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MAY NEWS

Food, fun, and very little business. That is the way the May meeting went, and it worked. Thanks to all who brought goodies.

The JUNE TOPIC will be: **In Honor of D-Day and Flag Day**: bring in any numismatic item related to the military, veterans, or war-related item, give a talk, and win 4 free raffle tickets.

FAVORITE SILVER COINS

- ◆ Steve H brought the 20 cent pieces that he started collecting from the recommendation of Merle. He brought in his grading set. The 1878 Proof is his favorite of the series— only 600 were minted
- ◆ Kurt G has worked on a half dime grading set. One particularly nice example is his 1853 in AU 50—it had great toning.
- ◆ Bob K likes his proof silver Eagle. It is so shiny that you can shave off of your reflection in it
- ◆ Gary C has a new favorite. This year it is the Walking Liberty Half dollar. When he was young, his father put aside 50 cents a week for future education needs. Gary likes the majestic eagle carrying a pine branch with pine cones. Bet you didn't even know it had that!
- ◆ Phil A likes the 1936 S.F.-Oakland Bay Bridge commemorative. He bought one for a dear friend of his (who passed away shortly after), and is reminded of that friendship when he thinks of this coin. It was designed by Jacques Schnier, and was the only coin ever dedicated solely to the recognition of an engineering triumph.
- ◆ Berry P talked

about the Spanish milled or Pillar 'Dollar', which is the first coin pictured in the Red Book. Its value was 8 reales, but was often cut into pieces for change. Thus a quarter of the 8 reales would be 2 bits. Although minted for Spain, there were several locations in the Americas used to mint the coins. His was dated 1738 and was minted in Mexico City.



- ◆ Charlie B carries his favorite silver coin in his pocket. It is a 1993 1 ounce silver round he bought when he retired. Bought it at Jack Beymer's, Jack scratched his initials to confirm it was real, too!

- ◆ Jim C brought in 2 of the large 20 ounce silver bars from the Carson City Mint, stamped with cancelled CC dies and given away as drawing prizes (both were first place drawing prizes!).



- ◆ Lucky Larry M likes the 3 cent silver coin. The denomination was chosen to help people pay for postage, which was 3 cents apparently (a lot of money back then).
- ◆ Rich W brought in his favorite silver, 2005 Commemorative Dollar for the 230th Anniversary of the Marine Corps. It features the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima, and it counts as his coin for next month's topic as well.
- ◆ In November of 2009 Merle began collecting 20 cent coins. It was an obscure denomination not often collected and hard to find. Much of this is because of low mintages. The 1875-S had 1,155,000 minted, 1875-CC had 133,290, and all the other dates under 40,000. He has a grading set of the 1876 dates. The question arose as to why such an odd denomination was even minted? In reality, it was because of the surplus of silver from the Comstock load.
- ◆ Glenn C thinks the silver Eagle is the most beautiful design, and likes his 2012 issue.
- ◆ Joel M thinks the 2011 Reverse Proof Silver Eagle is awesome!



KIDS CORNER

Save your Canadian Pennies

Canada struck its last penny on Friday May 4. The Royal Canadian Mint in Winnipeg coined the final penny ending 150 years of production. The pennies were costing 1.6 Canadian cents to make. The mint will continue to distribute remaining coins in its inventory through the fall. After that, it will start recovering the coins and melt them down. As of 2007 there were approximately 20 billion pennies in circulation. The Canadian penny was introduced in 1858. It was one-inch wide and 100 coins equaled one pound in weight.. The modern slimmed down version was introduced in 1920 after the price of copper rose sharply. Info from the WSJ dated May 4

Next junior meeting is 13 June at 6:15 sharp!
Rich W



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

WANTED: Merle Avila would like to buy your “Good For Tokens” that have the name of a town on them from anywhere in the USA. Please call: Days- 707-585-3711;

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Need to plug that hole! Kurt has a 1918/7-D Buffalo Nickel “For Sale”. It is an Acid Date treated coin, but the over date is clearly visible. The asking price is \$195. Not bad considering G-4 condition are going for \$1,000 plus. Call Kurt at 415-302-4694 or email at kq@ginterinv.com.”

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Bob T, Riley R, David L, Joel M, Kent M, Randon S

50:50 pot of \$ 109 was split with Jim C

Raffle: Jack H, Mike C, Gary C, Bob B (twice), Katie Pratt (three times), Willie Q, Joel M, Randon S, Jack H, Jonathan S, and Rich W

May Attendance: 51+

New Members: Norman E, # 832, and Katie P # 833J– WELCOME!

Guests: Yes, several

Auction: 34 exciting items

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

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for June are all of you who would like to bring a dessert– we forgot to ask for volunteers...again.

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

June 24, 2012. Alameda Coin Club Show.

Alameda High School Gym (Oak Street at 2200 Central Ave), Alameda

July 14-15, 2012. Stanislaus County Coin Club's Modesto Coin and Collectible Show.

Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street (10th and K Street), Modesto

July 28-29, 2012. Fremont Coin Club's 40th Annual Coin Show.

Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

August 12, 2012. 22nd Annual Coin Show, Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky Street, Fairfield

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

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

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions?
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See you June 13, 2012— Charlie

