



# THE DOUBLE EAGLE



Newsletter of the Fremont Coin Club

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Club meetings start at 7pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at the Fremont Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, California

*Annual Coin Show - Jul 27-28th 2013 @Fremont Elks*

## MARCH & APRIL 2013

### Spring Cleaning?

#### \*\*\* Club Meetings \*\*\*

**Apr 1st 2013** Board Mtg HTL Church

**Apr 9th** - regular mtg  
Speaker: Stan Turnini: "About Us"

**Apr 23rd** - regular mtg  
theme: Super Auction

**Apr 21-27th** - **National Coin Week** exhibits--see right-->

**May 6th** - Board Mtg HTL

**May 14th** - regular mtg  
Theme: Potluck

**May 28th** - regular mtg

**June 3rd** - Board Mtg HTL Church

**Jun 9th** - regular mtg

**Jun 25th** - regular mtg

#### \*\*\* Coin Shows/Events \*\*\*

**Apr 19-21st Santa Clara show Returns!** Santa Clara Convention Center, contact Scott Griffin

**Apr 26-27th Sacramento CC** Sacramento Valley Coin Club, Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento CA

**May 5th Vallejo CC Show** - Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Ln, Free adm & parking!

**June 2nd Sacramento Show** - Clarion Inn (**Macintosh**) (next to Sears) 1401 Arden Way Santa Rosa CA

**June 6-8th Long Beach Show** Convention Center, 100 S. Pine Ave Long Beach, CA

**Jul 26-27th Fremont CC Show** Fremont Coin Club, Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr.

**It's Spring.** Your corresponding secretary has been on extended travel for work, so we are combining the March and April newsletters. Here are some very important announcements from the board meeting:

**- Regular Prize drawing is Moving to right after the Break; just before the auction--Starts at March Meetings thru May:** The board has addressed the shortage in meeting ticket sales by moving up the prize drawing ahead of the meeting regular raffle. The Club is going to try this approach to see if it improves the regular meeting ticket sales; and, the FCC board will re-evaluate at the May board meeting for the June Meetings.

**- The Club is dropping All-Gold Prize drawing at May 14th Meeting (BBQ/Potluck) - keeping all Gold drawing for Holiday Party:** Because of the persistent high prices for gold and silver, the FCC board has decided to drop the all-gold prize drawing associated with the spring BBQ/potluck held on. We will have a regular silver prize drawing for that meeting. We will keep the all-gold prize drawing associated with the Holiday party. FCC board felt this was necessary to keep a balanced budget for the year.

**- FCC Show Raffle Tickets now available for check-out:** Please see Don Ehlers to check out your show raffle tickets. This is the major source of revenue for the club to sponsor all of the activities we do throughout the year. Each book earns the seller a copper medal. Two books earn the seller a free meal at the Installation Dinner in January.

**- National Coin Week is April 21st thru April 27th:** The club will be hosting member exhibits at the **Bank of the West near Lake Elizabeth/Central Park** (39533 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont, CA) again this year. **Set up is Monday April 22nd at 9am; tear down is the following Monday** (Apr 29th at 9am). The club has a limited number of display cases. Please see Briita Ehlers for more info

**- Coin Shows in June: Modesto** June 22-23 Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L St., (10th and K Streets) and **Concord** June 28-29 The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave Concord Ca.

*Lastly, Please note the very nicely written remembrance of our club's co-founder Ron Miller after page 4. Heartfelt words and important lessons about people and this hobby of ours. Thank You Stan Turrini for writing the article and forwarding it to me. Glad I could put that into this newsletter.*



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Meetings: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month. Annual dues: Regular \$5, Junior (under 18) \$2, Honorary (over 70) Free.

**CLUB Officers:** Bruce Caires, President; Dennis Pagano, Second Vice President; Matthew Wren, Jr Vice President; Briita Ehlers, Treasurer; Matt Hutchinson, Recording Secretary; Aaron Houston, Corresponding Secretary; Directors: Don Ehlers, Wanda Johnson, Dorothy Galovich-Call, Jonathan Chang, and Bob Lusk

## FEB MEETING NOTES

**Feb 12th 2013** regular membership meeting, theme was Valentine's day. Attendance 42 with 4 visitors. President Bruce Caires brought the meeting to order at 7:09pm. The bubble drawing was not won by member #527. Mike Jordan won the door prize, and he donated his proof set back to the club.. **Announcements:** Briita Ehlers reported that the 2013 budget was approved at the board meeting. Upcoming shows are scheduled in Santa Rosa, Cupertino, Livermore, Santa Clara, and Sacramento. Details of upcoming shows can be found in the club's Double Eagle newsletter. Bruce Caires announced that the prize drawing will occur before the auction starting in March. **Don Ehlers has books of tickets for the drawing at our annual Coin Show.** This is our main fundraiser for the year. Each book earns the seller a copper medal. Two books earn the seller a free meal at the Installation Dinner in January.

