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SHOW TIME!

There was a lot going on at the February RECC meeting, and it started early with the volunteers setting up Finley Hall at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds for our coin show. Thirty four volunteers showed up and set up the room in record time. You wouldn't know if from this photo. But it was taken *after* the set up was done, and there was time for PIZZA!



Those volunteers then moved on over to our room at the Vets Building, where the regular meeting took place.

And we started with some unfinished business from last month. We learned that it was Club Treasurer Mike C's 50th birthday too late to celebrate last month. So, we started off this month's meeting with a birthday cake and a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" mostly sung on-key by the club.

MARCH TOPIC

The topic for the March meeting is "What I got at the Coin Show, and What I Am Still Looking For". It will also be Dessert Night! In honor of St. Patrick's Day, **please** bring a **green dessert** to share with the club-thanks!

GOLD DRAWING

We will also have our 6 month Membership **Gold Coin Drawing** at the March meeting. For every meeting you attend over the past six months, a wooden nickel with your membership number is added to the pot of woods. After gathering these for six months, we will pull from those woods for a gold coin or two or.....?

The Western States Token Society is having its awesome **Token Show** March 27, 28, and 29 right here in Santa Rosa at the Veteran's Building. The top four dealers/collectors in the country will be there, along with others. Saturday and Sunday will be free to the public!

Merle also had a surprise presentation to the club. Somebody (I honestly do not know who) nominated our club newsletter for an award. And Merle announced that the **California State Numismatic Association** presented the **First Place Award** to the Redwood Empire Coin Club for **Publication of the Year!** Wow, that sure was unexpected. I take it as quite an honor and appreciate the support of the club. Keep bringing in interesting items and talking about them- it gives me something to write about.



WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR AT THE COIN SHOW

- Guy S was given some coins at age 10-12 by an aunt, and they were gradually sold. In the last few years Guy has been trying to re-acquire those coins (from what he remembers). One was an early Mexican 1 real coin from 1811, one a 1955-S dime.
- Glenn M is looking for an 1864 L Indian Head cent; 1909-S VDB and 1914-D cents; 1913 D & S (type 2) Buffalo nickels, and more

- Gary C came all the way from Albuquerque to be at the meeting and the show. He is looking for more 19th century dimes.
- Dale C is looking for an example of the 1936 Bay Bridge Commemorative, as well as early silver dollars and half dollars
- Bill R is in search of an 1889 CC Morgan dollar, also one from 1894
- Helmut would like to find some “Good For” tokens from Truckee, CA
- Ron C has an 8 real coin dated 1677 that has been in the family for 80-90 years. He would like to know which Central/South American mint it came from and if it is authentic
- Mike C looks for mint sets at shows
- Lucky Larry is looking for BU coins, especially if he can find them in rolls
- Charlie C is looking for a nice Trade Dollar with chop marks, as well as a Love Token for his Valentine

SHOW NEWS

Many thanks to all who volunteered to work for this show. First and foremost, a huge thank you to President Merle for the countless hours of work arranging for the show venue, security, dealers, and a myriad of other details that go into preparing for an excellent show. Thanks to Vice President Mike M for arranging food for the dealer set-up night as well as keeping the kitchen stocked on both days of the show. And there were many of you who helped with admission and ticket sales at the front entry. There are probably some tasks that I have forgotten to mention, but each and every person’s contribution was greatly appreciated.



This was clearly a well-run collaborative effort, and it could not have been accomplished without everyone pitching in so much.

Starting from an empty room (left), Finley Hall filled up nicely with dealers who brought a nice variety of items to sell. And you can see some of the hard-working volunteers below, working at the front table.

Andy O

Bob A, Lucky Larry M

Mike M, Jerry St.G, and Bob K





After all the shopping was done, there was nothing else to do but wait for the Gold Coin Drawing. It almost always starts the same way every year. Around 3 o'clock club members start to stake their claim to prime viewing seats for the drawing (as seen in the photo of an excited bunch of club members, above). As the 4 o'clock drawing time approaches, more and more people gather at the front of the building. Merle then gathered three kids to pull winning tickets. The first one drawn was for the \$20 St. Gaudens gold piece; the second drawn was for the \$5 Liberty Head gold piece; the next seven drawn were for 2 peso Mexican gold pieces. And the winners were:

were:

- 2 peso Mexican Gold: Ticket 4360- Joe Duggan
- Ticket 1447- Bill Canard
- Ticket 4362- Joe Duggan
- Ticket 4692- Ed Maybrun
- Ticket 2097- Fred Fritz
- Ticket 0996- Tory Bell
- Ticket 0511- Harold Meier
- \$5 Liberty Head Gold: Ticket 1711- Dan Carey
- \$20 St. Gaudens Gold: Ticket 5042- Phil Avila



Final details on show attendance and finances will be presented at the March Meeting.

And after the Gold Coin Drawing, there was a drawing for the dealers to win a half-priced table for next year's show. After that, the dealers all packed up while club members tidied up the room. We got out of there while it was still light out. Whew!



\$5 Liberty Head gold coin winner Dan C, with Merle; ←

Two-time winner of 2 peso Mexican gold coins Joe D →



One final look at the show





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KIDS CORNER

Many juniors attended our coin show in February. They obtained coins, albums, etc. made possible by the following generous dealers: Jack Beymer, Santa Rosa; Don Rinkor, Santa Rosa; Roger Tobin, San Rafael Rare Coin Co. Thanks to all of them and other fellow collectors who generously donated items for our Juniors.
 Rich

DRAWING WINNERS
Membership: Claude F, Lee C, Joel M, Phil S, Wendell B
50:50 pot of \$102 was split with Erica G
Raffle: Matt A (twice), Bill R, Joel M (thrice), George C, Gary C, Ron C, Lucky Larry M, Jerry St. G, Glenn M
Gold Coin raffle- Bill R!
December Attendance: 52+
New Members: David W, #977J- WELCOME
Guests: yes!
Auction: 41 exciting items.
Adjournment was at 9:00 p.m. sharp!

Volunteers for **refreshments** for March are **everybody** bringing a **GREEN DESSERT** for St. Patrick's Day!

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UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

March 1, 2020. Livermore Valley Coin Club's 57th Annual Coin Show. Elk's Lodge, 940 Larkspur,
Livermore

March 13-14, 2020. South Bay Sunnyvale Coin Show. The Domain Hotel, 10085 East El Camino
Real, Sunnyvale

March 27-29, 2020. WESTS Token Show. Veterans Building, Santa Rosa

May 3, 2020. Vallejo Numismatic Society 48th Annual Show. Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333
Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo

May 8-9, 2020. Coin Expo San Jose. Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:
newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com. See you March 11, 2020— Charlie

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.