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REMEMBERING HELEN ROBERTS

The early part of the April meeting of the RECC was a remembrance of Helen Roberts. A few members recall her from the early meeting days at a mobile home park. Helen was our club treasurer for 30-40 years. She rarely if ever missed a meeting, regularly showing up with husband Roy (who was club president a few years and ran the auction many years after that). And she never missed a penny! The club's finances were always in order, and we knew we could count on her for that. Helen was soft spoken, had a wonderful chuckle, and was well liked.

A number of years ago the club started holding a benefit auction in honor of Helen and Roy, and we will continue to do so in their memory.

HARRY AND IRENE HONORED

Longtime ANA and RECC members Harry and Irene were recently honored with the ANA Presidential Award. Selected by ANA President Clifford Mishler, and presented by ANA Governor Walt Ostremecki, they were recognized as club volunteers and dedicated numismatic hobby workers for their selfless giving of time, energies, and talent to the ANA and Northern California Numismatic community over many years. They also received the Ron Miller Award. After receiving a well-earned round of applause from the club, Harry talked about the upcoming Vallejo Coin Show on May 1.

LEE FINDS GOLD

Well not exactly, but you will need to be at the May meeting to hear from Lee Gong about a missing *gold* club medal which resurfaced after a number of years.

SECRETS OF THE U.S. MINT

Well, not exactly with this either. Or maybe it will be. We have a promise from Bill Van V to talk about his days as head of security of the U.S.Mint in San Francisco. This should be very interesting, you won't want to miss it!

CURRENT NUMISMATIC COLLECTIONS

Yes, people really did talk about their current collection.

- ◆ Charley B just completed his Morgan Dollar collection! (Well, not exactly, 2 are copies). He is also a member of the NRA, and talked about how guns are graded. One needs to follow the guidelines specifically to sell them in magazines. The conditions are: New and new discontinued; and Perfect, excellent, very good, good, and fair. I wonder if he has any of his slabbed.....
- ◆ Phil A is working on his Liberty Walking half dollar set, and is looking for help with the less common dates. He also got 2 nice Indian cents at the ANA show.
- ◆ Joe McC collects large Canadian bills (among other things), and has expanded to currency of the Canadian provinces. Newfoundland joined Canada in 1949 for instance, and it's currency goes way back. Some recent and very inexpensive purchases turned out to be valued at over \$700!
- ◆ Glenn C talked about an eBay experience with a Greek dealer in Cyprus. The envelope of a winning bid Glenn received turned out to be empty, and it was difficult to get credit: how do you 'send back' something for a refund if the envelope was empty to begin with. Eventually Glenn did get his cost refunded.
- ◆ Richard F noted that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing does not charge mailing cost for its items.
- ◆ Angelo C was here to receive his door prize winning from our March Coin Show!
- ◆ Rich W mentioned that Jack F is selling the new Red Book. It is nice that it comes spiral bound, which makes it very easy for researching and comparing coins, prices, etc.
- ◆ Four score ago, Curtis S was born, and we got to celebrate that 80th birthday, including a special fruit basket cake just for Curtis!

◆ Merle talked about his show experience. On the last day, he spent some time with an interesting lady dealer from North Hollywood who had lots of Love Tokens. She even had some jewelry, a necklace and a bracelet made of love tokens strung together— Merle bought those for his wife Dena. Among the other love tokens she had were two \$20 gold love tokens and a \$50 gold slug love token! She also can arrange for you to have a new love token made on a quarter: the obverse (sorry, George) is smoothed, and you can engrave whatever you want. Merle had one with his name and birth date engraved. This way he can fill the hole in his love token type set with it.

COINS I WOULD TO OWN

(but cannot afford)

#9— the Petition Crown

How could I resist a coin with a Charles on it?

This coin is on display at the ANA Museum in Colorado Springs, and has an interesting history to it—and to the events surrounding it.

England’s Charles I wasn’t a very popular guy. In fact, he was beheaded. Oliver Cromwell and the Commonwealth gave government a try. But shortly after Cromwell died, his son failed to maintain things and thus the son of Charles I, called (you guessed it) Charles II, returned from exile in France and was crowned king.

