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Redwood Empire Coin Club

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The R.E.C.C. got off to a rousing start with 58+ people attending our meeting! Thanks to Merle and Deanna for sending photos and to Mike M for recording the meeting. Otherwise, this month's newsletter would be totally made up since I was not present. Please pardon any errors or omissions.

Merle gave an update about our upcoming February 16-17 Coin Show, which is coming together quite well so far. Sign-ups have been taken for set-up February 14 at **5PM** at the Fairgrounds Finley Building (prior to our 7PM meeting)- the gate should be open on Bennett Valley Road. If you are a bit late after 5, come in gate # 4 on Brookwood Avenue and use the gate code #3711. We will have pizza dinner for everybody after the set-up is done! We have 61 of 63 tables sold for the show, and dealers are coming from as far away as Pennsylvania! 32 of 35 display cases have been rented out, as well as most of the lights we rent.

How are **GOLD COIN** ticket sales going? Those sales really help support all the costs of the show and allow us to carry on for future years. We appreciate everybody selling those and look forward to the drawing at the end of the show Saturday Feb. 17. Please remember to thank Don Rinkor for donating **all** the gold coins for that drawing as well as the slabbed silver dollars for the hourly drawing!

We are having a medal made for the club's 75th Anniversary in March, and it should be available by the show date. There will be fifty in proof silver, fifty in BU silver, and fifty each in copper, brass, and aluminum. They are in production at the Moonlight Mint in Loveland Colorado. Prices have not been determined for those yet. We will also have wooden nickels made for the show- 1000 of them so everybody attending the show will get one. And there will be a 'Good For' mirror made for the show. We are planning on a celebration dinner at the March meeting for that event. These are just a few of the things going on behind the scenes that your club officers have been working on for you.

The **TOPIC** for the **February** meeting: **What You Are Looking For at the Coin Show**. Tell us about it and get four free raffle tickets. **Jeff Shevlin**, the So-Called Dollar Guy, will be at the meeting as well as at the show. He **will present a talk** on the new book he just published with Bill Hyder on "**So-Called Dollars Volume I- United States Expositions**". He will give a 10-15-minute talk on some of those medals and their fascinating stories.

Merle and the club sent out good wishes for Guy S and hope he will be well enough to make it to the show.

Merle became president of this club back in 1994. Mike M found an old newsletter from then, which Merle was in charge of writing. The club appreciates everything he has done for the last thirty years and sang a rousing rendition of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow"! And there was a special cake made in his honor. There were six members present at his first club meeting!



WHAT I BOUGHT NUMISMATICALLY IN 2023 THAT WOULD BE AWESOME TO SHARE WITH THE CLUB



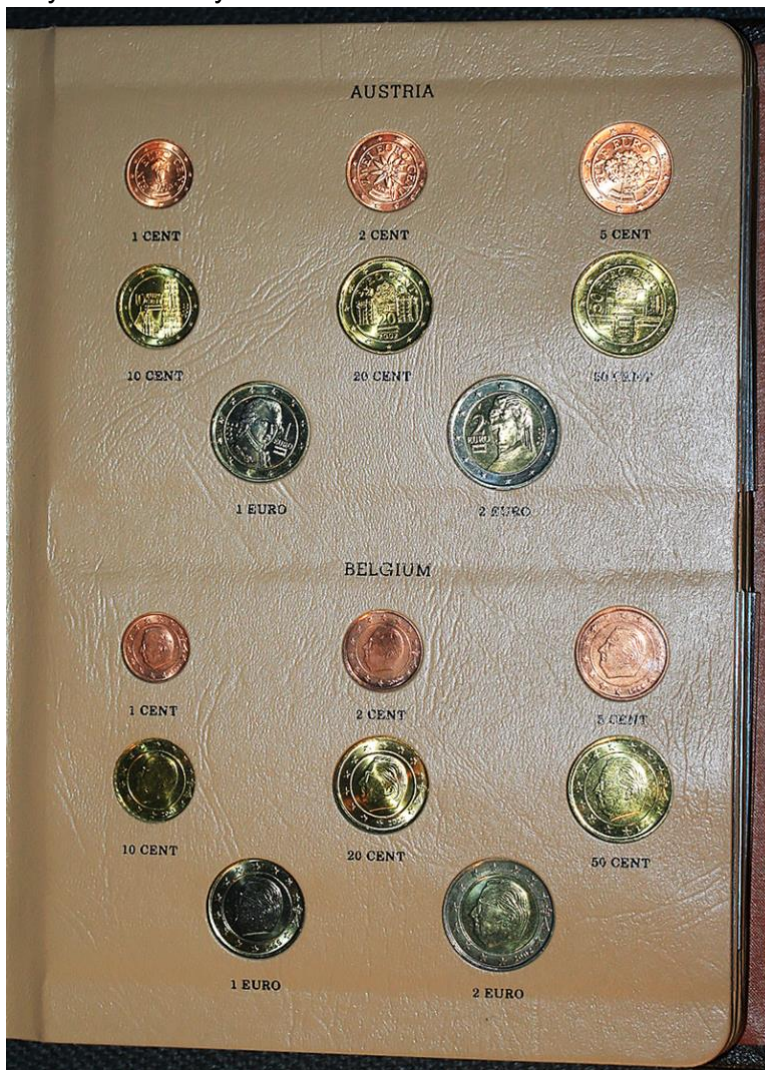
- Bill C talked about the slim pickings on the kind of Russian coins he collects, but he was able to get a few of the denominations he wanted. He did get an 1876 five Kopek; a 1913 fifteen Kopek- the small silver denominations are rarer, were used to pay Russian troops; and a 1917 fifteen Kopek, the year of the Russian Revolution, a coin brought to SF by a family escaping the revolution! The above photos are from the internet.
- Allen S is very happy with two silver (and gold) commemorative rounds made by a private California mint.



