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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## APRIL NEWS- NO FOOLING

The April RECC meeting was well attended and featured some lively and educational discussions. But first there was business as usual.

Bill G talked about a Northern Nevada coin show he is trying to arrange. It will be directly off I-80, so access should be easy. Stay tuned. And he is having his East Bay Show June 21-22.

Mike M continued to sign people up for sales of the various kinds of the Red Book. They should be available at the May meeting.

Bob L talked about the Diablo Numismatic Society, for which he is the newly-elected president. He feels the RECC and the DNS are both very good, progressive coin clubs with promising futures. He is trying to build the membership attendance of the Diablo club from 40-45 members a month to over 50. His club started using a projection system before we did, and it helped in our decision on what to get for our meetings.

He told a story about a coin drawing his club had. A 1905 Indian Head cent appearing choice and red (but uncertified) was raffled. It cost the club \$110 to buy; the winning member spent ~ \$10 on raffle tickets. The coin was then sent to PCGS for grading and it came back as a MS66+ grade-- with a value of ~\$2100! He says the Diablo club is continuing to grow and do well. Both of our clubs share many common strengths and will continue to share ideas to keep the hobby strong.

Larry C, prior president of the DNS, became Life Member #96- congratulations!

And Dan L. S became Life Member #97- congratulations!

### APRIL TOPIC

For the April meeting, we will feature a new topic. It will be NUMISMATIC ERRORS NIGHT! This is something Lee Gong would have loved to see. We will start off with a Power Point presentation by Charlie C about "Ancient Errors and Oddities". Then we will turn on the projector so you can show your error examples to the club. Both coins and currency are welcome- bring something in, give a short talk, and get four free raffle tickets!

### WHAT I GOT AT THE COIN SHOW AND WHAT I AM STILL LOOKING FOR

○ Phil A talked about three coins he recently obtained. The first is a so-called dollar from the California Midwinter International Exposition in 1894, HK#252. Next was a token featuring the Seattle Space Needle. And finally, a \$5 gold Apollo 11 commemorative from the U.S. Mint. The reverse is a reproduction of the photograph



taken on the moon, a reflection from astronaut Buzz Aldrin's helmet showing Neil Armstrong and the American flag. It was also minted as a Proof Silver Dollar, and a 5 ounce Proof Silver Dollar. The image on the 5 ounce coin is spectacular, particularly with the curved design seen on all the coins in the series.

- Guy S talked about a few purchases. As Lee G used to say, "before you buy the coin, buy the book!". Guy found a book on Russian Wire Money from dealer Steve Album, a very nice reference on the subject. Guy went to the Santa Rosa token show recently, and purchased a Mexican coin, as well as a 5 cent wooden "flat" (rectangular) piece from Texas. What he was most proud of was finding a Feuchtwanger cent. This was a trial



piece designed by Lewis Feuchtwanger dated 1837. He tried to push Congress to use a variety of German silver (nickel, copper, and zinc) for minting coins, but failed. Still, his one and three cent patterns circulated freely during the coin shortage of 1836-1844. There are a number of minor variations of the Feuchtwanger tokens, and the web site <http://www.novanumismatics.com/feuchtwangers-composition-cent-attribution-die-marriages-2/> shows each of the known dies.

- Matt A proudly showed his 1870 California gold quarter dollar in a PCGS holder. It is an amazingly small coin. Now he is going to look for one in an octagonal shape. There was a nice discussion about the origin of these coins.



- Deanna J showed two coins. One was an 1883 O Morgan in PCGS MS63 condition that she won in the silver drawing at our show! The other was a beautiful 1907 D \$20 gold piece she bought to add to her growing collection of gold coins. Then Helmut showed two Capped bust dimes he bought, 1827 and 1833. They were both nice examples. Something that almost went unnoticed is that one of the coins featured rotated dies. Normally when you flip the obverse of a coin vertically, the reverse lines up in the correct orientation. On this coin it was rotated about 30 degrees!



- Bob K found a 1942 Liberty Walking Half Dollar in Proof 66 from John McIntosh at our coin show. It was a dazzling piece.



