variety them, from merchant tokens, to those featuring famous buildings and bridges, to political tokens. In particular I look for those made by Thomas Spence, who favored housing reform and the rights of women, children, abolition, etc. One of his tokens here shows King George III with the head of an ass; the reverse features men dancing around the Tree of Liberty, after taking the liberty of removing Prime Minister William Pitt’s head and putting it on the pole!



There will hopefully be dealers who have U.S. tokens from around the Civil War. There were two main types. Store Card tokens were advertising tokens, again produced during a shortage of regular change. Most were from New York, and many of those listed the street address of the business. You could take a map of 1860s Manhattan and literally find tokens from probably hundreds of businesses in the area- the locations still exist. The other tokens of the era were patriotic tokens, showing patriotic mottoes and symbols. One favorite is this one with "The Flag of Our Union" on the obverse, and the reverse motto "If Anybody Attempts To Tear It Down, Shoot Him On The Spot". They are common and inexpensive. Look closely at the reverse here- somebody misspelled it as "Shoot Him On The **Spoot**".



A word about our monthly auction: Club members are allowed to enter up to five items in the club auction each month. There is no charge to do this, and all the money from the winning bid goes to the seller. It is expected that the items entered into the auction are honestly described and graded fairly. Items that have been cleaned or treated must include that in the description, and misleading descriptions will not be tolerated. Keep in mind that cleaning coins usually involves chemically removing a microscopic layer of metal. A chemical reaction may continue months to years later, so that coin may change over time. If you are OK knowing that and like the coin- then bid on it! We aim to maintain integrity and honesty in our auction and in everything else we do as a club. Please look at the items you bid on carefully to make sure you understand what you will be getting if you are the winning bidder. Thank you.

JUNIOR MEETING

Our junior meeting in February was well attended by the Minadeo family and new junior member Ogden S. Ogden is collecting US coins, but especially likes Lincoln memorial cents. Juniors plan to attend our show 17-18 February and are eager to collect many free items.

March Zoom Meeting Info

Time: Mar 8, 2023 07:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88524338341?pwd=dmNxdkdKMWQ0cVZJOTZTMmV5RlVWdz09>

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GENEROUS DONATIONS: Thanks to Art M and dealer Wargo Enterprises for each donating \$100 to the club! And thanks to Seth Chandler of Witter Coins for donating a \$5 gold piece for our 6 Month Gold Drawing!

SHOWTIME!

Here are some photos of the show set-up and of the show activities. Full details will be reviewed at the March meeting.



DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Tiffany S, Christian N (continuing our tradition of new members usually winning something on their first meeting), Joel M, David A, and Mike M

50:50 pot of \$98 was split with Joel M

Raffle: Chris H (5 times!), Roger N, David Y, Bill R, Rusty, Bill S (Jr), Joel M

February Attendance: 50+


Guests: yes! We had Kerry B from the Press Democrat and photographer Darrel, Cat (she even brought in goodies and a coin to show!), and others

Auction: 60 exciting items.

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



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

March 5, 2023. Livermore Valley Coin Club's 59th Annual Spring Coin Show. Livermore Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore

March 17-18, 2023. South Bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show. Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale

April 16, 2023. Cupertino Coin Club Show. St. Joseph's Church of Cupertino Parish, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino

April 28-30, 2023. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Spring Show. Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Sacramento

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.

Check out our newsletter at: **Redwoodempirecoinclub.com**

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

newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com. See you **in person at the Vets Building main auditorium**

March 8, 2023— Charlie