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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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Next Meeting: August 11, 2021

## JULY ZOOMS BY: AUGUST IS BACK AT THE VETERANS BUILDING!

The July meeting of the RECC was smaller than usual, but still had a lot of interesting items to share via Zoom. The good news is that we will be back in person at the Veterans Building in August! For now, there will be no Zoom meeting, but we will try to get a Web Cam with microphone to be able to have hybrid live/Zoom meetings for those unable to attend in person- more to come on that.

The doors should be open by 6PM for the August 11 meeting, and we will offer a **Flea Market!** Tables set up around the room will be available for those of you who want to buy/sell/trade. We will not have an auction in August, but that should return the following month. We will have raffle coins and a 50:50 drawing. There will not be a Junior Member meeting for our first time back, but we hope to resume that in August as well.

To celebrate a return to meeting in person, we will have a **Barbeque Dinner!** The menu includes 1/4 BBQ chicken from Lombardi's in Petaluma, Will's Potato salad, Mixed Green salad, Bush Baked beans, and Rolls with butter. All this for **only \$5** per person! Beverages will also be supplied. And we will also have a big cake to celebrate as well. *IF* you want, you may bring a side dish or veggies, but it isn't mandatory. There will be enough dessert for all, so no extra desserts are needed.

If you are **not fully vaccinated** for Covid, please wear a mask inside during the meeting. If you **are** fully vaccinated, masks are not required *for now*, but keep one handy if things change.

There is no specific topic for August, since presumably most of us will be talking and catching up while enjoying the barbeque. Feel free to bring a Show and Tell item and talk about it as things quiet down during the dinner- somewhat of an "open mike" session.

One reason for the big dessert cake is that this is the club's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a member of the American Numismatic Association. At the August ANA convention in Chicago there will be an awards dinner where our anniversary will be announced. A plaque for the club will be mailed to us after that dinner and should be available for our September meeting.

### Birds, Flags, and Patriotic Numismatic Items

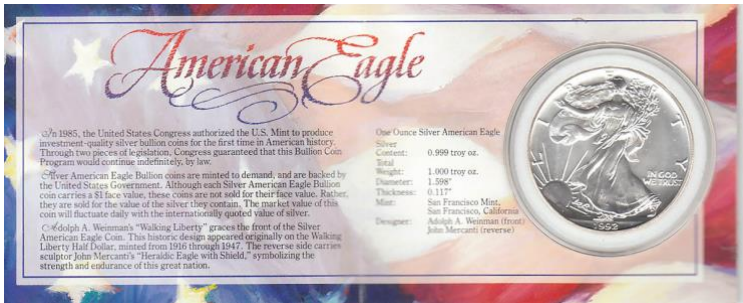
- Merle started off the topic with the \$10 Indian gold coin. It features a very nice image of an eagle standing on a branch and is not often talked about. It was only made for thirteen years and is a beautiful coin.



- Mike M talked about the American Eagle coin, and its relation to the Shell Oil Company presidential coin game in 1992. It ran for 45 days, and 45 million game pieces were distributed. If you went to a Shell gas station, you would receive a foil packet with a presidential coin inside with each purchase. Eight different presidents were featured. There were 51,100 specially marked pieces which were good for an American Eagle silver coin, plus a small number good for American Eagle gold coins and two grand prize gold bars. The odds of winning were 1 in 729. Mike received three tokens one day while getting gas, and one of the tokens was indeed good for a silver American Eagle! It doesn't have a particularly impressive depiction of an eagle but is still a fun coin. A foil packet is shown here, a 'winner' token is on the next page.







- Frank V sent in his photos for the meeting weeks ago and was happy that four of the five coins had eagles (not knowing the topic at the time). He showed his collection of coins minted in 1906 in San Francisco, the year of the earthquake. The mint still managed to make from a half million to 3 million of each one. The quake registered 7.9-8.25 on the Richter scale and lasted 65 seconds. Frank relates a news report that said it "sounded like the roar of 25,000 lions" all at once! The mint was fortunately well built and withstood the quake. Also fortunate was a well in the basement, so there was a source of water to douse any burning embers (from the rest of the burning city) that landed on the wooden roof. Some banks that collapsed in the quake were able to move intact safe deposit boxes into the mint for temporary storage. It took Frank two years to put together a nice set. The half dollar was the hardest to find, since that denomination apparently was used the most often and most specimens are worn. He feels the half dollar is under graded and in a nice EF condition, as well.



- Gary C couldn't decide what to talk about for the topic. So, he took a coin out of his pocket, looked at the 2018-D Voyageurs quarter and had an answer. It seems like the Canadian Mint has almost always been a step ahead of the U.S. Mint. Canada produced the dollar coin with a loon (known as a loonie) before our quarter came out. And before the loonie came out, the Canadian dollar coin featured two men in a canoe. Who were they?





Voyageurs- long before the US Voyageurs quarter. Eight years before the U.S. had its double-dated bicentennial coins, Canada had its double-dated centennial coins. Seven years before the U.S. started the statehood quarters, Canada minted its provincial quarters. Joe McC added an interesting historical fact. There is a reason for the switch in design of the Canadian dollar from the canoe to the loon.