The 1976 proof rounds are from a series called American Patriots- celebrating the American Bicentennial. Interestingly the value of the 370 grains of silver and 5 grains of gold in each one is about \$20 for each metal at today's rate. They were made at the Letcher Mint in Lancaster, CA that was only open for nine years. The portraits feature John Adams and Thomas Jefferson (2nd and 3rd presidents). He talked about the history of both men, including that they died on the same day July 4, 1826- the country's 50th Anniversary.

- Rich W: on November 1, 1993, the European Union was formed. He listed the first twelve countries in that union. He purchased a Dansco album from club member Kurt G which had the first mint sets of each of those twelve countries. Merle mentioned that some of the mints from those countries would set up booths at the annual ANA shows and give out mint sets for that year!

- Rich H thanked Merle for introducing him to people who allowed him to get something special in 2023. He once purchased a half dime for a small price at the time (long ago), and later sold it for a bit more. A picture he showed of it was on a calendar of Krause Publications. He wishes he still had that coin as well as other ones from long ago. Two coins he *did* get in 2023 were rarities from a specific year of the GSA Morgan dollar hoard. He had been looking for one for his entire collecting life- and got two! There are only six in the grade he was looking for, none higher.



- Helm J added over thirty Redfield dollars to his collection! He has over 110 of them now. There was only one available at last year's show, he hopes to find more next month. There were 407,000 silver dollars (about 12 tons of coins) in the Redfield Hoard. The history of LaVere Redfield is fascinating to read about with all his hoarding antics.
- Merle was fortunate to get quite a few nice coins last year. One favorite in particular was an 1893-S Morgan Dollar, the second rarest of the Morgans. The 1895 Philadelphia dollar was rarest. 10,000 business strikes were minted that year, but all were melted- so only the 880 proofs exist. It is the only one Merle is missing. The 1893-S is an upgrade which he is happy to now own. If it is anything like this image from the internet, you might understand why.



Please remember to bring your lanyard with name badge to the meeting in February- it helps all the new members get to know you. And wear them at our coin show to show our club spirit! See me (Charlie) at the meeting if you are a new member- yours should be ready. And let me know if you need a replacement, I should be able to get one ready by the show- thanks!

RECC Junior Meeting news: Rich W and Merle talked with the kids (and parents) about buying coins, especially those over \$300. They learned a lot about what to look for, particularly buying higher priced coins in certified "slabbed" condition.

The February meeting will include more prep for the show. There **will** be a **TREASURE HUNT** at the show!

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 Zoom meeting info:

To join the Zoom Meeting, here is the link. Sorry you will miss a chance for pizza dinner with setting up the show, but we still welcome you to watch the meeting and Jeff Shevlin's presentation remotely:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86826659957?pwd=cTFnYXUybWNXaW8wOG1xQzRERk1ZZz09>

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DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Torri B, Ember S, Angelo C, Riley, and Brandon E.

50:50 pot of \$44 was split with Tiffany S

Raffle: lots of you, names were not recorded.

January Attendance: 58+

New Members: Torri B, # 1022 and Seth C #1023- WELCOME!

Guests: yes

Auction: 11 exciting items.

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



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

February 16-17, 2024. Redwood Empire Coin Club's 54th Annual Coin Show.

E. L. Finley Building, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa

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

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

April 26-28, 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" February 14, 2024— Charlie