### Show and Tell:

**Ken Barr**-large cent counter-stamped with "W. W. Dexter"

**Bob Lusk**-currency and coins from Afghanistan that recently returned to the States with his Marine son

**Brian Perry**-overlooked a Russian kopek at an estate auction for being egregiously expensive

**Chuck White**-roll of Denali quarters (America the Beautiful series) from bank

**Bill Hurja**-bicentennial, type 1, double-clipped Ike dollar

**Matthew Wren**-copper-plated 1943 cent

**Jim Barton**-article about Canadians cancelling cent production, gold-plated 1854 large cent

**Steve Kramer**-2012 Livermore Valley Coin Club 50th anniversary medal, and 15th anniversary LVCC medal

**Gary Acquistapace**-50,000 escudos gaming plaque from Casino Estoril, Portugal without a serial number

**Rashel Wren**-VG 1556-1598 Peruvian raz depicting Philip II

**Briita Ehlers**-B. E. love token on an 1883 seated Liberty dime, and made into a pendant

**Bill Hurja won the show and tell drawing.**

After the social break, Bruce Caires conducted the members' auction of 14 lots, including two donation lots, with the help of Dennis Pagano. Our newly elected Junior Vice President, Matthew Wren, and Bob Lusk ran the items.

Prize drawing winners included Don Ehlers, Bruce Caires, Ray Kowalski (double winner), Barry Kean and Chuck Call

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.*

**Feb 26, 2013** Fremont Coin Club – regular membership meeting - Attendance: 38 with no visitors. Second Vice-President Dennis Pagano brought the meeting to order at 7:08pm. The bubble drawing was won by Wanda Johnson, who received two standing Liberty quarters. Richard Kelly won the door prize, a 1971 proof set. **Announcements:** Upcoming shows are slated in Livermore, Sacramento and San Jose. Briita Ehlers reminded us that **National Coin Week is April 21-27.** The club will once again be displaying exhibits at Bank of the West in Fremont. Setup is Monday, April 22, and teardown will be Monday, April 29. A few cases are available for the event by request. Lyle Okamoto has flyers available for upcoming coin shows.

### Show and Tell:

**Richard Kelly**-book authored by Nancy Oliver and himself about 1857 court case, where \$152,000 in gold was stolen from the San Francisco mint. Gold bars were eventually found under a house owned by mint coiner John Michael Eckfeldt.

**Bill Hurja:** handmade sorting box for coins, trinkets, etc

**Ken Barr**- \$5 "Where's George" note from Molala, OR

**Tony Yu**-token from dies he already owned, depression era "tip" token and dies, "Tips for slaves"

**Gary Acquistapace**-1954 Luxor gaming tokens with an Egyptian theme. Difficult to find without wear

**Rashel Wren**-Australian trench art bracelet with silver coins

**Matthew Wren**-1961 silver dime, 1964 silver dime, and 1956 wheat cent

**Chuck Call**-leaflet about cancellation of silver redemption from bank safe deposit box

**Lyle Okamoto**-copper medal from Cupertino coin club

**Howard Silsdorf**-mutilated cent from Coin Star reject slot

**Ray Kowalski**-2012 D Sacajawea dollar with new reverse

**Jim Barton**-Muir woods elongated cents - owl, redwood tree, etc; silver-clad medal with John Muir

**Ron Ikebe**-speculators' report on precious metals is a mixed bag

**Brian Perry**-1962 D Franklin half dollar from bank

**Chuck White**-2013 cents are released, samples were available

**Briita Ehlers**-Silver Moon Cafe & Pool Room 5 cent token from Cathlamet, WA; also nickel collection in plastic slab,

**Bill Hurja won the show and tell drawing for the second consecutive week.**

After the social break, Dennis Pagano conducted the members' auction of 15 lots, including one donation lot, with the help of Matt Hutchison.

