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Redwood Empire Coin Club

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Next Meeting: January 12, 2022

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

It felt just like old times at the December meeting. We had **seventy** members and several guests! There were seven members of the Diablo Numismatic Society who joined us, several who are also RECC members. We had several members set up tables for our Flea Market. And we had LOTS of desserts! Thanks to all who brought one. Merle brought *two* sheet cakes. Before I could even take a photo, they had already been cut and were starting to be eaten. But there was plenty for everybody, with some leftover after the meeting to take home.

We have a new member: Zoe H (#991) joined the club, just in time to get some nice items from the Junior table and a present from Santa!

We have three new Life Members: Bill H became LM-108, Paul C is LM-109, and Erik S is LM-110. Congratulations!

COIN SHOW NEWS: We have at least twenty tables sold for the February 11-12 Coin Show. We expect a lot more, since we got a bit of a late start in getting the show date confirmed and event scheduled. Show set-up will be before our regular meeting Wednesday February 9 (with pizza dinner to volunteers who help). Dealer set-up will be Thursday February 10 (not for club members). We will need volunteers to work at the show Friday 10-6 and Saturday 10-4, mostly at the front with admissions and silver/gold drawing ticket sales. We will ask for volunteers at that Wednesday meeting- thanks in advance for any help!

Speaking of coin drawings, Don Rinkor not only donated enough slabbed dollars for both days of hourly silver dollar drawings, but he also donated a \$10 gold Liberty Head, \$5 gold Liberty Head, and five gold Mexico 2-Peso pieces! Please make sure to thank Don when you see him. Merle handed out books of tickets for the Gold Coin Drawing. This is one of our main sources of show income and helps pay the high cost of the room rental and security. Time to get out there and sell those tickets! There will be prizes to the top ticket sellers.



JANUARY TOPIC

The topic for the January meeting is: **The Best Numismatic Item You Added to your Collection in 2021!** Bring it (them) in or just talk about them, get four free raffle tickets! Volunteers for goodies for the meeting are Helmut J, Kim S, Cal G, and Roger N- **THANKS!** Sorry, no Zoom availability for the January meeting.

ELECTIONS

Nominations for officers of the club were opened. The four current officers all expressed interest in serving another year. There were no other nominations, and it was moved and seconded to accept the current slate of officers for election. The motion passed unanimously. For 2022 your President will be Merle A; Vice President Mike M; Treasurer Erik S; and Secretary Charlie C. Thank you all for your support.

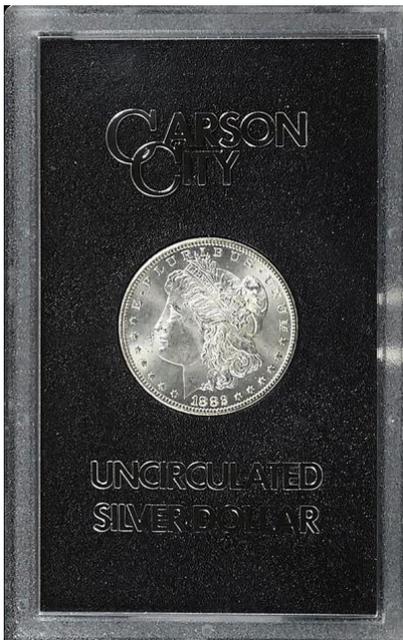
SANTA

As he does each year, Santa Merle handed out presents to each and every one of the seventy members who were at the meeting. Many thanks to his wife Dena who beautifully wrapped each one. Even Gary C, who attended via Zoom, got one- he was able to see the assortment and make a choice.



TALKS

- Guy S discussed how the stories of St. Nicholas date to around 1500. He recently acquired this 1500 dated coin at auction. It features St. Rupert holding a salt bucket. He was the first Bishop of Salzburg, where salt was a primary source of income, around the year 700 AD. Salt at that time was a very valuable commodity. Guy also shared a couple receipts for coins he bought about fifty years ago. One was for a 1794 half cent for \$40 (now worth \$700); an 1806 half cent in F-VF condition for \$22.50; and an 1806/5 half dollar in F condition for \$69, and 1929 BU Buffalo nickel for \$9!
- Rich W just joined the ANA and was reading the monthly ANA magazine The Numismatist. He talked about an article featuring a 1-ounce, 0.999-fine 2012 gold piece with a denomination of 1,000 Bitcoins (BTC) that was purchased in 2011 for \$4905. The Bitcoin community refers to it as the “Gold Cas”, a reference to the Casascius brand of BTC coins produced from 2011-2013. The anonymous owner had this piece graded (accompanied by armed guards) by PCGS as PR-70 DCAM. But it is not for sale- it resides in a vault overseas. Six of its kind were made, and four have not yet been redeemed for their dollar value, including this example. Each has a current market value of approximately ~\$50million at the time this is being written. A month ago, it was worth ~\$65million.



