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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## APRIL NEWS

First of all, thanks again to Irene C. for taking minutes of the March meeting. It sounded like a lot of fun. There were 76 members and guests at the April meeting, and it was also a lot of fun. It was SOOOO fun... (how fun was it?)...that George Quinn signed up to be a Life Member, # 57! Congratulations George.

Merle announced the new club pins and mirrors he had made, with the design for our recent Club Medal. They are 56mm in diameter, and are selling fast. The pin is \$3, and there are only 7 unsold. The mirrors ( which are also a 'good for') are \$5, and there are 3 left. Get 'em while you can!



## MAY'S TOPIC

For May we will talk about: **NIFS: Numismatic Items For Sale**— or trade, ones you have which may help other collectors. Bring 'em in or talk about them, see what you can do to enhance someone else's collection and learn who has what you need.

### 'My Current Collection'

- ◆ Wayne Z. talked about his type set including a gold coin page- completed in just six years!
- ◆ Bill S. likes Buffalo nickels. He is working on a set with full horns— on a budget.
- ◆ Charley B. discussed the new cents. 2008 had the last Lincoln Memorial coins. 2009 had the Lincoln from early childhood to the White House in four different coins— all a one year set. 2010 has the shield on the reverse. When you think about it, these are 1 year designs, so they may be more collectable and harder to get or more valuable in the future.
- ◆ Joe M. has collected currency for about 15 years. He mentioned a few choice finds. He recently bought 2 star notes at Santa Clara for \$20, and checked with a dealer, who said they were worth \$200 each. He discussed some other great finds— they are still out there!

- ◆ Richard W. picked one of the four Barber dimes he needs at our show. At the Santa Clara show all the other 3 were there in the 'condition' needed, but were clearly overgraded. Even a PCGS coin looked overgraded. He did NOT buy it just to have it.
- ◆ Willie is into Indian cents and a US Type set- all in holey condition. He thanked the various club members for their donations to his collection.
- ◆ Dan M. is interested in Love Tokens, and has started collecting them.
- ◆ Jim C. was in Carson City, where he found a Carson City Savings Bank note, and others from the S.F.Savings Bank, etc. These were notes for people who brought in gold and silver bullion in the old days. Nice little pieces of history.
- ◆ Dan C. bought an Indian Cent Dansco Album, which lists an 1866 type 2, a re-punched mint mark, that is not listed on a Whitman Album.
- ◆ Glenn C. is working on a set of Silver Eagles. Proofs now go for up to \$70 or more, so he fills it in with other silver dollar type coins.
- ◆ Merle was one of 3 members present who have an 1876 20 cent piece. Hope I got the date right, is was a very low mintage and his was a very high grade.

## ANCIENT COIN NEWS

"The Ancient Coin Collectors Guild is a non-profit organization committed to promoting the free and independent collecting of coins from antiquity. The goal of this guild is to foster an environment in which the general public can confidently and legally acquire and hold any numismatic item of historical interest regardless of date or place of origin. ACCG strives to achieve its goals through education, political action, and consumer protection.

The U.S. State Department had announced a date of May 6-7 for Cultural Property Advisory Committee hearings on the request for renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Italy. In practical terms, the U.S. government is about to decide whether antiquities and other forms of cultural property that Italy claims as its heritage ought to be restricted from entry into the U.S. unless accompanied by Italian export permits. There is already such an agreement in place, but ancient coins have been exempted twice before in these renewal requests that cover a 5-year window. We have very good reason to believe that Italy and members of the archeological community will this time seek to add coins to the list of restricted items.

Why oppose these import restrictions? Because Roman coins are at the very core of the cultural experience that we all treasure. They have circulated all over the known world in antiquity and since through trade and collector markets. It is impossible to distinguish a Roman coin found in Britain, for example, from exactly the same type, mint, etc found in Italy. Requiring an export permit from Italy for a coin found and legally exported from Britain would not only be impractical, it would not have any legal foundation."

The above info is copied directly from the ACCG site for accuracy. One interesting other fact is the entire European Union has an express agreement NOT to restrict the legal trade or sale of any country's coins. So all of Europe would still be collecting while excluding only the United States if this passes.

