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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FEBRUARY 18-19 SHOW UPDATE

The upcoming coin show is sold out! Merle did such a good job attracting dealers that we need a bit more room to fit everybody. There will even be a dealer with supplies set up in the back of the room! Thanks to the coordination of Bob K we already have some volunteers for the set-up and clean up after the show. We will ask for volunteers to spend a little time at the front table during the show with admissions and ticket sales. There are usually enough members to help so everyone also has plenty of time to go shopping. Thanks in advance for all pitching in to help.

There will be a show dinner on Friday February 18. It is at Fu Zhou Chinese Buffet at 450 Mendocino Avenue. The show closes at 6 that night, we can get there at 7 with dining starting 7:30. For \$20 it includes all you can eat buffet and drink. Please sign up with Merle. And there will be a drawing for wine bottles generously donated by Lee and G&G Market.

Don't forget to sell those Gold Drawing tickets! We really need help selling them this year because the cost of gold is so high. EVERYBODY selling tickets has a chance to win a gold coin for the effort, and the top 3 winners will also have a special gold coin prize.

WIAL FATUCS

Hey, I don't make this stuff up, I just report it. The topic for the FEBRUARY meeting is "What I Am Looking For At The Upcoming Coin Show". Do a short talk and receive 4 free tickets to the raffle. Or if you want to do a Show and Tell it is always OK too.

We did not get volunteers for goodies for February, so feel free to bring something if you would like to- thanks.

BOY SCOUTS

We had 11 boy scouts from Troop 32 at the Junior meeting. They were all very attentive and seemed to appreciate Rich W talking. One even joined the club!

SHOW AND TELL

- ◆ Joe McCarthy gave the club a lesson in US currency. He placed a bill similar to the one pictured below in the auction, listing the opening bid at \$10,000— knowing nobody would be foolish enough to spend money on it. It is an example of potential fraud in the currency market. Since 1981 the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) has offered uncut currency sheets for sale to the public. The serial number on ONLY uncut sheets begin with 99. So his note was clearly cut from the middle of a sheet. Joe highly recommended the 2nd Edition of Robert Azpaizu's book Collector's Guide to Modern Federal Reserve Notes 1963-2009. It is well worth the ~\$25 investment (before you buy the currency, buy the book!). It tells the serial numbers for all the different series. Joe received a signed copy as a donation for the



Junior members of the club!

- ◆ Lucky Larry talked about the 2009 Silver Proof Eagles— that weren't minted. But the mint did



- ◆ Willie Q gets off track of his pursuit for the holey coins, and purchased two interesting coins. The first is what is called a 'Potty Dollar'. These were usually U.S. Trade dollars(intended for overseas trade in China) that were altered to make it look like Lady Liberty was seated on a commode. Often she was also in some state of undress. The photo here is the only G-rated one I could find. Interestingly, the alteration noted on a few examples I saw reflected sentiment about the overseas trade itself. The other item Willie had is called an 'opium dollar', and is considerably rarer. It is usually also a Trade Dollar which has been hollowed out and hinged, so that it can close to hide opium. It is amazing how intricate the work to do this is.



- ◆ Mary Jo has done a lot of world travel and appreciates the currency of other countries. She brought in this Diez Nuevos Soles (10 new suns) note from Peru. Peruvian money has transitioned over the years. In 1863 the old Real was replaced by the Sol, beginning the decimal coinage era in Peru. Due to inflation, it was replaced in 1985 by the Inti, at a rate of 1 Inti=1000 soles. Due to inflation again, the Inti was replaced by the Nuevo Sol in 1991: the rate was 1 Nuevo Sol=1 million Inti=1Billion old Soles! The note Mary Jo had featured Peruvian military aviator and national aviation hero Jose Abelardo Quiñones Gonzáles. He lost his life in a battle with a Peruvian neighboring country. As his plane was shot down, he purposefully steered and crashed into an enemy artillery bunker to aid the cause. The reverse of the bill shows him flying upside down just meters above ground.



- ◆ Charles J recalls in 1968 when a business partner was able to obtain a \$1000 bag of silver dollars in 1968. So he managed to scrape enough money to do the same. He held on to 85 better dates. And since he needed cash for spending, he just turned the remaining silver dollars into the bank for face value in currency. Ah, those were the days!