- Phil A is fond of ancient Roman coins. In case you did not hear his talk at the meeting, he mentioned reading a book on gladiators that mentioned Emperor Commodus. So, he looked in his collection and sure enough he had a silver denarius with his portrait. Emperor Commodus ruled jointly with his father Marcus Aurelius from 176-180 AD, then as sole emperor until his death at age 31 in 192 AD. He is known for participating in gladiator fights, and the movie “Gladiator” is about one seeking revenge on Commodus. In real life Commodus fought against professional gladiators and wild beasts. He defeated all his opponents easily, but only wounded them since they all submitted to him (only because he was emperor, not because he was truly a gladiator). I did not get a picture of Phil’s coin, though it was a very nice one. This is an image of one from the internet



- Bob L claims that when he passes a thrift store his car tends to swerve over to the right, so he has to stop. He recently stopped by one that had an 1882 CC Morgan Dollar in a GSA holder. It had proof-like surfaces, and only cost \$220. He is submitting it to PCGS for grading. If it does come back with a proof-like designation it will be worth twice what he paid!

JUNIOR MEETING

The Juniors had a nice December meeting made possible by Celina, David, Georgia, Roman, Guilliano, and Zoe. They each filled a brown bag with many nice donated items while munching on holiday cookies. New donations came in via Joe Mc C, which will be on the table in January. We will discuss our February coin show at the next meeting and how to prepare: Needs vs budget etc. See you January 12 at 6:15PM- Rich

DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Bill R, Helmut J, Roger N, Tyler H, John B, Aaron B, and Rick S

50:50 pot of \$122 was split with Zoe H!

Raffle: Jerry St. G, Andy O, Linda C, Ember S, Kim S, Glenn M (twice), Frank B (twice), Joel M, and Joe D (twice)

Special Gold Coin raffle- 1/10-ounce gold won by Jerry St G!

December Attendance:70+

New Members: Joe H, # 991-J—WELCOME!

Guests: yes! We had seven members of the Diablo Numismatic Association (some also being RECC members) in attendance, plus others.

Auction: 32 exciting items.

Volunteers for goodies in January: Helmut J, Kim S, Cal G, and Roger N- *THANKS!*

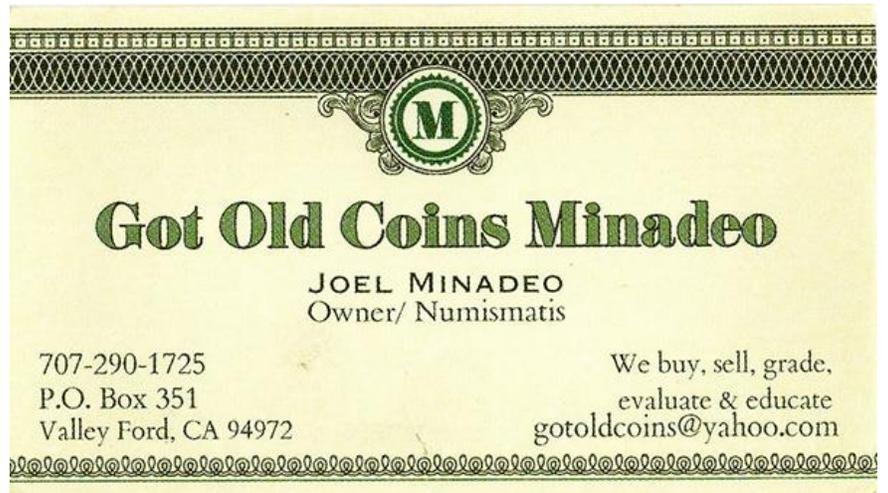
Adjournment was at 8:37 p.m. sharp!

Thanks Bill!

A million thanks... well, 500 thanks to Bill R for a generous donation of \$500 to the club. Wow, that is amazing! What a wonderful holiday present, which really helps keep the club going throughout the year. We gladly send letters of thanks for donations with our non-profit Tax ID number for tax purposes. Happy Holidays!

DUES

Dues for 2022 are due and can be paid at the meeting or just mailed in-thanks. If you get the newsletter on-line, an application for renewal should be on our website.



Business card for Got Old Coins Minadeo. The card features a decorative border at the top and bottom. In the center, there is a circular logo with a green background and a white 'M' inside. Below the logo, the text reads "Got Old Coins Minadeo" in a large, bold, green font. Underneath that, it says "JOEL MINADEO" and "Owner/ Numismatis" in a smaller, black font. At the bottom left, the contact information is listed: "707-290-1725", "P.O. Box 351", and "Valley Ford, CA 94972". At the bottom right, it says "We buy, sell, grade, evaluate & educate" and "gotoldcoins@yahoo.com".



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

January 14-15, 2022. NorCal - East Bay / Concord Coin Show. The Clarion Hotel, 1050
Burnett Ave., Concord, CA

February 4-5, 2022. Coin Expo San Jose. Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Blvd, San Jose

**February 11-12, 2022. REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB's 53rd Annual
Coin Show.** E. L. Finley Building, Sonoma County Fairgrounds,
Santa Rosa

February 27, 2022. Cupertino Coin Club Coin Show. St. Joseph's Church of Cupertino Parish,
10110 N De Anza Blvd, Cupertino CA

March 6, 2022. Livermore Valley Coin Club's 58th Annual Coin Show. Livermore Elks Lodge,
940 Larkspur Drive, Larkspur

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

newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com. See you **in person at the Vets Building** January 12, 2022—
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.