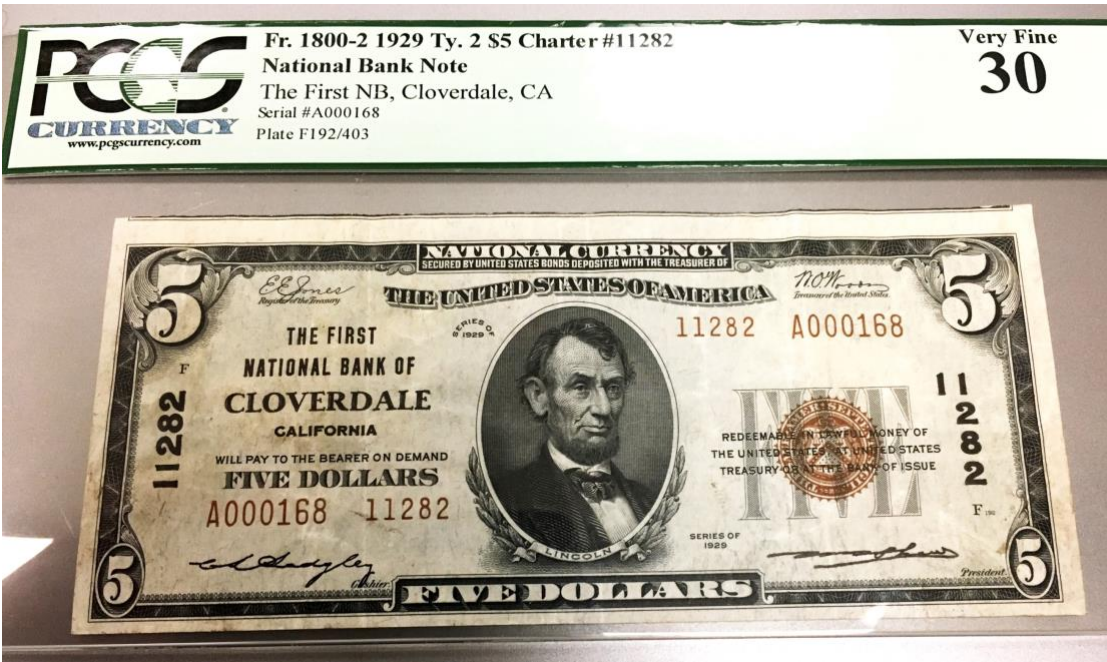
- As soon as Charlie C showed this coin with the projector, Merle said "that sure is one ugly lady". Of course, it was the image of a man, so he could be forgiven. It is a Roman coin of Domitian. A brief rundown of the era followed.



Emperor Nero committed suicide in the year 68. There were four emperors within a year of that, called (naturally) 'The Year of Four Emperors'. First came Galba, who was unpopular and killed by the Praetorian Guard. Next came Otho who lasted three months before committing suicide. He was followed by Vitellius, who was also killed several months into his reign. The fourth emperor that year was Vespasian, who brought stability to the position and ruled ten years as the first of the Flavian rulers. He was followed by Titus, then Domitian. This coin is one of many which the Romans issued to celebrate a conquest, in this case Judea. The reverse features Minerva (goddess of wisdom and war) with a 'trophy'- captured arms.

Finally, Merle showed off a special purchase from the coin show and gave some background information. It is a \$5 type 2 note from National Bank of Cloverdale. There are *only 11* total known notes of any kind from that bank, and he has 8 or 9 of them. When any National Bank decided to close, it was required to notify the public, and offer to redeem any currency in silver by a certain date. After that date the bills would be worthless. So naturally just about every note was redeemed. The number of notes redeemed were recorded, though there was debate about how it was done. Merle mentioned that there was a man who decided to get one of each type of bill at each National Bank in the region while they were still in business. When he passed away, all the collection was sold to Stack's. Some of that was sold to collectors, some went to auction. And Don Rinkor just happened to have this bill at our coin show, knowing Merle would be the one interested in it.

The Cloverdale bank had currency denominations of \$5, \$10, and \$20. After one series was produced, a minor change was made, creating "Type 2" bills. There is only one \$10 Type 2 known from the bank, and Merle already owned it. This is the only known \$5 Type 2 known, and Merle now owns it too!



## DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Wendel B, Chad W, Larry C had his name drawn but he left early), Dale C, Charlie C, and Angelo C

50:50 pot of \$94 was split with Bill R

Raffle: Chad W (4 times!), Andy O (twice), Jack H, David Y, George C, Glenn M, and possibly a few I missed

Gold Coin raffle: 1/10 ounce gold won by Andy O!

April Attendance: 53+

New Members: David L #796 rejoined after being away a couple of years.

Guests: yes!

Auction: 34 exciting items

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

Volunteers for refreshments for April are Dan S, Dale C, George C, and Guy S- thanks!

## KIDS CORNER

April was a very spirited junior meeting thanks to Aaron, Dagan, Leon, Myles, Wendel, Wolfgang and Wyatt. Ember B added donated items including a bag of assorted coin tubes for each attendee. April was about Lincoln small cents. In May, we will talk about five countries that have had large cents in the past. I will bring collections of four of them. Can you name the five? See you in May at 6:15-Rich

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 26-27, 2009. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Spring Show.** Four Points by Sheraton Sacramento International Airport, 4900 Duckhorn DR., Sacramento

**April 28, 2019. Vallejo Numismatic Society 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Show.** Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador, Vallejo

**June 2, 2019. Sacramento Coin Show.** Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St., Sacramento

**June 21-22, 2019. East Bay/Concord Coin Show.** The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave, Concord

**July 27-28, 2019. Fremont Coin Club 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Show.** Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

**August 18, 2019. Fairfield Coin Club Annual Coin Show**

**September 14, 2019. Vallejo 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Numismatic Seminar**

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