

Redwood Empire Coin Club

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Next Meeting: April 11, 2018

MORE MARCH MADNESS

The March meeting of the R.E.C.C. was fun and a bit crazy. Three of the guests decided to join the club: Roger N (#948), Shirley S (#949), and Thomas S (#950)- welcome! And as usual for most new members, all three ended up winning something later in the meeting.

The topic for the **April** meeting is: **TYPE COLLECTIONS**. Any group of three or more related items qualifies as a type set. So, bring yours in or just talk about it, and get four free raffle tickets at the meeting.

Merle gave us a run-down of the March Coin Show results. There were 333 people at the Friday show, and 335 on Saturday (100 less than Saturday last year). We anticipated a possible decrease due to the October Santa Rosa fires. We had 34 dealers this year, compared to 38 last year. Unfortunately, there was a competing coin show in Southern California the same weekend (even though our date was set long ago prior to that show). This meant several dealers from the LA area stayed home for that show—and wished they had been here as our show was bigger and better.

32 club members sold Gold Coin Drawing tickets, which really helped us cover the cost of putting on the show. There was a friendly competition between Curtis S and Jack H to see who would sell the most. Curtis ended up selling \$500 in tickets! And Jack topped that at \$510 in tickets, coming in at the third highest selling amount. As a prize, he received a very nice 1926 Standing Liberty Quarter. Connie P came in second in sales, with \$820 (and will get to choose her prize). The top seller this year was Andy S with \$1025 in sales! His prize for all those sales was a 1927 \$2-1/2 gold piece in NGC MS62. Finally, there was a drawing from among the other members who sold gold tickets for one final gold piece, and the winner was Rick S winning a 2 peso Mexican gold piece.

There were two other drawings. As a thanks for all those who helped set and tear down the show, there was a drawing for a 1901-O MS63 Morgan Dollar--- and the winner was Rick S. And finally there was a door prize drawing among all attendees for both days of the show, and the winner of that 2 peso Mexican gold piece was our very own Bob K! Merle gave thanks to all the people who helped make this show a success, as it was truly a group effort. Of course Merle and Lee G also did a tremendous amount of work in preparation for the show. Overall, after all income and expenses were tallied, there was a net profit of \$1427 for the entire show. That all goes in a bank account and is saved for taking care of next year's show. With rising costs/expenses, we will be looking at possible ways to successfully continue to have this great show every year.

THINGS I DID NOT GET AT THE SHOW AND AM STILL LOOKING FOR

- David A started out the discussion. He did not get to go shopping at the show, because he was busy the entire time fixing things (and we so appreciate that!). He is looking for proof Kennedy halves
- Matt A is still looking for 'genealogy coins', coins from the country and date of his ancestors. He will keep looking for English pennies from the 1660s and 1760s, as well as a 1710 Dutch coin. At least the Charles II pennies from the 1660s and George III pennies from the 1760s are relatively common and affordable, though more likely available on-line.

- Guy S did get some Mexican type coins for his collection and is still looking for early English coins. One coin he did not find was the elusive 1947 Canadian Dollar with the maple leaf privy mark. When India won independence from the British Commonwealth late in 1947, the motto on the coins needed to be changed since King George was no longer also king of India. Because the Canadian mint did not have the correct 1948 dies for the dollar coin early that year, it simply added a small maple leaf next to the date on 1947 dies to begin minting dollars until the official dies came in. There was a low mintage of those dollars minted early in 1948, and Guy finally did find one after the show. He has been looking for this one for years!



- Bill C did get a 1719 Paloushka (sp?) at the show, pictured in last month's newsletter. It was in remarkably good condition for an old copper coin. It was even more remarkable to be found at our show, a reflection on the great variety of quality dealers and inventory at the show.
- Rich W talked about Canadian tokens and an excellent reference book about them
- Gary C was able to visit us, having recently moved to Albuquerque. He joined the local coin club there and talked about it. At our show he was looking for and *finally* found a 1993 Isle of Man 1/5 ounce Manx Cat gold coin, which he has been looking for a long, long time. And he did find a 1916-D Mercury dime for his collection.



