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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## JULY NEWS

The Redwood Empire Coin Club is possibly as well known for its love of food as for its love of coins. At the July meeting, we wasted no time and started the meeting right off at 7 with food! Many thanks to Vice President Mike M for arranging the wonderfully barbequed chicken, various salads, and rolls. And thanks to Helmut and Deanna J for their delicious devilled eggs.

Don H, Corresponding Secretary and librarian of CSNA (California State Numismatic Association) and LM-92, was at the meeting. He gave a brief presentation. There is a program with the CSNA where the president (Dennis Hogan) can give a special award each year. It doesn't happen every year, but this year it did. It is the Numismatic Luminary award and was given to Merle for all he has done for the hobby! A medal was presented to Merle at the meeting. There is also a two page write-up in this month's edition of The California Numismatist that has a nice biography of Merle.

Merle recently went to a large coin show in Colorado Springs, partly for a section on tokens. While in town, he visited the ANA headquarters to see the Money Museum. It has some great coins, like two 1913 V nickels and two 1804 dollars, as well as the Henry Bass collection. But just looking at coins in the museum was not enough, so he noted Walter Ostremecki (former VP of the ANA) around and got a private tour- which was much more interesting. He has suggested that private or group tours be a regular event at the Money Museum, since it does have such a historic collection.

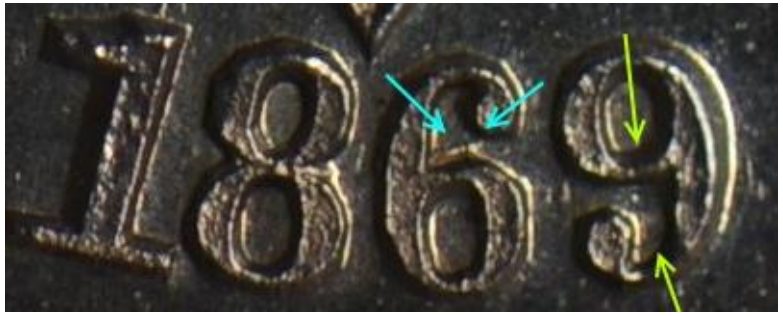
As far as the show, Merle said the convention center was soooo big that dealers could drive into the

building and park inside! An armed guard had an AK-47, and many dealers were armed, so security was not a worry. There were 10 times the dealers we have at our show, but among them Merle only saw two Barber quarters in Proof-64 cameo and did purchase one that fit his collection. One other random and very surprising find was an 1869/8 silver three cent piece in Proof-65 cameo! Merle had only seen *one* in an auction once before, and never handled one. There were 600 proof 1869 3 cent pieces, but it is unknown how many had the overdate. It is not listed in the

Red Book and there is basically no reference with accurate info on the coin. So if you do know more about it or have a good reference, let Merle know.



This is a close-up of an 1869/8 three cent piece. Pretty subtle. But Merle now has one.



### SUMMER COINS

- Guy S brought in several items related to summer. First was a large silver Panama 20 Balboa coin produced by the Franklin Mint. It has over three ounces of silver, and there is a small sun in the middle of the shield. Guy also brought in the smallest Panama coin, 2-1/2 centesimo, fondly called a “Panama Pill” because it is so small: it measures 10 mm. It features the same shield design on the reverse, but you need a microscope to see the sun on it. Guy also brought in a colonial Fugio cent as well as a modern restrike of one. These also feature a sun and sundial on the obverse.



- Philip A brought in three U.S. Commemorative half dollars. Summertime for him often means travel, particularly if it is related to Civil War sites. They featured Gettysburg, Antietam, and Stone Mountain.



- Matt A brought in two coins (or medals or tokens, not sure which is correct) from his travels. One featured the Arizona Centennial, and one was a Boy Scout Jamboree token. Sorry, I was unable to get photographs of these ☹️





- Charlie C thought of palm trees and summer. So here is a group of coins with palm trees. But not the tropical kind with coconuts. These are all date palms, from the ancient Middle East. Featured (from left to right) are: a silver stater from Phoenicia 169 BC with a palm tree behind a stag; a prutah of Marcus Ambibulus (preceded Pontius Pilate as governor) from the year 9AD; Herod Antipas 'large denomination' from year 43AD; 27mm bronze of Emperor Domitian struck around 93AD; 24mm bronze of Emperor Trajan struck in 98AD; and Bar Kochba Revolt 'small' and 'middle' bronze coins from 132 AD.



