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I hope this newsletter still finds you in good health, one and all.

The January RECC meeting started out with a finish-up of the December meeting. We simply forgot to hold the election of officers in December. So nominations were opened up to the members present. There were no new nominations, and the current board members all agreed to run for another year of office. So it was moved (by Helm J) and seconded (by Joe McC) to re-elect the current board of directors. The motion passed unanimously. Thank you to all the board members for the willingness to serve another year in office, and thank you to the members for the vote of confidence. The December meeting was then officially ended.

The January meeting then started off with.....no big news. We still cannot meet in person but have hopes of meeting later this year now that the Covid vaccine is starting to become available. Our treasurers balance is the same, minus the cost of an insurance payment. Thank you to those who have paid your dues, those will be added to our treasury report next month. The rest of the meeting was Show & Tell.

WHAT NUMISMATIC GOAL DO YOU HAVE FOR 2021?

- Dave L was the first to send in recent purchases. First is the 2020-W silver Eagle with the 'V75' privy mark (seen directly above the In God We Trust motto). Unfortunately, he plans on returning the coin: "I've never seen a PF 69 look this bad". He also bought this 2020 75-year anniversary of WWII medal- it is still sealed in original mailer from the mint...



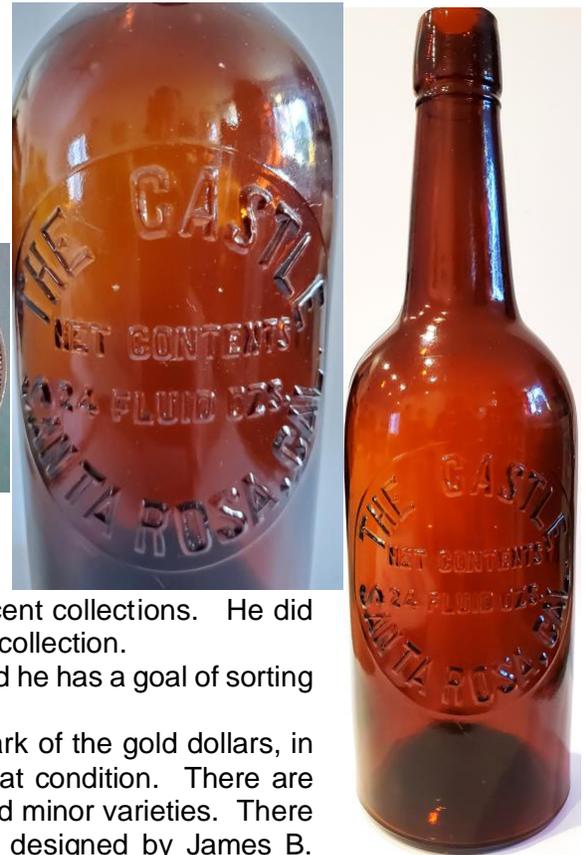
- Dan C plans to have some of his coins graded. He still appreciates the talk last month about grading options.
- Bill H (a guest from Diablo Numismatic Society) has a goal of completing his two cent collection, needing only the 1872. He plans to upgrade some of that collection to XF+. He is also missing twenty six Indian Head cents from his collection, and his goal is to get at least ten of them this year.
- Mike M is working on completing his Mercury dime collection, all in PCGS holders and preferably full bands (or close). The dates he needs are: 1924 P,D; 1925 P,D; 1926 P,D; 1927 D,S; 1928 P,D,S; 1929 S; 1930S; 1931 P,D,S. He would appreciate any help in finding those.
- Larry C has a #1 goal of completing his U.S. type set, needing only six more coins (the expensive ones), including the Chain cent; Wreath cent; 1796 quarter dollar; 1796 or 1797 Draped Bust Small Eagle half dollar. He also needs only four more coins to complete his commemorative half dollar set: Hawaii, Long Island; New Rochelle; and Norfolk. He is looking for MS63 or higher grades for these.



- Rick W is still enjoying being with the club. He only made it to a single meeting in person (our last one), but has made all the Zoom meetings. His goal is to educate himself more, and he appreciates all he has learned from the club members!
- Joe McC has over 9000 volumes in his numismatic library, including lots of old auction catalogues. He is also a member of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society and would like to figure a way to get bunches of his old catalogues to auction and have the proceeds benefit the society.
- Matt A has a goal of working on a type set of large denomination coins with various portraits of Queen Elizabeth II. There are five official portraits for coins minted in England. But coins minted in other British Commonwealth countries may have their own separate portraits of QE II, so it will be a fun challenge finding them. You can see the progression in her aging/maturing over the years in these portraits. Matt included the image of QE II on horseback from her Silver Jubilee (25th Anniversary as Queen) as a sixth portrait, though it is hard to see her face. He also showed us a slightly different portrait of her on a coin from Cyprus.



- Andy O has a goal to get back to regular meetings! He wants to add to his type set collection, which is hard to do when we can't hold a coin show.
- Helm J showed us an old bottle he has from The Castle, a saloon from Santa Rosa's past- one of three known. His goal is to try to get one of the tokens produced by The Castle. Apparently there were three different ones, and there is one example of each known. Merle has two of the tokens (shown below); Helm has the bottle. This could get interesting!



