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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## JUNE NEWS

### THIS AND THAT

- Good news: we have reserved the same meeting place for the next year. Bad news (maybe): we have not been told how much the rent will be.....
- Willie Q has shirts from the ANA (American Numismatic Association, which *all* of you should belong to). They were originally \$25, and are available for only \$10. They came from a Canadian coin show the ANA was at, and they are an error (maybe Lee will want one), spelled 'Numistatic' Association. Hmmm.
- Phil A is going to Charleston to see the exhibit of the confederate submarine Hunley, and offered to get replicas of the \$20 gold piece found with the captain. Cost to club members was \$10
- In **July** we will have a **FLEA MARKET** from 6-7, before the meeting. Anyone may set up a table to sell numismatic items.
- Also in July, it will be our annual **BBQ Steak Dinner!** For only \$5, you may have either a tender juicy pork steak or barbequed chicken. **Please bring a side dish or dessert** to share. As always, there will be cold beverages available.

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### IF YOU HAD UNLIMITED FUNDS, WHAT WOULD YOUR FANTASY COLLECTION BE?

This turned out to be an interesting presentation by the members who shared their dreams. I figured most would just want one of everything like I initially did. But read on.

- ◆ Jim C already has it, but his collection is a complete set of Kennedy half dollars, including error varieties. He talked about the rarest (which he has in the highest known grade): a 1977 D half minted on a 1976 40% silver

planchet. Those planchets were for the bicentennial half sets, but got stuck in the hopper and ended up being used for the 1977 production.

- ◆ Steven H would like a sample of all the proof 20 cent pieces made, in high grade. And one of everything else.
- ◆ Curtis S set a goal in 1959 of obtaining a complete type set of Mexican gold, which he showed us in a holder. He would love to own a 1933 St. Gaudens \$20 gold piece, and own the complete series.



- ◆ Phil A would love to own a set of Standing Liberty coins in high grade. He also would like a set of all the English gold sovereign coins, starting with the 1817 George III sovereign. This was the first to feature Benedetto Pistrucci's design of St. George and the Dragon.

- ◆ Joseph M has a 50,000,000 coin from Germany, and would like to have that much in today's current value (photo next page)



◆ Gary C would love to own ALL the Seated Liberty dimes, including the unique 1873 CC no arrows. It would also be fun to corner the market on a rarity, like owning all the 1894-S dimes.



◆ It was good to see Charley B at the meeting. He talked about his fantasy: Hawaii. It was once known as the Sandwich Islands, after the Earl of Sandwich, then was the Kingdom of Hawaii. They produced coins for the kingdom, minted by the US. Charley has the silver samples, but the copper cent is hard to get. There was also an unofficial nickel and a 1/8 dollar pattern. In 1900 Hawaii became a U.S. territory, and what was once legal tender now became void. So the remaining coins were gathered and melted down, which is why they are rare.



◆ Mike C's grandfather went to Hawaii in 1907 and recalled the coins then. Mike relayed the family story of a remote tie-in to a revolt long ago, resulting in his family relocating here in the Bay Area. Mike would like having one of every coin type. He would also like a sample of the 1964 Peace Dollar. 300,000 specimens were initially minted, but congress did not like all the speculation on it and

nixed the idea. Apparently there had also been consideration of a 1964 Morgan Dollar. All the 1964 Peace Dollar specimens were allegedly melted, though there are rumors some may still exist. And since the original Peace Dollar die hubs had been destroyed, new ones would have had to be made. So no one is even sure what the portrait looked like.

◆ Rich W e-mailed me with his wishes. Given no budget limitations, it was a collection of member collections housed in a brand new facility located in the Redwood Empire as follows:

1. Designed by Avila Architects incorporating existing natural surroundings to the maximum extent possible
2. The collection would consist of all of the dream collections of all RECC members
3. The facility would be called The Redwood Empire Coin Club and Convention Center (RE4C)
4. There would be facilities for shows (at least 100 dealers), meeting rooms, cooking and eating areas, and administrative offices
5. There would be a "vault floor" similar to the Jewelry Center in San Francisco where each member would have a private space and an area for display and/offers coins for sale
6. The center would have ample enclosed parking with all suitable security
7. His own display would simply consist of first, last, and key coins of each series of coins contained in the Red Book (beginning with the Liberty Cap Half Cent of 1793).

◆ Charlie C would love to have unlimited funds to obtain one of each important ancient coin. A recent purchase is an example: a sample of an electrum coin from King Alyattes of Lydia, who lived from 610 to 561 BC. He was the first ruler to have his name inscribed on a coin. It is inscribed as "WALWET". There are actually a few scholars left who can read ancient Lydian (right to left). The other thing he emphasized is not just the desire to collect the coins, but the opportunity to hold that piece of history in your hands and learn about it. Whether it is an ancient or a modern coin, take the opportunity to learn about the coin, the designer, the history behind it, etc, and share that information.



This photo is of a better sample than mine, but you can see the lion on the left and the inscription with the king's name

## 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

**CASH** paid for coin collections, will travel. I have been buying coins for 58+ years. Frank Villalon 707-467-0250

**FOR SALE:** Beautiful uncirculated 1 ounce 2009 gold American Eagle at spot price plus \$50. Call Steve K. at 548-0839



**FOR SALE:** 1903-S US Half Eagle, XF, \$450 or best offer. Call Steve K at 548-0839



This is a 1901-S Half Eagle

### Show and Tell (continued)

- ◆ Frank V gave away 1796 quarters (which were reproductions of the original), with an advertisement for his coin business on the reverse. The real deal would have been nicer :-))
- ◆ David A would like a full type set of US gold coins, including fractionals. He would also like to see a full set of our current modern coins minted in gold (not like the gold plated set Glenn C has)
- ◆ Merle would like to own all the 1876 CC 20 cent pieces. And maybe throw in some of the gold stellas as well for good measure.



## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership:** Harry D, Laura B, Charlie C, Steven E, David A, and Claude F

**50:50** pot of \$ 90 was split with Ellen R

**Raffle:** Charlie C, Curtis S (twice), Jon Maria M, Jonathan S, Glenn M, Jack H (twice), Charley B, Gary C, Harry D, Jerry St. G, Edwin H

**June Members Present:** 55+

**New Members:** Patrick R (#870J), Harold's grandson

**Guests:** Tim; Bruce; Steven H's daughter, and Jonathan S's friend Steven from Florida

**Auction:** 48 of exciting items

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

**Total Club Members: 165**

Volunteers for **refreshments** for July are everybody bringing a side dish or dessert for the Barbeque Steak Night— thanks!

**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.

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 27-28, 2013. Fremont Coin Club 34th**

**Annual Show.** Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

### **August 11, 2013. Annual Fairfield Coin Show.**

Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky St.

### **September 6-8, 2013. Santa Clara Coins and**

**Collectibles Show.** Santa Clara Convention Center

### **September 22, 2013. Livermore Valley Coin Club**

**Fall Coin Show.** Elk's Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore

### **September 28, 2013. CSNA Annual Northern**

**California Educational Symposium.**

Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum,  
734 Marin at Capital, Vallejo

### **October 12-13, 2013. Diablo Numismatic Soci**

**ety's 17th Annual Coin Show.** Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive (off Concord Ave)

### **October 20, 2013. Delta Coin Club's 49th Annual**

**Coin Show.** Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

### **November 3, 2013. Peninsula Coin Club 34th**

**Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.**

Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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See you July 10— Charlie

