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MARCH MINUTES

The March meeting of the RECC featured our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, with great food once again prepared by the chefs at G&G Market. Thanks to all who brought 'green' desserts to go with it, they were delicious.

For those of you who didn't bring goodies in March, can you bring something to share for April? The topic of that meeting is **TYPE COLLECTIONS**. Bring in your type collection, talk a couple minutes about it, and get 4 free raffle tickets!

Farewell to Frank Villalon, and best wishes on your move to Idaho. Frank was one of the founding members of the San Francisco Coin Club in the 1960s (nearly non-existent now), and has been a long time RECC member. He does plan on attending the Santa Clara Coin Show twice a year still.

Merle gave a wrap of the coin show, which was another success.

- He thanked everybody who pitched in and helped. Especially to Lee G for all the prep work; Mike M and Connie P who drove the cart (and looked like they were having way too much fun); Bob K for efficiently arranging the help crews; and Rich W for working the kids' table, where we had 70-80 kids stop by (and lots of donations arrive).
- Attendance Friday was 378, Saturday 370— 12 people fewer than last year
- We had 46 dealers
- 37 club members sold gold coin drawing tickets prior to the show, which was the bulk of the sales. Of them the top 3 sellers were:
- #3, with \$458 in sales— Jack H
- #2, with \$1000 in sales— Curtis S
- #1, with \$1200 in sales— Connie P. Each of them won a gold coin for their efforts.

- A 4th member who sold tickets also won a gold coin, with his name pulled from the remaining members: Bill S, winning a 1/20th ounce American gold
- A name was also pulled from those who helped set up and tear down the show, and Joel M was the one. He won a 1883-O MS-62 Morgan dollar
- Finally, of all the door prize entries, the winner was Joe McC, winning a 2-1/2 peso Mexican gold piece.

WHAT I GOT AT THE COIN SHOW
WHAT I AM STILL LOOKING FOR
HOW CAN WE MAKE IT BETTER?

- ◇ Merle got a nice gold piece at the show.
- ◇ Carson K got a 1921-D dime for his Winged Liberty ("Mercury") dime collection
- ◇ Guy S is always looking for the large 5 Kopek coins from Russia. He found 4 to purchase—all dates he had but still in nice condition. He found a nice ancient Roman denarius of Hadrian. What he is really looking for is a 1947 Canadian \$1 coin with a maple leaf on it, which has an interesting story. In early 1948 the Royal Canadian Mint was faced with a problem. India had been granted independence, but new dies with a changed inscription eliminating the Latin abbreviation "ET IND:IMP" were not going to be ready for months, and there was a need for coinage. The mint satisfied the demand by striking coins in 1948 but with the old motto and dated 1947 followed by a tiny Maple leaf.



- ◇ Charlie C followed the Lee G rule of coin collecting: before you buy the coin, buy the book. A long time interest has been in Roman cast coins. They are rarely seen, though one was at last year's show (and regrettably not purchased then). They are known as Aes rude— rudimentary bronze, in the shape of amorphous lumps; Aes signatum— 'signed' bronze, usually in a square or rectangular bar that came later; and finally Aes grave— literally meaning 'heavy bronze' in Latin, made from 280-211 BC. These were individually cast in bronze, since it was readily available; silver was rare, and gold essentially non-existent in that period. The first of these Aes grave were heavy, weighing in at 8 ounces! As time progressed, they gradually became smaller, finally ending up as low as 1-1/2 ounce weight. The one I found at the show weighs 2 ounces, and is in superb condition for a cast coin. The obverse depicts the 2 headed god Janus. The reverse depicts the prow of a ship, in very high relief. The standard denomination of these coins was the 'as', noted by a vertical line seen above the prow on this coin. There were multiples and fractions of this denomination as well, but you will rarely see them at shows.



- ◇ Rich W gave out silver certificates (kindly donated by Joe McC) to the Junior members present at the meeting. He is looking for the last barber dime he needs, 1903-S. He has all the other Barber coins except the 3 key quarters.



- ◇ Bob K purchased a very nice 1909-D \$5 gold Half Eagle.



- ◇ Bill C is an avid collector of Russian coins and currency, and finds he is always competing with San Francisco collectors for nice examples. For years he has been looking for a 50 Ruble note of Nicholas II, and finally found one. Below is an image of a 10 Ruble note— I could not find an image of the 50 Ruble note. Bill is also looking



for a 1905 1 Kopek. He thought he had finally found one at the show. Only it turns out the Russian 3 and 5 are very similar, and he got the wrong date (and was gladly refunded by the dealer).

- ◇ Phil A has been looking for a Denarius featuring Julius Caesar, but at an affordable price..... And will keep looking. At the show he bought three tokens from the panama Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, because of their local relevance. If you look closely at the third one, you will see a



dot in the center of the reverse. It is a "spinner"! That explains the compass points on the obverse.

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.

BUYING U.S. coin collections, large or small. Also Hard Times and Civil War Tokens. Call Ken Feldman 415-260-4339

Show & Tell continued

Bill G has been looking for a 1903 Liberty Head nickel in Mint State, and by chance heard of one for sale, took a chance, and got it! (Pictured here). He is still looking for a mint state 1895 nickel.



- ◇ Steve C came to the show at the end of the day Saturday, and ended up winning the \$20 St. Gaudens gold!
- ◇ David A bought five 90% silver proof Bicentennial 3 piece sets, because he likes them.



- ◇ Finally, Gary C wondered if coin displays could be done, since there are so many experts in the club. Merle piped up that we have run out of most of the extra space we used to have because of all the dealers, but it is still possible. Both Merle and Lee (and Charlie, once) have had displays at the show in years past. We will see if there is interest in it for next year's show.

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Frank B, Andy O, Jon Maria M, Dan S, Tony V

50:50 pot of \$108 was split with Bill S

Raffle: Jon Maria M, Mike B, Edwin H (twice), Andy O, Gary C, Randon S, Tony V, Steve C, and Joel M

December Members Present: 59+

New Members: Joshua L (#926J) and Alex F (#927)

– WELCOME!

Guests: yes

Auction: 43 exciting items

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

KIDS KORNER

In March, we discussed Cyprus coins and passed out Cyprus coins thanks to Glenn C. We also discussed what we found at our club coin show. Carson and Jack G both found a 16-D Mercury dime, however, both lacked enough other coins to buy it.

In April, Bill G will discuss the Liberty nickel and will even share some with junior attendees.

See you at 6:15 sharp!

Rich W

Volunteers for **refreshments** for April are all of you who did not bring something in March—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

APR 22-24, 2016. Santa Clara County Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, San Jose

MAY 1, 2016. Vallejo Numismatic Society 44th Annual Show, Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (Between Georgia and Florida) Vallejo

JULY 30-31, 2016. Fremont Coin Club Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

August 7, 2016. Fairfield Coin Club 27th Annual Coin Show, Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown) 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania

October 15-16, 2016. Delta Coin Club 52nd Annual Coin Show, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

November 6, 2016. Peninsula Coin Club 37th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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See you April 13— Charlie