Junior Vice-President, Matthew Wren, and Ray Kowalski ran the items. Prize drawing winners included Jim Barton, Don Ehlers, Bill

Hurja x2, Mary Roja and Barry Kean. *The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.*

## MARCH MEETING NOTES

**Mar 12th 2013** Regular membership meeting - Attendance: 39 with no visitors. President Bruce Caires brought the meeting to order at 7:11pm. The membership bubble drawing was won by Alan Sobaje, who received one standing Liberty quarter. Wanda Johnson won the door prize. Recording Secretary Matt Hutchison offered notes from the previous meeting. Announcements: Briita informed us about the new balance in the treasurer's report (see above). Bruce explained the change in meeting flow was due to low ticket sales for the prize drawing. Don Ehlers reminded us the Coin Show Prize Drawing tickets are available, with sale benefits. Lyle Okamoto has flyers for coin shows in Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. Upcoming shows will be held in Santa Clara, Sacramento, and Vallejo. See our club's Double Eagle newsletter for details. Briita reminded us about National Coin Week in April. Interested exhibitors should contact her.

### Show and Tell:

**Don Barsi**-Disneyland bicentennial medal, and Statue of Liberty medals in silver and bronze

**Mike Jordan**-block of four, green, 13 cent stamps from 1919, and a 50 cent zeppelin stamp, also green

**Wanda Johnson**-PR 2013 girl scout coin, fresh from the U. S. Mint

**Chuck Call**-1934 \$100, \$500 and \$1000 notes in a frame

**Ken Barr**-“WWII Finance” book on bonds, stamps and promotional materials of Canada & Newfoundland

**Matthew Wren**-1935 Ireland one shilling

**Geoff Wren**-1939 Ireland 2 shilling or florin

**Ed Caires**-VIA magazine ad for 1/10th ounce U. S. bullion coins for only \$172 each... YIKES!

**Brian Perry**-1937 S, 1962 D, 1964 P, and eleven 1967 half dollars from the bank

**Lyle Okamoto**-bank note from estate sale, 10 from Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China

**Gary Acquistapace**-1928 gold certificate \$10 & \$20, with gold seals

**Ed Sins**-holed 1835 large cent, ancient Mediterranean copper coin, Mare Island ferry token, English “BOVRIL” token, and 1863 “IOU 1 cent” Civil War token

**Vince Lacariere**-\$1,000,000 religious-themed, fantasy note with R. Hayes and G. Washington depicted, and Merchants Bank of San Francisco \$5 note from 1920, #14114

**Briita Ehlers**-1995 \$2 note, and 1994 Cuban 1 peso with enameled mallard duck and grass

**Brian Perry won the show and tell drawing for the second consecutive week.**

After the social break, **prize drawing winners included:** Ed Caires, Matt Hutchison, Dan Claassen, Mike Jordan, Jim Barton, and Don Barsi. Then, Bruce Caires conducted the members' auction of 12 lots, including one donation lot, with the help of Dennis Pagano. Junior Vice-President, Matthew Wren, and Ray Kowalski ran the items. *The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.*

**Mar 26th 2013** Regular membership meeting. Attendance 34 with no visitors. President Bruce Caires brought the meeting to order at 7:09pm. The bubble drawing was won by member #881 Chuck Call. Richard Kelly won the door prize. Announcements: Bruce Caires announced that the prize drawing will occur before the auction starting in March. Don Ehlers has books of tickets for the drawing at our annual Coin Show. This is our main fundraiser for the year. Each book earns the seller a copper medal. Chuck Call mentioned that he had raffle tickets for the Vallejo show's “silver dollar bonanza”.

### Show and Tell:

**Mike Jordan:** visited the Fragner's dealer table at a recent show, purchased an 1898 Portuguese coin from colonial India territories.

**Ed Caires Jr:** learned that he needs to pay closer attention to receiving his change at a fast-food drive thru, received foreign coins resembling the US quarter.

**Dan Claassen:** learned not to visit Livermore banks when searching for penny bulk boxes. The Penny King aka Chuck White has probably been there.

**Bob Lusk:** brought back some spring break treasures from Las Vegas, included a novelty \$1 bill from the Hoover dam + a medal.

**Bryan Perry:** shared he had some recent luck finding silver halves in bank rolls, but would not divulge his scouting area for banks.

**Ken Barr:** shared a nice National Bank Note series 1882 \$10 brown back

**Tony Yu:** noted this his friend while traveling found a vending machine where you can buy 1gram to 10oz bars of gold with a credit card.

