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Redwood Empire Coin Club

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Next Meeting: July 12, 2023

BBQ TIME!

Nothing attracts a good RECC meeting crowd more than food (and perhaps a gold drawing). Perfectly grilled burgers with sides were the treat at the June meeting for over fifty members plus several guests. Many thanks to hard working Vice President Mike M for arranging all of this, along with volunteers David A, Bob K, Deanna J, Helmut J, Roger N, and Chef Jerry St. G. We started serving shortly after the meeting started, and talks began a while later when people were quietly eating.

On May 20, member David S attained the highest rank in Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout! Merle was at the ceremony to talk a bit about David and presented him with a Certificate of Achievement on behalf of the club. Congratulations David.



The **July meeting** will feature a **Flea Market**. Bring in your numismatic items to sell/trade, we will have tables available for you to set up for this. It will run from 6PM-7PM.

The **theme** for the July meeting: **4th of July**, and **Freedom Coins**. Bring it in, talk about it, and get four free raffle tickets! And if you don't have anything that fits the topic, bring in something else to show! If you have photos to share, send them ahead of time to redwoodempirecoinclub.com to get in the slide show.

Mike M let us know that there were several binders with holders for slabbed coins available to the club, donated by Jack Beymer. There were several members who grabbed one during the break.

Merle was in Salt Lake City last weekend for a coin and token show; his son David joined him. He also got in a little golfing, and even went bowling!

David G gave a reprise on the coin he talked about last month, a silver shekel of Tyre that a friend brought for him in Israel in 2013. Charlie C (that's me) talked about the significance of the coin- perhaps one of the most significant coins historically for both Jewish and Christian religions.



This is the first variety of shekel and half shekel of Tyre, minted from 126/125 BC to 20-19 BC. Reverse inscription: of Tyre the Holy and Inviolable. AN next to chest of eagle on both of these is their date: 76/75 BC

Dave's shekel, the second variety minted from 19/18 BC to 65/66 AD. PAZ to left of eagle's chest is this coins date: 11-12 AD, minted during the lifetime of Christ!

In antiquity, the annual tax for all male Jews over 20 was a *half shekel* of Tyre (a Phoenician city-state in present day Lebanon). It was the only city in the entire region that used consistently pure silver for its coins. Silver and gold are not found naturally in any part of Israel, which is why coinage of Tyre was chosen. Pilgrims to Jerusalem came from afar, bringing their foreign money. It needed to be exchanged to silver half shekels in order to pay temple taxes. Even shekels needed to be exchanged to half shekels. And there was an exchange rate (called a kolbon) of 11 prutot to obtain the half shekel coin. A prutah (prutot is plural) was a tiny bronze coin with little value, and there is a biblical story of a poor widow who donated all she owned- two tiny coins like these- to the temple treasury: the Widow's mites. Moneychangers were set up at the base of the temple in Jerusalem and were known for shouting out their exchange rate for people to obtain the half shekel coins. This was what angered Jesus and resulted in him overturning the tables of the moneychangers.

The tail of the coin in the fish's mouth relating to St. Peter would have been one of the shekel coins. And the thirty pieces of silver paid to Judas were also probably also the silver shekels of Tyre. One shekel was equal to four silver denarius coins, like the one here featuring the portrait of Tiberius. It is what is commonly called a Tribute Penny, from the quote "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." It was the equivalent of a day's wage for a scribe and a vineyard worker of the time.



COMMEMORATIVES

- Mike C talked about his 1988 Olympics \$5 gold piece minted at West Point. He really likes the portrait. I couldn't get a photo of it, this one is from the internet.
- Dale C says the 1925 California Diamond Jubilee is one of his favorites in his type set book (which he could not bring in).



- David S worked for the U.S. Marshalls office. It was established in 1789, the first federal law enforcement agency. In 1980s he was appointed to the Marshalls Office Bicentennial commission, and tried to get a postage stamp commissioned- no luck. For the 225th anniversary, the U.S. Mint did produce a three coin commemorative set, pictured here (\$5 gold, \$1 silver, and half dollar in copper-nickel). It was dated 2015, though the anniversary was in 2014.



- Steve E started collecting in the 1970s. He would talk about coins with his grandfather and learned more about collecting as a boy scout. He collected various things. He showed Washington Commemorative coins he owns (above) and described some of the symbols on them.
- Bill R likes the Booker T. Washington half dollar commemoratives, minted from 1946-1951, designed by Isaac Hathaway. Washington was born a slave in 1856, died in 1915. He was self educated, and started what became the Tuskegee Institute. Bill presented a lot of interesting history on this amazing man.





