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Redwood Empire Coin Club

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ITS SHOW TIME!

Wow, what a week! On Tuesday February 13 your RECC Board met at President Merle's home to pack all the gear for our show. On Wednesday Feb. 14 (yup- on Valentine's Day) a bunch of club members showed up at the Fairgrounds to set up our coin show (photos below)- I think the offer for pizza dinner helped get volunteers there. And on Friday and Saturday more club members came to the show, worked at the front table, helped clean up at the end, and of course did some retail therapy with a great variety of coin and token dealers.

We also had another great meeting on Wednesday. Merle started out with getting ready for our **75th Anniversary** meeting **in March!** **We will have catered dinner** for everyone (likely Italian food from Mary's)- the cost **only \$5 per person**. There should be a big sheet cake for dessert too. And the usual selection of beverages.

The theme of the meeting: **"WHAT THIS CLUB MEANS TO YOU"** and **"WHAT I GOT AT THE COIN SHOW"**. Send photos of your coin(s) to newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com so we can project them up on the screen for the club to see.

One additional event at the March meeting: we will have a **Gold Coin Membership Drawing!** Thanks to a generous donation from Seth Chandler at Witter Coin, there will be this **1895 \$5 half eagle gold coin** up for grabs in the drawing. For every meeting each of you attends, a wooden nickel with your membership number is added to the bucket. The more meetings you have attended- the more entries in the drawing. There is one caveat- you **MUST** be present to win.

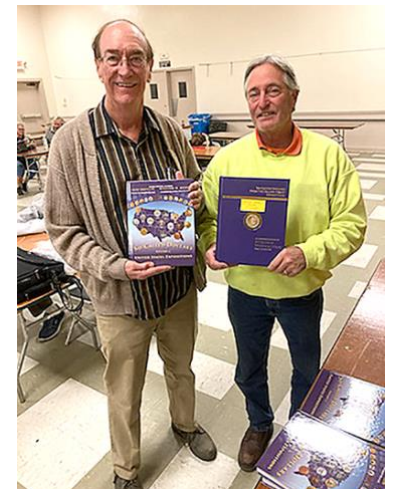


Our 75th Anniversary Club Medal was available for purchase at the February meeting, with several members getting their set. We limited it to one set per member initially, to make sure every member had a chance to get one. They were available to purchase at the show, and many more were sold. But there are still medals available- both silver varieties and all three off metals- and they will be available for purchase in March.

Merle gave the club unfortunate news about Guy S, life member #5. Guy's leukemia has worsened, and he is on home hospice. Merle has spoken with him, and he seems to be comfortable. All the club is sending thoughts and prayers.

We had a special presentation at the meeting from Jeff Shevlin, who (along with Bill Hyder) wrote the book "So-Called Dollars- Volume 1- United States Expositions". They are dollar-sized medals commemorating various events. Of the roughly 1000 made, half are related to United States Expositions. There were over 200 varieties for the 1893 Columbian Expo alone! A prior book by Hibler and Kappen was out of date due to many new finds, which prompted Jeff to write this book. He is now working on Volume 2, So-Called dollars not related to expos.

There are sixty-seven expos in his new book. It has a new numbering system which allows for additional discoveries to be added, but also cross-references them to the old H&K numbers. There is a lot of new history in this book- each medal has a story to tell! He went on to show several of the examples in his book. And fortunately, he had copies at the meeting available for purchase. Jeff was a dealer at the coin show too, along with Bill Hyder- so both were signing books there.



SHOWTIME

I had planned to give a short talk during the February meeting about my experience at a New York show in January, but there wasn't enough time. One of the points I was going to make is that a coin show is both about your bucket list (or want list) as well as about friendship. Looking for that one special coin- or for a bunch you would like to fill in some holes in your album- is fun and often challenging. But the show experience is as much about being around fellow numismatists. It was exciting to see what many of you found at the show, and it was also fun to see past members and collectors, including some who haven't been around for years but decided to come to our show. It was also great to see so many dealers and get a chance not only to see their inventory but also to catch up on friendships. In many ways our coin show is like an annual family reunion. I hope you all had as much fun as I did. Tell us about it at the March meeting!