- Phil A missed the show because he was visiting New York. But he did recently get coin sets from Andorra and San Marino. What he *is* looking for are 12 dates of Canadian cents to complete his collection. He will bring that list in to the next meeting.
- Jim C was NOT looking for anything at the coin show, but ended up getting something- a \$20 St Gaudens gold piece, which he won in the drawing! He also mentioned the Santa Clara Coin Show in April. The A.N.A. will have a coin grading seminar there, which should be very worthwhile
- Helmut J did find a 1916-D Mercury Dime for his collection, but did not find any PPIE watch fobs. But there was someone at this meeting with some items he was interested in.....
- Mike C missed the show. He was looking for modern commemorative dollars and recently got them. He is now looking for modern commemorative \$5 gold coins
- Merle is still looking for proof Barber coins, as well as 3 cent silver pieces.
- Finally, Charlie C (that's me) talked about an update from the Santa Rosa fire. All my slabbed coins were warped and needed to be re-submitted for encapsulation. Only one significant coin came back with an "environmental damage" label, otherwise the same grade. Of the 2 most valuable coins, one came back at a higher PCGS grade than its prior NGC grade, and the other one was the same grade. All in all, the slabbed coins did well in the fire. Even though the heat warped the slabs, the coins themselves were mostly protected. And the other good news is, the Coin Insurance for the collection (with the A.N.A. provider Hugh Wood, Inc.) will cover the cost of submitting the coins to be re-encapsulated. (continued next page)

One other thing the coin collection insurance covered is the loss of full Dansco albums of Indian and Lincoln cents, Buffalo nickels, and Mercury dimes. Technically the coins were not lost, but just damaged. They were all recovered from the scorched fire safe they were in, but they were badly burned. Those not burned too much had a blackish coating from the vinyl liners of the Dansco holders, which was permanently stuck onto the coins. *Nothing* would remove that coating, so the entire collections were ruined. I have good photographic evidence of the fire, which was adequate for the insurance company. I would gladly provide them with the damaged coins if requested, but that was not necessary.



I will write and submit an article to the ANA about these lessons learned from the fire. How to keep the coins safe is important, but having insurance was also really good and something you should all consider. Below are 'before and after' photos of the slabbed coins



DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Wendell B, Bob K, Shirley S, Thomas S, and Tyler H

50:50 pot of \$124 was split with Mike C

Raffle: Roger N, Matt A, Shawn, Gary C (thrice!), Curtis S, Glen M, Carson K, Derek W, Jack H

Gold Coin raffle: 1/10-ounce gold won by Glen M!

March Attendance: 53+

New Members: Roger N (#948), Shirley S (#949), and Thomas S (#950)- WELCOME!

Guests: yes, there were several

Auction: 37 exciting items

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

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that I write about the passing of Harry Davis, Life Member #38, on March 16. Harry was a long-term member of our club as well as numerous others, and was a big supporter of our hobby. Our condolences to all his friends and family. Donations can be made in his memory to the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, which he often contributed to.

RED BOOKS

Lee G will be taking orders for new 2018 Red Books, at a discounted price for the club. Prices should be near last years, pending shipping costs: Spiral bound \$9, Large print \$18, and the Mega Red Book \$30. See Lee at the front table at the next meeting

KIDS CORNER

There were no kids at the March Junior meeting- hopefully things will be better in April. I will keep the subject the same as the April meeting: Type Albums.

See you in April- Rich W

Volunteers for **refreshments** for March are Tiffany S, Derek W, Wendy A, and Matt A— 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

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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July 28-29, 2018. Fremont Coin Club's 45th Annual Show. Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

September 15, 2018. 5th Annual Northern California Numismatic Seminar, sponsored by NCNA. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, Vallejo. The theme is "Why Collect These", with speakers Scott E. Douglas from Acton, Canada; Dr. David S. Goya, San Mateo; Scott D. Griffin, Fairfield; and one more speaker TBA. Free parking and admission, plus door prizes!

September 21-23, 2018. CoinExpo Santa Clara. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

October 20, 2018. Delta Coin Club's 53rd Annual Coin Show. Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

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