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SHOW RESULTS

The March RECC meeting started off with a summary of the recent coin show, which was a huge success. We had 853 attendees for the two day show, just a little less than last year. We had 48 paying dealers, and income from that was a bit better than last year.

The biggest question going into the show was the cost for the gold coins in the Gold Coin Drawing. They cost \$3200 to purchase. Thanks to the efforts of 47 club members selling tickets, and a little to sales during the show, we more than covered the cost.

Of those who sold tickets for the gold drawing, the # 3 seller was Jon Maria M with 202 tickets, who won a 2-1/2 peso Mexican gold piece. The #2 seller was Lee G, with 600 tickets. And the #1 seller again this year was Curtis S, who sold 1275 tickets! For that effort (along with his wife) he won a \$2-1/2 Liberty gold piece, and she won a California fractional gold piece in jewelry. And among all the other ticket sellers, a name was drawn for a 4th prize. The winner was Bob A, who was glad to be back after missing the last month due to illness— welcome back!

The door prize drawing was held at the meeting as well, going to club member Angelo Catalani.

Overall the show made a profit, which will be kept in a special account for covering *next* year's show.

- ◆ Edwin H filled in the last holes in his Type set!
- ◆ Martha V said there were a lot of Buffalo nickels to look at, and found four for her collection.
- ◆ Joseph M mentioned that Walt Ostremecki is running for the Vice President of the ANA and encouraged us to vote for him. Joe was looking for centennial Canadian bills, but did not find any. He did find some Canadian municipal trade tokens, and brought in a large album full of them. They are made of various metals.
- ◆ Dan M brought in a silver 1974 St. Patrick's Commemorative, celebrating the 'destruction of pagan idol'.
- ◆ Sean M was disappointed with the few woods available at the show. But he did get some good new ideas for collecting.
- ◆ Jon Maria bought the new U.S. Army Commemorative
- ◆ Rich W did not find the 1895-O Barber dime, and will keep looking. He did buy a Max stapler. It staples 2X2s with the back side of the staple being flat. This prevents the raised staple from scratching the coin next to it. A good investment for \$12

SHOW FINDS

- ◆ Mike M was looking for a 1958 Proof Set. He couldn't find one, but did get a 1959 set.
- ◆ Phil A got a 2006 3 coin American Eagle set



- ◆ Charley B tried to save money by coming to the show on Sunday. He did, since it was on Friday and Saturday. He did talk about women and men on U.S. coins.
- ◆ Glenn mentioned some major historical women over the centuries, explaining that was why so many women were initially on the U.S coins (in the form of Lady Liberty).

- ◆ Kurt put an ad in Numismatic news to sell an item. He received an interesting letter back, offering to sell a number of rare slabbed Morgan dollars valued around \$12,000, for only \$250, but only with a mail order and only if certain instructions were followed. Being a Private Investigator, he looked up the address and found out it was a prison! If it sounds too good to be true.....
- ◆ Larry M had a good show as a dealer. His best find was a book on errors and rarities recommended by Jim C. He was amazed at the value of some of the errors he had purchased long ago.
- ◆ Willie's favorite purchase was a 1960-D Lincoln cent, a large D with a small D overstrike
- ◆ Merle had purchased an 1875 20cent piece before the show, which had been painted silver and lacquered. Being unable to remove the layers, he was able to sell it to a dealer at the show and trade for a 1875 20cent piece in VG condition.

A.N.A. SHOW

The A.N.A. National Money Show was held in Sacramento on March 17-19. The official program stated there were over 550 dealers from around the country, though some shared tables. On Friday March 18 there were at least a dozen RECC members at the show, and all seemed happy with the selection. I think we all also came away with something for our collections.

