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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## AUGUST NEWS

- ◆ Thanks to all of you who remembered we were to meet on the *third* Wednesday in August– it was a fun meeting.
- ◆ We will meet at our regularly scheduled *second* Wednesday in September.
- ◆ Congratulations to Jack F, who is a new Grandpa!
- ◆ Congratulations to Curtis and Ramona S on their 62nd wedding anniversary!
- ◆ Congratulations to Merle for being voted President of the Western States Token Society (WESTS).



- ◆ Steve H talked about a 1914 Half Eagle from his father. He had it because it was his birth year.
- ◆ Rich W talked about the new Canadian currency. It is very high tech and quite amazing. There are clear sections with holograms, nice colors, and other features that make it hard to counterfeit.



### SEPTEMBER GOLD

We will have our 6 month **Membership Gold Drawing** at the September meeting. For each month that you have been at our meeting, a wooden nickel with your membership number has been put into a pot for the monthly membership drawing. All of those are kept each month, so we will have 6 months of entries for the gold drawing. Yes, a gold coin ( or perhaps several!) will be given away. The more you came to meetings, the more chances you have of being drawn. **BUT**, you **must** be present at this meeting to win.

### SHOW AND TELL

- ◆ Jim D gave a nice talk. He brought in a chunk of metal, which was a piece of the Golden Gate Bridge. He talked about a 1939 medal from the Golden Gate International Exposition, as well as a spoon and other collectibles. He tied it in with his memories of the event, with a picture of him and his parents there in 1939!



- ◆ Philip A went on a numismatic tour of San Francisco with Willie Q. It included a tour of the collection at the Bank of America– including a nice Panama Pacific set; the Granite Lady; and a very nice collection at Wells Fargo, where they also sell S-mint Morgan Dollars.
- ◆ Willie Q also highly recommended the walking numismatic tour. See him or Philip for details if interested.
- ◆ David A proudly talked about the U.S. type set he is working on
- ◆ Lucky Larry M just received the two San Francisco anniversary sets with proof and reverse-proof eagles. To certify them together, they need to be submitted sight unseen in the unopened mint box!

- ◆ Jon Maria presented Joel M with the coin he won at the Fairfield Coin Show.
- ◆ Charlie C talked about a silver coin he found in a bunch of foreign coins. It was a florin from Australia. And it had a hole in it— another coin donated to the famous Willie Q Holey Coin Collection. The florin gets its name from Italian Fiorino, a derivative of flower. It was first tried as a gold coin in 1344 by Edward III of England. It was an attempt to have a gold coin of equal value to what was being used in Europe ( like when the U.S. produced the Trade Dollar for use in the Far East). Only it was under sized and under valued, so all of them were recalled and melted. Only 3 specimens exist today. The modern florin was started in 1849 and produced until Britain went to the decimal system. Its value was 2 shillings (or 24 pence), equal to 1/10 of a pound.



- ◆ Lee G talked about the 1944 steel cent. He was at the ANA Convention in Detroit in 1994 and was offered one for sale but did not buy it. The 1944 steel cent is more common than the 1943 copper cent. There was a lot of trouble with the dies cracking from the 1943 steel cents, that leftover planchets were used in 1944 to produce coins for Belgium. This history got Lee interested in foreign coins minted at our U.S. Mint. We have minted coins for 36 countries, and there are 782 known foreign coins minted. Many are quite hard to get. One particular coin Lee has been looking for was minted for Saudi Arabia. He was unable to get it at auction, but later found one just as good in the Chattanooga Coin catalog, and for less. This coin, which is more like a gold disc, was minted in 1947 on behalf of Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco), since gold was the only acceptable payment for oil royalties at the time.



- ◆ Mike C carries an Ike dollar in his pocket since scratching it while taking it out of its mint holder in 2005. It has worn down to ~Proof-30, and he plans to carry it around until just about worn smooth.
- ◆ Merle brought in his collection of “Good For” mirrors, mostly from the 1800s. They are essentially advertising buttons with a mirror on the back. They are very rare and hard to find. As only about 100 were made of each one, most were lost or destroyed over time so some remaining ones are unique. There is a book listing the known varieties and the number of known mirrors for each one. Merle had an interesting group to display. He also talked about fishing a small coin out of one of the change counters at a supermarket, thinking it might be a half dime. He ended up getting some skewers at the store to reach the coin, got it out, and it was a.....foreign coin. No treasure this time.

#### KIDS KORNER

Joel M led the Junior Meeting at 6 PM in August. There were 5 Juniors, and he talked about pennies and cents, and foreign coins. He also brought new coin books to the kids, which he purchased from Don Rinkor.

Joel will lead the Junior Meeting at 6 PM at the September Meeting.

#### Coffee, anyone?

Rose Fisher has graciously provided coffee at all our meetings. But on occasion she cannot make it. She would like one of you coffee aficionados to volunteer to be a back-up on occasion for our meetings. Please let her know at the next meeting, or see me

#### NEW LECTURE SERIES

Lee Gong will be giving an **ADVANCED COLLECTING** talk at the beginning of each meeting. He will begin at 6PM. This will be very interesting and informative, geared to all adult and advanced Junior members.

## **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

No new ads in months. Do you have a numismatic item to buy, sell, or trade? Ads in the newsletter are free!

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### **MORE CANADA!**

How cool is this! Maybe the Canadians aren't so Looney after all, eh.....



## **DRAWING WINNERS:**

**Membership:** Edwin H, Irene C, Celina M, Darren C, Kyle H, and Mike B

**50:50** pot of \$ 60 was split with Mike C— again!

**Raffle:** Gary C, Mike B, Edwin H, Willie Q, Bob K, Curtis S (twice), Jonathan S, Larry M, Jim D, Angela C, Harry D, Randon S, and Mike C

**June Members:** 42+

**New Members:** Sheila G (#840J), Trevor M (#841J), and Jed H (#842J)- WELCOME!!!

**Guests:** Yes, several

**Auction:** 18 exciting items

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



Volunteers for **refreshments** for September are any of you who did not bring something in August and want to help make the September meeting great. 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

**September 16, 2012. Livermore Valley Coin Club's Fall Coin Show.** Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore

**September 28-29, 2012. The Old S.F.Mint Coin Show,** San Francisco

**September 29, 2012. CSNA Annual Northern California Educational Symposium.** Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, Vallejo

**October 13-14, 2012. Diablo Numismatic Society 16th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show.** Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive (off Concord Avenue)

**October 20-21, 2012. Delta Coin Club's 47th Annual Fall Coin Show.** Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

**November 4, 2012. Peninsula Coin Club's 33rd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.** Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

**May 5, 2013. 41st Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show.** Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Callaghan Lane (off Tennessee Street at Interstate I-80)

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See you September 12, 2012— Charlie

