

Redwood Empire Coin Club

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Next Meeting: June 13, 2018

MAY MEETING MINUTES

The May RECC meeting was a busy one, as usual. We did have three members of the Diablo Numismatic Society (DNS) visit us, including President Larry C. He even joined our club! The DNS is a very active club and has recently moved to the much roomier Masonic Lodge in Concord. Hearing about that brought back good memories of our club moving from the cramped space behind Coddington Mall, long before many of you became members.

Merle was recently at the Santa Clara Coin Show and talked about it. He remembers seeing DNS member James Laird at the show, and we were saddened to hear about his sudden passing shortly after. James had been a past president of the DNS, a Gordon Donnell Award winner, and a very active numismatist.

JUNE TOPIC

The topic for the June meeting is: HOW DOES THE INTERNET HELP YOU WITH YOUR NUMISMATIC HOBBY? This should be an interesting discussion topic. Give us a short talk, get four free raffle tickets!

WHAT COOL NUMISMATIC ITEM(S) HAVE YOU DECIDED TO SELL FROM YOUR COLLECTION?

- Merle started off the night's topic. He had a really cool 1894 California Mid-Winter Exposition token in his collection, which he had forgotten about. Then he went to a token show and saw a really cool *encapsulated* 1894 California Mid-Winter Exposition token and just had to buy it. It is the same as the one he already owned, so he wants to sell one.



- Charlie C finally decided to sell something from his collection, which was a hard decision. He has proof sets from 1950 to 1964 that all survived the October 2017 Santa Rosa fire in a fire safe. The oldest were in Capital Plastics holders, the newer ones were in the original envelope and still in the cellophane-like wrapping they were packaged in. They all have some toning due to the heat exposure but are otherwise in very nice condition. The cents in particular have developed various degrees of magenta toning, like the 1955 cent here. The 1964 and 1956 sets were brought to the meeting and both sold quickly. The others will be brought to the next meeting (there was not enough time to get them all prior to this meeting).



- Guy S has an extra Russian 5 Kopek coin to sell you. Those coins are *big* chunks of copper and fun to own. They must be fun to collect, since Russian coins are increasingly popular on the foreign coin market.
- Bob from the DNS likes bright white common-date Morgans. He bought a beauty MS-66 coin, then found two more to add to his collection. They are relatively affordable and gorgeous coins that he really loves—and will *not* sell because he likes them so much!
- Rob from DNS brought in two coins. One was a 1998 P Roosevelt dime that was 30-40% off center, graded MS 66 (and for sale). Sorry that I could not get a photo of it---it was a really great off-center coin. His other coin, *not* for sale, was an 1859 Indian Cent Pattern, Judd-228. It was minted in December 1859 but used the reverse of the 1860 cent featuring the new shield and oak wreath (instead of the laurel wreath without shield used in 1859 only). The Flying Eagle and Indian Cent patterns would be fun to collect if they weren't so expensive! But even one example is really great to own. The pattern cent is pictured below right, for comparison. And as an aside, the "Indian Head" design is actually a representation of Liberty wearing an Indian headdress, not an actual Native American.



- Bill G brought in an 1888 PCGS MS 64 Liberty Nickel. It was very nicely toned, and a great strike. He prefers blast white coins for his collection.
- Mike C sometimes purchases and sells coins on eBay. He already had a 1943 Mercury Dime graded MS 65 with full bands. He ordered a 1944 MS 66 coin but was sent another 1943 dime instead (MS 66). He contacted the seller and settled for the coin, now having MS 65 and 66 coins to compare.



- David A collects picture frames with coins. In essence these are various framed sets of coins, telling various stories about our numismatic history. He has several of the 1970 Silver Story frames, telling about the history of the silver certificate. It includes a silver certificate and a silver dollar, dime, war-time silver nickel, and granules of silver. How many of you were around to remember when the US Government would redeem your silver certificates for actual silver? Or when gold became legal to own again and \$20 St. Gaudens coins were selling for \$60? That dates me a bit.....



- Finally, Rich W reviewed an article discussing the possibility of discontinuing production of one and five cent coins ("penny" and "nickel", if you prefer). It costs the US Mint 1.8 cents to produce each one cent coin, and 6.6 cents to produce each nickel. But the Mint still makes hundreds of millions of dollars each year in profit, so there will need to be better reasons or motivation before we see the elimination of those denominations.

DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Guy S, Carson K, Glen M, Jack H, and Mike B

50:50 pot of \$92 was split with Rick S

Raffle: Harold R, Jack H (twice), Glen M (5 times!), George C, and Lucky Larry M

Gold Coin raffle: 1/10 ounce gold coin went to Georgia M!

May Attendance: 52+

New Members: Robert L, # 956J, Larry C #957— WELCOME!!

Guests: Larry C (joined the club!), Robert L, and Rob from Diablo Numismatic Society

Auction: 29 exciting items

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

KIDS CORNER

There will be a junior meeting on June 13. However, I will be out of town. Guy S. has volunteered to hold the meeting for me. The subject will be ancient coins which he knows very well. See him at 6:15

Rich W

Volunteers for **refreshments** for June are any of you who would like to bring something to share, since we forgot to ask for volunteers. Many thanks, in advance.

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

June 22-23, 2018. Concord Coin Show. The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord

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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