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ITS SHOW TIME!

President Merle started off the February meeting with an update of the upcoming Coin Show: all the tables are sold, including one usually used by the club. There are still 3 dealers on the waiting list to get in. This promises to be a great show.

Set up, work at the show, and clean up were all arranged with the help of Bob K.

The Show Dinner will be Friday at Fou Zhou as in the past- there were additional sign ups at the meeting.

Merle implored us to keep up with gold drawing ticket sales. This year we seemed to be behind on advanced sales, and with the increased cost of gold we had not covered the cost of most of the already-purchased coins. There will be more gold ticket sales at the show.

The club received a VERY generous donation of ALL 14 Morgan dollars for the Silver Dollar Raffle by Don Rinkor of Don Rinkor Rare Coins in Santa Rosa. He has been a long-time dealer at our show, from back in the days when all he sold was safes. He branched out as a coin dealer and is very friendly and fair to deal with. All the dollars he donated are slabbed, one being MS 63 and the other 13 are MS 64! This is a value of over \$800, and will hopefully help boost the silver dollar drawing ticket sales.

For his generosity and continuous support of the club, we made him an honorary Life Member, #LM62. Many thanks Don!

In other club news, Mary Jo has come up with a suggestion box for the club. We welcome all ideas. There have already been some new changes (a new Junior format and the advanced Collectors meeting, for instance), and we look for other ways to make this the best club in the world.

Rich W is looking for examples of "Coin Commandments" to help the Juniors. We all know about 'Thou Shall Not clean coins', and 'Thou Shall Buy the book before buying the coin'. I like 'Thou

Shall Read the newsletter cover to cover' and 'Thou Shall Contribute an article to the Newsletter once a year'. Seriously though, please give Rich any wise thought about collecting that can help the kids (and even the adult members).

GET WELL

The club was told of Bob A's recent stroke. After hospitalization at Kaiser in Santa Rosa, he was transferred to an intense Rehabilitation Facility at Kaiser in Vallejo, where he has been making steady progress daily. The whole club wishes Bob a speedy recovery, and a get-well card was signed by all members present at the meeting.

MARCH TOPIC

The topic for the March Meeting is: What I Found, Sold, or AM Still Looking For From The Coin Show. Bring in or talk about an item, get 4 free raffle tickets.

FEBRUARY TALKS

- Gary C once received a two-headed nickel in change. He noted it had a funny 'plink' when it landed on the ground, different from a normal nickel. He is looking for old dimes at the upcoming show: even-dated Bust and Seated Liberty Dimes from the 1820-s-1840s. He is also looking for an Isle of Man Maine Coon 1/10 ounce gold coin from 1993.
- Sean M is still looking for coin club woods!
- Phil A is looking forward to finding some pre-1923 Walking Liberty Halves, as well as American Eagle Silver proofs. He also likes bi-metal British 2 pound coins, which have very attractive designs.



