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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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Next Meeting: December 14, 2016

## GIVING THANKS

The Thanksgiving meeting of the RECC was crowded with hungry members and guests (at least 72 of you). Since there really wasn't any discussion about coins, I get to make up the rest of this newsletter. Well, that isn't quite correct. There was some business discussed. And I'll keep to the facts with the rest of the newsletter.

- Merle had a wrap-up of the October benefit auction, which generated \$430 for the club. Kudos to Andy for keeping the auction running smoothly!
- Plans for the coin show are going well. We have already sold 16 of the 66 tables, and many more will be sold soon. Please remember to keep selling the Gold Coin Drawing tickets. See Merle if you need more.
- It is time to pay your Membership Dues. Please pay Mike at the meeting (or you can mail it to the club). Don't forget that there is a Life Membership option— perhaps a holiday present? We have 86 Life Members so far!
- Nomination of officers and elections will take place at the December meeting. Any adult member is welcome to run for the position of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- We will have a Flea Market at the December meeting, from 6-7PM. Tables will be available for buying/selling/trading numismatic items.
- December will be Dessert Night! Everyone is encouraged to bring a dessert to share with the club. It is usually one of the best attended meetings, because Santa Merle will probably stop by as well with numismatic presents for all good members and junior members.



## WALKING LIBERTY

You guessed it—the U.S. Mint came out with the Walking Liberty Centennial Gold Coin on November 17. It is 1/2 ounce of 24-karat gold, and is the third and final of the centennial gold coins minted this year, with a maximum mintage limit of 70,000 coins.

It is a very nice replica (but in gold!) of the 1916 Liberty Walking Half Dollar. As I mentioned in last month's newsletters, design requests went out for something new in the dime, quarter and half dollar for 1916. Adolph Alexander Weinman was the chosen designer (along with his Mercury Dime design), and his initials are seen below the date on 1916-1917 issues, and on the lower left reverse corner from 1917 until the series ended in 1947. And as usual, mint master Charles Barber was hostile to the design replacing his own outdated designs.

It also had a design fifty years ahead of its time: Ms. Liberty is wearing the American flag, a rebellious counterculture fad of the 1960s. She is walking eastward (toward war-torn Europe), looking upward at something unknown. In the crook of her left arm is a large bundle of oak and laurel branches, said to be for military and civilian honors. And on her feet are cross-thonged sandals.

On the reverse, a gnarled tree under the eagle's right talons was said (by a mint report) to be a sapling of a Mountain Pine, symbolic of America. Which is interesting, since it is not exclusively an American species.

There were an estimated seven revisions of the original design, though few patterns remain and those initial dies were mostly destroyed. Even though the design had great artistic merits, it was technically difficult to produce a high quality relief on both sides because the high relief on the obverse opposed high relief areas on the reverse (making it difficult to bring up the design details on both sides). So it can be hard to find coins with full hand details, for instance. There were a couple attempts to correct this, which failed. Nevertheless, it is still a beautiful and sought-after coin. And the obverse design lives on today in the American Eagle Silver bullion coins, with clearer detail.



It is easier to see from this enlargement that Liberty's left hand detail is mostly missing. If anyone has a full hand coin, please bring it in to show. You can also see better detail of the flag draped around her shoulders and of the two types of branches she is holding.



## **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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Nope, nothing advertised this month.

The design to follow the Walking Liberty coin was the Franklin half dollar. Coins displaying the full bell lines are more desired. And my favorite variety is the "Bugs Bunny" error, a 1955 clashed-die coin



## **DRAWING WINNERS:**

**Membership:** Jerry St. G, Rod M Jr., Tiffany S, Rick S, Frank B, and Curtis S.

**50:50** pot was split with Claude F

**Raffle:** Mike B, Jerry St. G, Michael S, Edwin Hoffmark (thrice), Jon Maria M, Gary C (twice), Frank B, and Curtis S (twice)

**October Attendance:** 72

**New Members:** no

**Guests:** yes

**Auction:** 43 exciting items

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

### **KIDS KORNER**

There will be a junior meeting in December. As usual there will be a flea market table like the rest of the room with one very big difference: Juniors {only} will be able to select from donated items for FREE. Many will be used items from members, but some I purchased new thanks to Alex and Son Coins in Novato. Alex put several items in our auction and donated the \$ for the juniors.

Come and select items of your choosing. See if you can beat Carson to the table!

See you Dec 14 at 6:15.  
Rich

Volunteers for **refreshments** for December are all who can bring dessert for Holiday Dessert Night meeting— 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

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

November 11-12, 2016. South Bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show. Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale.

**FEBRUARY 24-25, 2017. Redwood Coin Club 49th Annual Coin Show.** Sonoma County Fair-grounds' Finley Hall, Santa Rosa

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See you November 9— Charlie

