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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## GOLDEN MOMENTS

### 2012 COIN SHOW

We now have a date for the 2012 Coin Show. It will be February 17-18, 2012. This is a Friday and Saturday event once again. The date was carefully chosen after looking at other shows being planned early in the year.

Don Rinkor has once again generously agreed to donate 14 slabbed silver dollars for our silver dollar drawing on the two days! Having the slabbed coins at this year's show was a big attraction for the drawing, so we really appreciate Don's generosity again for the 2012 show.

The biggest issue, which was discussed at the meeting, is what to do about the gold coin drawing. The cost of the gold has gone up ~\$3000 to purchase all the pieces. Having all the same gold coins would wipe out any profit we get (which is used for the future shows and club benefit). With the value of gold going up even at this year's show, we did not have any more gold tickets sold. So the thought is: do we have a \$20 gold and lots of much smaller pieces? Do we have a \$10 gold for the top prize with more small gold pieces? Do we even have a gold drawing, or maybe something else? There were lots of thoughtful comments from members, and the board will try to make the best choice. This will need to be soon though, so the gold tickets (with the announced prizes) need to be printed up.

If there are any volunteers that would like to help **lick and stick** (put on labels and stamps on the Coin Show mail out cards), here is your chance to help your club out. We will need to do this at the October meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m. sharp. PLEASE come help the club get this done quickly—thanks!

### OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting will once again host the **Helen and Roy Roberts Club Benefit Night**. Members are encouraged to bring in a numismatic item to donate to the benefit auction—proceeds help the club cover its costs.

**PLUS**, we will have our famous **Oktoberfest Wieners** and beverages, free to all who bring in an item for the auction. (We will not have our regular auction that night).

**PLUS PLUS**, everyone is invited to **bring in a dessert** to go with the wieners. It just doesn't get much better than this!

Merle was in Nebraska at the NATCA token show. There must have been 40-50 dealers. He was busy the first day and did not get to check out the bourse until the second day. The second table he went to, from Missouri, had an encased 1912-D cent from Guerneville! It was in a 'chamber pot' (you will have to ask Merle about that one—apparently a less common way to encase coins), for 'The National', a saloon in Guerneville. This token was not listed in any of Merle's books!

### FAVORITE GOLD COIN

- ◆ Gary C saw an ad in Coin World for an 1854-D \$3 gold, the only year they made that denomination in Dahlonega Georgia. And it only cost \$11,500, less than previous ones Gary had seen. He still passed on getting it.



- ◆ Angelo C is partial to a \$5 gold piece given to his wife by her uncle, who was a 'sour dough' mining gold up in Alaska and received it while working there. The uncle kept it until his niece married Angelo in 1956.
- ◆ Mike M's favorite piece is an Austrian 100 Corona gold coin, a restrike bullion coin. It was willed to him by his father, who paid \$118 for it in the 1970s. Not bad for an ounce of gold! That coin was also used to make the

few RECC club medals in gold, as it was more affordable than over-striking a U.S. \$20 gold coin.



- ◆ Joel M's uncle found an 1857-S \$3 gold piece in Eureka Creek. Long ago someone robbed the Eureka Mine payroll, and dumped the loot in the creek while trying to make an escape.
- ◆ Dan M's mom was born in 1892. When she was about 13, she found a 1905 \$5 gold piece in the street! It is Dan's favorite gold
- ◆ Larry M went to Angels Camp to get some inventory. He told how the City Council is having a drawing for a 2-1/2 ounce gold nugget! And tickets are \$50 each. I wonder how many Larry bought.
- ◆ Steve H is still proud of the 50 Peso Mexican gold piece he found. He has also panned gold in Alaska.
- ◆ Jim C talked about the gold Buffalo US coin, as well as California gold bullion
- ◆ Charley B has a collection with the 1883 Shield nickel, 1883 V ( no cents) nickel, 1883 V (with cents) nickel, a "racketeer nickel" (gold plated to look like a \$5 gold piece), and an 1883 \$5 gold piece. His favorite gold though is the George Washington presidential dollar. Washington was the only U.S. President to have a unanimous electoral vote (twice!). Unfortunately it oxidizes easily with the metal composition of copper, zinc, manganese, and nickel.
- ◆ Curtis S finally got his \$3 gold piece last year, dated 1878. And his wife got a fractional gold quarter dollar too!
- ◆ Rick S likes the fractional gold bullion
- ◆ Willie Q has a gold piece he is proud to own. Nuff said.
- ◆ Glenn C had a favorite set of Indian Gold coins, which he had to sell to get \$ for taxes. :-)
- ◆ Dan C talked about the gold coin Captain Ahab nailed to the mast of the ship in Moby Dick (meant for the first person to spot the whale). It was an 1838 8 Escudo.
- ◆ Rich W has a Washington dollar with no edge lettering!



