



Founded March 26, 1949

5850 Commerce Blvd, Suite 100
Rohnert Park, Ca. 94928

Redwood Empire Coin Club

Volume 76, Issue 2, Meeting #868, March 8, 2023

Next Meeting: April 12, 2023

MARCH MADNESS!

We had seventy-four members plus lots of guests at the March meeting! It is amazing what the lure of gold does. In addition, since the coin show we have had several members re-join (RJ, Guadalupe R, Frank D) and some new members join: Chris C (#1001), Richard H (#1002- he was at the meeting!), Rusty D (#1003- he was also at the meeting!), Cheree W (#1004), Sue C (#1005), Kelsey C (#1006), Eldon H (#1007- and he was at the meeting too!). Welcome to all. The goodies were all gone by the time the meeting officially started. Feel free to chip and bring some next month if you can.

Merle gave a review of the coin show, and thanked several people for extra hours of work: Mike M, Charlie C, Rich W (with the help of Ember S and Joe McC), and Bob K. Thanks again to everybody else who pitched in at the show. The dealers were impressed and showing your club spirit with the club lanyards helped. Financially we did well in covering our costs. Thanks again to Don Rinkor for his generous donation of silver dollars and gold coins for the drawing- that sure helped us financially. The winners of the gold coin drawing were:

2 Peso Mexico gold: Paul C (ticket 3441), Charlie C (2767), Rick C (5742), Brandon E (0005), and Rich W (2031).
\$5 Liberty gold: T.N. (5654). She received her prize in the mail and sent a very nice thank you card to us.
\$10 Liberty gold: Tiffany S (2375).

Paul and Tiffany received their prize at the meeting, as you can see in the photos. All the other prizes have been received by the winners, and we keep a record of that in case anyone ever questions it.



The door prize drawing was held after the show when we completed our tally of attendees. Mary S of San Bruno was the winner of this gold piece and has also received it.



6 + MONTH MEMBERSHIP GOLD DRAWING

Although this happened later in the meeting, here are the results of the drawing. Before it occurred, Merle asked the club members present it we should limit any member to only one gold coin or if it was OK if a member could win two or even three (if their number was pulled repeatedly). The consensus was to allow only one win per member for this. Wooden nickels with membership numbers that have been collected for about nine months were all put in a pot. The top prize was drawn first (so that everybody had a chance to win the top prize) and checked to make sure that the member was present; that nickel was placed face down but not announced. Same procedure for the second prize. Both winners were present at the meeting. A third wood was pulled for the third prize- a 2 Peso Mexican gold coin- and



the winner was Bob K. The second prize winner was announced- Helm J won a 1/10-ounce gold piece. And the winner of a 1909-D \$5 gold piece was Bill R! Congratulations to the winners.

Merle put out a final call for members to pay their 2023 dues (no need if you are a Life Member). Those not paid by next month will be removed from membership ☹️

APRIL TOPIC

Merle completely forgot to announce the topic for next month's meeting! The Board Members met as usual for lunch prior to the meeting to discuss business and came up with this: **NICKELS & DIMES!**

We have had lots of different topics before, and figured maybe you were tired of being nickeled and dimed with the same old topics of type coins, dollars, what you are looking for, etc. So, let's talk about **NICKELS AND DIMES**. Half dimes count, as do dimes. Bring yours in and talk about it/them and get four free raffle tickets. And if you really do not have a nickel or dime, you can always talk about another coin or token.

