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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## SUMMERTIME NUMISMATICS

The August RECC meeting was a week later than usual, and it was held on the opposite side of the Veteran’s Building, but we still had a good turnout. Thanks for all who remembered the change, since the e-mail reminder was a little late in getting to you. And thanks for those who brought goodies- it was nice to have snacks.

The only business was an announcement that the Mega Red Book is in print and available at a great discount to us. Mike M will again be ordering Red Books for the club. The estimated costs for each book depend on how many are ordered (due to shipping), but should be within a dollar of these costs:

Small standard Red Book \$11.00

Large print standard Red Book \$17.50

Mega Red Book \$34.00

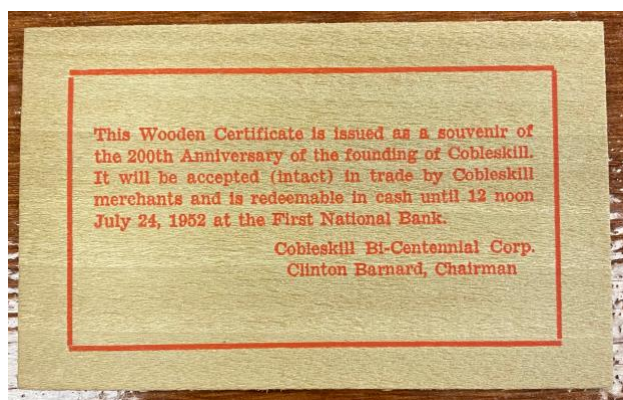
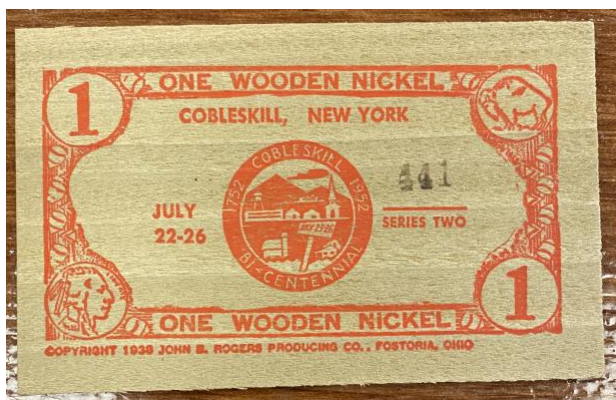
If interested, call Mike at 707-318-7096 and leave a message telling which Red Book(s) you want.

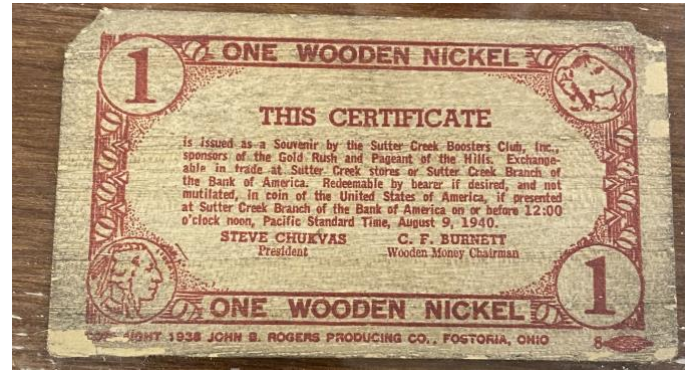
To get them in time for the next meeting, he will have to place the order by **August 28th**.

Next month’s topic: **What Is Your Earliest Recollection of Collecting Coins?** Thanks to Guy for the suggestion. Bring in an item, or items, or memories, talk about it, and get four free raffle tickets! If you have images you want to show during the meeting, please e-mail them to [newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com](mailto:newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com) in advance so we can get them ready to show.

### SUMMERTIME NUMISMATICS

→ Guy S started off the topic with two wooden nickels from summer fairs. In 1952 Guy and his brother got on a train from Albany, NY and went to visit his aunt and uncle in Cobleskill, NY and went to the local fair. He had a great time, and it was the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cobleskill that year. He was only ten years old at the time, and the wooden nickel he got then is still in great shape, as is the memory. The second one was from when he lived in the Sierra Foothills in the Sutter Creek gold country area- for seventeen years before moving back to Sonoma County. One of the first things he did when he first moved up there was go to a local antique shop where he found this wooden nickel from 1940 Sutter Creek. He put it in an acrylic holder to preserve it.

