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SHOW AND TELL

The June RECC meeting featured Show and Tell, which will follow. But there was some other exciting news.

To spruce up the usual format of the meeting, we have added an additional raffle of GOLD! At \$1 per ticket, we plan to raffle a gold piece off each month. If there is enough interest, the pot may increase to more gold coins or perhaps a bigger one. There seemed to be a lot of interest in this raffle, and the winner of our very first monthly gold raffle was Lee G! He won a 2016 1/10 ounce American Eagle gold piece, pictured here.



Edwin H gave a humorous recounting of the recent Vallejo Coin Show. It was supposed to be the first Sunday of May, but mistakenly was changed to the third Sunday. Unfortunately there was also a coin show in Las Vegas that same time. So although most dealers went to Vegas, those 15 dealers who showed up in Vallejo had relatively more people to sell to. Nobody could find a key to unlock the front door of the Vallejo facility, so they opened the back doors, which worked. Someone had a brilliant idea that the fire department had keys to all public buildings, so someone called the fire department..... And lots of trucks and firefighters came out ready to battle a (non-existent) blaze. Later a janitor came by who did have a key. And at the end of the show when Edwin was announcing the winner of the \$10 gold coin drawing..... the gold piece disappeared.

JULY CELEBRATION

Next month we will celebrate our 800th meeting! We will have lots of special things going on.

- ◆ There will be a Flea Market starting at 6, for anyone who has numismatic items to sell/trade-pull up a table!

- ◆ We will have giveaways, but you must be present!
- ◆ There will be a special dessert for all
- ◆ We will have BBQ dinner for all, either chicken or pork steaks!
- ◆ **Please bring a side dish or salad to share with the club if you can (*not* a dessert, we have that covered). If you do, the dinner will be only \$5. If you cannot, then dinner will be \$10 to help defray the cost.**

SHOW AND TELL

- Gary C started off with sad news that he is changing jobs, moving to New Mexico. He is looking up coin clubs anywhere near the relatively small town where he will be working. Two months ago he was reading a Coin World article on currency with funny serial numbers, and he has a couple good ones. One is a "radar" note with the # 61111116, and the other is a "repeater" with the # L03030303H
- Steven H is a metal detector, among other things. He was given permission to search a property in Healdsburg, where an old ruined barn was. After moving some old rotten boards away, he was able to detect an old MJB coffee can. Stuffed inside the can, wrapped in 1940s newspaper, were 23 Standing Liberty quarters!



- Guy S is near to completing his collection of the large Russian 5 Kopek coins, having ~153 or so of the 160 dates and mints. Last month he bought a rare 1788 coin from the TM mint in the Crimea (it only operated for 2 years)

- Jim C is interested in (among other things) paper test strikes, showing two very interesting ones. First were paper shim strikes, where shim paper is used to test the dies striking coins and make sure they are centered properly. The other was a Bank of Mexico currency color test strike.

- Merle A admitted that he is addicted to coins. After completing (or nearly so) some type sets, he has now decided to collect coins all minted 100 years before his birth, in 1856. He brought in a box of the ones he has obtained so far, including several 1856 half cents in MS condition (forming a nice grading set), plus one cent, quarter dollar, and perhaps his favorite—the 1856 Flying Eagle cent. That is a coin he had dreamed of for a long time and finally bought one in the last year.



- Randon S talked about his daughter being a big Harry Potter fan. He brought in her type set of coins from the series. Author JK Rowling, in a spoof of the quirky old British system of pounds/shillings/pence, devised the golden Galleon, which is worth 17 silver Sickles, and worth 493 brass Knutes.

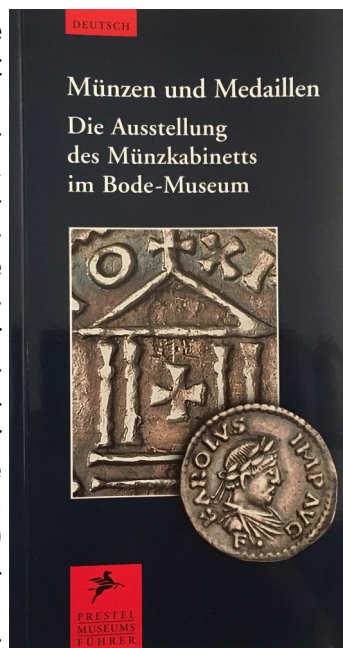


- Charlie C had two things to show. First was the latest addition to his scale weight collection. Scale weights have been used for thousands of years, prior to coins being used, for standardizing units of weight. Scales were used for weighing precious metals like silver, and later (when coins were finally being minted) for verifying the amount of the metal in coins. This weight was from the

Roman province of Bithynia during the reign of Septimius Severus (reigned 193-211 AD). It is a half libra weight, with one libra (equivalent to a pound) being the standard weight, divided into 12 uncias (ounces). This octagonal weight has 11 lines of Greek inscriptions on each side (3" across), which still need to be fully translated.



The other thing he talked about was a recent trip to Berlin, Germany, which has fantastic museums. Rather than go on a group tour of an art museum, he went to the Bode Museum. It houses one of the best and largest coin collections in the world, with over 300,000 coins as well as numismatic books. Only a fraction are displayed in the four galleries, but they were among the finest known specimens. There were 100 themed panels of coins, including ancients, medals, forgeries, and extensive European types sets. The US type set was very nice, with the pristine 1795 dollar being a standout. A book from the museum was brought to the meeting— but it was in German. Still, the photos gave a great overview of the collection.



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.

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!

If you need a **NAME TAG** for the meetings, please see **Lee G**.

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Connie P, Mike M, Steven T, Bob K, Glen M

50:50 pot of \$150 was split with Rose F

Raffle: Joel M, Charlie C, Erica (twice), Glen M (twice), Helmut J (twice), Edwin H, Gary C, and Joe

February Attendance: 60+

New Members: none

Guests: yes

Auction: 45 exciting items

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



This is part of the display of U.S. type coins at Berlin's Bode Museum, with the 1795 dollar enlarged. ALL the coins in the collection were of this caliber condition.



Volunteers for **refreshments** for July are for all of us to bring a side dish (hot or cold) to go with the BBQ. Dessert will be provided.

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 22-23, 2017. Fremont Coin Club's 45th

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

August 20, 2017. Fairfield Coin Club's 28th

Annual Coin Show. Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania, in Fairfield

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 July 12— Charlie

