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Next Meeting May 14, 2025

APRIL FOOLS

We tried a new topic for the April meeting- no fooling! There were lots of interesting items discussed, as you will see below. But first the business....

The next **two** meetings will give you a chance to get some **GOLD!** For the **May** meeting, the topic will be: **NUMISMATIC ITEMS WITH ANIMALS**. Bring in an item, talk about it, and get four free raffle tickets. And if you can, send photos in advance to newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com so we can show your item(s) on the big screen. **But wait- that's not all**. We will have **FOOD**. For **just \$5**, there will be hot dogs with condiments, potato salad, beans, green salad, etc, along with beverages. **AND** there will be a **GOLD COIN RAFFLE** for a **1/10-ounce gold coin**. This is all for next month- **May**.

For **June**, we will have our **MEMBERSHIP GOLD COIN DRAWING**. There will be **TWO** gold coins **given away** in the drawing: a 1/10-ounce gold coin and a Mexican 2 Peso gold coin. There is only one requirement: **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**. For every meeting you have attended since the last membership gold drawing, a wooden nickel with your membership number will be in the pot. The more meetings you have been to, the more chances to win. In addition, we will have **DESSERT NIGHT**- bring a dessert to share with the club in June if you can- it will be another great meeting.

In other business, Merle talked about upcoming coin shows.

Junior Member news: Thanks to donations made possible by new member Bill W., Adele, Greyson, Sean, Kaitlyn, Ollie, and Otto received many coins, medals, and tokens. They were very nice items. Thank you Bill! In May we will discuss different ways of housing collections as well as what to collect.

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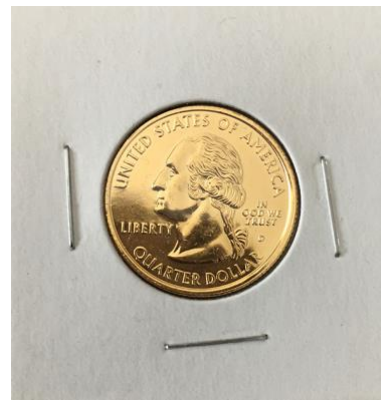
- Bill W started the discussion with a particular coin which fooled him. It is marked 16 Skillings Dansk, which he first thought would be Danish. It took lots of searching and digging up his history memory to recall that king of Denmark once ruled Norway as well, and the coin was Norwegian. This is an example of one found on the internet (forgot to get a picture of his nice example, sorry....)
- Rick R talked about a Christmas gift exchange, where his little sister gave him a nice set of common U.S. coins that were all marked "fake/copy" (fake Walking Liberty half, etc.). It is the thought that counts....
- David B was given these two coins a friend bought at a coin shop as uncirculated- very bright and shiny (and well-polished!).



PCGS Coin Information	
According to the PCGS Certification Database, the requested certification number is defined as the following:	
PCGS #	6852
Date, mintmark	1795
Denomination	\$1
Variety	Flowing Hair, 3 Leaves
Region	The United States of America
Grade	VF20
Holder Type	Standard
Population	226
Pop Higher	1,052
PCGS Price Guide Value	\$9.250



- Helm J bought this very nice 1795 Flowing Hair Dollar in an old PCGS holder. When he recently looked up PCGS Coin Information for this particular variety, it is listed as “3 leaves” variety. Looking below the eagle’s tail, there are only two leaves. So even PCGS was fooled with trying to get the correct variety- the first four numbers 6852 refer to the three leaf variety; it should have been a different first four numbers. Otherwise, it is a really nice coin! There was discussion as to whether or not to submit it to have it re-slabbed with proper numbering.
- Years ago Joe McC used to regularly go to coin auctions in Pennsylvania. There was a Barber half dollar in one of the auctions labeled as a counterfeit and at a reasonable price. So, he bought it. Two weeks later the auction house requested he give it back, as the U.S. Secret Service wanted it since it was illegal to sell counterfeits! He did show us a recent acquisition from the Canadian mint. For the last nine years it has produced a series of Pysanka coins, honoring a Ukrainian tradition of decorated Easter eggs. Each year features a new example with a complicated pattern.
- Mike M showed us a gold-plated quarter his wife got in change from Big John’s Market. You can easily get them on the internet and even get a full set of the state quarters that have been gold plated. Hurry, while supplies last.....
- Rich W offered the deal of the night to anybody who would like to purchase his 1876 Trade Dollar and 1843 Seated Liberty dollar. There were no takers, knowing the night’s topic. Both were very nicely made counterfeits, easily confused by most people as the real deal. Dealer John McIntosh easily spotted them as counterfeit from a distance. And dropping them on a hard surface made a sound different from what silver would sound like.



