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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## APRIL NEWS

### THIS AND THAT

- The 40th Annual Vallejo Coin Show will be May 6. Harry D talked about it at the start of the meeting. Hopefully many of you can go to support our fellow club members on their home turf.
- We lost three club members recently. Dan Murphy passed away quietly last month while surrounded by his family. Life Member Darryl Anderson recently passed away. And Dr. Rodney Baker did as well. Mike Turrini wrote a wonderful obituary remembering all that Dr. Baker did for the hobby. Our condolences go out to the friends and families of all three.
- The Topic for next month is: **MY FAVORITE SILVER COIN, AND WHY**. Bring it in or just talk about it, and receive 4 free raffle tickets.
- We will also have **DESSERT NIGHT!** ***Everyone*** is encouraged to bring in a dessert to share with the club. It should be a lot of fun.

### MY TYPE SET

- Steve H talked about his type set: a rupee from India, which his dad got after World War 2 and always carried with him. It is the *only* coin in that set for Steve



- Edwin H brought his 3 cent nickel and two cent albums. There are a number of holes to fill, which he enjoys looking for.

- Rich W has a type set he is working on. He also checked out Merle's set, and noted one of the dollars had been cleaned (oh horror!)
- Merle admitted that yes, he does have a cleaned dollar. He loves collecting the type coins. He related how there are endless variations of the kinds of type sets you can have. But to complete a few of his sets, it can cost in the millions of dollars to have the rare and quality coins needed to fill just a few 'holes'. He is now collecting love tokens, and is still looking for a \$20 one.
- Charlie C has 2 type sets. One is a set of all the kings and queens of England, and is missing just 5. Within that set is a set of sixpence (which first appeared in the reign of Edward VI), and there are only 2 coins needed to complete that set. The other type sets are historical ancient coins, mostly related to the bible. One of the very first coins he owned is a widow's mite. He brought in the coin pictured below, a half ma'ah obol from Philistia (approximately southern Israel) from the 5-4th century BC. There were lots of tribes of people from ancient times: Hittites, Midianites, and this coin from the Philistines. The fun part is how small the coin is, as shown from the photo taken sitting on a thumb. Pretty amazing detail for a 1/4" coin made 2,500 years ago!



## KIDS CORNER

The 100 year anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic was the 15th of April. The Titanic struck the iceberg on April 14, 1912 and sunk on April 15, 1912 . At the last meeting, we discussed some of the American coins and currency that passengers might have had with them. Pictures of some of the recovered bills/coins have recently been in the newspapers and upcoming auctions. I was able to bring a one dollar "horse blanket" silver certificate of the period to the meeting which appears below:

Junior Member Titanic Quiz:

Of the following, which five coins might have been carried aboard the Titanic:

1. A Morgan dollar.
2. A Mercury dime.
3. An Indian head cent.
4. A Barber quarter.
5. A buffalo nickel.
6. A Lincoln cent.
7. A standing liberty quarter.
8. A walking liberty half dollar.
9. A two cent piece.
10. A peace dollar.

We will discuss this and more at the May meeting.

See you 9 May at 6;15 sharp!

Rich

## 100 YEARS AGO

So, what else happened 100 years ago?

- The Green Monster was built. Or more accurately, Fenway Park in Boston was built. Part of the original ballpark construction of 1912, the wall is made of wood, but was covered in tin and concrete in 1934, and then hard plastic in 1976. A manual scoreboard is set into the wall. Despite the name, the Green Monster was not painted green until 1947; before that it was covered with advertisements. The *Monster* designation is relatively new. For most of its history it was simply called *The Wall*.
- 1/1/1912 The Republic of China is proclaimed
- 1/8/1912 The African National Congress is founded
- 3/27/1912 The mayor of Tokyo gives 3,000 cherry trees to be planted in Washington, D.C., to symbolize the friendship between the two countries
- 6/5/1912 U.S. Marines land in Cuba
- 12/24/1912 Merck files patent applications in Germany for synthesis of the drug MDMA (*Ecstasy*). (Maybe that explains the crazy things my granny did long ago.....)
- And the following were born: Danny Thomas, Jackson Pollock, Les Brown, Karl Malden, Wernher Von Braun, Studs Terkel, Sam Sneed, Jay Silverheels (Tonto), Woodie Guthrie, Art Linkletter, Julia Child, Chuck Jones, and Minnie Pearl. Kinda brings back good memories, doesn't it?



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**Need to plug that hole!** Kurt has a 1918/7-D Buffalo Nickel “For Sale”. It is an Acid Date treated coin, but the over date is clearly visible. The asking price is \$195. Not bad considering G-4 condition are going for \$1,000 plus. Call Kurt at 415-302-4694 or email at [kg@ginterinv.com](mailto:kg@ginterinv.com).”

## **DRAWING WINNERS:**

**Membership:** Riley R, Irene c, Mike M, Joseph McC, Bob T, and Mike B

**50:50** pot of \$ 95 was split with Charlie C

**Raffle:** Jon Maria, Gary C (twice), Jerry St. G, Bob B, Bob K, Joel M, Paul R, Mike B, Jasmine M, Jack H, Edwin H, and 2 others (I missed your names, sorry). Surprisingly, Harry D did not win once....

**April Members:** 50+

**New Members:** Tom Scott, #838– WELCOME!

**Guests:** Yes, several

**Auction:** 32 exciting items

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

My sincere apologies to Glenn Coleman for not mentioning his help setting up, during, and after the coin show. It was greatly appreciated. Apologies to anyone else who I forgot to mention. It was great having such great help throughout the show!

Volunteers for **refreshments** for May are all of you– it will be **DESSERT NIGHT!**

### **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

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 5, 2012. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Spring Coin Show.** Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento

**May 6, 2012. Vallejo Numismatic Society's 40th Annual Vallejo Coin Show.** Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo

**June 24, 2012. Alameda Coin Club Show.** Alameda High School Gym (Oak Street at 2200 Central Ave), Alameda

**July 14-15, 2012. Stanislaus County Coin Club's Modesto Coin and Collectible Show.** Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street (10th and K Street), Modesto

**July 28-29, 2012. Fremont Coin Club's 40th Annual Coin Show.** Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

**August 12, 2012. 22nd Annual Coin Show,** Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky Street, Fairfield

**September 16, 2012. Livermore Valley Coin Club's Fall Coin Show.** Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore

**September 29, 2012. CSNA Annual Northern California Educational Symposium.** Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, Vallejo

**October 13-14, 2012. Diablo Numismatic Society 16th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show.**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive (off Concord Avenue)

**October 20-21, 2012. Delta Coin Club's 47th Annual Fall Coin Show.** Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

**November 4, 2012. Peninsula Coin Club's 33rd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.** Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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See you May 9, 2012— Charlie