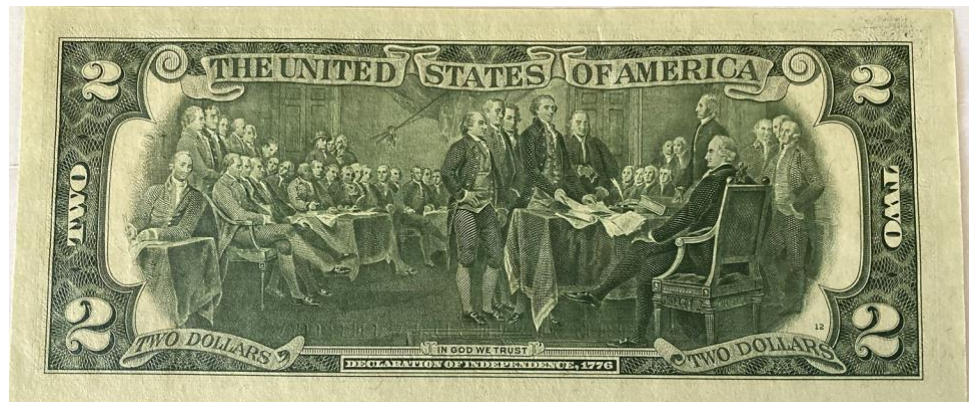




- Ember had a Colorado quarter, which had an image of the Rocky Mountains. She was talking with her sons on the way to the meeting and reflecting on summertime road trips to Oregon to visit her folks. Those were special family memories. She did not have the Oregon quarter because she spent it! Here is an image of one from the internet
- Helmut shared these photos of a set of three 10 Mark coins from the 1972 Munich Summer Olympics. His cousin sent them to him in the 1970s for his collection.



- Rich W really likes the reverse of the U.S. \$2 bill, with a historic summertime event. It features the July 4, 1776 signing of the Declaration of Independence, which is a bit of historical fiction. The actual signing began August 2, 1776 and took all summer to complete. But the painting featured on the bill still has a dramatic flair.

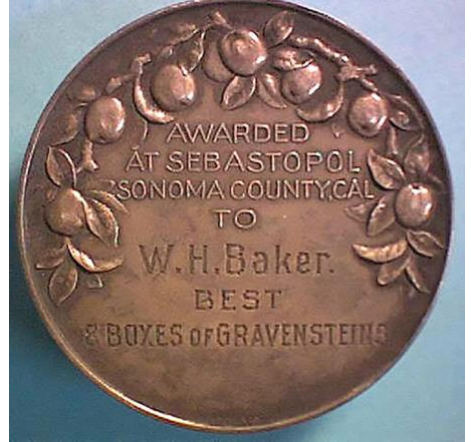


- Mike M got this Smokey the Bear token at the July meeting from Harold R. Until the last five years he didn't really think of summer as fire season, but now does. He thinks of all the firefighters in the club—including Harold, Jack H, Bill, and Merle—possibly others, and thanked them for their dedicated service. The tokens are very common, but still have an important message to all of us.





→ Merle A mentioned that the Gravenstein Apple Fair just happened and is an annual summer event. It was initially called the Gravenstein Apple Show from the first date in 1910 until 1915. He is happy to have several medals from that “show”, though would always welcome any more for his collection if you can find them for him. The obverse of the medals is the same, with the motto GRAVENSTEIN APPLE SHOW ASSOCIATION. The first medal he showed was from the first year of the show and dated 1910, awarded to H.M. LeBaron- the grandfather of Santa Rosa historian Gaye LeBaron! He owned a dairy at the time and was awarded for the best exhibit of condensed milk! It took Merle ten years to obtain the piece, from a man who was walking in Valley Ford at the site of the old dairy and saw the reflection of the medal sticking out of the ground! You can see the oxidization on a third of the medal from being in the ground.



The second medal Merle talked about and showed was dated 1912 and awarded to Mrs. I. B. Morris for best 48 boxes of Gravensteins! Morris Street in Sebastopol was named after her. A third medal Merle showed was an undated award (likely from 1913) to W. H. Baker for best 8 boxes of Gravensteins. Baker Lane in Sebastopol is where that apple orchard was located. The final medal Merle showed was awarded to Sebastopol Apple Growers Union, Sebastopol, CA, Second Prize, Single Plate, Chicago 1915. It was for the International Apple Shippers Association, Apple Premium Award- at the Chicago World's Fair in 1915! The city name was spelled Sebastopol on this medal- the original spelling with an 'a' instead of an 'o'.



→ Gary C recalled a memorable family trip in August 1994. He started in North Carolina, drove up I-95, stopped at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington DC to view an airplane which his dad had worked on. While there he got to shake hands with Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey. Then they drove north to visit a great aunt who was turning 100 at the time (his first time meeting her). He had to celebrate the event by going to Jack Beymer's shop and getting the Bridgeport Connecticut Centennial half dollar dated 1856-1956.



→ Finally, Charlie C (that's me!) reminisced about summer excursions to Santa Monica Beach to escape the heat of the San Fernando Valley. I remember seeing this token at the last coin show we held. Besides the blue color, what interested me was the subject on each side. One side showed the Santa Monica Breakwater and pier, dated 1933. The other showed a woman in a swimsuit at the beach, with an amusement pier behind her. Going to the beach has always been a family event, starting with my grandparents in the 1928-1929 photo from around Santa Monica- note the identical headband and swimsuit! But what interested me were the separate locations on the token, so I looked into the history of local piers- there were *three* different piers in the area.



