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NOVEMBER NEWS

Gobble gobble. And gobble some more. There were at least 82 members at the November RECC meeting, and did we every have a great Thanksgiving dinner! Thanks to the great chefs at G&G Market, there was delicious turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and really good gravy. Thanks also to all the members who brought side dishes and desserts. And special thanks to Jeremy for bringing chili! Wow that was good, especially on the stuffing.

With all that we had going on, one thing we didn't talk about was what we are thankful for. Our meeting was a day after Veterans Day— and there are many club members (past and present) who have served in the military. A special thanks to all of you. We may not be here if not for what you have done. Merle and Lee deserve a huge thanks for running the meeting, arranging food, planning the show, keeping track of members and getting out the newsletter. Mike C is doing a great job watching our bank account. We have people bringing in drinks, making coffee, running the auction, working the show, etc- it really is appreciated. And I am thankful you all trust me to continue writing this newsletter.

The Helen and Roy Roberts Annual Benefit Auction brought in \$480 to the club, which is appreciated. Thanks again to all who donated items and who purchased them. And special thanks to Dan C for keeping track of all the lots.

The February Coin Show is moving closer. Merle has sold 40 of 67 tables and they will likely sell out soon. We will once again have a dinner at the Fou Zhou Chinese Buffet— there will be flyers in upcoming newsletters. Don't forget to sell those gold drawing tickets. Once again there will be gold coin prizes for the top three sellers, as well as one gold coin to be drawn from names of all other sellers.



DECEMBER NEWS

The December meeting will be in the main auditorium of the Veterans Building, and will feature several activities:

⇒ **Flea Market**, from 6 to ~7:15PM. There will be tables available for anyone who wants to buy/sell/trade *numismatic* items.

⇒ **Nomination of officers** and election. Our officers are elected for a one year term. So if you or someone you know wishes to be President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary, this is the time to nominate.

⇒ **SANTA** is coming! There just may be a present for all club members.....

⇒ **DESSERT NIGHT!** Of course— how could we have a meeting without food. **Please bring a dessert** if you can to share with the club— thanks!

⇒ We will have our regular **auction**.

DUES

Please remember to pay your dues. You can do it at the meeting, just see Mike C. Doing this early insures that you remain on the mailing list for the newsletter, and helps avoid having to send reminder letters later. Thanks.

OTHER COIN RELATED HOBBIES

- Steven H brought in an underwater metal detector, and talked about its use. It can go down to 200' under water. He uses his in the surf and in rivers. He showed the 1944 50 centavo found in Santa Cruz, and his 1922 Mexican 50 peso gold with gold bezel and chain found in the Russian River. Not bad!

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BEFORE YOU BUY THE COIN.....

We all know Lee Gong's favorite expression: Before you buy the coin you should buy the book. But what book should you buy? Or books, to be more thorough. Most of us have the Red Book, a very good general reference to U.S. coins, and some people even collect editions of that. Walter Breen wrote the classic Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins, which delves into each series much more comprehensively (but does not list prices). Fortunately there are countless excellent books on specific coin series too, like Richard Snow's book on Indian Cents, Van Allen and Mallis' Encyclopedia of Morgan and Peace Dollars (the VAM book), and even William Sheldon's Penny Whimsy mentioned last month. The Kraus publications on world coins are a good reference, though you need to purchase a different one for each century if you collect anything before 1900.

How do you find out which book to get? It always helps to ask fellow club members, since there are so many experienced collectors to count on. And it is also good when we have dealers who have books for sale at our show (and meetings).

One on-line resource is the Numismatic Bibliomania Society. It was founded in 1979 to support and promote the use and collecting of numismatic literature. They have a journal, the Asylum, and a weekly newsletter, the E-sylum. There are some very interesting articles worth perusing on-line at www.coinbooks.org. They also have a bibliography of Numismatic literature, which may (or may not) be helpful— depending how deep you want to delve into books. Joe McC is a member of this club too.

So what if you collect antique books like I do? How do you know the value? Here is where I do not know the answer and welcome suggestions. Kolbe and Fanning Numismatic Booksellers (www.numislit.com) have periodic auctions of a wide range of material (books, auction catalogs, even letters/correspondence of famous numismatists) and have been the source of my collection. They reference Elvira Clain-Stefanelli's Numismatic Bibliography of 1985, which must be a large list considering how far back it goes in all areas of numismatic literature. She was the executive director and curator of the Smithsonian Institution's National Numismatic Collection as well. Since I already bought a bunch of books, maybe I'll now have to buy the book on books.

The very first published book on numismatics was Illustrium Imagines by Andrea Fulvio in 1517. Complete editions are extremely rare and valuable. An incomplete edition with loose pages was used in 2001 for 151 copies of a small book about Fulvio, with each one including a single page from that first book.

Mine is #62 of 151, and the page featured was of a coin of Mark Anthony (including a wood-cut engraving).

The oldest book in my collection is Thesauri Antiquitum by Jacobus De Strada in 1557. I do not speak Latin, but can figure out a lot of it from medieval and ancient coin study, and this has wonderful wood-cut illustrations of coins from the Romans up to current European rulers of the time.