- Deanna J wants to go to a coin show! Her goal is to find more gold and commemorative coins for her collection
- Bob K wants to be able to meet in person and go to shows.
- Ron S wants to continue upgrading his Lincoln and Indian Head cent collections. He did get his wish from Santa and found a 1922 no-D cent to buy for his collection.
- Riley R apparently has a large hoard of Indian and Lincoln cents and he has a goal of sorting through all of them
- Erik S has a bold goal of collecting one of each date and mint mark of the gold dollars, in AU condition! Apparently the 1880s are the hardest to find in that condition. There are about 75 dates and mint marks in the series, not counting proof and minor varieties. There are three types of U.S. gold dollars. Type 1 Liberty Head was designed by James B. Longacre. It was minted from 1849-1854 at Philadelphia, Charlotte, Dahlonega, New Orleans, and San Francisco. Longacre also designed the Type 2 and Type 3 varieties. Type 2 featured an Indian Princess with a 'small head' design, from 1854 to 1856- same mints. Type 3 featured a large head Indian Head design from 1856 to 1889 but was not minted in New Orleans.



- Guy S e-mailed the following: “This year I will continue to try getting more historical ancient-medieval coins. And I may try to pursue an 1877 CC half dollar in VF. Just got an 1836 Lg cent in a nice Fine for my ‘Box of Coins’ that I had as a starter collection at 10-12 years old. I have about 25 original coins in it now

- Mike C is looking for a Series 1914 \$50 Federal Reserve note to go with his other denominations. It has an interesting depiction of Panama on the reverse, with a ship heading toward her from each side. Mike also did a little statistical experiment with circulating cents. He bought 2500 cents from a bank and went through them to see what types were in circulation. 450 (18%) were the copper cents from 1959-1982, the rest were the newer copper-plated zinc from 1982 and on. There was a single Canadian cent, and twelve common-date wheat cents.



- Merle is working on a set of So-Called Dollars from the Seattle World’s Fair in 1962. There were about twenty of them, half in silver, half in bronze. They have an amazing high relief as can be seen (hopefully) from his two silver examples here. They share a common reverse.



- Finally, Charlie C (that’s me): I plan to read more about coins and write more articles. As of this meeting, one article is accepted for publication and I am already working on another. I am also working on coin photography. It is particularly hard to get good images of the tiny coins I collect. The A.N.A. has an excellent summer seminar in Colorado Springs every August, and I was all paid up to go to a one-week photography course last year, which was cancelled. Hopefully it will be available later in the year. On the ANA website, there is a section listing webinars, and there is one for photography, one for digital imaging, and numerous others well worth watching. This tiny coin here is a new acquisition. It is from Phoenicia 380-350 BC. The obverse features the god Baal, the reverse shows a galley loaded with sailors. The coin is 8mm in diameter- 1/3”- and the detail is wonderful down to the till for steering the ship and the Phoenician letters (which translate to Aramaic “ma”). An interesting side note is that the coin was from an auction in Switzerland. Sending it here via Fed Ex went smoothly.



But an important document included was an affidavit stating that was from a European collection formed before 2005. This is because the origin of the coin was listed as Syria, and there is a current ban on importing coins from certain countries unless they have been out of that country for a period of time. There is also an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with a number of countries like Italy, Cyprus, China, and Bulgaria restricting importation (into the U.S.) of entire categories of coins as well as antiquities made in those countries, even if they were found in faraway places due to ancient trade. The aim is to stop the illegal trade of plundered artifacts, which is understood. But it limits thousands of sometimes relatively common coins, often found elsewhere, from finding homes in new collections here— unless there is proof that the coins made it out of the aforementioned countries prior to a certain date. The Department of Homeland Security can, will, and already has confiscated coins from these countries. So, while it is fun and usually quite affordable to collect old/ancient foreign coins, it is important to know your source and to keep information about them when necessary. Ironically, even though there is an MOU with China, it does not stop their massive counterfeiting and flooding of the American market of 'rare U.S. coins'.

Membership Drawing: A drawing for an 1883-O Morgan Dollar in MS-64 was held, and the winner was Andy O!

Next month we will have a drawing for this 1884-O Morgan Dollar in NGC MS-63, generously donated by Merle- thanks!



FEBRUARY TOPIC

The topic for February will be like Mad Libs:

“I would LOVE to _____ with THIS numismatic item”

A couple examples may help. For instance, if it was Merle, it perhaps would be
“I would LOVE to sell all my extra proof 20 cent pieces and buy a gold Stella. Or.....
“I would LOVE to trade a Sebastopol note to get Helmut’s Castle Bottle”. Or.....
“I would LOVE to encapsulate my entire Type Set with PCGS instead of keeping it in a flimsy album. Or.....
“I would LOVE to sell my motorhome and buy a Panama Pacific \$50 octagonal gold piece”.

Well, hopefully you get the picture. It will be fun to see what all of you would LOVE to do with (or for) a numismatic item. Hope to see you in February. Here is the Zoom Info:

Topic: RECC Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 10, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:
newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com. See you (hopefully!) February 10, 2021— Charlie

The Redwood Empire Coin Club usually 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.