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Next Meeting April 8, 2026

MARCH MADNESS

President Merle started out the March meeting with a wrap up of our “AWESOME” coin show. It was the best one ever. The attendance on Friday was great, but it was a bit slower Saturday. We weren’t sure how things would turn out with the surge in gold and silver prices. Last year there were 755 total attendees, and this year there were 861.

We sold every single gold coin drawing ticket we had printed- including 1000 extra tickets we had printed two weeks before the show so that there would be enough. Many thanks again to Don Rinkor for donating all the gold *and* silver coins for drawings- that was a huge benefit to the club. Last year we sold 6493 gold tickets, and this year we sold 7690! Forty-three members sold gold drawing tickets, the most ever. For every member who sold tickets, a wooden nickel (one per 100 tickets sold) was gathered, and one of those was drawn for a thank you prize- an NGC 1904-O MS-63 Morgan Dollar. And the winner was David Y. Thanks David and to all the others who sold tickets. A detailed spreadsheet of all income/expenses for the show is always kept and available if interested- please see Merle.

After the show, all the door prize entries were tabulated. We use the information to help determine the best way to get out word for our shows. One of those cards was pulled, and the lucky door prize winner was Ray Hulsman. He did receive his prize from VP Mike M. -congratulations.

Bill G talked about upcoming coin shows he was running.

Dave G talked about an article featuring a donation in Osaka, Japan of a 560,000,000 Yen (\$3.6 million) gold bar collection- 46 pounds- to be used to fix the city’s water pipes! Someone sure had some extra money/gold to give away- wow. Dave also talked about fire-resistant document holders, as added protection (including being water resistant) for important documents you may have in your safe.

APRIL MEETING AGENDA

The next meeting in April will be a bit more special than usual. We will have our **6 Month Membership Gold Coin Drawing!** For every month that you have attended a meeting in the last six months, a wooden nickel with your membership number has been added to the pot. The more meetings you have attended, the more chances you have to get your number pulled. This is a reminder to check in with me (Charlie C) at the front table when you arrive for meetings, especially new members, to make sure you are entered. Because.... You **must be present** to win the drawing. And the prize: this 2.5 gram Cook Island 2004 gold piece, with a value of ~\$415! If you can, *please bring a dessert* to the meeting to share with the club and make this an even tastier event- thanks!



The topic for the meeting will be: **YOUR FAVORITE FOREIGN COIN, and WHY.** Bring it in or just talk about it and get four free raffle tickets. Please remember to send photos of your coin(s) ahead of time to show on the projector screen- send to newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com.

WHAT I FOUND AT THE COIN SHOW AND WHAT I AM STILL LOOKING FOR

- Bill W mostly collects ancient coins but has branched out to U.S. coins. He bought an 1861-O half dollar at the show, and has read all about the Union, the State of Louisiana, and the Confederacy issues of the New Orleans

Mint. Now he wants to collect all the varieties. He also showed a challenge coin from the FBI which was given to him for doing some coin evaluation work.

- Deanna did not buy anything at the show (too busy working at the front table selling drawing tickets!), but she did win this 1885-O Morgan Dollar in NGC MS63! ----->

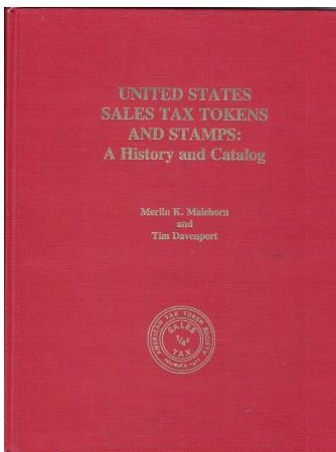


- Bill R was able to buy an 1883 3¢ nickel in the condition he wanted. He also bought an 1856 Flying Eagle cent, PCGS AU50, from the Connelly Collection. With the price of gold and some duplicate pieces he had, he was able to do some dealing with Macintosh and finally got the graded Flying Eagle cent he has wanted for forty years!

- Rich W showed us the three \$1 gold pieces he got, Types 1, 2, and 3. He discussed the series, including the interesting fact that the Native American woman featured on Types 2 and 3 had a headdress made of ostrich feathers, which is clearly fictional. The Type 2 coin is his first in a CAC holder.



