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SOCIAL DISTANCING, MEETING #10

I hope this newsletter still finds you in good health, one and all. We had seventeen members tune in to the February meeting. There is no business news: still no in-person meetings or even a hint when they may return. So, we went directly to the month's topic: "I would love to _____ with this numismatic item".



- Paul C would love to be able to collect on an insurance policy and purchase a 1907 double eagle. The high relief issues that year were fantastic.

- Larry C had a "good for 1 pack of cigarettes token". And he showed us these photos of a New York token of Jennings Wheeler & Company. He did not have any info on the company or date. The fun part of the token is that his wife's maiden name is Jennings, and *her* mother's maiden name is Wheeler. What are the chances of finding a random token with *both* names on it?



- Ron S would love to obtain a 1909-S VDB cent. He went to the dealer in Napa, who said he had one- but could not find it! Ron plans to go back to see if the desired coin is even there.

- Bob K would like to vary the coins that he displays by his computer. He is at the computer daily, and this way will be able to enjoy his collection on a rotating basis.

- Rick W would love to find something leftover at a Coin Star machine. He has started checking them but

gets strange looks from store employees from his recurring visits. No luck finding any so far. Several people have found old coin 'rejects', some silver dimes and quarters.

- Matt A showed us a 1940 World's Fair 'spinner' token that his grandfather obtained at the fair (he was an exhibitor at the fair!). It was hard to use the image from the Zoom meeting, so this image is another example. You can see the raised 'dot' on the globe. Setting that side down, the token can be spun, with the reverse image (here it is George Washington) pointing a direction once the spinning stops. This was often done at a bar, with the person who Washington is pointing to being required to buy the next round of drinks. Matt would love to be able to go somewhere and use the coin, but can't since bars/restaurants are closed, etc. Let's hope for things to change soon- cheers!



- Riley R has a dilemma. He loves the three legged Buffalo nickel. He has six grandchildren, and he is considering giving one to each. But it is not clear if the kids will have an interest in the coin later on, and whether it may be more prudent to put the money

value into savings. Merle suggested giving each grandkid a slabbed common date Buffalo, and the ones who continue to show an interest after a year would be possible candidates for a 3 legger.

- Erik S already did what he would love to do: he sold some extra Morgan dollars and was able to purchase this gorgeous 1882 Indian cent in P-66. There were 3100 proofs made that year, but there are probably far fewer in this grade with such nice toning. It fits in well with the other toned coins in his collection. This image is a cell-phone photo taken off the computer screen from the meeting- imagine how much nicer it must look in person.
- Guy S would like to sell some of his medieval and ancient coins and purchase an 1876 or 1877 CC Half Dollar. These would go with his dime, quarter, and dollars of that date. He also suggested that we have a monthly Coin Star report, since there are several members who routinely check those and find stuff!
- Helmut J- he has a friend who recently inherited a bunch of coins, mostly US Mint products from 1986-2012. There was a lot of silver like the Eisenhower Centennial Silver Dollar shown here which he purchased (at ~melt value).



Deanna loves gold and would love to purchase more. She did just that from the inherited bunch Helmut mentioned. This includes a full set of American Eagle Gold Coins- \$50, \$25, \$10, and \$5, plus the gold Buffalo Nickel \$50 coin.

Mike M would love to encapsulate some of his coins, and has already purchased the Platinum PCGS submission package, which includes a T shirt. Now he has to decide what eight coins to submit. He considered several of his bullion coins, but they do not usually acquire a premium unless graded proof or MS-70 (and that is hard to know in advance). We will all wait to see what he submits and what the grades are.

Mike C has a fantasy of completing the Series 1914 US currency set and the 1923 silver certificates. What he would love to do is go

back in time to about the mid 1920s in Petaluma, when those bills would likely be in use. Doing this would give him the chance to see a historic period for Petaluma, to stay at a historic downtown hotel and possibly even meet important people of the time. Photos would be great, but he would avoid taking out his cell phone for selfies, if he was actually able to go back in time.

