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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Many thanks to Irene C. for taking notes for the January minutes. There was a good turnout in January, with interesting show and tells.

Merle discussed preparation for the February show. There apparently was a problem with the contract, finally received by e-mail, with an increase in the price of chairs and tables. We were able to use our own security for the show, and at this point we are sold out for dealer tables!

We will need help setting up the show on Wednesday February 17 at 6PM. If you can, please stop by Finley Hall at the Santa Rosa Fairgrounds and lend a hand. With enough people the set-up is quick.

The Coin Show Dinner will be at Fou Zhou Restaurant again on Friday Feb 19 at 7PM. The price is only \$20. And we will have our **6 Month Gold Drawing** then-- but you don't need to be present to win, since not everybody can make it to the dinner.

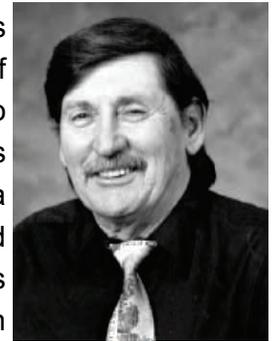
FEBRUARY THEME

The theme for the February meeting is: What are you looking for, trying to sell, or upgrading at the show. Nothing like a bit of Numismatic Networking: the nice thing about the club (one of many nice things, actually) is that there is a broad range of interests, and many experts in various areas whom we can learn from. Give a 3 minute talk, receive 4 free raffle tickets. Even if you just have a Show and Tell, that is OK too!

GET WELL

It was nice to hear that Frank V. is recovering from a life-threatening illness. Get well soon!

It was sad news learning about the passing of Gordon Donnell. This photo was courtesy of this month's PCNS Bulletin, as he was a long time member of that and about 50 other clubs. He was our Life Member #9. Gordon was always friendly, regularly attended our show (and many others), and was a huge supporter of the hobby. He was awarded the Krause Numismatic Ambassador Award several years ago, and had countless other awards. His friendship will be missed by many.

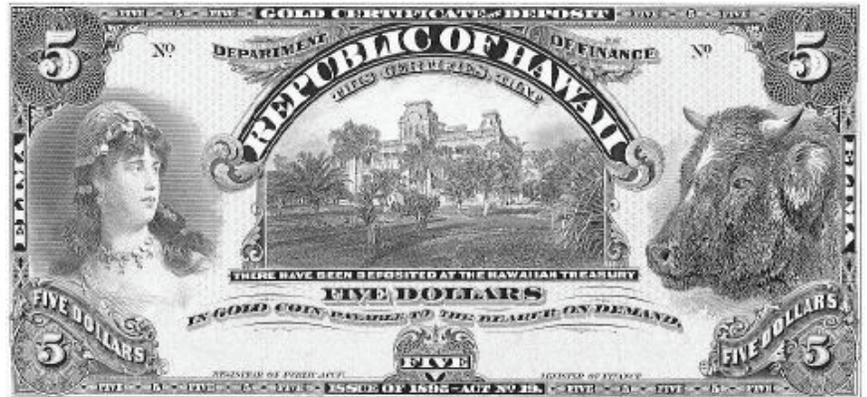


SHOW AND TELL

- ◆ Joe M. started off with German porcelain emergency money. Seven different communities in Germany made emergency money out of porcelain in the 1920s. It didn't last long for obvious reasons, but they are interesting to look at.
- ◆ Lorenzo V. talked about San Francisco Mint pictures, where they show how the weight of bags of coins left imprints on the walls. All the door knobs had "S F Mint" on them! He also reported on the earthquake in Haiti, and a request for a donation to the Red Cross: the club donated \$100. (And after the 9/11 event, the club donated to the Red Cross as well).



- ◆ Chris N. talked about an 1857 Flying Eagle cent he found in circulation, in AG condition— worth \$11! Sharp eyes there, Chris.
- ◆ Anne N. is still going strong painting coins with animals on them. Lately she has been finding coins with turtles from several countries.
- ◆ Dan M. had a neighbor give him a kitchen bag with many pockets with zippers— filled with coins. I bet it was fun going through those!
- ◆ Larry M. discussed Commemorative halves, in particular Mount Rushmore and Stone Mountain (pictured below)



- ◆ Curtis S. discussed a review of Ike Dollars in the Dealers Grey Sheet. A 1972 Type 2 in MS66 recently sold for \$15,000!
- ◆ Charlie B. gave a report on Zachary Taylor, who has a presidential dollar.