- The Venice Pier was built in 1904, destroyed by storm in a year, rebuilt in 1905, burned down in 1921, rebuilt, and then forced to be removed in 1946. A fishing pier was built in 1965, partially destroyed by storms twice, but rebuilt and is still present.
- The Ocean Park Pier was built by a rival businessman in 1911, burned down in 1912, rebuilt in 1913, burned down in 1924, rebuilt in 1925, but went downhill. It was purchased by CBS in 1957 and changed to Pacific Ocean Park- "P.O.P"- but closed in 1967 and burned down in a series of arson fires from 1969-1974.
- Santa Monica Pier was built in 1909 over pipes carrying raw sewage out to sea (that ended in the 1920s). An adjacent amusement pier was added, but by 1930 most of the amusements were gone. It was partly destroyed in 1983, then rebuilt into today's popular amusement pier.
- Santa Monica Breakwater was built 1933-1934, but turbulence from it damaged local beaches. Within ten years it started sinking and breaking up and was eventually washed away by the 1960s.



It took a bit of research to find a photo of the pier illustrated in the token. The photo is taken from the opposite side of the pier, but the roller coaster and spiral-shaped ride are both clearly seen. It is the Ocean Park Pier, going along with the motto on that side of the token. So the token appears to have had two purposes: to celebrate the ill-fated Santa Monica breakwater, and to advertise the Ocean Park beach and pier section of Santa Monica. It was produced in multiple metals: silver, bronze, brass, copper, nickel, brass with aluminum center, aluminum with brass center, and aluminum. The aluminum tokens also came in five anodized colors- blue, yellow, orange, green, and red! There are still details that are unknown about the token, so hopefully more information will be discovered in the future.



## SEPTEMBER ZOOM INFO

Time: Sep 14, 2022 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82497662386?pwd=T2ZKZERSQzJsaC9yVHJLVHQvakRPUT09>

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## DRAWING WINNERS

**Membership:** Angelo C, Erik S, Wendell B, Bill V, and Bill P

**50:50** pot of \$64 was split with Guy S

**Raffle:** Bob K (twice), Glenn M (thrice), David Y (twice), Chris (thrice), George C, Bill R, and Bill S

**April Attendance:** 38+

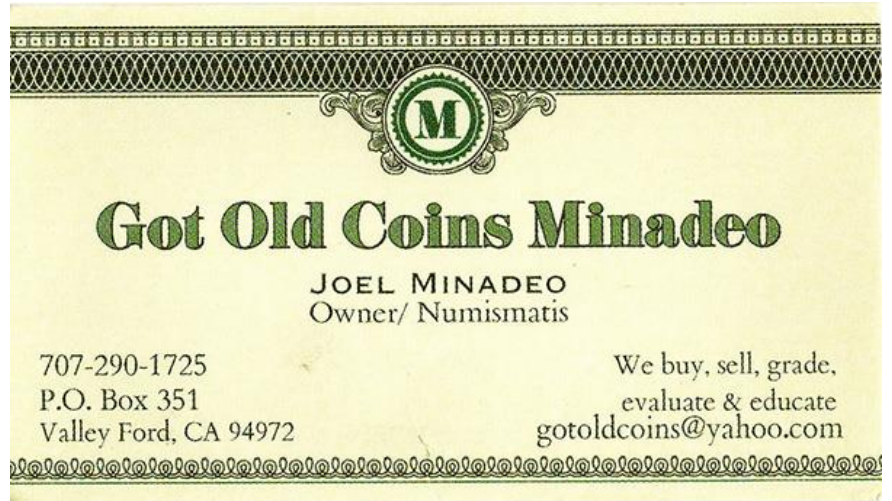
**Guests:** Phil's friend from New York; and Chris (see raffle winners- he won three times!)

**Auction:** 38 exciting items.

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

## KIDS CORNER

August had a very lively meeting made possible by Aaron, David, Georgia, and Roman. Each filled a plastic vial of coins of their choice from donations. Sep we will return to properly mounting coins in 2 x 2 s. And researching Condor tokens donated by Merle.  
Rich



The business card features a decorative border at the top with a repeating pattern. In the center, there is a circular logo with a green background and a white 'M' inside, surrounded by ornate scrollwork. Below the logo, the text 'Got Old Coins Minadeo' is written in a large, bold, green serif font. Underneath, 'JOEL MINADEO' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, followed by 'Owner/ Numismatis' in an even smaller font. At the bottom left, the phone number '707-290-1725' and address 'P.O. Box 351, Valley Ford, CA 94972' are listed. At the bottom right, the text 'We buy, sell, grade, evaluate & educate' is followed by the email address 'gotoldcoins@yahoo.com'. The bottom of the card has a decorative border with a repeating pattern.



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### UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

**August 21, 2022. Sacramento Coin Show.** Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover Street, McClellan/Sacramento

**September 9-10, 2022. CoinExpo San Jose.** DoubleTree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Blvd., San Jose

**October 7-9, 2022. Diablo Numismatic Society's Contra Costa Coin and Collectibles Show.** Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek

**February 17-18, 2023. REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Coin Show.** E.L. Finley Building, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa

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.

Check out our newsletter at: **[Redwoodempirecoinclub.com](http://Redwoodempirecoinclub.com)**

Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at:

[newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com](mailto:newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com). See you **in person at the Vets Building** September 14, 2022—  
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