- Neil R is a guest and is the Vice President of the Diablo Numismatic Society. His main interest is in collecting German coins, but he is trying to branch out into French and medieval coins. He showed his French Gros d'Argent from the 14th-16th century town of Metz (this is an image I found since I could not get a good picture of his coin). It features a kneeling St. Stephen. The coin is about the same size as the English Groat (four pence) and German Groschen of the same era. His other interest is the French 'Goddess' series like the 1887 French 1 Franc he showed us. He just wants to get more! He wants



to get some 'friends' from the series. They pair well with German coins of the same era.

- Merle would love to find another encapsulated 1906 San Francisco Earthquake So-Called Dollar like the one he showed here. These were produced shortly after the earthquake, but it is uncertain who minted them or why. They state they are a souvenir, though there was a suggestion they were made to help offset the cost

of the quake damage. At \$350 million, it is not likely they made a dent in that loss. They were produced in bronze and a 'silvered' metal like Merle. There are none known actually minted in silver. The reason Merle would like another encapsulated one (in a different MS grade) is that they are not commonly slabbed, and they are usually graded less than mint state. Merle has been looking a couple years for this. It is surprising the token can be in such "horrible shape" (Merle's exact words) and still get a MS-61 grade by NGC. He would love to keep looking for a nicer example.



1906 CA HK-340A SC\$1
 SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE
MS 61
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- Charlie C (that's me!) would love to go back in time and follow the life of the coin he shared, since it actually had three lives. It started out most likely as a coin from the Roman provincial mint of Antioch in what is now Syria. The coin on the left is an example from Emperor Augustus (note the cornucopia countermark on the obverse). Bronze coins like that circulated in the region, sometimes staying in circulation for 100-150 years, so it could have been a similar coin from a later date. In the year 132 AD there was a major revolt against Rome in what is now Israel, called the Bar Kochba Revolt. The rebels had no mining or raw material for minting coins, so they would take coins like this, file off the design, and overstrike coins of their own- like the coin in the middle. The obverse would have a palm tree, the reverse a grape leaf and a patriotic slogan in ancient Hebrew letters. Finally, sometime after that the Tenth Roman Legion took the coin and put their own stamp on the coin (the one on the right) to make it their own. The close-up image shows the "LX" for Legion Ten, and a galley (upside down). So, the coin on the right started out first being minted in the name of a Roman Emperor, then for the rebels, and finally for the victorious Tenth Roman Legion. 1800 years later it was found and is now in my collection, along with a lot of other interesting ancient stories.



MEMBERSHIP DRAWING: There were seventeen members and one guest at the meeting. We had a drawing for an 1884 O Morgan Dollar in MS-63. And the winner was: Ron S! Mike M will make sure he gets his prize.

Next month's membership drawing will be for this gem Lincoln cent and this Mercury Dime. They are not very valuable coins, but they are slabbed and a good grading example. Maybe it can be the start of a complete grading set of Mercury Dimes or Lincoln Cents for the lucky winners! Many thanks to Mike M for the generous donation!



MARCH TOPIC:

HEROES and INTERESTING PEOPLE IN NUMISMATICS

February is the month of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. For some people they are heroes, but they are also being looked at in a different light now. There was a bit of impassioned discussion about this at the end of the meeting, and there are lots of different feelings about it.

But every one of you probably has a favorite hero or an interesting person who has been depicted on a coin/token/currency. Show us your favorite! This is NOT meant to be a political discussion of current American politics- that could get messy. It is to be a respectful numismatic discussion, and it should be interesting who all the personalities are that you come up with.

It is always nice when you have photos to share with us at the Zoom meeting. Always feel free to send photos to the club e-mail address newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com if you want us to show them on the screen for you. See you in March! Here is the Zoom info:

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newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com. See you (hopefully!) March 10, 2021— 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.