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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## SHOW TIME!

Things were hoppin' for the club before the February meeting even started. All the members pictured here showed up around 5pm at the Finley Building in the Sonoma County Fairgrounds to set up for our show. Covers were placed on tables, electric cords were set and tested, coin cases and lamps distributed to those dealers who requested them in advance, and signs/name badges were placed at assigned tables. Thanks to John B for picking up pizzas to serve all the hungry volunteers, and thanks to everyone who could be there to help make the set up go so easily.



David B ran the Junior Member meeting at ~6:15, with a large group of kids (and parents) in attendance. He and Rich W were also planning on setting up and working at the RECC Kids table at the show. More on that next month.

Merle gave the club an update on preparations for the show. Every single table was sold, so we will have a full bourse. This has been a bit difficult since Stack's recently decided to resume the Long Beach Coin Show, beginning a couple days after our show was over. This caused some of the dealers who signed up for our show to cancel and go to the Long Beach show instead. We have been able to get some other great dealers to attend our show.

Jason from Legacy Currency Grading spoke at our meeting. His company attends major coin shows in the US and abroad. But since it is located here in Santa Rosa, he decided to not only have a table at our show but to also provide on-site grading at the show. Currency submitted by the end of the show Friday should be ready to pick up on Saturday. Friday night was going to be a planned "grading party" back at the home office. Sounds like fun.

The topic for the March meeting will be: **What Did You Get at the Show, and What Are You Still Looking For?** Bring in your items, talk about them, and get four free raffle tickets. And if you can, e-mail photos ahead of time to [newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com](mailto:newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com) so we can project your item(s) on the screen for all to see. There will be Zoom available for those unable to attend the meeting in person.

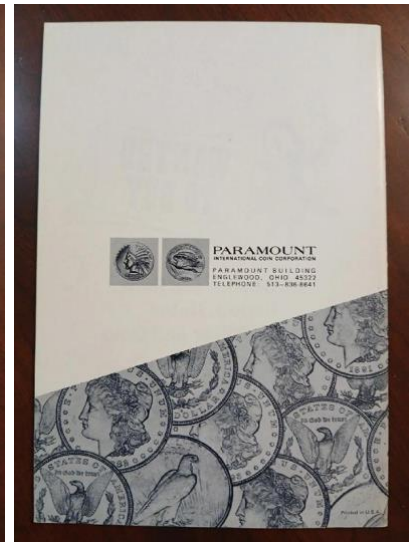
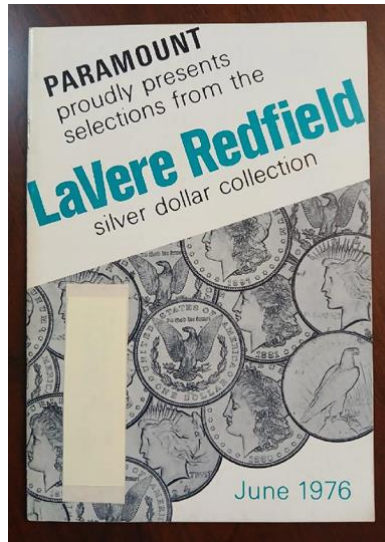
### WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR AT THE COIN SHOW

- Gary C, Zooming in from beautiful British Columbia, started off the night's topic. He won't be able to attend the show this year. But if he could, he would be looking for a buyer of silver-containing coins. He showed this photo of coins with various silver content (numbers representing percent silver in each pile of coins). The face value of these coins is ~\$23, the spot silver value is ~\$1000! Unfortunately, with the crazy increase in bullion prices, none of the dealers he tried in northern



Washington state were buying. Part of the reason was that a recent tax in Washington state on bullion made it near impossible for some to make a profit. The local dealer in Victoria, BC would only pay 75% of melt value for silver. Gary reviewed many of the reasons for this.

- Bob K is looking for an 1827-1837 Capped Bust dime in probably AU condition. This all came about when he showed Merle his Type Coin collection, which has been fun to put together. He tried to imitate the face Merle had when looking at the current Capped Bust dime in the folder- and knew a better example was needed.