- Helm J did not find a LaVerre Redfield sales brochure, though he sure tried. But he did get a token from the Washington Bar in Petaluma; a Golden Gate Park Children's Playground token Featuring Sharon's Quarters; a RECC club medal (for a little under spot silver pricing!) from a year he did not have; and a 1935 San Diego/California Pacific International Exposition half dollar. These photos did not make it in time for the meeting but fortunately did for this newsletter.
- Phoenix A found five or six Indian Head cents at the show and is looking for more.
- David A discussed how low-grade Standing Liberty quarters were very difficult to find at the show, even though they are listed as relatively common in Grey Sheet. Only high-grade examples were found, well out of his price range. He is still looking for 1916, 1918/17-S, 1919-D, and 1921.



Rarity	Known Specimens	Description
R-10	One	Unique
R-9	2 - 4	Extremely Rare
R-8	5 - 10	Very Rare
R-7	11 - 20	Rare
R-6	21 - 50	Extremely Scarce
R-5	51 - 100	Very Scarce
R-4	101 - 500	Scarce
R-3	501 - 2000	Common
R-2	2001 - 5000	Very Common
R-1	5001 or more	Extremely Common

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at the time the booklet was purchased. This pre-purchase of coupons, with tax paid, would have eliminated the need for cash to be exchanged when tax was delivered at a local address. Since the coupons were for weights of tax, and were not sales tax purchases, they are not included in this catalog.

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STATE-WIDE - Local Issues: Curtis Publishing Company

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Rev. (Obols) // 60 x 35 mm. WHITE PAPER with BLACK PRINT R-10

CINCINNATI - Local Issues: Wheel Cafe

L28 Obs. CINCINNATI / WHEEL CAFE / OHIO //

Rev. TAX PRE-PAID / 5¢ / IN TRADE / VENDOR NO. 310015 // 23 mm. ALUMINUM R-7

For a discussion of the legitimacy of this token and L31, see ATTS Newsletter 46, page 3.

COLUMBUS - Local Issues: Doersams

L31 Obs. (obolize with legend) DOERSAMS' / 161 / N. HIGH / COLUMBUS O. / CLOCKS //

Rev. TAX PRE-PAID / 5¢ / IN TRADE / VENDOR NO. 2514120 // 20 mm. BRASS, octagon R-10



L30



L31



CINCINNATI - Local Issue: Wheel Cafe

L30 Obv. CINCINNATI / WHEEL CAFE / OHIO //
 Rev. TAX PRE-PAID / 5¢ / IN TRADE / VENDOR NO. 3100115 //
 23 mm. ALUMINUM R-7
 For a discussion of the legitimacy of this token and L31, see *ATTS Newsletter 46*, page 3.

COLUMBUS - Local Issue: Doersam's

L31 Obv. (clockface with legend) DOERSAM'S / 161 / N. HIGH / COLUMBUS O. /
 CLOCK //
 Rev. TAX PRE-PAID / 5¢ / IN TRADE / VENDOR NO. 2514120 //
 20 mm. BRASS, octagon R-10

- Joe McC talked about the “bible” of sales tax tokens by Malehorn and Davenport(prior page). It lists a rarity guide, with R-1 being extremely common to R-10 to being unique. He bought the Doersam’s Clock token (above) from Columbus Ohio at the show- it is listed as unique. He remembers walking by that landmark many times when growing up. But he already had four of them! The ‘bible’ had not been updated in a while apparently.



- Dave B found a 1909 Barber half dollar to complete the anniversary year set he was putting together for his father’s parents and is now working on a set for his mother’s parents from 1916. He is looking for a nice slabbed 1946 Walking Liberty half dollar.



- Rick C is known as the “Star Wars Guy” and at the show he managed to find another Star Wars coin featuring Princess Leia. He was also able to buy a proof 2026 \$1 Silver Eagle from the Philadelphia Mint and a 2026 dual date Silver Eagle from the West Point Mint featuring a Liberty Bell 250 Year privy mark. Both of those sold out almost instantly but fortunately a dealer had them for sale at the show.



- Dan C made an early purchase at the show: a 1912 good luck pocket piece featuring a figure as ‘The God of Things As They Ought To be’ by the Billiken Corporation of Chicago. It sure worked for him, as he won a Morgan Dollar in the silver drawing, and in the gold drawing he won a 2-peso Mexican gold piece and the \$10 Liberty Head gold coin!



