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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to all. We started off the year with good news about the upcoming Coin Show. All 67 tables have been sold! There is a good variety of dealers, some from as far away as Nevada.

Bob K is again arranging the volunteers to set up and take down— many thanks. Cal G has agreed to be in charge of the front entry table on Friday (I cannot be there); I will be in charge on Saturday. We need at least 3 people at a time— one or two to take admission money, and one each to sell silver and gold raffle tickets. Some of you have kindly signed up, and hopefully the rest of the 2 hour time slots will be filled at next meeting.

Don Rinkor has once again donated 14 PCGS MS-62 Silver Dollars to the club for our Silver Dollar raffle! Many thanks for your generosity Don— this is the third year in a row!

We will have our Coin Show Dinner Friday February 13 at Fou Zhou restaurant. The 6 month Membership Gold Coin Drawing will be then. There is a limit of 50 or 60 dinner spots, so make sure to get your \$20 in to Merle so he can keep track.

### FEBRUARY TOPIC

The topic of discussion for the February meeting is "WHAT I AM GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR AT THE COIN SHOW". Everyone can talk about this, and should. You get 4 free raffle tickets if you do.

### SHOW AND TELL

My apologies for this being an abbreviated list of the Show and Tell talks, since I had to step outside for an important phone call and missed many of the talks. Those at the meeting were treated to a lot of interesting items. These are ones I did catch:

- ◆ Glenn M talked about a 1783 Spanish milled dollar from the shipwreck of the El Cazador ("The Hunter"). It was a ship laden with 450,000 silver reale coins sent from Vera Cruz,



Mexico to bring much needed hard currency to the Spanish colony of Louisiana. Heading for New Orleans, it was never heard from. In August 1993, the trawler *Mistake* snagged its net on something, and when hauled aboard it revealed a pile of silver coins— from the lost



wreck of the Cazador.

- ◆ Lucky Larry M added his thoughts about the CAC coin stickers. For dealers, he feels if is something that makes coins more attractive to potential customers. Slabbed coins already have designations like "proof-like" and "+". Larry had a "+" coin with a CAC sticker. Does that make it a "++", or 3/4 higher grade?
- ◆ Guy S has collected Canadian and Mexican coins, as well as the big 5 Kopek Russian coins. He got his first at an RECC show many



- ◆ Charlie talked about 2 recent purchases. For those that did not recognize the painting in last week's newsletter, it is an portrait of an older Henry VIII of England. The coin is a groat (four pence) of his. (Sorry the photo is not too clear).



Also, Henry's first child was Mary. After her were born Elizabeth and Edward. When Henry died, his son was first to be crowned, but Edward died after a short reign. Mary was then crowned, and she soon married King Philip of Spain in an attempt to gain strength with an allegiance with Spain. The marriage was mostly a political sham. Mary was known as "Bloody Mary" for her frequent executions of Protestants. She died childless, and the reign of England went to Queen Elizabeth. The coin here is a sixpence featuring both Mary and Philip. It is very hard to find one with a good portrait even as worn as this.



- ◆ Mike C was going through a 'junk box' at a dealer's, and found an English Double Florin of Queen Victoria. It was a denomination made only from 1887 to 1890, and was discontinued due to confusion with other denominations, and possibly the unflattering portrait (compare it on the left with the early portrait of Queen Victoria on the Florin, below right)



- ◆ George W told a story about a friend who found a 1916-D Winged Liberty ("Mercury") dime in change, and eventually sold it to buy a guitar.

- ◆ One of our guests talked about getting a coin from Cape Verde. It is Africa's smallest country, an island group 300 miles west of the continent. I believe this is a photo of the coin, a celebration of the country's first year of independence. There were only 3400 of these made.



- ◆ Cal G talked about seller's remorse. Have you ever sold something and then regretted it? He talked about the 2011 5 ounce Olympic National Park coin. This was a discovery coin which he sold. Fortunately he was able to find the buyer, and got it back in a trade. Whew!



- ◆ Jim C talked about an error note he found with a folded print. I did not get a picture of his note, which was really fun to look at, but here is an example found on the internet





### 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

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#### Final Show and Tell

◆ Merle proudly displayed his complete set of proof 3 cent silver coins. This also included all the varieties in the series, which ran from 1858 to 1873. The highest mintage of any of these dates was 1000. But while the number of proof coins *minted* is listed, whatever ones went unsold each year were melted. Thus the actual populations are actually less. And while they are certainly not cheap, they are far less expensive than other coins denominations of higher mintage because the demand is far less for this series. It was fun looking at auction archives of proof 3 cent silver coins (like the ones I found below), as they varied from bright white to dark, and various hues of the rainbow. Merle really had a fantastic set— hopefully many of you had a chance to view them.



## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership:** Randon S, Cal G, Lucky Larry M, Rodney M Jr, Mike C, and Giulia R

**50:50** pot of \$ 152 was split with Steve C

**Raffle:** Connie P, George W, Carson K (twice), Mike C, Gary C, Jeremiah R, Bill R (twice), Rodney M Jr, Giulia R, and Frank B

**January Members Present:** 62+

**New Members:** Gary L, # #910— Welcome!

**Guests:** Yes, several

**Auction:** 38 exciting items

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

### KIDS KORNER

In Jan, we gave out some Christmas gift bags left over from the "rainstorm meeting". Because of recent world coin donations, I will start world coin discussions in Feb. I will start with Europe on Jan 11th. and I will also have world coins available at our show.

We will be setting up for the show prior to the Feb meeting. This will include a junior table with the usual free items. If a junior can select a coin, and find the country on a world map, then they can have the coin for their collection. 2 x 2 flips will also be available.

See you in Feb at 6:15- Rich W

Volunteers for **refreshments** for February are up for grabs. **NOBODY** volunteered at the meeting, so anyone wishing to bring a snack is welcome— 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

**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

**February 27-28, 2015.** South Bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show. The Domaine Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale

**March 1, 2015. Livermore Valley Coin Club 52nd Annual Coin Show.** Elk's Lodge, 940 Lark spur, Livermore

**April 3-4, 2015. 2015 Wests Token Jamboree,** Western Token Society, Clarion Hotel, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento

**April 17-19, 2015. Santa Clara Coin Show**

**May 1-2, 2015. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show.** Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Avenue, Sacramento

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

**June 20-21, 2015. Stanislaus County Coin Club's Modesto Coin and Collectibles Expo.** Modesto Centre Plaza, 1001 L St., Modesto

**June 26-27, 2015.** East Bay/Concord Coin Show. Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave., Concord

**June 28, 2015. Alameda Coin Show.** TBA

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

**August 9, 2015. Fairfield Coin club's 26th Annual Coin Show.** Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania

**September 4-6, Santa Clara Coin Show**

**September 26, 2015. 2nd Annual NCNA Seminar.** Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, Vallejo

**October 9-11, 2015. Diablo Numismatic Society 19th Annual Contra Costa Coin and Collectibles Show.** Elk's Lodge, 1475 Creek side Dr., Walnut Creek

**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 February 11— Charlie