Apparently dies for the dollar coin (featuring the canoe) were mailed to the mint, but never made it. There was concern about counterfeits possibly being made if the dies were intercepted, so a new design was started with the loonie coin in 1987- including a new size, shape, and color.

- Andy O has always liked the Kennedy half dollar and the eagle depicted on it.
- Andy B talked about the soaring eagle on the Sacagawea \$1 coin. It has a graceful beauty, and it doesn't have a shield planted on its chest.
  - Matt A showed us the 2019 Apollo 11 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coin. The 5 ounce version was voted COTY- Coin of the Year in 2021 at an international competition. It is a curved coin, which gave the artist the task of drawing the American flag reflected in the curved visor of an astronaut. The obverse featuring the boot print was designed by Gary Cooper- his first design for a coin. The reverse design featuring the visor and our flag was designed by Phebe Hemphill, who has designed dozens of coins and medals- she is featured on the U.S. Mint website at [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov): click on the "learn" tab at the top of the page, and artists are listed on the right of the next bar that pops up.



- Ben W enthusiastically showed us his 2011-S proof Kennedy half dollar. The eagle on the reverse features 13 arrows in one claw, and olive branch with 13 olives in the other claw; 13 stripes on the shield on the eagle's chest. It was minted the year he was born, and in California (San Francisco) where he was born. It is a nice coin, and he just loves it!



- Erik would *like* to have this 1872 pattern half dollar. It is in fabulous condition and has beautiful colored toning. *Who wouldn't* want one? The obverse features Lady Liberty with a shield and sword, scratching an eagle's head. The reverse features another eagle. He just missed getting one this year and will wait for another to show up at auction.



- Guy S sent photos of four coins with birds: American, Canadian and Mexican; and a 1793 Russian coin of Katherine the Great with an eagle looking both ways!





- Glenn M shared this image of a tropical bird on a 1956 New Zealand penny. He took a photo next to a U.S. cent for size comparison. Even though it is from his birth year, Merle declined to start collecting foreign coins with that date.



- Finally, Charlie C (that's me) had two coins to show. One is a patriotic Civil War token I have been looking for years to buy. Thanks to Merle for spotting it on eBay. The obverse features our flag, and the motto THE FLAG OF OUR UNION. The reverse has the patriotic slogan IF ANYONE ATTEMPTS TO TEAR IT DOWN\* SHOOT HIM ON THE SPOOT. You read that right, it is a misspelling of the word spot. It is a relatively common variety, though more costly since many crazy collectors like me like the goof.



- The other is a restrrike medal. Initially the Paris Mint produced 99 of these medals shortly after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, in admiration and sympathy to the people of the city. In 2006 the Paris Mint produced 100 centennial restrikes of the same medal in gold-coated bronze. I bought one right away, but unfortunately lost it in the 2017 Tubbs Fire. Fortunately, there was one available on eBay, so I was able to get a replacement. Designed by Louis Bottee, the obverse features an allegorical figure of San Francisco standing among the ruins of the city. Behind her is a star to guide her through restoration, and her left hand gestures to a sapling representing the city already starting to rebuild. Interestingly the buildings in the background look mostly intact. But in 1906, who knows what images were available to the mint in Paris for this design. The reverse features France's Marianne looking across the ocean and offering a laurel branch to the United States, represented by an eagle. This 3-1/2" medal is my favorite and is on display on a book case in my office.





June 24, 2021



Charlie Catlett  
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Dear Charlie,

Each year the American Numismatic Association honors member clubs that have dedicated 70 years of continuous service to the Association by presenting them with a 70-year membership award. It is my pleasure to announce that this year the Redwood Empire Coin Club Inc will be recognized. It is committed clubs like yours whose contributions make a success of our collector organization.

2021 marks your 70<sup>th</sup> year. It is my pleasure to announce that this year the Redwood Empire Coin Club Inc will be recognized. The ANA board of governors, staff and I cordially invite you to attend the ANA's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention Member and Awards Celebration so that we may present you with your 70-year membership award. It is committed clubs like yours whose contributions make a success of our collector organization.

This event is scheduled for 3-4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rooms 25/26 (second level), 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois.

It is our hope that a representative from the club will be able to accept the 70-year membership award in person. Please complete and return the enclosed RSVP and VIP registration form by July 15, 2021. You are also welcomed to respond by email to [rsvp@money.org](mailto:rsvp@money.org). If you plan to attend a complimentary banquet ticket will be included in your pre-registration packet. One additional ticket may be purchased at \$25 for a guest.

If no one can attend, the plaque will be mailed to you by postal mail after August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations and I hope to see you in Rosemont!

Sincerely,

Kimberly S. Kiick  
Executive Director

This is the letter we received from the ANA reminding us of our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of membership. How time flies! And that means in March 2024 it will be the club's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding. That could be quite a celebration. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated during our coin show that year, with a pamphlet outlining our history (among other things). Isn't too soon to start thinking about the 75<sup>th</sup> now, is it? We could have commemorative medals, woods, napkins, all sorts of fun things! And especially a big cake, of course.



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See you **in person at the Vets Building** August 11, 2021— Charlie

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.