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Next Meeting: February 14, 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What a great way to start off the new year. We had at least 66 members, plus several guests. And the food went fast—it was all gone by the break! Thanks to those who brought goodies.

Merle and Lee are still working hard on getting tables sold for the February 16-17 Coin Show. An incredible amount of planning is done ahead of time by both of them, so please let them know your appreciation when you can.

Keep selling those Gold Coin Drawing Tickets! It is our main income from the show (as well as table sales from the dealers). With rising costs, the club needs to keep working to be able to keep having these excellent shows.

Bob K signed up members to help set up the show and clean up after it is over. We will meet at the fairgrounds in Finley Hall at 5 PM March 14 (prior to our meeting) to set up the show. After set-up, the regular meeting will be at the Vets building as usual. We will also need volunteers to work at the entrance table during all hours of the show. It is best to have 4 people at a time, working 2 hour shifts. This gets people in the door for admission, as well as selling more silver and gold drawing tickets. Please see Charlie C at the February meeting if you can help—there will be a sign-up sheet. Many thanks!

Please remember to pay your dues for 2018 if you have not done so. You may mail them, or just see Mike C at the front table at the next meeting.

Merle gave an interesting talk about an anomaly noted in the Greysheet. Most coin prices have been relatively stable, but the 1877 Proof 20 cent coin has had a huge increase in value from \$4,000 to now over \$15,000 in P-63! There were only 510 of them minted, and collectors are likely now figuring the value of that scarcity. Merle's point is that the 1878 Proof only had a mintage of 600, so it is likely to increase in value as well (and he has several of them!). There are a number of rarities of low mintage that have been under the radar and quite affordable—but this one seems to have been discovered.

FEBRUARY'S TOPIC

The topic for the February meeting will be: WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AT THE COIN SHOW? Tell us about it and get 4 free raffle tickets. Or bring in a Show and Tell and talk about it—they are always welcome!

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MY BEST PURCHASE OF 2017

Bob K bought a 1942-S Walking Liberty Half Dollar in MS-65 from Joel M at the last show (thanks for the good pricing!), and is very happy with it.

Steve H. does have an 1877 Proof-63 20 cent piece.
I wonder what other trends he can successfully predict.....





Guy S loves the big Russian 5 Kopek coins. He recently purchased the scarce 1796 KM coin on-line from a dealer, and decided to drive to the dealer's home to pick it up rather than wait. Three days after picking it up, the dealer's home burned down, and the coin would have done so too. Fortunately the dealer is OK and rebuilding his inventory.... And Guy has his coin. Guy's grandson is visiting from South Africa, and he was given a 2 Rand Commemorative of 10 years of freedom (since the end of Apartheid).

Deanna and Helmut J bought a couple of very nice circulated low-mintage Barber half dollars last year. The mintage of 1914 was 124,230, and 1915 was 138,000. They are more affordable in circulated grade than the 1909-S VDB, which had a mintage of 484,000.

Bill C also likes Russian coins. His best purchase last year was a ½ Kopek from 1700. The Russians had lots of larger denominations, and needed small denominations for change. This was the first machine-made coin of Peter the Great, and also ushered in the decimal system for Russia.



Among other coins, Rich W collects Canadian large and small cents... He finally found the key date 1923 Canadian small cent at the John McIntosh show in Sacramento last year.



Bill G is proud of a MS-63 red 1909 Indian Cent he got last year. It is not a rare coin, but is really beautiful in this condition.

Charlie C's best purchase last year was a fire safe for protecting his collection. The 2 hour safes are more expensive and have less room, but it is what saved his most valuable coins in the Santa Rosa fire. For comparison, the 1955 doubled die Lincoln cent kept in a smaller safe (which burned) was brought in to show what can happen (short of total destruction). Perhaps the only better kind of safe is the old jeweler's safe from decades ago. They are still available, but often huge (over 2 tons).



Merle is working on a set of Proof Barber coins, from dime to dollar. They are all P-64 cameo or better, and all have a mintage mostly in the 400-800 range (except the 1894-S dime, of course). He brought in 6 different ones. The most impressive was the Trade dollar, something he purchased through Rod M Jr in his association with Kagin's in Tiburon.



Thanks to Guy S for the special treat!



DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Richard W, Curtis S, Lee G, Ron S, and Bill S

50:50 pot of \$128 was split with Alex F

Raffle: Dan C, Glen M (twice), Tiffany S, Joe D (twice), George C, Jerry St G, Bill S, Jack H, Bill R, and Deanna J

Gold Coin raffle: 1/10 ounce gold coin was won by Mike C

January Attendance: 66

New LIFE Members:

Lucky Larry M #88; Erika G #89, Joel M #90, and Philip S #91—Congratulations!

Guests: Larry C, president of the Diablo Numismatic Association; and Guy's grandson visiting from South Africa!

Auction: 43 exciting items

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

KIDS CORNER

This newsletter went to press too soon to learn what the Junior meeting will plan for March, but it will likely help the Juniors prepare for the coin show. Starts at 6PM

Volunteers for **refreshments** for February are Cal G, Tiffany S, Glen M, and Rod Mooney—thanks!!!!

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of each 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 p.m. sharp.

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UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

January 26-28, 2018. San Jose Coin Club's 50th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show. Doubletree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose

February 10-11, 2018. San Francisco Area Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Show. Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd, South San Fran cisco

February 16-17, 2018. Redwood Coin Club's 50th Annual Coin Show. Sonoma County Fairgrounds' Finley Hall, Santa Rosa

February 18, 2018. Cupertino Coin Club's 46th Annual Coin Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

April 20-22, 2018. Coin Expo: Santa Clara Coin, Currency, Stamp, and Sports Collectibles Show. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara

May 6, 2018. Vallejo Numismatic Society 46th Annual Show. Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:
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