- Mike C brought in some U.S. notes with a red seal and talked about the history and significance of them. Sorry, I did not get any photos of them this month.
- Bill G brought in a beautiful slabbed coin with a ship on it that sailed in the summer. It was an 1892 commemorative half dollar from the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The coin was promoted to the U.S. Congress as a way to help pay the cost of the World's Fair, with each half dollar being sold for a dollar. Congress authorized 5 million coins to be struck, the first commemorative coin we ever produced. It was also the first U.S. coin to depict a historical figure, with a figure of Christopher Columbus on the obverse. The reverse featured an image of his ship Santa Maria, above two hemispheres. His first voyage did indeed start in the summer, on August 3, 1492.



- Finally, Larry C talked about a true summer tradition, just like hot dogs and apple pie. We are talking about baseball, and he had an example of the 2014 National Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative half dollar (the 75th Anniversary of the Hall of Fame). It was the first U.S. Coin minted in a convex shape and was designed by



Cassie McFarland of San Luis Obispo. The U.S. Mint recently produced another concave coin with the Apollo 11 50th Anniversary coins. And besides the \$5 gold, \$1 silver, and clad half dollar, a huge five ounce variety was also minted with a 3" diameter.







August Topic:  
**SHOW AND TELL!**

That's right folks, we will have SHOW AND TELL at the August meeting. So bring in ANYTHING YOU WANT that is numismatic related, tell us about it, and get four free raffle tickets. This is usually one of the most interesting meetings- ya never know what will be brought in! Please help make this yet another great meeting- thanks!

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All donations are tax deductible within the limits of the law. Our club is a non-profit 501 (c) organization, and you will receive a tax receipt with each donation. We will also gratefully acknowledge each of you in the monthly newsletter. If you cannot afford a monetary donation but would like to donate Numismatic items instead, we may be holding a special auction of those items at our Club meetings. Please see any of our Board Members at the next meeting and they will be glad to accept your donation.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation and continued support!

Many thanks for the following generous donations:

Anonymous: \$100

WOW! We greatly appreciate the support.

### In Memorium

The club was very saddened to learn news of the passing of Georgia McKee this week. Georgia and her bud Cal G have been members for a number of years. Georgia was always upbeat and positive. She recently was recovering from surgery on one hand plus a broken hand on the other side- and finally got **both** casts off recently. Cal was also recently in the hospital, then rehab. They always took care of each other and were excited to be hopefully able make this month's meeting, when she passed away suddenly in her sleep.

A condolence card was signed by members and mailed to Cal, and we are all keeping him in our thoughts during this difficult time.

## DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Philip A, Helmut J, Michael W, Bill C, Glenn M

50:50 pot of \$88 was split with Don H!

Raffle: Andy O, Jerry St. G, Ed M, Bill S, Erika G (three times!), Bob K, Ryan, Mike M, Glenn M, and Don H

Gold Coin raffle- a 1992 proof 1/10 ounce American Eagle: Charlie C

July Attendance: 52+

New Members: none

Guests: yes!

Auction: 19 exciting items

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

## KIDS CORNER

Once again Ember S ran the kids' program. For July the topic was world currency. Each of the kids present received several foreign currency samples, as well as a book on foreign currency.

In August, Rich W should return for more Junior member education. See you at 6pm!

Volunteers for **refreshments** for August were not arranged. If you can bring something to share with the club, it would be appreciated-thanks!

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of each 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 p.m. sharp.

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## **UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS**

**July 27-28, 2019. Fremont Coin Club 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Show.** Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

**September 14, 2019. C.S.N.A. and N.C.N.A. Joint Numismatic Educational Forum.** Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, downtown Vallejo. Four speakers with the theme of "Transportation Items in Numismatics": Geoffrey Bell, New Brunswick Canada; Jeff Shevlin, Carson City Nevada; Kyle W. Lubke, Palo Alto CA; and Matthew M. Malvini, San Jose CA. FREE!

**August 18, 2019. Fairfield Coin Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Coin Show.** Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania, Fairfield

**September 13-15, 2019. CoinExpo Santa Clara.** Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara

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