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Redwood Empire Coin Club

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HAPPY 75th ANNIVERSARY!

There were probably a couple records set at the March meeting. There were at least *ninety* people there! And Ember S attended via Zoom from Salerno Italy (it was 4 AM there!) so she could have a chance at the membership gold drawing. That is the farthest anyone has attended a meeting from- wow!

Merle started with a recap of our February coin show. There were 702 attendees, up a bit from last year, and twenty-seven dealers. It was nice seeing the bourse floor completely occupied with dealers.

Thirty-three club members sold a total of \$4432 in gold drawing tickets! Thanks again to Don Rinkor for donating the gold coins and slabbed silver dollars for the drawings. Merle listed all the members who sold tickets, with junior Brandon E and Rick S selling the most for the club! Bill S was present to receive the Mexican 2-peso gold piece he won in the drawing. And George C was present to receive both the Mexican 2-peso gold piece and the \$10 Liberty Head gold piece won in the drawing.

The meeting was a celebration of the club's 75th Anniversary. Thanks to VP Mike M for arranging salad and pasta dinner from Mary's, and for the anniversary cake. We just barely had enough food for everybody since the turnout was so amazing. Food and gold coin giveaways always bring out more members to meetings- thanks to all who made it to this meeting.

Speaking of gold, we held our 6 (+/-) month membership gold drawing after the regular member ship draw- which is listed at the end of the newsletter. There was an 1895 \$5 half eagle up for grabs (generously donated by Seth Chandler at Witter Coin), along with a 1921 Morgan dollar (also donated by Seth) and a 1976 proof set generously donated by Chris N, who was a long-time member and was able to attend the coin show this year. The only requirement to win was that you had to be present at the meeting. The winners were: \$5 gold- Celina M! 2nd prize drawing first went to Andy O, but he couldn't be at the meeting- sorry Andy. Instead, the winner was Torri B. And the proof set was won by Rick S.

The theme of the **April** meeting will be: **Your Current Coin Collection, and How Can the Club Help You Attain Your Goal.** Bring in your collection or talk about your wanted item(s) and get four free raffle tickets. There will not be a projector at the meeting to show your items, and there will not be Zoom in April. Sorry folks, your secretary has a wedding to go to in New York.

And in case anybody was wondering, there **was** a door prize drawing after the show attendance tallies were in. Robert Detlefsen, the winner, is pictured here after Merle was able to track him down and present the Mexican 2-peso gold piece.

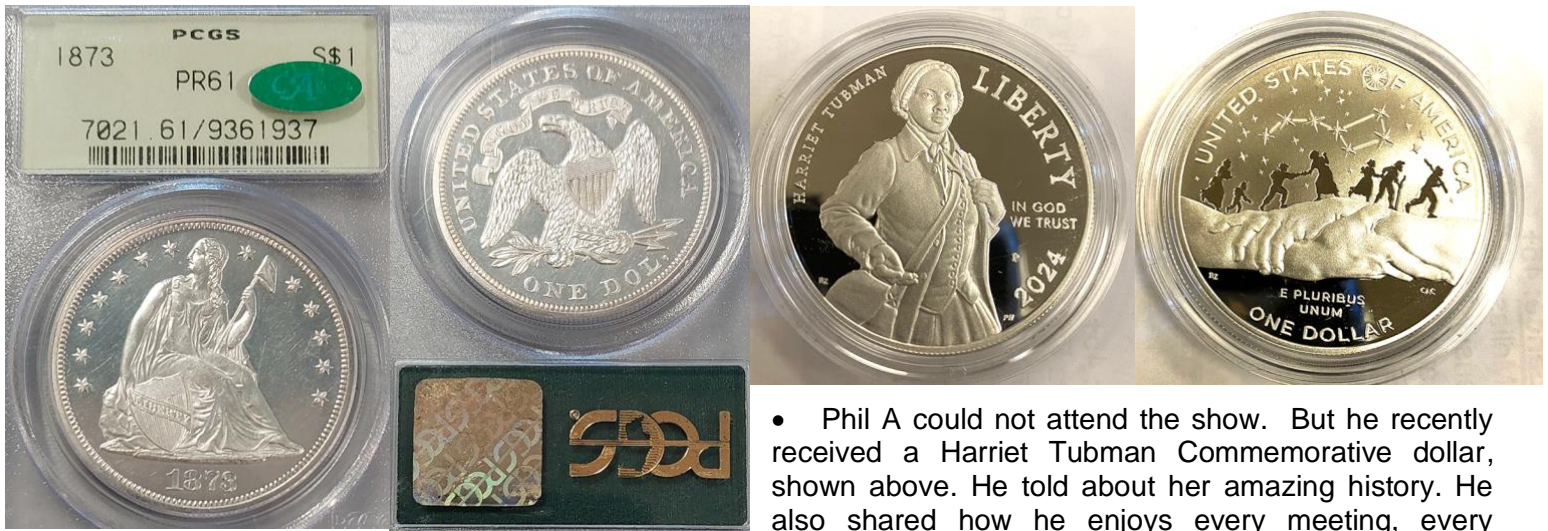


WHAT THE CLUB MEANS TO ME

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WHAT I GOT AT THE COIN SHOW

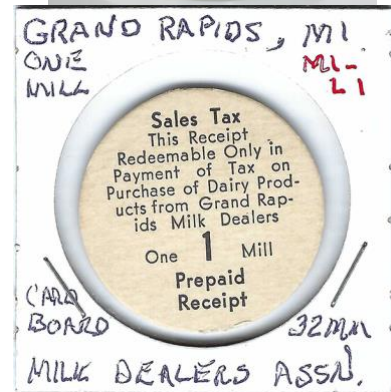
- Kim S started the topic with how much he enjoys the club. He spent most of the time at the show selling at one of the tables. The one item he bought was a box of unopened 1968 mint sets.
- I did not see Roger N at the meeting, but have photos of the awesome proof 1873 Seated Liberty \$1 he bought!