- Rich W was at the recent Santa Clara coin show, and found a love token with "Willie" engraved on it, and gave it to Willie! He also found the last Capped Bust Half needed for his collection!
- Joe McC discussed how the US produces its own currency at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, but Canada contracts out to two private firms: the British American Bank Note Company, or the Canadian Bank Note Company, eh. So when it was time for Canada's Centennial in 1967, both companies produced \$1 centennial notes. They can be differentiated by the front and back plate numbers. And people like Joe collect that year's currency by the different combination of plate numbers—and new ones are still being discovered.
- Jim C's friend Don Schmidt runs the Nevada City Mint, which makes lots of medals. He recently found a bunch of new ones he didn't have. He also has a hybrid (or mule) medal, one side from an 1876 mint medal, the other side from a 1976 mint medal!
- Charley B talked about a special Liberty Bell. Called the Columbia Liberty Bell, it was a replica of the original Liberty Bell, and was produced to show at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) were enlisted to get donations for this bell. Hundreds of donations were received, among them being the keys to Jefferson Davis' house, pike heads used by John Brown at Harper's Ferry, John C. Calhoun's silver spoon, Lucretia Mott's silver fruit knife, Simon Bolivar's watch chain, hinges from the door of Abraham Lincoln's house at Springfield, George Washington's surveying chain, Thomas Jefferson's copper kettle, and 250,000 pennies. The metal contributions were given to the Meneely Bell Company of Troy, New York, for casting. The Columbian Liberty Bell weighed 13,000 pounds representing 1,000 pounds for each of the 13 original states and was cast with the following inscriptions from the New and Old Testaments of the Bible: "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Lev 25:10); "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14); "A new commandment I give unto to you, that ye love one another" (John 13:34). The Columbian Liberty Bell was placed on display at the 1893 Exposition and rang for various events. At the end of the Exposition, the bell was sent on tour of the United States and was also exhibited at the 1895 Cotton States and International Exposition in Atlanta. After this time, the Columbian Liberty Bell reportedly disappeared while on a tour of Europe.
- Of interest is that Charley said there were only 5 small replica bells made by the same company, and he has one of them (as well as a cheap copy made in India). Of interest though is that the inside of his says "McShane Bell Foundry Baltimore MD". That is another bell foundry around since the 1800s, but I could find no evidence of it producing full sized Liberty Bells. And in addition, in 1950, the United States Department of the Treasury assisted by several private companies selected Paccard Foundry in Annecy-le-Vieux, France, to cast 55 full-sized replicas of the original Liberty Bell. Those bells were shipped as gifts to states and territories of the United States and the District of Columbia to be displayed and rung on patriotic occasions. One of these (but not the Columbia Liberty Bell) is located at the Tennessee State House. I haven't had a chance to review all of this with Charley after doing this bit of journalistic research. His bell sure was nice to see (and hear), but I sense there is still more of the story to be found out.
- Dan M is looking for coins
- Charlie C is looking for ancient coins. He discussed a recent Memorandum of Agreement with Italy dated 1/19/11, whereby the U.S. State Department agrees to restrict importing of "coins of Italian type" through the Roman Republic dated up to 211 BC (but not Roman Imperial coins), and others to 37 AD. *NONE* of these coins can be imported into the U.S. unless accompanied by an Italian export permit OR proof that they existed outside of Italy prior to 1/19/11. This only applies to the U.S.; coins can be freely imported into other countries, including the entire European Union. So even if you buy something from a country other than Italy, to ship it here legally you will need proof it came from *outside* Italy prior to that date or that it had an Italian permit, otherwise customs in the U.S. can and will confiscate it and send it back. The purpose of the memorandum is to stop the illegal looting and dispersal of archaeological objects (statues, art, etc). There were governmental hearings about this with input from both sides, including an attempt to exclude coins(which were produced in the thousands and are mostly common). Cyprus and China have asked for similar agreements, and other countries may follow suit. Will it change prices or availability? Time will tell.
- Merle A is working on a type set of Love Tokens!

ON WITH THE SHOW!

Things seemed to go smoothly from start to finish at the show. At least 14 people showed up to help set up the show Wednesday. Most of the crew are in the photo at right. We were done in little over an hour.



The dealers came in Thursday afternoon to set up their tables. So on Friday morning before the show things were still mostly quiet and under wrap, waiting for the action to start.



Within a half hour of opening each day the bourse was quite busy. Attendance for Friday was 358, and for Saturday 496! Many thanks go to all the club members who helped during the show with admission and ticket sales, setting up signs, assisting guests and dealers, and with running outside to get food for dealers (keeping several Junior Members busy).



Thanks also to all who stayed to help clean up after the show. Even though the show technically ended at 6 on Saturday, essentially things were over after the gold drawing at 5 (except for a few stragglers who kept searching for bargains up to closing). Much of the show was already cleaned up by 6PM, thanks to an energetic crew. Many thanks to all who stayed to help with that. The entire volunteer corps for this show was incredible.

Of course the two people we have to thank the most are Merle and Lee. There is a tremendous amount of preparation that goes on far ahead of the show. Things seem to (and do) run smoothly, but only from years of experience and countless hours of good planning. Be sure to thank them both the next chance you can.

SHOW DINNER

On Saturday night we had our annual Coin Show Dinner at Fou Zhou restaurant in Santa Rosa. A whole bunch of slightly tired but hungry club members and dealers got together for a nice buffet dinner. Afterward there was a drawing to give away about two cases of wine. And finally we had our 6 Month Gold Drawing. You did not need to be there, but the winner of a Liberty \$10 gold piece was- Harry Davis! He was speechless (and smiling in disbelief). Wait til he reads the next page!



On Saturday, Boy Scout Troop 32 paid a visit to the show to work on their coin collecting merit badge. There were informational tables where they could work on various subjects for the badge.



The man in the blue shirt (above) talking with the scouts is Life Member #5 Guy Shappy. He was the secretary of the RECC prior to yours truly, and the father of Scout Mom/Leader Christine S, seated to his left.