We know who the boss is. With Merle's direction and lots of volunteers, set-up went quickly and smoothly-thanks to all who helped. Same goes for clean-up after the show.





The transition from empty building to busy bourse floor is always amazing. This first picture is after we have unloaded several carloads of supplies, covered the tables and put up dealer signs, then celebrate with pizza dinner- which is why most club members are at the back of the building. The second photo is after most of the dealers have set up their tables on Thursday and everybody has gone away for the night (except one of us). Then we open to the public. This third photo is early in the day Friday- it got much busier later .



A difficulty with taking photographs at a coin show is that many of the people are facing away, looking at dealer cases. So, you may see the north end of a southbound caboose a lot, but we tried... At least it is a nice photo of all the token dealers on the next page.







JUNIOR NEWS

At the February meeting, the Juniors were all about participation! Brandon and his mom Melissa signed up to help with cleanup after the Coin Show. Bensi and his dad joined the coin club on only their second time visiting us. And Otto and his dad came to see what the RECC Juniors meeting is all about! In March the Juniors will each share what they found at the Coin Show.

Many thanks to Rich W, Ember S and her son David for running the Junior table at the show. There were several donations during the show from RECC members- thanks to all! Some was saved for future kids meetings. Guy S sent his daughter Christine with two boxes of items (coins, holders, 2X2s, magnifiers), as well as four boxes of books- to be made available at a future meeting. Thanks Guy- we appreciate it!

At about 3:45PM on Saturday people started gathering to the front of the Finley Building to await the big gold drawing. First we drew the ticket for the last slabbed Morgan Dollar. Thanks again to Don Rinkor for donating **all** the slabbed dollars as well as the gold coins for our drawings!

Then, with the aid of three kids, tickets for the gold coins were drawn. First was for the top prize, so all would have a chance to win it; next for the second prize. Both those tickets were covered while the tickets for the five gold 2 Peso coins were drawn and announced. After that the top two prize winners were announced. And the winners were:

2 Peso Mexican gold: Andy Olsten (ticket #1192); George Cleek (2570); Tim Nelson (0958); Roger Neely (4540), and the Sargis family (1682).

\$5 Liberty half eagle: Gloria Young (2253)

\$10 Liberty eagle: George Cleek (2640).
Congratulations!

The door prize drawing will be for a 2 Peso Mexican gold piece, with the winner to be announced at the March meeting.



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DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Wendell B, Joe McC, George C, Charlie C, and Cayson K

50:50 pot of \$56 was split with Glenn C

Raffle: Barbara D, Bill R (three times!), Kim S (twice), Glenn M (four times!), and Tiffany S.

February Attendance: 45+

New Members: Melissa E # 1027 (Brandon finally convinced his mom to join!); Bensi F #1028-J and his dad Gabriel F # 1029; Kenya R # 1030 and Kayla N # 1031 from The Coin Shop in Ukiah; and Ben B #1032 from Witter Coin- WELCOME ALL!

Guests: Yes, many guests were present.

Auction: 24 exciting items.

Adjournment was at 8:42 p.m. sharp!


There *will* be Zoom availability for March.

Join RECC Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87346315080?pwd=RXU4cGdWbkFDVnNkdjhpOStLMlBpdz09>

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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

March 3, 2024. Livermore Valley Coin Club Show. Livermore Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore

March 15-16, 2024. South Bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show. Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

April 7, 2024. Cupertino Coin Club Show. St. Joseph's Church of Cupertino Parish, 10110 N. De Anza
Blvd., Cupertino

April 21, 2024. Marin Coin & Collectibles Show. Best Western Novato Oaks, 215 Alameda del Prado,
Novato

April 25-27, 2024. Sacramento Valley Coin Club's Spring Show. Four Points by Sheraton, 4900
Duckhorn Drive, 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 at the Vets Building "Dinner Room" March 13, 2024— Charlie