- Phil A could not attend the show. But he recently received a Harriet Tubman Commemorative dollar, shown above. He told about her amazing history. He also shared how he enjoys every meeting, every

member, the knowledge/friendship/help he gets from everyone in the club.

- Mike C found a few things at the show, nothing much. He has been a member for twenty years, gained twenty pounds, has a kid who is twenty-five- how time flies. He was treasurer for ten years, a big honor. When Covid hit he had to stay away and give that position up but is glad to still be with the club for meetings.
- Helm J got an 1810 half dollar for his type set. He also collects Redfield Hoard Morgan dollars, but only saw two (both 1892 CC) at the show. He decided not to get those, and when he went home, he found out he had that date in his collection already, so no big loss.
- Joe McC spent 80% of his time at the show with the token dealers, and one of them got him hooked (again) on tax tokens. The dealer had a "junk box" which included a folder with tax tokens- and that was just the start for Joe. He picked up two other volumes of tax tokens. The blue token here was the first token Missouri issued for taxes. Merchants later began counter-stamping the back of tax tokens, which are what the St. Louis laundry token and the gasoline token were. Both of those are R-9 (2-4 known). They each have cost around \$180 on eBay; Joe paid \$50 for both of them and a whole folder with more at the show.



- David A talked about his search for a capped bust quarter dollar.



- Mike M showed us this awesome 1810 capped bust half dollar he purchased at the show. It was a popular coin, as Erik S also bought that same date half at the show!
- Bill R bought a coin he had been looking for a long time: a 1955 doubled die cent!

- Rich H shared his appreciation for the club. Thanks to Merle and the club he was recently able to find the one item needed to complete a set he was working on.



- Ember joined the meeting from Salerno Italy (at 4 AM over there!) and shared these three coins. They are all replicas she purchased since the originals are way too expensive. She bought them to help teach the juniors about how to identify ancient coins. The first two were purchased at a gift shop just outside the Colosseum in Rome, and the third greenish piece was purchased in Pompeii! She enjoys teaching juniors at the club and appreciates being in the club- it means a lot to her.
- Merle claims he was too busy at the show to do much “shopping”, but we know he was wheeling and dealing both days. He felt it was the best token show we’ve had in Sonoma County, and the coin show was awesome. He appreciates being in this club and everybody participating.

- Charlie C (that’s me!) had two fantastic shows to talk about. I missed the January meeting to go to the New York International Numismatic Convention, *the* best show in the country for ancient and world coins. There I found these three tiny electrum ‘fractions’, among the oldest of the ancient Greek coins. The upper one is a 1/6 stater, weighing 2.5grams. The next smallest is a 1/48 stater, 0.3grams; the smallest is a 1/96 stater, 0.15 grams- the smallest denomination of the early Greek electrum coins.



The other find at the NY show was this unassuming silver coin (left) with a design like a wheel with four spokes. Before ancient Athens produced the beautiful large silver coins with Athena on one side and an owl on the other, Athens (in 545 BC) produced a dozen varieties of coins like this, called

“wappenmunzen”. Munzen is German for money; wappen means badge or crest, and it was felt these featured the crest of local ancient Greek tribes. We know that is not correct but still call this series of coins by that name. This example is not in great condition, but it came from the collection of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (who wrote Sherlock Holmes stories)! There were several fun little ancient silver coins found at our February show as well, shown here. →



- There were some other memories of our club’s 75 years to share. A membership roster from over 45 years ago showed Henry T. Wrede, who founded the club, as Life Member #1. Guy Chapman, founding member #5, was listed as Life Member #2. So, Michael T isn’t really the first life member, and Merle A is not the second. It means that every life member # is off by at least 2—but we will keep them the way they are. There have been many amazing members in the club. I talked about Helen and Roy Roberts, Leroy Tomasi, Horace Moore, Mike Aranda, Lee Gong, and Guy S- and there were so many more that we didn’t have time to reminisce about. It is a great club, and I am so glad to have great officers to work with on the board. But it is all the members, who I consider all friends, that make this club what it is. Thank you all for bringing your interests to meetings- it is nice to have such a great variety of things to write about.

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DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Stephen K, Jerry St. G, Bob K, Helmut J, and Brandon E
50:50 pot of \$86 was split with Rick S

Raffle: Kim S (3 times), George C, David G (twice), Rick S, Brandon E (twice), Bill R

March Attendance: 90+

New Members: David B #1033, Brian B #1034, Brent L #1035, Harrison H #1036J, David O # 1037 and son Otto O # 1038J, and Jim F # 1039-**WELCOME** all!

Guests: yes, there were several guests

Auction: 34 exciting items.

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

JUNIOR NEWS

There were ten juniors at the March meeting: Aaron, Brandon, Georgia, Harrison, Hans, Orion, Nolan, Sean, Roman and Guilliano. They are ready for more advanced talks by our willing members. Interested in helping? Talk with Rich W at the next meeting.



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

April 7, 2024. Cupertino Coin Club Show. St. Joseph's Church of Cupertino Parish, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino

April 19-21, 2024. Great Southwest Coin Expo by Albuquerque Coin Club. Marriott Pyramid North Albuquerque, 5151 San Francisco Td NE, Albuquerque

April 21, 2024. Marin Coin & Collectibles Show. Best Western Novato Oaks, 215 Alameda del Prado, Novato

April 25-27, 2024. Sacramento Valley Coin Club's Spring Show. Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento

June 28-29, 2024. East Bay Concord Show. Concord Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Dr., Concord

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" April 10, 2024— Charlie