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I hope this newsletter still finds you in good health, one and all. The June meeting was held on-line once again via Zoom. There was some business before the Show and Tell.

- ➔ Treasurer Mike C reported on our finances, which are stable. There are no expenses, since we are not meeting. And there is essentially no income either. The rent for the Vets Building room in April was refunded, and the paid rent for May and June will be applied to next year
- ➔ Merle mentioned that he does not hear about whether we can meet or not until about four days prior to each meeting. For now, **we will continue to plan on virtual on-line meetings.** *IF* we hear in time about being able to hold a meeting in person at the Vets Building, another e-mail will go out and a postcard can be sent to all of you that do not get club news via e-mail.
- ➔ Mike M gave an update on the Redbook orders. The order went in, but there was a delay in getting the Mega Red book to our supplier. Once those are available, all the versions will be sent to Mike and distributed to those of you who contacted him about the purchase.
- ➔ In order to maintain our 501(c)(3) non-profit status, it was necessary to update our Bylaws. The new proposed Bylaws were presented in a format showing current wording, what was proposed to be deleted, and what was to be added. The changes were rather minor, as follows. For membership, previous Bylaws required a month to elapse between filing an application to join, and for being elected into membership. This was changed to “applicants deemed appropriate by Club Officers shall be accepted to membership”. It was also proposed to eliminate the “Roll of Outstanding Numismatists”, since we have already long abandoned that and used other ways to acknowledge outstanding members. A Sergeant-at-arms position appointed by the president was recommended to be eliminated, again having been abandoned long ago. Dues amounts were changed to reflect current dues. Most important, particularly for our non-profit status, was proposed Article IX: Dissolution. It was proposed that “Dissolution of the Redwood Empire Coin Club shall require a two-thirds majority vote of members present. Upon dissolution, any remaining assets of the club shall be distributed to the American Numismatic Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization”. We have no intention of dissolution of the club, and our finances and membership remain strong. This is just a required formality. There being no discussion, it was moved to accept the changes to our Bylaws by Guy S, and seconded by Helmut J. All members present voted in favor of the changes. If you ever want to see a copy of the Bylaws, just let me know.

SHOW & TELL: MY FAVORITE COIN

- Mike C started off. His favorite is the Walking Liberty half dollar because of its beautiful design.
- Guy S had two favorites, the 1794 half cent and 1794 cent. They are among the earliest U.S. issues and were struck during the lifetime of George Washington. He also likes ancient coins and showed an ancient tetradrachm.





- Ben W likes the design of the Morgan dollar. He has a new album for collecting a type set, and proudly showed it to the club. Dad Jim W is particularly fond of Franklin half dollars.

- Deanna's favorite is still the \$10 gold piece she got, though there are a few other gold pieces in her collection
- Helmut likes the Mercury dime, Buffalo nickel, and others. He also showed off these three interesting 1920 notes. They were from Föhr, the German North Sea island his father was from! It is one of the North Frisian Islands off the German coast, north of the Netherlands. There is only one town on Föhr, named Wyk auf Föhr, and sixteen small villages. The notes are wonderful examples of Notgeld, emergency money issued by various banks and businesses mostly in Germany (but also Austria and occasionally in other countries) during and after World War I. Notgeld was mostly issued in paper, but there are examples of wood, aluminum foil, silk, leather, and even porcelain. There are over 30,000 varieties, from over 3600 towns. The three notes are pictured here, with my attempt at translating the mottoes.



"This Notgeld is worth One Mark at "Old German Cellar" in Wyk auf Föhr"



"Water makes you shudder, making wine is fun, don't go in the water, and return to me with one"



"Notgeld of the town of Wyk auf Föhr/valid for a month for requesting the Föhr newspaper/5 Mark"



This is a different dialect that I could not find a translation for

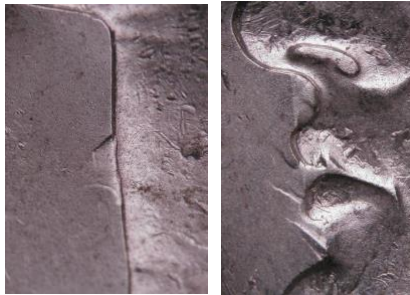


“Lived joyfully and died blessed
named the Devil that ruined the Game
Monkeys and Cats are amusing animals
Come! Drink! And they will find you!”



