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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## JUNE NEWS

The June meeting of the RECC got off to a sad start with the news that Club member Cherry Betschart passed away earlier in the month. She was the wife of Club member Charley Betschart. We were all saddened with the news, and send our condolences to Charley and their family and friends.

Thanks to all who brought goodies for the meeting. They were delicious and there was plenty to go around. And if you liked that, then you will **love July** because it is our annual **BARBEQUE NIGHT!** Pork steaks for all, just *\$5 per person*. Please bring a side dish or dessert to go with the dinner if you can.

We will also have a **FLEA MARKET** from 6 to 7, so anyone can bring in numismatic items to sell/trade.

### MILITARY, VETERANS, AND WAR

In honor of "D" Day and Flag Day, this month's topic was about numismatic items related to the Military, Veterans, and War.

✌️ Angelo C brought in 2 examples of Occupation currency from Italy. He lived in Italy during WW2, and recalls being shot at from both sides (American and German). He brought in the 10 and 50 Lira occupation bills he saved from then, and also has 1 and 5 Lira specimens.



✌️ Steven H brought in his father's Short Snorters, which were bills signed by members of the same military group. His were on 1935 Silver Certificates, but he also had some from some of the countries his father flew to. In theory, when you went to a bar, if you had your short snorter on you somebody else would have to buy the drinks.

✌️ Phil A talked about a Civil War related coin, the 50 cent Commemorative of the 75th Anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg.



✌️ Curtis S had some copies of confederate currency (though one may have been real). He also had various denominations of German Deutschmarks from 1944 Germany. And he had a German Lugar pistol, obtained from a friend who was a WW 2 paratrooper—obtained from a fallen German officer. Every part on the pistol had the same serial number. Finally, he had the cap from one of the WW2 WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service, the women who served in the Navy in official but non-combat roles).

All the medals on it tell a story. Curtis loves the history behind all his collecting interests.

✌️ Andy S likes the Eisenhower Bicentennial Commemorative



Rich W talked about the Morgan Dollar. Have you ever looked at the headdress closely on Lady Liberty? It features wheat, cotton balls and cotton flower, symbols of the two factions from the Civil War getting together again. He also talked a bit more about fractional currency. They were the suggestion of U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase. Since most of the public in the Civil War was hoarding copper, silver, and gold, he proposed using postage stamps of some type as currency. This postal currency resembled postage stamps and was easy to counterfeit. Later Chase requested Fractional Currency in more colorful notes with printing on the reverse which were harder to counterfeit. The North raised a total of \$368 million with the notes to fund the Civil War! Rich has ~15-20 of these notes.



William had 3 sons. The oldest, Robert, was too rebellious for anyone to handle, so he was kept in Normandy, France. The next oldest son William II, inherited the throne. He was even more cruel than his father. He was shot in the back and died while hunting in the Royal Forest, and his younger brother Henry was promptly crowned King. Yes, it did seem suspicious at the time. So much for brotherly love. Henry was the first of 8 Henrys, and he ruled for 35 years. The coin below is from William II.



Frank V brought in ~ 40 Confederate bills and also ~ 40 fractional notes along with some Civil War Tokens— quite an impressive bunch. And all for sale.



Charlie C talked about War and Brotherly Love. The talk stemmed from an article in the Numismatist ( which all of you would get if you joined the ANA to support our hobby, hint hint). Since the ANA Convention is in Philadelphia (City of Brotherly Love), the article talked about early English coins, which is one of my favorite collections. William of Normandy crossed the English Channel in 1066, and managed to conquer all of England. Two of the most powerful rulers at the time were brothers, but rather than join to battle William they were too busy fighting each other. William was so confident that he even brought an accountant with him from France. He was a big burly man and a rather cruel leader. After ruling about 21 years, he died 2 weeks after blunt trauma ruptured his intestines; his bloated body exploded when soldiers tried to stuff him into too small a casket. The penny pictured is the first of four types issued.



#### KIDS KORNER

Kids Korner will be run by Joel M in July. The meeting starts at 6, so lets show him our support.

Rich W will return in August to present the "Commandments of Coin Collecting". Can you think of any? Let us know.

#### 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.

## **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;

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**Need to plug that hole!** Kurt has a 1918/7-D Buffalo Nickel “For Sale”. It is an Acid Date treated coin, but the over date is clearly visible. The asking price is \$195. Not bad considering G-4 condition are going for \$1,000 plus. Call Kurt at 415-302-4694 or email at [kq@ginterinv.com](mailto:kq@ginterinv.com).”

## **DRAWING WINNERS:**

**Membership:** Jon Maria M, Joel M, Edwin H, Phil A, Kurt G, and Jonathan S

**50:50** pot of \$ 82 was split with Mike C

**Raffle:** Jonathan S, Mike M, Joel M, Mike B, Jon Maria M (4 times), Edwin H (twice), Andy S (twice), Jerry St. G, Frank C, and Bob K

**June Members:** 50+

**New Members:** none this meeting

**Guests:** Yes, several

**Auction:** a number of exciting items

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for July are all of you— please bring a side dish or dessert to go with our BBQ steak night. 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 14-15, 2012. Stanislaus County Coin Club's Modesto Coin and Collectible Show.**

Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street (10th and K Street), Modesto

**July 28-29, 2012. Fremont Coin Club's 40th Annual Coin Show.**

Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

**August 12, 2012. 22nd Annual Coin Show,** Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky Street, Fairfield

**September 16, 2012. Livermore Valley Coin Club's Fall Coin Show.** Elk's Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore

**September 29, 2012. CSNA Annual Northern California Educational Symposium.**

Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, Vallejo

**October 13-14, 2012. Diablo Numismatic Society 16th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show.**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive (off Concord Avenue)

**October 20-21, 2012. Delta Coin Club's 47th**

**Annual Fall Coin Show.** Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

**November 4, 2012. Peninsula Coin Club's 33rd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.**

Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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See you July 11, 2012— Charlie