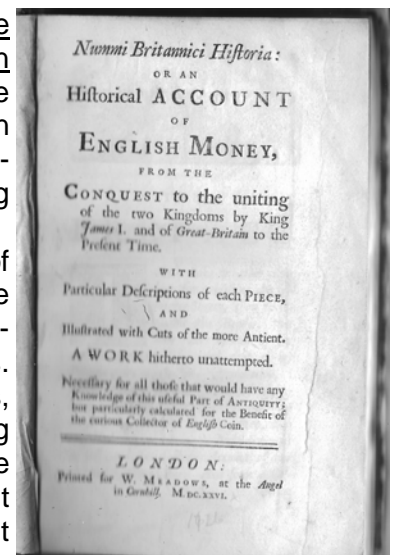


The picture above left is the one page from Fulvio in 1515, featuring Marc Anthony. The one on the right is from the DeStrada book of 1557, illustrating Marc Anthony, Octavius, and Marcus Lepidus.

Two other interesting books in my collection are Nummi Britannici Historia or an Historic Account of English Money, dated 1726— one of the earliest works on English coins (written in olde English, yeah)- pictured here.

And Coins of the Romans Relating to Britain dated 1844 features a nice review of all the Roman emperors involved with ruling England and minting coins there.

One final source of coin information is the abundance of coin auctions and their catalogs. Catalogs of famous sales, like the Bass and Eliasberg sales are classics for the quality of their coins. But following what is in current national coin auctions may help in your search and purchase of that coin you just have to have.



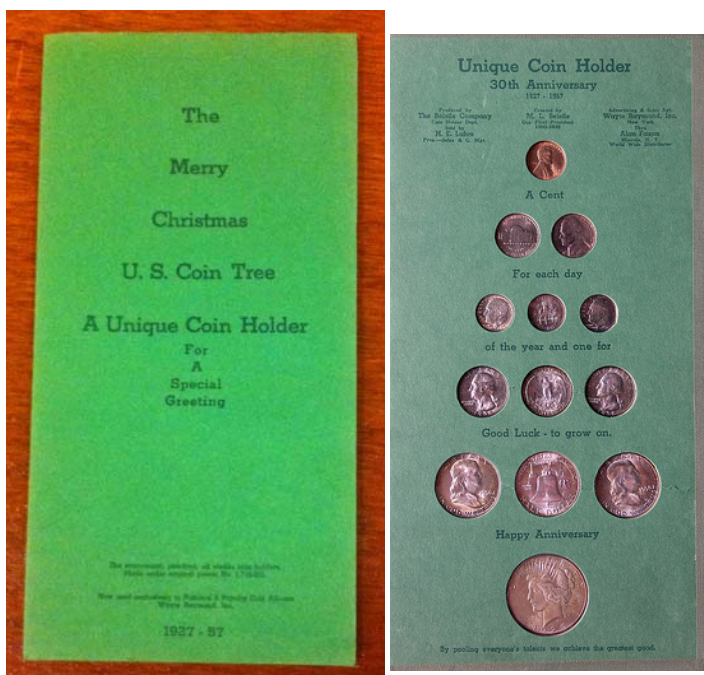
CLASSIFIED ADS

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

Nothing for this month

More coin-related hobbies

- Glen M also likes to go metal detecting. And after what Steven found I wonder how many more may give it a try.
- George W talked about the fabulous summer of '58, when he would pick up a couple rolls of cents, go through them ,and trade at banks for more. He also mentioned visiting a collector/dealer who had lots of gold, currency, etc
- Bill G collects old coin albums. He mentioned one that was known by a few worn samples, until a small hoard of new ones was discovered, and he was able to get one. It is "The Merry Christmas U.S. Coin Tree A Unique Coin Holder for a Special Greeting". It looks like a slender coin holder at first glance. But when opened, the coin array is in the shape of a Christmas tree! I was able to find a photo of one filled with coins; the cover image was Bill's pristine example. Ho Ho Ho.



DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Jonathan S, Claude F, Joel M, Bob A, Andy O, and Riley R

50:50 pot of \$ 150 was split with Bill S

Raffle: Matt A, Jack H, Joel M (thrice), Edwin H, Mike C, Dan C, David V, and I may have missed one or two others

May Members Present: 82+

New Members: none

Guests: several

Auction: 43 exciting items

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

KIDS KORNER

Joel M worked with the kids on their Buffalo Nickel and Mercury dime collecting. He had two very nice mobile apps with excellent grading photos for the kids to use.

There will be a Junior meeting in December. The junior table will have Christmas "freebees" made possible by donations.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for December are for everyone to bring something for Dessert Night!

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

November 29, 2014. 1st Annual NCNA Symposium, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, Vallejo

January 9-10, 2015. East Bay/Concord Coin Show. Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave., Concord

FEBRUARY 13-14, 2015. Redwood Coin Club 47th Annual Coin Show. Sonoma County Fairgrounds Finley Hall, Santa Rosa

February 15, 2015. Cupertino Coin Club's 43rd Annual Coin Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

May 17, 2015. Vallejo Numismatic Society 43rd Annual Show. Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo

July 25-26, 2015. Fremont Coin Club's 43rd Annual Show. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

November 1, 2015. Peninsula Coin Club's 36th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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See you December 10— Charlie