- David A talked about all the coins on eBay that are counterfeits from China. He has a 1923-S Standing Liberty quarter that is the correct weight and made of silver- but is cast.

- Merle A was involved with a home remodel in 1972, off Lakeville Highway on property previously owned by General Vallejo. It is where ammunition used to be stored. Merle got permission from the owner to have his metal detecting club search the ten-acre property. About one hundred various objects were found by the club. Merle found this "coin" under six inches of soil. The obverse appears to feature Samuel Clemens- Mark Twain. The date is crudely engraved, and curiously is 1984, even though the item was found in 1972! The reverse imitates an Indian Cent reverse, with a motto NON SENSE likely referring to the Mark Twain image. Merle has been unable to identify this. He sent a photo to Numismatic News, and it was placed on the front page of one issue as an unknown- and no answers have come forth. If you do know about it, please let us know! Right after Merle spoke, Helm J chimed in that there was one of these available on e-Bay. April Fools!



- Charlie C (that's me!) shared some items. First was a coin from Philistia (where Gaza is now), about 400 BC, with an optical illusion. Looking at the reverse appears to show a man with a funny crown. Rotated 90 degrees clockwise, it is a crouching lion! The Philistines had several fascinating coins like this. Next was a silver coin from Cilicia (southern Turkey) ~350 BCE that features two female heads facing each other and overlapping. It is a similar design to a gold coin made 100 years earlier on a northern Greek island. Finally there are a couple items made to fool counterfeiters. These were made during World War II in the Ghetto of Lodz (Poland), renamed Litzmannstadt. It was the



only concentration camp in WW II to make coins- because the Nazi Commandant was a coin and stamp collector! The largest denomination coin had a tiny triangle below the "R" in MARK on authentic ones. All the different currency produced in the ghetto had a tiny anti-counterfeiting mark on authentic notes, as seen on this 10 Mark note- a tiny diamond within a blank space within the "h" of Zehn (ten). One person did actually counterfeit one of the note denominations, but was caught because they were passed around a day before the official notes were released. Instead of being shot, he was transferred to another concentration camp to work on Operation Bernard- a big-scale Nazi operation to counterfeit 5 and 10 pound British notes (it cost the Brits millions until being discovered!).



Can't make it to the May meeting? Join us on ZOOM:

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DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Martin F, Sean H, George C, Chris H, and Gary C

50:50 pot of \$86 was split with David Y

Raffle: Martin F, Tiffany S (three times), Bill W, Bill P, Otto O (twice), Glenn M (twice), Chris H, and David Y

April Attendance: 55+

New Members: Jay C, #1058- WELCOME!

Guests: yes we had some

Auction: 39 exciting items.

Adjournment was at 8:42 p.m. sharp!



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

April 13, 2025. Cupertino Coin Club Coin Show. St. Joseph of Cupertino Church, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino

July 26-27, 2025. Fremont Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

August 1-2, 2025. Central Valley Coin and Collectibles Show. Stanislaus County Veterans Hall, 3500 Coffee Rd., Modesto

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.

Check out our newsletter at: **Redwoodempirecoinclub.com**

Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at: newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com. See you at the Vets Building "Dinner Room" **May 14, 2025**— Charlie