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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## JUNE NEWS

We had a great attendance at the June RECC Meeting. Thanks to all who brought desserts, they were enjoyed by all.

The July meeting will be our annual **BBQ DINNER NIGHT!** Fresh **grilled pork steaks** and **chicken** from the chefs at G&G Market for just **\$5 per person**. For those who did not bring a dessert in June, please bring a dessert or a side dish for the July meeting. The rest of you may also bring something if you wish.

We will also have a **Flea Market** from 6 to 7, so anyone can bring items (numismatic, of course) to buy, sell, or trade. There is no discussion topic, but feel free to bring a show-and-tell for the meeting.

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There will NOT be a CSNA Show in July due to lack of staff to run the show.

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Bill G talked about his upcoming show at the end of June.

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Merle talked about an upcoming auction through Heritage. On June 23 will be Part 1 of the Eugene Gardner Coin Collection sale. These are the best of the best of the best, coins in incredible mint and proof state. The catalog alone is probably an excellent collecting guide for reference, since the coins are going to be *VERY* expensive.

### MY FAVORITE SILVER COIN

◇ Merle started out the discussion by reading a passage about Carrie Nation. She was a militant woman fighting to abolish alcohol, and was known to enter bars with an axe and really bust things up. She used to give away little souvenir axes to support her cause. She once took a train to Chattanooga, and went to the Stag Hotel on 834 Market Street. "The Stag" was men-only bar, but she managed to get in—but didn't break it apart. Merle related the whole story about it. Then he mentioned he was at a bottle show a week before our

meeting, and found a Sebastopol bottle he wanted. Inside it was....a souvenir axe from Carrie Nation! He got to keep it as part of the bottle purchase price. One side featured her portrait on the axe blade with "Ax of all Nations", while the handle had the date 1901 and "Cut out the Whiskey". The other side was a store advertisement "Buy Laurel Stoves and Ranges" from the Art Stove Co, Detroit Mich.



◇ Bill S talked about the U.S. Silver Eagle. The Reverse Proof is his favorite of the varieties. There is talk of a new eagle design on the reverse.



◇ This is also a favorite of Dave A.

- ◇ Phil A likes the 2010 Britannia 2 pound proof coin. Even the box it came in is pretty nice. Britannia made her debut on British coins in the reign of Charles II. In many guises – as Warrior Queen, Queen of the Seas, peacemaker and defender of the realm – Britannia has graced the coinage of every British monarch since.



- ◇ Will C remembers his favorite coin when growing up in England, a half crown. Much to his chagrin, he found out silver was phased out in 1947. His favorite coin is a 1708 shilling of Queen Anne that was minted in Edinburgh. The 1707 Treaty of Parliaments joined England and Scotland together as a single realm. Sir Isaac Newton, the English mintmaster, delivered the dies for coins to be minted in Edinburgh for 1707-1709. Since then, no British coins have been minted in Scotland. But there is an upcoming vote to see if Scotland will become independent once again and begin minting its own coins. Will's coin is distinguished by the "E" mintmark below the bust of Queen Anne. The shields on the reverse feature both the English and the Scottish lions, since both were now incorporated into the national coat of arms. One final note: Anne had 17 children, but none survived to rule after her. The next was King George of the House of Hanover.

- ◇ Zach S likes the 1925 California Diamond Jubilee Commemorative, celebrating the 75th Anniversary of our statehood.



- ◇ Christine S likes medallic art. As a kid growing up with a dad who was a coin collector (Guy S, Life Member #5), she always got coins for her birthday. If it was a medal, it usually had someone's face on it— but she likes the artistic ones. She brought in two to show. The rectangular one below is titled "After the Absence", and was probably related to returning home from World War I.

- ◇ George W likes the Standing Liberty Quarter. He has the 1917 and 1918 dates. He discussed why there was no particular reason to cover her bare breast with chain mail for the Type 2 variety.



- ◇ Charlie C (that's me!) carried on from his discussion of English sixpence at the last meeting. My favorite silver is a sixpence of Oliver Cromwell. King Charles I ruled until 1649, when he was beheaded and a Commonwealth took over. Oliver Cromwell was the leader, known as 'The Great Emancipator'. A limited number of coins with his portrait– wart and all– were minted starting 1656. There are fewer than 25 Cromwell sixpence known, and I am lucky enough to own one. It was minted in 1658, and he died later that year. His son was an ineffectual leader and not capable of continuing the Commonwealth, so King Charles's son returned from exile in France to become King Charles II.



## 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

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- ◇ Steve H loves the 1878 20cent piece, but just cannot afford it!
- ◇ Glenn C remembers the King George shilling from Cyprus when he was a kid. Worth 14 cents at the time, it could buy 2 shish-key-bobs and a beverage
- ◇ Merle brought in 3 coins: 1858 3 cent silver Proof; 1877 Proof 65 *Cameo* (PCGS) 20 cent—an incredibly well struck and beautiful coin; and a 1902 Wells Fargo so-called dollar, given to each employee at the time to celebrate 50 years in business. It has a lot of detail, as you can hopefully see from the photo.



## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership:** Matthew R, Bill S, David A, Angelo C, Cal G, and Jim C

**50:50** pot of **\$176** was split with Jeremiah

**Raffle:** Mike B, Randon S (twice), Edwin H, Jon Maria M, Loyal S (twice), Mike C, Bill C, Glen M, Joel M (twice)

**June Members Present:** 68+

**New Members:** Mathew and Amanda R (#s 900 and 901), David R ((#902) and Zane C (#903). Noah K (#731J) also rejoined- WELCOME!

**Guests:** several

**Auction:** 47 of exciting items

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

### KIDS KORNER

Rich will be out of town during the July meeting. Juniors are free to shop the flea market which will be set up prior to the adult meeting. Joel will sit at the junior table and will be available to help the juniors in any way that he can.

### 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.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for July are for everyone who did not bring a dessert in June to bring either a dessert or side dish— 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**

**June 27-28, 2014. East Bay / Concord Coin Show.** The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord.

**July 26-27, 2014. Fremont Coin Club's 42nd Annual Show.** Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

**August 10, 2014. Fairfield Coin Club 25th Annual Coin Show.** Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky (off Pennsylvania), Fairfield

**September 26-27. North Bay / Santa Rosa Coin Show.** Flamingo Resort Hotel, 2777 Fourth Street, Santa Rosa.

**October 10-11, 2014. Contra Costa Coins and Collectibles Show.** New location: Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek

**October 18-19, 2014. Delta Coin Club's 50th Annual Coin Show.** Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

**November 2, 2014. Peninsula Coin Club's 35th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.** Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

**November 14-15, 2014. South Bay / Sunnyvale Coin Show.** The Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale.

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See you July 9— Charlie

