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COIN SHOW WRAP-UP

As Ed Sullivan would say, "it was a very good shooooow". Merle provided the club with a wrap-up of how we did. For our attendance, Friday was a bit slow, but Saturday made up for it: last year we had 702 total attendees, this year 755. There were forty dealers. And there were thirty-nine club members who sold gold drawing tickets. Between that and gold ticket sales during the show, we brought in \$5451. Silver dollar drawing sales brought in an additional \$1425. Imagine what it would have cost us to purchase the coins for those drawings? A huge thank you to Don Rinkor for donating all the gold and silver coins. It helped us cover our costs and assure we can do this again next year.

Many rounds of thanks went out to club members- for selling tickets, setting up the show, working at the front entry table during the show, and for cleaning up after. It was also nice seeing so many members wearing club badges and supporting the dealers with their pocketbooks.

Rich W said it was a very successful show for Juniors. Friday's attendance was mainly preschoolers who delighted in free coins and a magnifying glass to look at everything-including coins. Saturday was populated by all ages including teenage girls and Scouts earning their coin collecting merit badge. Many thanks to Ember and son David for helping with all ages from fledglings to soon-to-be soaring Eagles. Rich received several high-quality donations including foreign silver coins. At this March meeting they first discussed the difference between a Troy ounce (for precious metals) and the avoirdupois ounce (for the grocery store). Junior members weighed each coin, multiplied by silver content, and used the online website Kitco to determine the latest price by weight. These silver coins were then weighed and the silver content determined before being distributed to the juniors. At the 6:15 April Junior meeting they will meet our new dealer member and distribute his recent donations.

One of the highlights of our coin show is always the gold drawing at the end of the show.

Over sixty people

gathered at the front of Finley Hall to witness the drawing (see photo from last month's newsletter). One lucky RECC family made off with four of the gold pieces-but were not present during the drawing. They were at the March meeting to receive their winnings: Tiffany S won a 2-peso gold piece; dad Bill S Sr won a 2-peso gold piece AND a Liberty Head \$5 gold piece. And brother Bill S Jr won the Liberty Head \$10 gold piece. Wow!

We had two nice donations recently. One dealer, Rob Martin, had to cancel

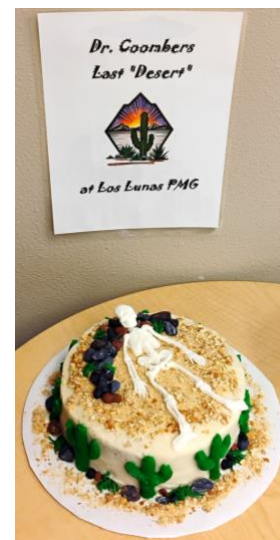


being at the show at the last minute. Besides paying for his table already, he also later sent us a donation for \$100. And an anonymous doner gave us \$100 to go toward supporting the Junior Members- in honor of Art Maybrun, who passed away a year ago. Finally, Christine S, the daughter of Guy Shappy, enjoyed being at the show, where she helped lead the Scouting America Merit Badge group of six scouts. She has now rejoined the club as a Life Member- LM 121. Welcome back!



In case anyone was wondering, there is indeed a door prize drawing. It was held after the show was closed, when attendance tallies were taken. The winner was David S, pictured here on the left.

Gary C tuned into the meeting via Zoom from Albuquerque. He shared that he is now officially retired and showed us the "Last Desert" [dessert] given by his office. He will be moving to Vancouver Island, British Columbia, north of Victoria, and will be our first international member- also tuning in via Zoom from there. He has already checked out what coin clubs are local to his new home. Gary also shared (via e-mail) what he is still looking for: Perhaps an 1800 or 1801 U.S. Dime.