“This “supplementary bill” was issued for
the business of Hans Westerveld in the Old
German Cellar in Wyk auf Föhr”

- Guest Eric S really likes the Draped Bust R Eagle of 1795-1806. He would be even happier if he owned one! Whether it was the small eagle (1795-1797) or the larger heraldic eagle (1797-1804), it would be nice to have a US gold piece minted in the 1790s. He collects Morgan Dollar VAM varieties, and showed off a recent find of a 1904-O VAM 4B “rusty fish hook”. This is the result of clashed dies. The photos here show the ‘hook’ on Liberty’s neck, the remnant of a letter from the reverse die; and some tail feather imprints adjacent to Liberty’s lips. Eric had a very nice slabbed example from his collection to show.



- Ronan S (Eric’s son) showed us his Franklin half dollar, and Merle discussed the series a bit.
- Mike M talked about the latest purchase for his favorite series, the Mercury dime. These are photos sent after the meeting so you can have a bit better look
- Ron S told us that one of the first coins he purchased in the 1960s was a 1909-S VDB, graded AU58! That sure has gone up in value. He likes to collect Lincoln cents.



- Andy O likes the 2014 gold Kennedy coin, marking 50 years since his death and the start of the Kennedy half dollar series. That year a four coin set of the half dollars came out, each with a different finish and from a different mint. That is a very nice set as well. Andy has also found a couple S-mint marked quarters in circulation that were *not* proofs. A discussion ensued about some business strikes being placed in circulation of normally proof-only varieties.



- Bob K likes \$10 Indian gold coins. He also has a favorite 1870 3-cent silver in P-62 and an 1864 Seated Liberty dollar that he was fond of.

- Matt A showed two coins from Hungary that were given to his father. They were silver dinars from the 1500s, one dated 1568. His father was in Hungary after the fall of the Iron Curtain and was consulting for banking institutions, and they were a gift for his assistance. This internet image is similar to what he showed us.



- Merle showed us three examples of a favorite of his, to demonstrate the significance of proof cameo coins. The earlier (or fresher) the die, the better the strike would be for these coins. So, the very first several strikes would have a wonderful cameo appearance. As the die was used more, that cameo effect wore off and the coins would be designated "brilliant proof". Here are his three 1877 twenty cent coins. Only 510 were minted. The 1877 P64 Cameo looks really nice. The 1877 P65 looks relatively dull, even though it is technically a nicer coin. But the 1877 P65 Cameo shows much more luster from being one of the initial coins off the press that year.



- John B likes the Flying Eagle cent series, Indian cents, Buffalo nickels, and Walking Liberty half dollars.

- Finally, Charlie C (that's me!) with my favorite. How many of you have coins with images of *coins* on them? This tiny coin is from Samaria (currently northern Israel) from around 375 BC. The good Samaritan engraver made two incredible images for this 8mm (1/3") coin. The obverse shows a head with conjoined faces, each going separate directions. The eyes on the front-facing image also serve as the portrait view eye for the side-facing portraits. And the reverse features not one but *five* tetradrachms of Athens, arranged in a 'rosette'. A Washington quarter and Athens Tetradrachm are shown below, next to the Samaritan coin for size comparison. How were they able to get such detail on a coin over two thousand years ago? This is the finest known specimen.



- And finally, Ben ended the Show & Tell by showing us his \$1 million bill!



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POST 4th of JULY ZOOM MEETING The topic of the **July 8** Zoom meeting is : **PATRIOTIC COINS AND CURRENCY**

If you cannot attend the on-line meeting, send a note with information and some photos to newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com and we will try to get it into the next newsletter.

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:
newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com. See you (hopefully!) July 10, 2020— Charlie



Do you recognize this coin? The image color is not great, but this is the obverse and reverse of a coin Mike M's father-in-law brought back from Japan after fighting in the Pacific. It was said to be Japanese. But there are very similar coins from China, Japan, and Korea, dating over a couple centuries. We have not been able to figure it out—the images may even be rotated incorrectly. Somebody suggested trying Google Image Search. The left photo came up with twenty various Chinese coins, no exact match. And the right photo came up with images of.....chocolate! Yes, even one Google photo was a piece of chocolate with a hole in the center that looked similar. Hopefully you can do better than that- please let us know if you can correctly identify it. 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.