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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

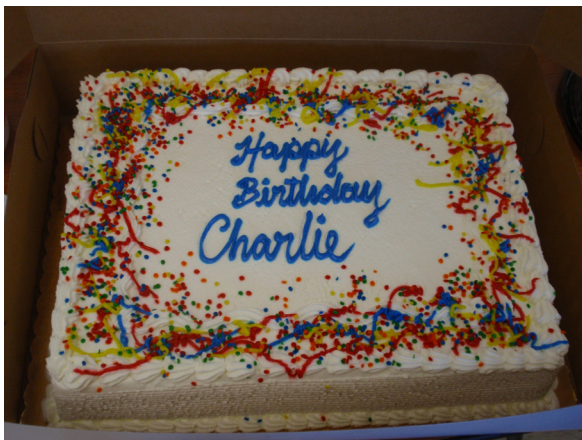
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## Viva la France!

Oui! We had another great meeting, and it happened on Bastille Day. That is the French equivalent of the 4th of July. In France, it is formally called **La Fête Nationale** (*The National Celebration*). It celebrates the storming of the notorious French prison known as the Bastille in 1789. It is seen as a symbol of a rising modern nation at the beginning of the French Revolution. And it is irrelevant that only seven politically insignificant prisoners were freed. Or that the gates of the prison were opened to avoid bloodshed, but a mob still attacked and 98 people died. It is the principal of the thing.

It also happened to be the birthday of yours truly. Thanks to the club for the birthday song serenade, and to Lee and G&G market for a delicious fruit basket cake.



We had a flea market at the July meeting, and tables were set up all around the periphery of

the room. Lots of interesting stuff for sale. We also had our annual Barbeque dinner. Delicious barbequed pork steak and chicken was brought in by the gang at G&G market, and members brought in lots of side dishes—which were snapped up quickly. Thanks to all who contributed.



We had two new members join: Bob F. (# 804), and Justin S. (# 805). Welcome!. And as typically happens, Bob's # was pulled first for the membership drawing! (Unfortunately he had left). We also have two new Life Members: Mike C (LM #58), and Rick S(LM # 59). Congratulations!

### AUGUST THEME

We will have **SHOW AND TELL** at the August meeting. Bring in any numismatic item, talk about it ( 3-4 minutes), and get 4 free tickets to the raffle! We did not get volunteers for goodies in August, so feel free to bring a snack if you can.

There wasn't anything else going on at the meeting, so I thought it would be nice to get some candid photos of hungry club members. Bon appetite!



## CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads may be placed by any club member, up to 2 per month. They run for two months. Buy—Sell—Trade—Want Lists OK. Notify Charlie at each meeting (or mail to club P.O. Box, or even call) to get your ad in

**BUYING COIN COLLECTIONS** large or small. Will travel. Frank Villalon 707-467-0250

**FOR SALE- PROOF SETS!** 1968, 1970-2002. **Silver PROOF SETS!** 92-94, 96, 98-2006. **Prestige PROOF SETS!** 1990, 1992, 1997. **MINT SETS!** Most dates from 1977-2006. Sell individually at 10% below 'Bid', or make an offer on the whole group. Call or see me at the club meeting— Charlie 573-1252

COINS I WOULD LOVE TO OWN  
(BUT CAN NOT AFFORD)  
#5



Many of you may recognize this fellow. He was **Black Diamond**, a buffalo or North American bison, housed at the Bronx Zoo. According to legend, he was the model for the US Buffalo nickel introduced in 1913, designed and sculpted by James Earle Fraser. He is also on this 1901 series \$10 note.

Black Diamond was born in 1893 of a bull and cow given to the zoo by Barnum and Bailey. He weighed 1550 pounds. He was a popular attraction at the zoo and was featured on the cover of the "Popular Official Guide to the Zoo York Zoological Park" in 1909. Sick and disabled at age 22, Black Diamond was put up for auction June 28, 1915. However, no bids were received. He was purchased for slaughter in a private sale for \$300 by a game and poultry dealer. He was slaughtered and "Black Diamond Steaks" were sold for \$2 a pound. A New York taxidermist, mounted Black Diamond's head and turned his hide into a then-fashionable 13-foot automobile robe.



## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership:** Gift O., Kurt G., Carman B., Mike M., Afsheen H., and Jonathan S.

**50:50** pot of \$150 was split with Curtis and Ramona

**Raffle:** Charley B (twice!), Chris N (also twice), Bob B., Jack H., Jim V., Curtis S., Mary Jo, Harry D., and Paul R (twice, of course)

**July Members: 61+**

**New Members:** Bob F (#804) and Justin (#805)- Welcome!

**Guests:** Yes, several

**Auction: 38 exciting items**

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

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for August were not done— volunteers are welcome.

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**

##### **July 31-Aug 1, 2010, NorCal Coin Show IX.**

Elk's Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway,  
Vallejo

##### **August 8, 2010. Sacramento Coin Show.**

Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacra-  
mento

##### **August 15, 2010. Fairfield Coin Club's 21st Annual Show.**

Fairfield Convention  
Center, 1100 Kentucky, Fairfield

##### **August 21-22, 2010. Fremont Coin Club 38th Annual Coin Show.**

Elk's Lodge, 38991  
Farwell Drive, Fremont

##### **October 3, 2010. Sacramento Valley C o i n 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 Ave  
nue, 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 Collecibles**

**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 August 11— Charlie