- ◆ Jim C. has another piece from Carson City Mint Press #1, with a missing chunk
- ◆ Merle Avila is now collecting Large cents by date, from 1793 to 1957. He needs just 9 coins to complete the book! I wonder if he has a Chain cent....
- ◆ Glenn C. talked about four pennies, a proof set from the mint.
- ◆ Kurt G. received a 1922 Peace Dollar in the mail, which he shared with the Juniors.

- ◆ And finally, something from Richard C., my Dad. A member of the club for years and faithful reader of the newsletter, he sends me things he acquires at estate sales he helps set up in Port Angeles, Washington. The note above was a parchment reproduction of an 1899 Republic of Hawaii certificate of deposit. The only known specimens are in the Hawaii State archives. The interesting thing was what was on the reverse, "1974 Southwest Spring Sectional in Hawaii. The Ninety Nines, Inc." I first thought it was a sporting event, but in doing research learned The Ninety Nines is the International Organization of Women Pilots. Their first president was Amelia Earhart. They have conferences yearly, and it looked like the bill was possibly a raffle or admission ticket, since it was perforated down the middle and numbered on either end.

Remember what Lee Gong always says: buy the book before you buy the coin. While in Hawaii many years ago, I found a first edition copy of the Standard Catalog of Hawaiian Money, 1978. I don't have any desire to collect the coins, but the history at the time was interesting. It was nice having a reference available to look up this reproduction. That is why it is nice to have the RECC library, available at each meeting. If you can't find a particular reference, one of our members probably has one.

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 C. at each meeting (or mail to club P.O. Box, or even call) to get your ad in

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ANOTHER SHOW AND TELL

Since I could not make it to the January meeting, I thought I would say something about the newest addition to my collection.

The lovely gentleman with the wart on his lower lip is Oliver Cromwell. He was Lord Protector of England for much of the 1650s, ruling in place of the country's traditional monarchy. In the 1640s a civil war broke out between supporters of King Charles I and those of Parliament. He was a military leader in a long series of civil war battles, which ended with Charles I imprisoned and finally beheaded in 1649. By 1653, Parliamentary squabbling led Cromwell to take control as head of state. Opinions vary on whether Cromwell was a well-meaning hero or a not-so-heroic type who set himself up as a near-king. Cromwell died of natural causes in 1658 and was succeeded by his son, Richard Cromwell, who was forced from power less than a year later. Charles II then took the throne, returning the short-lived commonwealth to a monarchy.

Cromwell Crowns and Half Crowns were minted in 1656-1658. Some of the dies from the minting were sold, but found their way back to the English mint in 1738 where it was decided to strike a set of Cromwell's coins(probably for collectors). The sixpence above is one of fewer than 20 known to still exist. It is so rare that there is no value listed in the standard Coins of England by Spink.

An example (as nice as this one pictured) was available for viewing at the San Francisco Historical Bourse in December, available at auction. I was thrilled to even see one, and stunned to have won the auction and now own it! It is the prize of my sixpence type set.



DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: to be done in February

50:50 pot of \$106 was split with Harry W. D.!

Raffle: Jack H. (twice!), Harry D. (twice!), Jonathan S., Bob B., Dan A., Jim C., Ed H., Bill V., Larry M., and Richard W.

January Members: 68

New Members: George A., #793 **WELCOME!**

Guests: none

Auction: 32 exciting items

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

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for February are Dan C., Michael W., Dan M., and Glenn C.-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

February 19-20, 2010. Redwood Empire Coin Club's 42nd Annual Coin Show. Sonoma County Fairgrounds' Finley Hall, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa

February 21, 2010. Cupertino Coin Club's 38th Annual Coin and Collectible Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway

April 8-11, 2010. Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Expo. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

April 30-May 1, 2010. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show. The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento

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

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

See you February 10— Charlie C.

