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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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Next Meeting: August 17, 2011

The THIRD WEDS in August

## JULY BBQ NEWS

### AUGUST MEETING DATE: THIRD WEDNESDAY, 8/17

Please remember that the meeting in August will be the third Wednesday, August 17, in the main room of the Vets Building. This is the first change of date in recent memory, due to the Sonoma County Fair taking place the week earlier.

The theme for the **August** meeting will be **SHOW AND TELL**. Bring any numismatic item in, give a 3 minute talk, and receive 4 free raffle tickets.

### JULY BBQ

The July meeting featured barbeque pork steaks and chicken, perfectly done by the gang at G & G Markets, thanks to Lee Gong for arranging it. There were also plenty of side dishes and delicious desserts brought in by members, thanks for everybody that pitched in— the food was great!

The flea market featured several members offering items for sale both before the meeting and during the dinner break. Other than 2 short talks, there was no other agenda item. So, much of the meeting was a fun social gathering to eat and get together with fellow collectors.

Steven H talked about a special metal detecting find of his. He was doing some under water detecting, and when scooping up a pile of sand, saw a gold chain dangling. He grabbed it, and found a Mexican 50 Peso gold coin in a gold bezel! The coin was in nice shape, too. That series was all dated 1821, the year of Mexican Independence, as well as the date of minting ( 1922). At the time of the meeting, the melt value of the coin, bezel, and chain was ~\$3400!

Steven also mentioned there are people who go to Hawaii for metal detecting under water as well. It is a lot of work, but 40-50 Tiffany rings

have been found to his knowledge, among other things.



Mike C told us how he has legally changed his last name to the original German spelling!

Finally, Mike M had a 1967 Canadian year set in a Capital Plastics holder. It had an unknown coin or medal in the center, pictured below and enlarged. It is the size of a US nickel.



It is a bronze coin commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the Canadian Confederation. Queen Victoria reigned at the beginning, and Queen Elizabeth reigned (and still does) at this anniversary. Canada issued "proof-like sets" that year, and one included a silver edition of this medal. There were other designs for the anniversary as well. Interestingly, it was very difficult to find any information at all on the internet.



REMEMBERING MARTHA

It is with great sadness that we learned that long time club member Martha Vanderheide died suddenly on Wednesday July 20 at her home. It appears she had a massive heart attack. There was a viewing at Eggan and Lance Funeral Chapel Wednesday July 27 from 4-8PM. Funeral services were at Eggan and Lance Chapel Thursday July 28 at 11AM. She was a friendly and outgoing member who loved collecting and had lots of stories. Hopefully some of us will have some good memories about Martha at the upcoming meeting.

Visitors are even allowed to vote for their favorite in each category. I'm sure if we had another Most Beautiful and Ugliest Coin contest, you all would be able to come up with some doozies. Here are a few that come to mind.



Leopold the Hogmouth



Oliver Cromwell ( I actually have one of these beauties)



COINS I WOULD LOVE TO OWN  
(but cannot afford)

#11- a dismal half disme

If we had an ugly coin contest (Yes, we have had several in the past), the portrait on this one would be a potential winner. Lady Liberty had a real bad hair day, and the eagle on the back looks more like a chicken struttin' its stuff. But I sure would love to own one. But samples like the one pictured above cost over \$100,000 at auction.

1500 of these were minted in silver in Philadelphia at John Harper's Cellar, Sixth and Cherry Streets- prior to completion of the first U.S. Mint. George Washington may have contributed some of the silver for minting them, and he even mentioned them in his November 6, 1792 National Address about needing small denomination coins. There is one known that was minted in copper. There were 3 silver and about 15 copper 1792 dismes; some silver centered and Birch cents; and even a few quarter dollars minted in 1792, all patterns. Ugly or not, it sure would be cool to own a little piece of history like this.

Speaking of ugly coins, an exhibit at the A.N.A. Museum in Colorado Springs is entitled The Faces of Money: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly. It relates to coins portraying good people, bad people, and ugly portraits.



Carlos III of Spain



Cleopatra

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads may be placed by any club member, up to 2 per month. They run for two months. Buy—Sell—Trade—Want Lists OK. Notify Charlie at each meeting (or mail to club P.O. Box, or even call) to get your ad in

**WANTED:** Merle Avila would like to buy your “Good For Tokens” that have the name of a town on them from anywhere in the USA.

Please call: Days- 707-585-3711;

Eves- 707-824-4811.

Or e-mail Merle@avilaarchitects.com

**CASH PAID** for coin collections any size. I’ve been buying coins for 56+ years! Frank Villalon 707-467-0250

A few more not-so-pretty faces.



Cnut



William the Conqueror



George III

## **KIDS KORNER**

The kids must be on summer break since there have been very few in attendance the last 2 months. We will update you when Junior meetings are back in session.

## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership:** Barry P, Darren C, Riley R, Jonathan S, Jack H, and Edwin H

**50:50** pot of \$ 120 was split with David A.

**Raffle:** Paul R (3 times!), Mary Jo W (twice), Edwin H (twice), Gary C, Harry D, Andy S (twice), and Jonathan S.

**July Members:** 65+

**New Members:** Mike B, # 826, and Steve E, # 827

—WELCOME!

**Guests:** Yes, several

**Auction:** 30 exciting items

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

Volunteers for **refreshment goodies** for August are: Darren C, Cal G, Sean M, and Mike—thanks!

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of every 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 PM sharp.

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## UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS

**July 30-31, 2011. Nor-Cal Coin Show X.** Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo

**August 14, 2011. Fairfield Coin Club 22nd Annual Coin Show.** Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania

**September 10, 2011. Merced Coin Show.** Senior Community center, 755 West 15th Street, Merced

**September 30-Oct1, 2011. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Fall Show.** Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento

**October 8-9, 2011. 15th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show.** Diablo Numismatic Society, Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Ave, Concord

**October 15-16, 2011. Delta coin Club's 47th Fall Coin Show.** Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

**November 6, 2011. Peninsula Coin Club 32nd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.** Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

**November 18-20, 2011. Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Expo.** Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway

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See you August 17— Charlie

