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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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Next Meeting: September 13, 2017

## BACK TO BUSINESS AS USUAL

Well, we had our 800th meeting in July, so we got back to our normal routine for this month's meeting. It will be more than 8 years before our 900th meeting, but there will surely be other things to celebrate before then.

Happy 67th Anniversary to Curtis and Ramona S! They weren't at the meeting as they usually are for their anniversary, so we hoped they were doing something fun.

Due to significant cost increases for the club, we will have to raise the cost of dues for next year. It will now be \$10 per year for adults, and \$5 per year for kids. It has been at least 20 years since dues were increased, and hopefully this will help keep our budget from shrinking so fast.

The A.N.A. gave Merle a call. Someone read an article he wrote about the Senate Saloon in Santa Rosa in the California Numismatist, and the A.N.A. asked to publish it in their national journal The Numismatist. He agreed, and it was published in the August edition! Charlie C will have an article reprinted in The Numismatist for the September edition.

### SEPTEMBER TOPIC

The topic for September is **GOLD**. Bring in a *numismatic* gold item (or just talk about one), and get 4 free raffle tickets. It will also be our 6 month **Membership Gold Coin Drawing** as well. For every meeting you attended over the last 6 months, you will be entered in this drawing for a chance to win a gold coin (or 2 or 3). You **MUST** be present to win though.

It will also be **DESSERT NIGHT!** Those of you who did not bring goodies to eat for the August meeting are requested to bring a dessert to the September meeting to share with the club, if you can—**THANKS!**



### CURRENT NUMISMATIC COLLECTIONS

- ◆ Gary C started off the show and tell. He has been saving bottles, cans, and paper for recycling, and with the proceeds has been buying British gold Sovereign coins. He now has 48 of them, with his favorite being an 1820 sovereign. He remembers paying as little as \$30 for them (I remember buying one for \$11 in the 1960s), and they have appreciated quite a bit over the years. This may be Gary's last meeting here for a while, as he will be moving to Arizona soon (where there isn't nearly as much recycling, unfortunately). We all wish him the best, and hope to see him again.



- ◆ Phil A has a new passion, collecting exhibition medals. He already had an 1893 Chicago World Columbian Exposition and a 1939 Panama Pacific medal. His most recent acquisition was an 1894 California Midwinter International Exposition medal. The expo was held in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. His medal was in BU condition— beat up and butt ugly, really bad. And a good reason to look for a better one for the collection. The obverse features the state seal, the reverse shows five building from the expo.

- ◆ Guy S likes Type Sets. One of his interesting sets is of Brazilian counterstruck and overstruck coins. For his Canadian type set, he has all the coins but one very rare dollar



- ◆ Rich W goes to Canada yearly to go fishing. He completed his collection of Canadian large cents. In 1920 Canada transitioned to a small cent, and Rich is looking for the final 2 dates of his King George V small cents set.
- ◆ Georgia M collects Proof Sets, usually ones from a year of significant meaning. She really likes the Canadian 1967 Centennial designs: 1 cent-rock dove; 5 cent-rabbit; 10 cent-mackerel; 25 cent-bobcat; 50 cent- howling wolf; 1 dollar- Canada goose. There was also a \$20 gold piece issued only in a 7 coin set for collectors that year.



- ◆ David A loves Kennedy halves in mint state
- ◆ Mike M decided to collect Liberty nickels, starting with a 1904 MS 63 V nickel, and has 2 others in mint state- and only needs 30 more to complete the set (in MS63-65).
- ◆ Mike C is collecting Washington Quarters, starting with the hard dates first, finding some good prices for mint state coins.

Charlie C collects English sixpence, and has one from each English king and queen. The next logical step is to collect sixpence coins minted in the British New World. There are seven that come to mind, and he brought in two of those. The first coins minted in North America in 1616 were from Somers Island, better known as Bermuda. A few copper sixpence from there survive, but are very costly. They are known as Hogge Money, or Hoggies, because of a hog on the obverse. Massachusetts produces the 'New England' coinage in 1652, and 8 sixpence are known (and also very expensive). Following those were the Willow Tree coins (only 14 known), then Oak Tree and Pine Tree coins (a bit more plentiful).

What Charlie did bring is a Lord Baltimore sixpence, circa 1659. George Calvert, the first Lord Baltimore, established a trading company in New England for the English crown. For that and other services, King Charles I granted him a charter making him sole Lord Proprietor of 10 million acres to later become Maryland (named after queen Henrietta Maria). After he died, his son Cecil Calvert inherited the property and near absolute control. He assumed coining rights were included, and ordered shillings, sixpences, and groats (fourpences) to be minted at the Royal Mint in London and samples were shipped to Maryland. There was a brief challenge to this minting. Most of the coins eventually vanished, and Maryland reverted to a barter economy. In 1706 the colonial legislature passed an act making hemp (*Cannabis sativa*, or marijuana) a staple crop and legal tender at sixpence per pound in payment of 25% of any debt. The rest would be payable in tobacco or other legally valued crops.

Calvert's coins bear his portrait on the obverse with a Latin legend calling him "Lord of Mary's Land". The reverse bears the family coat of arms and denomination in Roman numerals. About 45-50 sixpences are known to exist; nearly half that quantity being discovered in a small hoard and offered for sale in London in 2002.

Charlie's other sixpence was a 1783 Chalmers sixpence. John Chalmers was a silversmith who struck a series of tokens at Annapolis in 1783 because of a shortage of change and the refusal of the people to use underweight cut Spanish coins, of 'bits'. There are fewer than 75 know examples of this coin.

Baltimore sixpence



## 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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Save postage! Save a letter carrier's feet! Let us know if you would like to receive this by e-mail rather than by snail mail. See Charlie C or Lee G at the meeting. Thanks!

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(more show and tell)

- ◆ Finally, Merle is working on a set of proof Barber coins— all 72 of them (in all denominations, and all Proof 64+). He only needs 53 of the dates still, and brought the ones he has to show the club.



## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership:** Bill C, Harold R, Cal G, Claude F, Charlie C

**50:50** pot of \$126 was split with Jon Maria M

**Raffle:** Andy S, Bill R, Gary C, Harold R, Mike B, George C, Glenn M (twice), Edwin H, Jon Maria, and Steve M.

**GOLD Raffle:** a 2013 1/10 ounce gold American Eagle won by Bill R

**August Attendance:** 60+

**New Members:** William K, # 946— WELCOME!

**Guests:** yes

**Auction:** 44 exciting items

### KIDS KORNER

At the August meeting, new members Justin and Emma selected items of their choosing. Justin is collecting State and National Park quarters. Emma made up an album of foreign coins.

I will ask Guy S to hold the September meeting as I will be out of town. New and old members see Guy at the back table at 6:15.  
Thanks—— Rich

Volunteers for **refreshments** for August are for all who did not bring something in August to bring a dessert 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

**October 21-22, 2017. Delta Coin Club's 52nd Annual Show.** Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

**November 5, 2017. Peninsula Coin Club's 38th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.** Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

**February 16-17, 2018. Redwood Coin Club's 50th Annual Coin Show.** Sonoma County Fairgrounds' Finley Hall, Santa Rosa

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See you September 13— Charlie