Now comes the interesting part. Charles II wanted to mint a new crown coin. Charles II became indebted to the Dutch Roettiers family while he was in exile because they lent him money. Charles promised a position for one or more of the sons when and if he was restored to the throne. He kept his word and invited Thomas Simon and the eldest of the Roettier boys (John) to work jointly on the coinage dies. They could not, so, a contest was held. Simon, for whatever reason, submitted nothing and Roettier won by default.

Simon, who had been an engraver for the Oliver Cromwell and Commonwealth



coins, was determined to win over the king by engraving dies to highlight his superior skills. He made a wonderful portrait of Charles II, and even signed his name below the bust. Simon was the first engraver to bring ‘frosted’ parts to a coin.

And to further dramatize his case, he placed

a **200** letter inscription on its edge: “THOMAS SIMON MOST HVMBLY PRAYS YOVR MAJESTY TO COMPARE THIS TRYALL PIECE WITH THE DVTCH AND IF MORE TRVLY DRAWN & EMBOSS’D MORE GRACE; FVLLY ORDER’D AND MORE ACCURATELY ENGRAVEN TO RELIEVE HIM”.



Even though his design was clearly superior, Simon did not get the commission for producing the coins. But his skills have been acclaimed ever since he struck this “Petition Crown”. Only about 12 of the coins were minted. 9 are in museums, including the ANA museum in Colorado Springs.



NEW LECTURE SERIES

Lee Gong will be giving an **ADVANCED COLLECTING** talk at the beginning of each meeting. He will begin at 6PM. This will be very interesting and informative, geared to all adult and advanced Junior members.

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

KIDS KORNER

By Rich W.

The April meeting was well attended by junior members who were very interested in the subject of Indian Head cents. They searched through donated coins, "carded then up", and carted them home.

Some things that we all learned about the Indian Head small cent include the following:

- ◆ Indians were minted from 1859-1909
- ◆ There are three main varieties which differ by design and material. some copper-nickel, some bronze/copper zinc-tin.
- ◆ The coin was designed by James Longacre whose initial L appears on variety three (1864-1909).
- ◆ All were minted in Philadelphia with the exception of 1908s and 1909s.
- ◆ The Indian Head design is not an actual Native American, but instead is Liberty wearing an Indian headdress.
- ◆ 1877 is the key date with only 852,500 minted.

During the May meeting, we will expand the Indian Head discussion to the period 1860-1864 including the civil war and president Lincoln. Time permitting we may introduce some other coins of the period including fractional notes.

The 2012 Red Book (65th edition) is now available from our coin club dealers at a discount. I like the spiral bound version. There is also a large print edition available.

See you May 11th at 06:15

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Jeff B, Michael W, Dan C, Edwin H, Cherry B, Steven T, and Jonathan S.

50:50 pot of \$ 98 was split with Charley B

Raffle: Edwin H, Hack H (twice), Richard f, Bob K (twice), 2 people whom I didn't get names, David L, Mike C, and Bob S.

April Members: 71+

New Members: none

Guests: Yes, several

Auction: 53 exciting items

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for May are unknown: anyone who would like to volunteer would be welcomed. We know everything will be eaten and appreciated!

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 1, 2011. 39th Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show. Vallejo Numismatic Society, Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, off either Redwood or Tennessee Street at I-80 in east Vallejo

May 6-7, 2011. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Spring Coin Show. Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento

June 26, 2011. Alameda Coin Club Show. Alameda High School Gym, Oak Street at Central, Alameda

July 9-10, 2010. Modesto Coin and Collectible show. Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street, (10th and K), Modesto

July 23-24, 2010. Fremont Coin Club's 39th Annual Show. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

July 30-31, 2011. Nor-Cal Coin Show X. Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo

August 14, 2011. Fairfield Coin Club 22nd Annual Coin Show. Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania

September 10, 2011. Merced Coin Show. Senior Community center, 755 West 15th Street, Merced

September 30-Oct1, 2011. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Fall Show. Dante Club, 2330

Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento

October 8-9, 2011. 15th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show. Diablo Numismatic Society, Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Ave, Concord

October 9, 2011. Delta coin Club's 48th Fall Coin Show. Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

November 6, 2011. Peninsula Coin Club 32nd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

November 18-20, 2011. Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Expo. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:
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See you May 11— Charlie