- Helmut J likes to collect dollars from the Redfield Hoard. He is looking for the sales brochure for the collection, which Paramount put out. It is pictured here.
- Mike C likes some of the old-style currency that stopped being printed by the 1990s. He has a bank that saves them for him. They had \$100s, \$50s, and \$20s that someone brought in over a few visits to the bank. They were from 1930s, 1950s, and some as early as the 1920s. He planned on bringing them to the show to see if a dealer would purchase them.
- Bill P is only looking for specific coins at the show this year: 1836 half dollar, 1839(?) Seated Liberty dollar, 1922 no-D cent, 1877 cent, and 1916-D Mercury dime, ~G-3.
- Phoenix A is looking for Indian Head cents, especially the earlier dates.
- David A is looking for six specific dates of Standing Liberty quarters.
- Dave G is looking for an 1820 Russian ruble or Kopek coin, a 1959 Israel 5 lira, and an 11<sup>th</sup> century English penny. And he may look for more coins for his type set.

- Bill W is looking for 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> century English pennies. He is also looking for an Aegina sea turtle. He has the land turtle from that area but wants to obtain a sea turtle as well. Aegina is a Greek Island 17 miles off the coast from Athens. Its main city was also named Aegina and was an important ancient city-state. The sea turtle was the symbol used on its coins from roughly 470-440 BC, and the land turtle was used from 404-350 BC. Bill also explained about the bullion industry in depth, being a bullion dealer himself.



- Rich W commented that when gold is valued at \$5000 per ounce, a \$1 bill is worth 1/5000 of an ounce of gold.
- Mike M is looking for an empty NGC box that holds twenty slabs, and nine coins for his type set.
- Bill R is looking for an 1883 3¢ nickel in MS 60 to help complete his set.
- Merle is working on his set of \$5 Indian gold coins.

- Charlie C (that's me!) collects (among other things) tokens made for coin dealers/producers. The collection starts with English Conder tokens of the 1790s, when merchants produced thousands of varieties of tokens both due to a lack of small change being minted by England as well as due to a large consumer demand for the tokens. Perhaps the most popular of those to collect is this "Token Collectors Halfpenny" of 1796 featuring a relaxed collector sitting at a table covered with coins and an old man



behind him setting a dunce cap on the head. The reverse shows two men on donkeys with the motto "Asses Running for Halfpence". There is edge lettering as well: "Any Sum Given For Scarce Original Impressions". It is a clear parody of the craze of the time and high prices paid. There are also American dealers who produced tokens for advertising, like this token from a jeweler and numismatist on Bleeker Street in Manhattan, with the obverse showing a collector viewing a coin with a magnifying



glass, titled The Antiquarian, 1859, and a motto "A Real Antique, But Alas! It Is Indecypherable". There are a number of other tokens made for coin dealers- hopefully there may be one at the show.

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The club signed a get-well card for Wendell B and we wish him a speedy recovery.

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Every year as the show winds down on Saturday, people start gathering at the front of the building about an hour before the 4pm Gold Coin drawing. The Bakers found choice seats to watch from, as the crowd grew. At 4pm Merle had the last ticket of the Silver Dollar drawing pulled, then began the Gold Coin drawing. There were two kids who alternated pulling tickets this year. As we always do, the very first ticket pulled is for the top prize, a \$10 gold piece. This way every single ticket has a chance of winning. That ticket is placed under the prize, to be announced after all the others. Next comes the drawing of the ticket for the \$5 gold piece, and that ticket is placed under the coin. Five tickets are then drawn for the five 2-peso Mexican gold pieces, and the names are announced as they are pulled. Winners this year are:

2-peso gold: Ticket 5071- Joel Minadeo  
Ticket 6147- Peggy Mileck  
Ticket 1940- Dan Carey  
Ticket 8415- Menfil  
Ticket 1908- Chris Hiatt

\$5 gold: Ticket 8187- Ricky Garcia  
\$10 gold: Ticket 2013- Dan Carey

Congratulations to all! And thanks to all who helped working at the show and represented our club. We could not have done it without a big group effort.

The door prize drawing winner will be announced in next month's newsletter, along with show results.

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Can't make it to the March meeting in person? Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87532474532?pwd=FAUt23oyjpZWabMAdKD3xMmAM4zKQY.1>

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## DRAWING WINNERS

**Membership:** Jason B, Bill S Sr., Helm J, Dan C, and David B

**50:50** pot of \$108 was split with Gil M

**Raffle:** Martin F, George C, Bill R (twice), Glenn M, David B, Chris H, Bill W, and a couple others

**February Attendance:** 58+

**New Members:** Misty M #1076- WELCOME!

**Guests:** yes, there were several

**Auction:** 22 exciting items.

**Adjournment** was at 9:00 p.m. sharp!



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### UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

**March 20-21, 2026. South Bay Sunnyvale Coin Show.** The Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale.

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](http://Redwoodempirecoinclub.com)**

Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at: [newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com](mailto:newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com).  
See you **March 11, 2026**— Charlie