**Lyle Okamoto:** shared a coin show find from the Sunnyvale Coin Show: a 1863 civil war token

**Matthew Wren:** shared a 20 centimes silver coin from Haiti.

**Ed Sinns:** shared an 1892 sime reverse impression onto a copper coin

**Jim Barton:** shared a bicentennial token from the History Channel

**Rashelle Wren:** shared a 2011 Peru Commemorative coin which celebrates the Nazca culture which existed before the Incas

*Briita shared some news from Sandy Jaekel who is now living in Houston Tx. Sandy sends her regards to the club.*

**WINNER: Tony Yu;** Prize Winners; Dennis Pagano, Ed Caires, Greg Pang, Dan Claassen, Bruce Caires, and Alan Sobaje. Bruce Caires auctioned 12 lots uction of 12 lots with the help of Dennis Pagano. Junior Vice-President, Matthew Wren, and Ray Kowalski ran the item; *meeting adjourned at 8:25*

# Coin photos from meetings in Feb. and Mar. 2013



# A very special tribute to our club co-founder Ron Miller



Good Morning, Monday, March 18, 2013

I felt compelled, even though it has been twenty years, nearly to the day, to write something to submit to NUMISMATIC NEWS, and its ViewPoint, or COIN WORLD, and its Guest Commentary, about the late 'Ron Miller', of whom all of you knew. It would also be submitted to the CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST and be included in NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Remember: Have Fun With Your Hobbies! Always Serve Others! Enjoy Your Collecting! And, Create Hope and Do Good! -----Michael S. Turrini

## RECALLING RON---GONE BUT STILL REMEMBERED

*"I Count Myself In Nothing Else So Happy, As In A Soul Remembering My Good Friends."----Shakespeare*

It has been two decades, since March 16, 1993, when Ronald Lee 'Ron' Miller was tragically murdered in his Fremont, California coin shop.

In the weeks following, there were tributes in various California periodicals and local newspapers, summing that Ron was an 'ambassador to numismatics', attending a coin show nearly every weekend, belonging to over fifteen (15) local coin clubs as well as national and specialty groups, serving as President of the Fremont Coin Club, San Jose Coin Club, and Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), as well as other positions. His most notable contribution was cofounding the Fremont Coin Club back 1971. In addition, he was a frequent speaker at local coin clubs, a generous supporter toward local coin club activities, and a staunch supporter of youth numismatics, plus a recognize authority in California tokens and Buffalo Nickels, which he once addressed as his niche.

While it has been twenty years, and many may not remember him, his presence is still felt. At Fremont Coin Club meetings, every once in a while, his name is mentioned, always in respect and reverence, among coin dealers who have been in the business for many years, his name is spoken in kindness and acknowledgement of his knowledge and enthusiasm for our hobby, and his famously labeled coin holders and flips still appear just as the day that he marked and staple these.

These are all good, and these speak of the legacy Ron left. His legacy is not just memories or his famous flit-tipped written wavy lined flips with that unique left hand writing; no it is greater lessons.

**Ron always preached quality. Buy and collect quality, not just the highest grade or best choice specimen, but, quality in the look and rarity.** His talks always punctuated that quality never deteriorates nor loses its luster and only earns value and enjoyment years afterward.

Ron always believed in service. The aforementioned short summary is "only-a-tip-of-the-iceberg" of his service. He committed himself to service in those groups that he joined and became active. He once remarked to this author that after a particular grueling ordeal at a local coin club board meeting he thought about quitting; I asked what he did: he returned to the next meeting and continued, rising to become its President.

Ron always encouraged others to participate and to contribute, not so much to replace him in a particular position or assignment, but to join in effort. He firmly believed and advocated, by his own example, *that one should be more than a dues-paying member: one should be a committed and contributing member.*

Ron always never forgot that family is first. With all his shop hours, weekends at shows, and regular cycle of meetings, family was first. Fred G. van den Haak still remembers that he and Ron would always talk about their families and children rather than a coin purchase. My late Mother never forgot Ron telephoning a message saying he could not attend an evening event since one of his children was quite sick, remarking as the dad, he had to be with his kid.

It is these qualities that endure, and among those dwindling number of acquaintances, customers, and friends there are other lessons left, a legacy: something now two decades later that lasts, and cannot be forgotten.

Words can recollect and recall. For those of us, who knew Ron, purchased coins from him, were associated in positions along side of him, and still remember that telephone call reporting his tragic passing, we cannot forget. It is in this spirit that this remembrance was written: to remind us that Ron was that 'ambassador to numismatics'.

To continue his legacy, in the immediate years after his passing, the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) established the 'Ron Miller Memorial Award', 'The Miller Medal', as it is named. This annual award has honored several Californian coin celebrants in its nearly two decades and is intended to instill and to inspire his example for decades yet to be.

*In the end, Bruce Lee once remarked that "The Key To Immortality Is First Living A life Worth Remembering."* Nothing speaks of his legacy plus more eloquently of Ronald Lee 'Ron' Miller.


--Michael S. Turrini

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