WHAT I GOT AT THE COIN SHOW OR AM STILL LOOKING FOR

- New member Rick R filled in some holes in his \$1 album
- Rusty D purchased an old photo featuring Clydesdale horses in Old Railroad Square. He wasn't sure the origin of it, will do some research.
- Bill R had fun at the show and got some coins he was looking for: 1888 3¢ nickel in MS 65; 1878 Morgan \$ MS 65; 1897-S Morgan \$; 1873 open-3 proof 2¢; 1900 Liberty Head \$20 gold in MS-63; 1894 Liberty Head \$10 gold in MS-63. He also won one of the slabbed dollars each day at the show!
- Wendell B found this beautiful 1885 CC Morgan Dollar → for his collection. He is looking for a 1903-O Morgan dollar.
- Rich W also talked about the treasure hunt at the show on Saturday, with thanks to all who participated.
- Bill (?) - picked up a 1908-S Indian Head cent on the first day and won a slabbed Morgan dollar on the second day! Then got a lot more coins.
- David B finished a low-grade Indian cent collection in a Whitman holder. He also put together very nice year sets for his parents and grandparents.
- Bob K had a lot of fun at the show. He was looking to purchase a \$2-1/2 Indian Head gold piece—and bought two! Plus, he bought a bunch of silver coins from Dan S, already in labeled 2 X 2's!
- Mike M thanked club members for helping at the show- we couldn't have done it without you. A special shout out went to Joe McC for the many ways he pitched in. Mike talked about a dealer at the show, Legacy Currency Grading. He has a couple sentimental notes graded by them. This one is a \$2 note which had a first day of issue bicentennial stamp and postmark from April 1976 on it. He also brought in a 1990 \$10 note they graded. The company operates out of Don Rinkor's office, so submissions can be brought there directly to save some grading costs.
- Paul C gave a shout-out to Merle for all his hard work on the show. He looked for toned Peace Dollars at the show, but they were incredibly pricy. He is still looking for them.





Merle showed four coins he bought at the show. The first here is the 1861 Seated Liberty quarter, minted at the beginning of the Civil War in Philadelphia. Merle likes to collect half dollars from 1853 because he likes arrows and rays. But he saw this 1854 Seated Liberty half with arrows and just couldn't resist getting it. He is surprised it only graded AU-55, because it looks much nicer. But at this grade it was "cheap". The 1875-S Trade Dollar was perfect for the grade, and they go for far more at higher grades. Finally, the 1901 \$2.50 gold piece from Don Rinkor, to replace the last one in his set that graded only "genuine"- he wanted one with a good grade and no problems- and got it.



- Finally, Charlie C (that's me): One final thank you to all the members who helped at the front table at the show. Everything went smoothly both days, and you helped get the public in the doors and onto the bourse floor. I had a great time at the show, seeing people I hadn't seen in a year since our last show. Getting the chance to talk with old friends, with club members (which is hard when running the meetings) and with dealers is the best part of the show. There were no big finds at this show, but I did get a few small coins. The one shown here is a tiny (1/4") silver coin from an "uncertain Eastern mint" (Middle East region) with a sphynx on the obverse and a lion on the obverse. I collect coins with sphinxes, including ancient scale weights going back to ~1500 BC, prior to coinage. The contours of the surface of this tiny coin made it intriguing and worth adding to my collection.



APRIL TOPIC

The topic for the April meeting is **APRIL FOOLS!** Use your imagination and figure out a way that a coin or currency you own has fooled you and may fool us. This is a wide-open topic, so we expect a nice variety.

Suggestions:

- Overgraded or overpriced coins: ones you realized you paid too much for *after* you bought them, though they sure looked good initially. Help us learn how to avoid this.
- Counterfeits: it was after the D fell off your 1916-D dime that you learned it was a fake?.....
- Cleaned/artificially toned coins: tell us tips to avoid getting stuck with one
- Tiny (or secret) marks, particularly on currency, to prevent counterfeiting
- Optical illusions, hidden figures- images that fool the eye.



As always- bring in your item, give a talk, and get **four free raffle tickets**. And don't forget to send photos of your item(s) to newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com ahead of time so they can be prepared for a slide show for viewing at the next meeting.



A pickle nickel

Can't make it to the meeting in person? Join us via Zoom:

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DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Celina M, Steve C, Roger N, Guillianio M, and Bill S Sr.

50:50 pot of \$98 was split with George C

Raffle: Tiffany S (twice), Bill P, David Y (twice), Rusty D, George C, Bill R, Otto O (twice), David B, and Joel M
GOLD Raffle (\$1 U.S. Gold donated by David B- thanks!): Bill R

March Attendance: 50+

New Members: Bill W (#1055), Richard P (#1056), and Rick R (#1057)- WELCOME!!!

Guests: Yes we had some!

Auction: 33 exciting items.

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



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

April 6, 2025. Marin Coin & Collectible Show. 215 Alameda del Prado, Novato

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

April 17-19, 2025. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show. 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento

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.

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at: newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com.
See you at the Vets Building "Dinner Room" **April 9, 2025**— Charlie