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JULY NEWS

You know there is a lot of good food at one of our coin club meetings when the room gets quiet – everybody is busily eating. Thanks to the chefs at G&G Market, we had delicious BBQ pork steaks and chicken with lots of side dishes/desserts provided by club members (thanks for sharing). We did not take names for goodies for August, so if you can bring something it would be appreciated.

Bill G talked about the Concord Coin Show in June. There was a 6% increase in attendance, a nice reflection on the economy (we hope). There was a Club-member only drawing at the show, and someone from our club won two gold nuggets– Jon Maria M!

Joel M attended the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, and said it was an excellent learning opportunity. He took the course on modern minting and errors. Rodney M Jr had won a scholarship to the seminar as well (there were two separate weeks when it was held).

The theme for **August** is going to be a new one for us: : **My Favorite 50 cent Coin.** This should be really interesting with the large variety of standard and commemorative coins, even a few in gold. Bring yours in, talk about it, and get 4 free raffle tickets.

FATHER'S DAY MEMORIES

- ◆ Guy S talked about one of his favorite sets, featuring a cent and a half cent both minted in 1794. That is when the father of our country, George Washington, was around. Who knows, he may have even spent one of the cents somewhere. Guy's father was born in 1910 and was French Canadian. Guy also has 1910 5 and 10 cent pieces that remind him of his dad.



- ◆ Charlie C was so busy taking down notes that he forgot to tell about a coin that reminded him of his dad. His dad grew up on a ranch in Santa Barbara, and he was given a nickel for each gopher he trapped (because gopher holes were dangerous to cattle). Charlie was given about 10 of those nickels, which were all Liberty nickels in BU condition– Beat Up and Butt Ugly. So several years ago at one of our shows there was a very nice 1883 Liberty Head Nickel in a dealer's case for sale. This was the first year of issue, the "V" cent that was sometimes gold-plated and passed off as a \$5 gold piece. The nice thing about it was the coin had been from the Eliasberg collection, arguably the finest collection of U.S. coins ever. Apparently Eliasberg had rolls of some coins, so this was not expensive. But there is one interesting feature. If you look carefully, the stars to the left of Liberty are weak, and the lettering to the left of the V are weak. This coin has a planchet error. It probably was punched from the end of a roll, and one side was thinner (the weakness is on the same side of the coin).



- ◆ Finally, Keanu remembers his father (who passed away this year) showing him a \$20 gold piece, which he really liked. So here are some \$20 gold pieces to keep that memory alive.



This largest denomination of regular U.S. issues was authorized to be coined in 1849. There is 1 pattern from that year, in the Smithsonian Museum. Minting started in 1850 in Philadelphia and New Orleans, and in 1854 in San Francisco. There was no "In God We Trust" motto until 1866.



The 'motto above the eagle' coins were minted until 1907. Carson City started minting them in 1870, and Denver did so in 1906.

Then in 1907 there was a major change in design, brought about by a collaboration with President Theodore Roosevelt and sculptor August St. Gaudens (who sadly died of cancer soon after the design was completed). There were slightly more than 12,000 of them minted initially in high relief. The date 1907 was in Roman numerals (MCMVII).



Because of minting difficulties and other issues, the relief was reduced, and the flat-relief coins were minted from later in 1907 until 1933. The date was in Arabic numerals like we use today. There were 445,500 1933 double eagles minted in 1933, but nearly all were melted down. One was sold at auction in 2002 for \$7,590,020. There were ten of them from the family of a Philadelphia man, but the U.S. government confiscated them. It is unsure if they still exist or were also melted.



Did you know:

- ◆ Liberty holds a torch in her upheld right arm symbolizing enlightenment, and an olive branch in her outstretched left arm— a symbol of peace
- ◆ There are different leaves at her foot (looks like oak— hopefully not poison oak).
- ◆ The U.S. Capital building is in the lower right corner.
- ◆ 46 stars circle the obverse
- ◆ President Roosevelt requested that the motto "In God We Trust" *not* be placed on the coin, feeling that it's placement on coins was a debasement of God's name, as the coins might be spent to further criminal activities. It was later added.



- ◆ Two more stars were added in 1912 with the addition of New Mexico and Arizona to the Union. The existing stars were not adjusted in position, the new stars



were just added to the outcrop of rocks and leaves in the lower right section of the design.

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.



Here is my favorite Commemorative Half Dollar. I do not own one..... yet. It should be fun seeing what each of your favorites are.

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Jasmine M, Bill G, Carson K, Wendell B, Andy O, Mike C, Gary C, and Lucky Larry M

50:50 pot of \$108 was split with Tiffany S

Raffle: Guy S, Glen M (three times!), Tiffany S, Jack H, Ken F, Loyal S (twice), Bill R, and Jon Maria M (twice)

July Members Present: 56 +

New Members: none

Guests: several

Auction: many exciting items

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

KIDS KORNER

I am back in town and ready for a junior meeting in August. I will let the juniors pick the subject for the night. As long as we can find the coin in "the Red Book"

Also Bob and I will be fishing before the meeting in British Columbia and we always look for new Canadian coins to bring back.

See you at 6:15 sharp!
Rich W

Volunteers for **refreshments** for August are any of you who can bring something to share. 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

August 7, 2016. Fairfield Coin Club 27th Annual Coin Show. Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown) 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania

September 17, 2016: 3rd Annual CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC SEMINAR. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin (at Capital in downtown Vallejo)

September 18, 2016. Livermore Valley Coin Club 5th Annual Fall Coin Show. Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore

September 30-Oct 1, 2016. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show. Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento

October 7-9, 2016. Diablo Numismatic Society 20th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show. Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek

October 15-16, 2016. Delta Coin Club 52nd Annual Coin Show. Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

October 22-23, 2016. Fresno Coin Club annual Coin Show. Las Palmas Masonic Center, 2992 E. Clinton Avenue, Fresno

November 6, 2016. Peninsula Coin Club 37th 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 August 10— Charlie