I am a member of the ACCG and I encourage all of you to join. Through the ACCG I was able to send a personal fax expressing my opposition to this illogical government control. Over 1800 of us sent faxes to our State Department to try to persuade them not to pass this biased and unfair Memorandum of Understanding. And it is possibly just the beginning if other countries try to jump on the bandwagon and try to ban collecting in the U.S. You can just sit there and watch it happen. Or you can join and make a difference for our hobby.



### CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads may be placed by any club member, up to 2 per month. They run for two months. Buy—Sell—Trade—Want Lists OK. Notify Charlie at each meeting (or mail to club P.O. Box, or even call) to get your ad in

**BUYING COIN COLLECTIONS** large or small. Will travel. Frank Villalon 707-467-0250

**Wanted:** 1841-P Seated Dimes, one in Extra Fine (XF) and one in About Uncirculated (AU). Thanks, Kurt G., 415-302-4694, [kq@ginterinv.com](mailto:kq@ginterinv.com)

Kurt G. is current putting together a grading set of Trade Dollars. He needs Trade Dollars in G, VG, F, VF & AU. Kurt would like nice original, not cleaned coins if possible, with no chop marks. If you have any you think Kurt may be interested please contact him at (415) 302 -4694 or [kq@ginterinv.com](mailto:kq@ginterinv.com). Thank you!

#### COINS I WOULD LOVE TO OWN (BUT CAN NOT AFFORD) #2

“Hey Stella! I could have been a contender”. Oh, sorry, two different movies. A dialog came up at the meeting about a gold type set, and some people feel the Stella (pictured on page 3) should be included. Of course they sell for \$100,000 or so and are very rare. With a face value of \$4, they were intended for international trade, but never minted for circulation. They were minted in 1879-1880, and are 86% gold and 14% copper and silver. Instant collector demand prompted what scarce mintage there was. A number of them were given to members of congress, and thus ended up in the hands of Washington D.C.’s more prominent madams. Anyone have one for show and tell?

Many thanks to Jack Beymer from Coddingtown Con Shop and Roger Tobin from San Rafael Rare Coins for their donations of binders, albums, 2X2s, currency & coin pages, and other miscellaneous coin related items for our junior and senior members. Thanks Jack and Roger, we really appreciate it! And thanks to Kurt G. for facilitating the donations too!

## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership**(two months worth): Calvin G., Jonathan S., Edwin H., Charley B., George Q., Jerry S., Bruce S., Claude F., Jack F., Martha V., and John L.  
**50:50** pot of \$114 was split with Oliver R.

**Raffle:** Paul B. (twice), Jonathan S., David L., Jack H. (three times!), Andy S., Dan M., Lucky Larry M., Jon Maria M., Edwin H., and Harry D.

**April Members: 60**

**New Members: none.** But Mark H. (#694) rejoined the club, and so did Phil B. (#598)— WELCOME BACK!

**Guests:** Yes, several

**Auction: 64 exciting items!**

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

There *will* be a **Junior Member** meeting in May.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for May: Harold Rosa, Mark Hewitt, Richard Wright, and Noah’s mom— thanks!

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of every 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 PM sharp.

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#### UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

**May 2, 2010. 38th Annual Vallejo Coin Show.** Vallejo Elks Lodge #559, 2850 Redwood Parkway off Hwy 80, Vallejo

**June 27, 2010. Alameda Coin Club Show.** Alameda High School Gym, Oak Street at 2200 Central Avenue, Alameda

**July 10-11, 2010. Modesto Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Show.** Stanislaus County Coin Club. Modesto Centre Plaza, 10th and K Streets, Modesto

**July 31-Aug 1, 2010, NorCal Coin Show IX.** Elk's Lodge, 2800 Redwood Parkway, Vallejo

**August 8, 2010. Sacramento Coin Show.** Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento

**August 21-22, 2010. Fremont Coin Club 38th Annual Coin Show.** Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

**October 1-2, 2010. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show.** The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento

**October 9-10, 2010. 13th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show.** Diablo Numismatic Society. Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord

**November 19-21, 2010. Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Expo.** Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

**November 14, 2010. 30th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.** Peninsula Club. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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[Redwoodempirecoinclub.com](http://Redwoodempirecoinclub.com)**

Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Let me know—573-1252.

See you May 12— Charlie