- ◆ Stephen H likes to go metal detecting. During a recent adventure in Healdsburg found a coffee can filled with 22 Standing Liberty Quarters! It had been padded with some old junk mail from 1952, dating when the hoard was hidden.

- ◆ Jim C had a few of his cool strikes from the Carson City Mint. One was a 5 ounce silver bar with an 1884 Morgan; the other a copper cancellation bar with 2 CC Morgans and a dime.

- ◆ Glenn talked about Mount Rushmore

- ◆ Dan C was at Jack Beymer coins, and couldn't resist picking up an off-center cent.

- ◆ Merle had a few slabbed tokens. It seems like grading companies will slab anything. One was from the U.S. Hotel in Cloverdale. One was a 'souvenir' of the Santa Rosa Native Sons from July 1897. And the third was labeled "Good for 5 cents" from the post exchange at *Fort Miley* (which Merle already had. But the slabbed token was from the post at *Angel Island*, which Merle did *not* have(it was mislabeled by NGC)!

- ◆ Finally, Charlie C had two worn out coins from the Roman era, remarkable for their countermark. One had a clear "LXF" countermark. It stands for "Legio X Fretensis", the 10th Roman Legion! Named after the Fretum Siculum, the straits of Sicily where it won a big battle, the 10th Legion was prominent in many battles in ancient Judea starting around the year 66. It remained in force through the third century. Insignias of the 10th Legion are seen on the second coin: a boar with an X above it and a dolphin below, and a galley. Go ahead, use your imagination a little— these coins are almost always quite worn. They were minted in Sebaste, a part of ancient Israel. Cool pocket change for a soldier!



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.

Our first meeting in January went very well. We were joined by Boy Scout Troop 32 from Santa Rosa. These scouts are working to earn their coin collecting merit badge. With about 15 in attendance, we discussed some of the different ways of collecting coins with an emphasis on collecting at the lowest possible cost. This includes collecting coins in circulation, getting a roll from a local bank, making an album to suit your needs, and avoiding the frustration of costly 'key coins' by using type and/or date sets.

Youth members got to pick a coin from a grab box made possible by the club. They also got to pick an album from two large boxes donated by Roger Tobin of the San Rafael Rare Coin Company.

Tidbits:

- ◆ Welcome to new Junior Member Killian S, #815J, one of the scouts at the meeting
- ◆ Emma B is collecting Roosevelt dimes from circulation (and from Grandpa B)

Parents: please have a 'coin moment' with your kid and read the newsletter together!

In February: We will continue discussing different ways of handling/storing coins, grading, and the use of the "Red Book".

Thanks to Bob and Shari at Vallejo Coin Exchange for coin donations to the junior grab box.

I will be asking for all club members' input on developing a list of "Coin Collecting Commandments", like never clean a coin, buy/read the book before you buy the coin, etc.

See you February 9th at 6:15PM sharp!

Rich W

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Glenn C, Scott McL, Jon Maria M, Casey McL, Bill S, and Mary Jo J

50:50 pot of \$124 was split with Bob B

Raffle: Lucky Larry, Jack H, Clayton, Andy S, Bob W, Jon Maria M, Bob B (twice), Martha V, Harry D (twice)

January Members: 61+

New Members: Kenneth R (#814), and Killian S(#815J)- welcome!

Guests: Yes, several

Auction: 26 exciting items

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

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.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for February are any of you who want to bring something to share.

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

January 28-30, 2011. San Jose Coin Club 42nd Annual Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Expo. Pavilion Hall, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose.

February 18-19, 2011. Redwood Empire Coin Club's 43rd Annual Coin Show. Sonoma County Fairgrounds' Finley Hall, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa

February 20, 2011. Cupertino Coin Club's 39th Annual Coin and Collectibles Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

February 25-26, 2011. Old San Francisco Mint Show. 5th and Mission, San Francisco.

March 17-19, 2011. ANA National Money Show. Sacramento Convention Center

April 15-17, 2011. Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, & Collectible Expo. Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

May 1, 2011. 39th Annual Vallejo Coin Show. Vallejo Numismatic Society, Vallejo Elks Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway, Vallejo

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

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

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

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

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:

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See you February 9— Charlie