And here Merle is showing them the famous coin collector handshake, also known as the 'pull my finger' maneuver. Actually, he was giving them more coin info. We enjoyed having the scouts and parents, and they will be back to our meetings in the future.

The Western Wooden Money Club also met on Saturday.



ANA governor Walter Ostremecki was also at the show for both days (pictured above on the right talking with a collector). He helped run a Treasure Hunt for kids, teach the scouts, joined our dinner, and boosted the hobby with anyone within earshot. It was great having him.

Lee was also busy at the club and CONECA table, always willing to lend his expertise.

Finally, at 5PM was the big moment we all waited for, the Gold Coin Drawing! Tickets were drawn in order from the top prize first (so that every ticket had a chance to win the big one), down to the last prize. And the winners are:

For 2 Peso gold: Veronica Scollard (ticket # 05102), Keith Brown (11326), Bob Belleau ((05685), Wayne Zurita (twice, # 07799 and # 07790), and Tacoria San Juan (#10300).

For the \$5 Liberty Gold: George Quinn (#08298)

For the \$10 Liberty Gold: Lee Vanderheide (#00825)

For the \$20 St. Gaudens Gold: Harry Davis (#05800)

Congratulations to all winners. It was a great show, and afterwards we had plenty of help cleaning up and packing things away into a trailer to be stored until next year's show. Merle should be giving us an accounting of some final numbers at the March meeting. And it will be fun to hear what everybody bought/sold/traded.



CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads may be placed by any club member, up to 2 per month. They run for two months. Buy—Sell—Trade—Want Lists OK. Notify Charlie at each meeting (or mail to club P.O. Box, or even call) to get your ad in

KIDS KORNER

By Rich W.

Our February meeting was attended by nine junior members who shared their collections. Collections include Roosevelt dimes, Kennedy halves, "birth year coins" and type sets. We again discussed different ways of collecting, grading, and use of the "Red Book". We discussed the club coin show on February 18/19 and the junior member tables where items can be obtained free. Boy Scout Troop 32 will be attending the show as part of their merit badge work.

Tidbits:

- In March we will discuss the show including what members were able to find for their collections.
- In addition, we will discuss preparing ourselves before going to coin shows/dealers etc. e.g., setting priorities and spending within budget limitations.
- If time permits, we will discuss the man Roosevelt that appears on so many United States dimes in circulation today.
- Junior members Colton and Grace W were a big help at the show.

See you March 9th at 6:15!



See ya next year, Walt!

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Cherry B, Edwin H, Glenn C, Steven T, Frank V, and David L.

50:50 pot of \$ \$120 was split with Vince M— new member beginner's luck!

Raffle: Edwin H, Gary C, Bob B (twice), Harry D (twice), Bill B, Mike C (twice), Randy B, ?, and Martha V

February Members: 81+

New Members: Vince M (# 817), Joel M (# 818), and Frank D (# 819)- WELCOME!

Guests: Yes, several

Auction: lots of exciting items

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

Lee will NOT be at the meeting in March. He will return for the April meeting, and resume his advanced collectors discussion at 6PM then.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for March are Kim, Joel M, Cherry, and Dan M— thanks!!!

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of every 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 PM sharp.

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UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

February 25-26, 2011. Old San Francisco Mint Show. 5th and Mission, San Francisco.

March 6, 2011. Livermore Valley Coin Club 48th Annual Coin Show. Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore

March 17-19, 2011. ANA National Money Show. Sacramento Convention Center

April 15-17, 2011. Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, & Collectible Expo. Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

May 1, 2011. 39th Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show. Vallejo Numismatic Society, Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, off either Redwood or Tennessee Street at I-80 in east Vallejo

May 6-7, 2011. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Spring Coin Show. Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento

June 26, 2011. Alameda Coin Club Show. Alameda High School Gym, Oak Street at Central, Alameda

July 9-10, 2010. Modesto Coin and Collectible show. Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street, (10th and K), Modesto

July 23-24, 2010. Fremont Coin Club's 39th Annual Show. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

July 30-31, 2011. Nor-Cal Coin Show X. Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo

August 14, 2011. Fairfield Coin Club 22nd Annual Coin Show. Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania

September 30-Oct1, 2011. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Fall Show. Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento

October 8-9, 2011. 15th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show. Diablo Numismatic Society, Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Ave, Concord

October 30, 2011. Peninsula Coin Club 32nd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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

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See you March 9— Charlie