- ◆ Irene C has a Gold Panda set in her safe deposit box. The late Ron Miller in Fremont helped Harry complete the set, and Harry gave it to her one Christmas.
- ◆ Carman B loves the St. Gaudens \$20 gold in high relief. Lately he has been collecting U.S. Commemoratives. And he has a 1945 Mexican gold set– 50, 20, 10, 5, 2-1/2, and 2 peso
- ◆ Frank V joined the San Francisco Coin Club in 1960. They had a gold coin raffle then, with the value of \$20 gold coin being ~\$48, a \$10 gold coin at \$24, etc. And tickets *then* cost \$1 each.

◆ Charlie C talked about his gold "Angel", minted for King Henry VII ( and pictured in The Numismatist). On the front was an image of St. Michael slaying the dragon– yes I double checked to make sure about that; it is a reference to archangel Michael slaying the devil. The reverse shows a ship with a shield displaying both English and French symbols, a reference to England having territory in France as well as a political statement that England was just a short boat ride away from the continent.



- ◆ Merle talked about the \$3 gold piece, minted from 1854 for 36 years. The largest mintage was 138,000, with some proof mintages at 20 and 45 per year. He also said the \$3 gold was the first coin China started counterfeiting.



**6 MONTH GOLD DRAWING**  
 Speaking of gold, we had our 6 month Membership gold drawing. And you had to be there to win. 2 people not present had their numbers pulled: Dan C missed one coin, Jon Maria had hers pulled twice! Sorry they weren't present. The winners were:  
 For 2 peso Mexican gold– Edwin H  
 For 2-1/2 peso Mexican gold– Bob B  
 For a Belgian 20 franc gold– Zach S  
 Congratulations!

### **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

### ***KIDS KORNER***

The September meeting was attended by Grace W., Colton W., and Jasmine M. Jasmine was able to add some nice Lincoln cents to her collection. Junior members attending received new state quarter albums made possible by donations. We started the state quarter discussion with a little history of how the United States was first inhabited by immigrants to the east coast and then grew westward ultimately adding Alaska and Hawaii to become the 50 state country as we know it. I obtained a circulated roll of quarters from the bank and the juniors opened it to inspect for state quarters. They found 18 of the 40 quarters to be state quarters which were added to their albums. grace and Colton also obtained some nice “type albums” from our free box. More on state quarters in October. Adults: Check your change for state quarters for the juniors. Five more state albums will be given out in October. See you at 6:15 sharp!

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## **DRAWING WINNERS:**

**Membership:** Cal G, Grace W, Mike M, Harry D, Jasmine M, and Jonathan A

**50:50** pot of \$ 104 was split with someone (I forgot who)

**Raffle:** Bob B, Jan H, Bob K, Mike M, Bill b (twice), Joel, Jerry StG, Jim C, Rick S, and Paul R

**September Members:** 61+

**New Members:** none

**Guests:** Yes, several

**Auction:** 30 exciting items

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

### **NEW LECTURE SERIES**

Lee Gong will be giving an **ADVANCED COLLECTING** talk at the beginning of each meeting. He will begin at 6PM. This will be very interesting and informative, geared to all adult and advanced Junior members.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for October are all of you bringing desserts!

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

**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

**October 22, 2011. CSNA Annual Northern California Educational Symposium.** Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital.

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

**November 11-12, 2011. Sacramento Coin Show.** Red Lion Inn (next to Sears), 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento

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

**February 17-18, 2012. Redwood Empire Coin Club's 44th Annual Coin Show.** Sonoma County Fairgrounds' Finley Hall, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa

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See you October 12— Charlie