WHAT YOU GOT AT THE SHOW OR ARE STILL LOOKING FOR



- Guy S got his wife a Columbian expo half dollar and for himself a 1913-S Type 1 Buffalo Nickel. He is still looking for a Mexican ¼ real coin from the mid 1800s. They aren't really that rare or expensive- they are just hard to find. Here is an internet photo. →



- Phil A was in New York and missed the show but did bring in his newly acquired £2 (1 ounce) silver Britannia coin featuring the new portrait of King Charles III. A tradition dating back to 1660 has each new monarch facing the opposite direction on coins that the prior monarch faced. Queen Elizabeth II faced right, and now Charles III faces left. Phil is still looking for a 1997 silver 1 ounce Britannia coin- the first year of issue.
- Mike C found a nice \$5 gold piece at the show from Don Rinkor at a very good price, as well as a couple dimes. And from Joel M two 1948 silver 5-peso Mexican coins in BU- they were only made for two years. He is still looking for "everything".
- Dale C found eight type coins for his set!
- Deanna J went looking for gold at the show and found it: a 1912-S Indian \$5 piece and 1915-S Panama-Pacific \$1 gold piece.



- Helm J could not find any silver dollars from the Redfield Hoard. But he did find three coins for his type set. The 1877-S Trade Dollar wasn't his first choice, because Eric got that one; this was his second choice, a very nice example. He also got an 1828 half cent and an 1864 two cent piece.

- Roger N bought this gorgeous 1906-O \$10 Eagle in NGC MS-61. He had trouble finding the right one at the show, but finally stopped and looked harder at Don Rinkor's cases and found this one almost hidden. He is still looking for a loose (un-slabbed) capped-bust half dollar.



- For Chris H this was his first show as a member, and he bought several coins. He did find a couple coins that were minted 100 years prior to the birth of his daughters, as well as a couple of large cents.

- Bill R was able to find a key date 1893-S Barber half dollar and a 1902-S \$5 gold piece, as well as winning one of the silver dollar drawings. He could not find the Barber quarters he was looking for, and still needs 1895-S, 1896-S, 1900-O, 1901-S, and 1913-S in F-12 or better. Let him know if you have one!

dollar drawings.

- Bill P found a Confederate States \$10 bill with the Confederate flag, which go with his police patches that had to be replaced because they still had that flag on them. He loved the hamburgers from the vendor!

- Dan C bought an ancient Greek tetradrachm featuring Athena on the obverse and the owl on the reverse. He showed an image from his phone on the Zoom camera so the club could see it up on the auditorium screen (along with the four Zoomers who were watching). It is a coin he has been fascinated about since childhood and now he owns one! He was also a lucky winner of a silver dollar in a drawing at the show.



- Ember S worked Friday and helped at the show Saturday with the Juniors table (helping Rich the entire time) and did not get to buy anything. But she did bring a Navy Challenge Coin to the meeting. She had purchased it for her father, a Navy vet, but he passed away before she could give it to him. She did give it to her oldest son a year ago as a challenge to finish his Boy Scouts career (including a coin collecting Merit Badge). And he did just that- becoming an Eagle Scout! Congratulations.

- David A did indeed find a couple proof Kennedy half dollars, though it took a while to find as only two people in the show had them. He also bought an early large cent.

- Larry C tuned in on Zoom and talked about the coins he bought, some shown here. One is a 1936 Rhode Island half dollar commemorative. The other is a 2006-W 20th Anniversary burnished finish silver eagle. He is probably one of the few people putting together a "type set" of silver eagles, since there isn't a definition for what that would be, so he's creating one! Otherwise, he is focusing on what is needed to complete his type set: a 1793 Wreath cent, 1796 or 7 small eagle half dollar, and a 1795-7 half cent. That is all he needs to complete the set!



- Gary C, from Peralta NM introduced Vanessa, another Zoom guest from New Mexico. He is looking for RECC green lanyards to show up at the upcoming Albuquerque Coin Show.

- Mike M bought this nicely toned 1838 half cent, PCGS Gold Shield AU-55. Joel kept trying to give Mike coins at the show, but Mike paid him for a nice flying eagle cent. He also bought a 20-cent coin from John McIntosh.