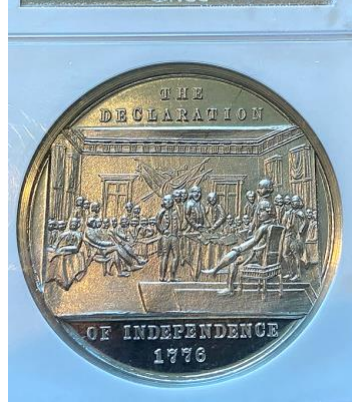
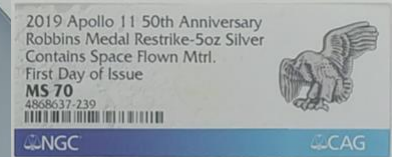
- Dan C talked about how Don Kagin spearheaded a move to commemorate the San Francisco mint with a commemorative remembering the 1906 earthquake and the mint's role in San Francisco's recovery. He is glad \$5 gold and \$1 silver coins were issued. He showed his two examples. The gold piece reproduces the 1906 Coronet Liberty half-eagle reverse design by Christian Gobrecht, and the silver piece reproduces the 1904 Morgan dollar reverse design (per the official package inserts).
- Joe McC talked about Canadian paper money. In 1967, the centennial of the Canadian Confederation, currency was printed under contract by two firms. The first of the centennial notes were produced with dates only, and no serial numbers! So there is no way to know what company made them. For the later notes with a serial number, a P in the denomination beginning the serial number indicates that it was printed by the British American Bank Note Company. An O in that denomination would have been from the Canadian Bank Note Company. The Charleton book on Canadian banknotes explains all the varieties and who printed them.



- Ember S brought two commemoratives that had important dates to her (these are photos from the internet). First is the 1995 Solomon Islands silver \$5 commemorative of the end of World War II in the Pacific, 50th anniversary. It shows the big guns on a destroyer ship, reminds her of her dad. The other is something she witnessed (like many of us) in 1969, mankind's first step on the moon. The reverse on that Franklin Mint medal features the plaque left on the moon during that first visit.
- David A really likes the 1936 San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge obverse with all the fine details. The bear on the reverse is somewhat flat, and David prefers the bear featured on the 1925 California Diamond Jubilee half dollar because it is much more detailed.



- Mike M is trying to complete the commemorative section of his type set- there are four spaces. The first U.S. commemorative was the 1892 and 1893 Columbian Exposition half dollar. He was on eBay and found this PCGS AU58 example for \$35, which is more than it cost to get it certified! The obverse was designed by Charles Barber, the reverse by George Morgan.
- Rich H brought in a big selection of sets commemorating the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and the corps of discovery. He discussed details of the history. Most of the coin sets are very affordable.
- RJ showed a bicentennial dollar featuring Eisenhower and donated it to a junior at the meeting!
- Erik S brought in his 5oz silver Apollo 11 Commemorative Robbins Medal restrrike. It contains material flown up in space!
- Merle had three items to show. The first one he just got last weekend at the Salt Lake City Show. It is from the 1876 Philadelphia World's Fair, the 1st one in the U.S. 10 million people attended the fair, and 37 countries were represented. President U.S. Grant even attended! Next is his Declaration of Independence 1876 commemorative, minted at the Philadelphia World's Fair. There are several varieties, Merle's is the finest known of one of them. Finally, he also found a medal in Utah last weekend, a Native Sons commemorative celebrating Santa Rosa in 1897! Fewer than 100 were minted.



Zoom info for Jul 12, 2023 06:00 PM

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DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Paul C, Steven C, Kim S, Ron S, and David S

50:50 pot of \$76 was split with Guillianio M!

Raffle: Glenn M (five times), Mike C, Bill S Jr., Dan C, Merle A, Joel M, and John B

June Attendance: 52+

New Members: Steven O, #1011 and David C, #1012- **WELCOME!**

Guests: yes!

Auction: 56 exciting items. **Please note that up to five items per member present are accepted. Try to bring them up to the auction table early to allow time for them to be recorded. Thanks!**


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

Goodies: If you can bring a snack for the July meeting it would be appreciated- thanks!

Condolences to Bill Green on the sudden passing of his 40-year-old son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

July 29-30, 2023. Fremont Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont

October 21, 2023. Delta Coin Club's 57th Annual Coin Show. Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

March 3, 2024. Livermore Valley Coin Club Show. Livermore Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive, Larkspur

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

newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com. See you **in person at the Vets Building main auditorium**

July 12, 2023— Charlie