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AUGUST NEWS

There was a nice turnout for the August meeting, and we all got to wish Curtis and Ramona a happy 60th wedding anniversary! They were not at the meeting, but the wishes were still there—hope they were off celebrating somewhere. They were at the past meetings for their 58th and 59th anniversaries though.

We had a little business and went right into the show and tell. For the **September** meeting, the theme is "**TYPE SETS**". Bring in any numismatic-related type set, do a short talk, and receive four free raffle tickets.

We will also have our **6 Month Membership Gold Drawing**. For each meeting you have been to in the last 6 months, a wooden nickel with your membership number is put in the pot. One is drawn for a gold piece. You **MUST** be present to win.

SHOW AND TELL

Bob McL talked about 2 tokens. One is an aluminum 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition token showing the Golden Gate Bridge on the obverse and a train on the reverse. His father took him to that exposition. He also remembers going to the Sacramento train depot to see the new aluminum Streamliner



pictured on the token. He also had a token featuring 100 years of mining in the Shasta area, 1862-1962. His grandfather, father, and he were all born in the area.

Steven H collects 20 cent pieces, and has 6 of them in a grading set.



Lucky Larry M likes commemoratives, particular the Jefferson. It was Thomas Jefferson who was primarily responsible for creating our decimal system for coinage.



Laura Blatt also likes commemoratives, particularly the Louis Braille bicentennial dollar. His portrait is on one side. The other features a child reading Braille with Braille writing above him (pictured). Proceeds from the sale go to help literacy for the National Foundation for the Blind. Braille was born in 1809, blinded at a young age, and turned a military code system into Braille. Laura herself is the recipient of two separate cornea transplant, so this commemorative has special meaning.



- ☞ Mary Jo W has a collection of foreign currency from all her travels, including 4 bills from Mongolia
- ☞ Edwin H also likes commemoratives, and had one commemorating the former Portuguese settlement of Macao, which was ceded to China in 1989.
- ☞ Gary C talked about what he has found in Coin Star machines. They are the machines you bring your hoards of loose change to, and it is automatically counted (at a ~9% premium). Anything that doesn't match the correct metallic signal gets rejected, and most people just leave them in the hopper. Gary has found an occasional silver dime, a 1905 Indian Cent(that had been in a pendant), early wheat cents, and a 1944 English half pence

☞ Charley B has a full collection of Maria Theresa Thalers. Because they all are dated 1780, even though they are still minted. He told the story of her life (she died in 1780), and that the coin has been a stable 0.83 troy ounces of silver and used by many countries for exchange. Her daughter was Marie Antoinette.



☞ Glenn C found a note with a 'full house' in the serial number. What he had not seen was one with four of a kind in the serial number in the raffle ticket sales money. I bet he is good to play poker with.

☞ Willie Q likes to go to thrift shops, often to get Pendleton shirts. Recently he was at one and also spotted a clock with 1964 silver coins in it. He got more than his money's worth!



☞ Jim C bought a very nice collection of Nevada City coins in a custom display case.



- ☞ Dan M has a money clip with a 1921 Morgan dollar on it. The clip is a little loose, so it takes a *lot* of money to stay in the clip.
- ☞ Charles told how his father was originally from an area of France, but moved to Minnesota. He was a station agent there with a man names Sears(yes, *that* Sears). He used to save coins, and had a big bag full.....that was either lost or stolen.
- ☞ Irene C had no 'Show', but did have a 'Tell'. She talked about the 7/30/10 NorCal Show, thanked the members, especially Joe M— whose purchase of raffle tickets for the Junior members won a Silver Eagle!

☞ Lee G also thanked Joe for his continual support of the Junior Members

☞ Cherry B collects Morgan Dollars, and has finished the first Dansco Album, from 1878-1890!

☞ Jon Maria loves Australian coins, particularly the Kangaroo and Lunar series. She brought in the first of that series, for the Year of the Horse.



☞ Finally, Merle A brought in his 20 cent pieces. There are few series in American coins where you can purchase something with a mintage under 1000, and these fit the bill. They made just 600 in 1878, and Merle has them in Proof 62, 63, and 64! He has other dates as well. Wow!



CLASSIFIED ADS

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COINS I WOULD LOVE TO OWN (BUT CAN NOT AFFORD)

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It would be sooooo cool to own this 1876 CC 20 cent piece. Just because Merle doesn't....yet. Even though 10,000 were minted, they were all sent to the melting pot because the 20 cent coin was a failure. [Carson City was still distributing the 1875 CC coins when the '76 ones were being minted.] A few coins were saved by Carson City and sent back to Washington DC. There are fewer than 20 known specimens, 4 which were circulated. A MS-66 specimen sold at auction last year for \$450,000.



Oops, almost forgot. This is Laura and her Braille coin.



DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Philip A (our new member!), Harry D, Dan C, Lee G, Julie McL, and Jon Maria M

50:50 pot of \$100 was split with Lorenzo V.

Raffle: Lucky Larry M, Edwin H, Dan C, Dan C(the other one), Garry C, Jeannette, Jon Maria, Paul R (twice), Jack H (twice), and Andy S

August Members: 68

New Members: Philip A (# 806)- WELCOME!

Guests: Yes, several

Auction: 23 exciting items

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

There *will* be a **Junior Member** meeting in September.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for September: Cherry B, Bob K, Cal G., and Michael 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

October 3, 2010. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show. The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento

October 9-10, 2010. 13th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show. Diablo Numismatic Society. Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord

October 16-17, 2010. Delta Coin Club's 46th Annual Coin Show. Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

October 23, 2010. CSNA/NCNA "Coin Collectors Retreat". Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 743 Marin at Capital, in downtown Vallejo. Registration at 9, program at 10. Free!

November 14, 2010. Peninsula Coin Clubs 31st annual Coins and Collectibles Show. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

November 19-21, 2010. Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Expo. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions?
Let me know—573-1252.

See you September 8— Charlie