- Riley R liked the article in the Press Democrat about the club and what Merle had to say. That all started out with me (Charlie C) e-mailing Kerry Benefield at the PD to see if she would be interested in writing about the club and our show. I spoke with her for a half hour, and she called Merle a few days later. Not knowing anything about coins at the time, Merle gave her a lot of info. It led to her and her press photographer joining us for the February meeting, which was boisterous and fun. The ensuing article was indeed well done. Before the break, a short video and a slide show prepared by the Press Democrat (and available on-line) were shown to the club.

- Erik S could not find any gold dollars for the set he is completing, likely because he only needs the rarest dates to complete the set. But he bought an 1876 CC Trade dollar in AU 53, an upgrade for his collection. It was the one Helm would have bought if Erik didn't find it first.
- Merle found an 1804 half cent. He has been looking for one in MS-60 or higher but found a nice AU-58 and bought it. They are not that easy to find, and he will keep looking for an even nicer one.
- Finally, Charlie C (that's me!) bought this dime-sized ancient coin at the show. It is a classic design that has been on my bucket list for a long time. This is the design started by Alexander the Great about 320 BC. The obverse features Hercules, wearing the skin of the Nemean lion. That was the mythical lion whose skin was impervious to knives and spears. Hercules was able to slay the lion by strangling it and used one of its claws to skin it (knives wouldn't work). Wearing the lion skin made Hercules unbeatable, and that was the message Alexander wanted to use on his coins. After Alexander died at age 32, the rulers of Macedon who followed him still used this portrait on coins throughout the empire. This particular one was by his successor Antigonus Monophthalmos. I suppose Antigonus was an early version of the name Anthony (don't really know). Monophthalmos meant one eye- he lost the other in battle. So 'ol One-eyed Tony took over ruling Macedon, and continued going to war until he was 80 years old. And he never lost a battle until he was killed in one at age 80. If you look at the reverse, you see monograms in front of and below the seated Zeus- those were popular with the ancient Greeks. It is how you can identify who made the coin and what mint was used- there are internet sites with that info.



Join the April Zoom Meeting: Apr 12, 2023 07:00 PM Pacific Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87177578268?pwd=MHcyMUlrbHEyWVYvV2lrRkxQM3owdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 7757 8268

Passcode: 042023

One tap mobile

+16694449171,,87177578268#,,,,*042023# US

Dial by your location

+1 669 444 9171 US

Meeting ID: 871 7757 8268

Passcode: 042023

JUNIORS REPORT: The March meeting was spirited and well attended thanks to the following: Aaron, Brandon, Celina, David, Guilliano, Jasper, Ogden, and Simon. After juniors selected coins from very nice, donated choices, we discussed individual areas of interest. Want lists of coins and albums were then made available to me. In the meantime, I will search donations for wanted items and bring them to the April meeting. See you in April at 6:15PM- Rich

DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: David A, Angelo C, Mike B, Dan C, and George C

50:50 pot of \$166 was split with George C

Raffle: Rudy D, Mike C, Tiffany S, Guest #1, Guest #2 (twice), Chris H (three times), Bill R, Harold R, Joel M

March Attendance: 74+

Guests: yes- many!

Auction: 58 exciting items.

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

A request for the monthly auction: **PLEASE** bring your auction items to the auction table at the front of the auditorium **by 7:30**. This will give Andy O (or whoever is running the auction) enough time to get the items signed in. Thank you!



GRADED GOLD
COINS.COM



Got Old Coins Minadeo
JOEL MINADEO
Owner/ Numismatis

707-290-1725
P.O. Box 351
Valley Ford, CA 94972

We buy, sell, grade,
evaluate & educate
gotoldcoins@yahoo.com



2600 Mendocino Avenue, Suite C
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
(707) 546-2575
www.rinkorrarecoins.com

Buying & Selling

Rare Coins
Gold & Silver Bullion
Scrap Gold & Silver In Any Form
Foreign
Currency
Watches

R.E.C.C.
5850 Commerce Blvd, Suite 100
Rohnert Park, Ca. 94928

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

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** April 12, 2023— Charlie