- Wendell B missed the show due to being in the hospital with pneumonia, but he greatly appreciated the card we all signed and gave him.
- Bob K bought an 1833 Capped Bust dime for his type set- a really nice one that Merle would be proud of him having.
- Mike M looked for nine coins for his type set but did not get one. He did get an NGC box for holding slabs though.
- Erik S decided to buy paper at the show, finding a 1928 \$100 note which was graded at the show. He looked for an 1882 gold dollar in AU, did not find one, and is still looking- for the last seven years!



- Merle bought four 1892-1893 World's Columbian Exposition H&K dollars from Jeff Shevlin, the So-Called Dollar Guy. He is amazed at how well preserved they are being so old, particularly since three are in aluminum. Two are even proof-like: they did not strike proofs but the first 10-20 struck retained that type finish. All of these were minted at the expo. The first depicted the Indiana Building at the expo and included the date 1816- likely for when Indiana gained statehood. This coin is the one shown in Shevlin's So-Called Dollar Book and is the only one certified (of about seventy-six known). The second coin featured a Bird's-eye view of the expo. It isn't known if the image was taken from an observation balloon or was just an artist's rendering, but it is quite detailed. The third piece is a rare oval-shaped H&K dollar. Merle had one in XF, wanted a nicer example, and bought this MS 63 PL example. It is the finest graded ('Top Pop') of the variety. Finally, the fourth one here is also a 'Top Pop' example.
- Nik von A looked for seven items at the show and found three of them. The highlight was a 5¢ *Moise* token made for A. Sayers Place in Bolinas, the exact same variety that he found almost fifty years ago metal detecting with his grandmother.



- Charlie C (that's me!) talked about two tokens from the show. The first had three "C"s on them, and CC are my initials. The reverse is an ad for worm confections. Worm candies and confections were patent medicines popular in the 1860s and beyond to treat worms. We do not know what was in them, as there were no known effective anti-parasitic medicines at the time. But people bought them believing they would work. The second token has a story that begins at our show two years ago. I bought this 1933 Ocean Park/Santa Monica Breakwater H&K dollar from Jeff Shevlin for two reasons. One is that I went to Santa Monica frequently as a teen (body



surfing), and because the woman featured on the reverse looked very similar to my grandmother in this late 1920s photo from Santa Monica. The initials at the bottom of the reverse interested me, so I did some research about the medal. It was made by the Los Angeles Rubber Stamp Company, which made tokens for many businesses in Southern California. The L.A.R.S.CO. was founded in 1884, and in 1935 it changed its name to the Los Angeles Stamp and Stationery Company. It closed in 1964. The L.A.R.S.CO also made dog tags, police badges, and imitation coins used in the motion pictures: movie prop coins! This was mostly for silent movies from 1910-1924. Fast forward to this year's show- I was looking for tokens made for coin dealers or for coin manufacturers, and found this one made by (and for) the L.A.R.S.CO. The \$10.00 on the reverse and token color indicate this was what an imitation \$10 gold piece would look like!



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- Final thanks for show help go to everybody who worked at the front table with admissions and ticket sales- you did great. And finally, to Dave B and Rich W for working the two days at the RECC kids table. There were lots of happy kids (and parents) getting excited about coin collecting!



Can't make it to the April meeting in person? You can attend by Zoom and still be eligible for the Membership Gold Drawing!

Join Zoom Meeting:

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DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Tiffany S, Jeffrey S, Melissa E, Christin P, and Suzel B.

50:50 pot of \$96 was split with Gil M.

Raffle: Bill P, Rick S (twice), Bill S Sr., Martin F, Chris H (twice), Rusty D, Bill R, Helm J, David O, Tiffany S, and Dan C.

March Attendance: 60+

New Members: Brett W # 1077, Phil T # 1078, Mike C # 1079, Christine P (Hans' mom) #1080, and Suzel B #1081-

WELCOME!!!!

Guests: yes, there were several.

Auction: 49 exciting items.

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



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

April 12, 2026. Marin Coin Show. Best Western Novato Oaks, 215 Alameda Del Prado, Novato

April 26, 2026. Cupertino Coin Club Annual Coin Show. St. Joseph of Cupertino Church, 10110 N. DeAnza Blvd., Cupertino

July 17-18, 2026. Reno Coin Show. J Resort, 345 North Arlington Avenue, Reno

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 **April 8, 2026**— Charlie