Besides all the dealers there for our retail therapy, the ANA had a very nice section with several items displayed. There was an 1804 dollar, a 1913 Liberty Head nickel, and a Brasher Doubloon. There was a good sized display on the California gold rush, including a 100 ounce gold nugget found in 2010 here in California— with a metal detector! It had ~\$120,000 in gold bullion value, but sold for \$400,000 at a Heritage auction. One other display had autographs of every United States President from Washington to Carter, along with vintage coins that circulated during their administrations.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK

The ANA is sponsoring a Club Trivia Challenge for National Coin Week April 17-23. There are 15 questions, which need answers sent back by April 30. The club with the most right answers wins a 1925

Stone Mountain Half Dollar, and there are other prizes. The questions are below. Every member who brings in an answer(or all the answers) to me will be in a drawing to see who gets the prize if we win. See me at the April meeting or e-mail

info@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com—Charlie

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

1. What is the legend (text) surrounding the design on the reverse of the Jos. H. Merriam Die Sinker Civil War token?
2. What is the smallest denomination of paper money produced by the Confederate States of America?
3. In which state was the first issue of Confederate States of America paper money printed, and what was the denomination?
4. List ten Union generals and admirals who have been portrayed on United States paper money.
5. What United States Mints did the Confederacy capture during the Civil War?
6. What was the name given to merchants who catered to soldiers in the field or at posts during the Civil War?
7. Which of the following slogans were NOT considered to be put on the 1864 two cent piece? A- GOD OUR TRUST, B- GOD AND OUR COUNTRY C- OUR GOD AND OUR COUNTRY D- GOD AND UNION E- IN GOD WE TRUST
8. What was the first regular-issue Federal currency to display the American eagle?
9. In 1925 Stone Mountain half dollar was issued to commemorate and raise money for Georgia's stone Mountain bas-relief memorial. Which U.S. President's likeness was considered (and ultimately declined) for the coin's obverse?
10. What private Colorado company, famous for its production of gold coins, was purchased by the U.S. Government in 1863?
11. What prestigious military decoration was created in early 1861?
12. Three types of United States Currency were produced that bore interest, and two were produced during the Civil War. Name them.
13. Not including restrikes, how many Confederate States of America half dollar coins were minted?
14. What money was found in President Lincoln's pocket when he was assassinated?
15. One month before the end of the Civil war in 1865, Confederate Major Sidney Alroy Jonas penned a poem some say was written on the back of a Confederate \$500 note. The poem became a symbol of the "Lost Cause" movement, and was featured, along with several Confederate notes, on plaques. What was the name of this famous poem?

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

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

KIDS KORNER

By Rich W.

Our March meeting was attended mainly by Troop 32 boy scouts who are working to complete requirements for their coin collecting merit badge. Troop 32 had purchased tickets for the 50/50 raffle and they had to leave before the drawing. They gave the tickets to me for the benefit of our youth members. Guess what?? the winning ticket was drawn from the boy scout tickets with \$66 going to benefit junior members. Thanks to Troop 32! Several of the Troop 32 scouts have joined our club as junior members. Welcome to them.

Tidbits:

- ◆ In April, we will look at some Indian Head type small cents (1859-1909).
- ◆ Adult member Joe Mc C. donated the Indian Head cents to make this discussion possible.-thanks Joe
- ◆ Junior members present at the April meeting will select Indians of their choice, "card them up", and take them home. I suggest looking up and reading about Indian Head cents in the "Red Book" prior to our meeting.

See you April 13th at 06:15

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Mary Jo, Glenn C, David L, Charley B, Merle, and Bob A

50:50 pot of \$132 was splint with Rich W!

Raffle: Mark (twice), Bruce S, Martha V, Bob T, Edwin H, Paul R, Frank (twice), David L, and Mary Jo.

March Members: 85+

New Members: Xavier M, #820J, and Connor K, #821J— both Boy Scouts getting their merit badge at the meeting. And Mark D, # 822— WELCOME!

Guests: Yes, several

Auction: 26 exciting items

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for April are Darren C, Mike C, Dan, and Willie Q— 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

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 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 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 30, 2011. Peninsula Coin Club 32nd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:
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Or call me— 707-573-1252
See you April 13— Charlie

