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SEPTEMBER GOLD!

What a great meeting we had in September. Lots of people showed up, we had 4 new members join, enough goodies to go around, and we gave away three gold coins!

After the monthly membership drawing was done, this month's membership woods were added to those from the past 5 months, and 3 were pulled out for our Membership Gold Drawing. You needed to be present to win though.

3rd Place— a 2-1/2 peso Mexican gold: Gary C

2nd Place— a 1/10 ounce American Gold Eagle— Joel M

1st place—a 1913 PCGS AU55 \$2-1/2 gold piece— Bruce S and Frank B were drawn but not present. So a third token was drawn and it was Lee G!

So all ~350 tokens will be put back in order, and for each month of the next 6 months that you are present, there will be a token placed for the next Drawing to be done in February during our coin show.

and Roy Roberts Benefit Auction. We have this every year in honor of our former Treasurer (Helen did it for 30 years or something like that) and our former President and auction manager. Any numismatic item is appreciated, and proceeds benefit the club— for mailing costs, room rental, insurance, beverages. Plus, it is **DESSERT NIGHT!** If you can, please bring in a dessert to share with the club.

There will not be a regular auction due to this special event.

GOLD SHOW & TELL

- ◆ Phil A talked about a modern commemorative \$10 gold, the 2003 First Flight Coin. It features the Wright Brothers on one side, their plane the Kitty Hawk on the reverse. Most commemorative gold is in \$5 denomination, like the Jamestown, Granite Lady, and Civil War coins.

COIN SHOW NEWS

Reserve the date: **February 15-16, 2013 will be the Redwood Empire Coin Club's 45th Annual Coin Show!** It will be a Friday and Saturday again. Gold Drawing tickets will be printed up for us soon to start selling them to help support the club. Curtis S gave an inspirational talk on selling the tickets as an opportunity to support the club and win gold. He challenged us to pick up any slack, with him maybe slowing down a little in the coming year. Who will be the next selling champ?

OKTOBERFEST

IT is that time of year again for our annual **Oktoberfest**. We will have the best wurst in town along with sour kraut, courtesy of Lee G and the gang at G & G. And dinner is free for all who bring a numismatic item to donate to our annual **Helen**



- ◆ Jon Maria M talked about a commemorative of 30 years of gold Panda coins—in silver.



- ◆ Jim C brought in some gold ingots from the Nevada City Mint. It was commissioned to do ten ingots from the Lucky Chance Mining Company in 16:1 gold. They had serial numbers from 1 to 10, and enough left over for an 11th. Jim bought the first (#1), the last (#10), and the extra (# 11 of 10).



- ◆ Willie Q has a gold coin in his safe, and is glad it is still his.

- ◆ Curtis S talked about his prize for being the top Gold Coin drawing ticket seller last year. It is a PCGS AU 1852 \$2-1/2 gold coin. It could have been yours if you were the top seller, and maybe one like it will be given away for the top seller of our 2013 coin show.



- ◆ Gary C inherited a bag of coins from his English grandfather. One was a miniature gold sovereign, with Queen Victoria on the obverse and St. George and the Dragon on the reverse

- ◆ Glenn C is buying modern gold plated replicas of early American coins from the “American Mint”.

- ◆ Lee G brought in one of his favorite gold coins. It is an 1851 \$50 California gold “slug” from Augustus Humbert, the assayer for the U.S. Mint. His training as a watchmaker in New York is reflected in the fine scrollwork on the reverse. These were called “slugs”, or “five piece”, though the official term was “ingot”. Lee scraped up the money to buy this long ago, and is so glad he did. Not only has it gone up tremendously in value, but it is an important piece of history. His variety was the 0.877 fine gold; there were a few others.



KIDS KORNER

There will be a Junior meeting in October. It will feature a search through a foreign coin and currency grab box made possible by generous donors.

COINS I WOULD LOVE TO OWN

(but cannot afford)
 #8 (again)— Panama Pacific \$50. Speaking of octagonal coins, this is the one I would also love to have. I know, I know, this isn't new news. But it really is a beautiful design. And at only about \$50K a pop it is a bargain. I wonder if Lee has one of these too.

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

No new ads in months. Do you have a numismatic item to buy, sell, or trade? Ads in the newsletter are free!

ONE MORE OCTAGON

This is an octagonal coin I do have, one that was handed down to my father and then to me from somewhere back in the family. There was a scarcity of small coins during the California Gold Rush. Starting in 1852, quarter, half, and dollar coins— both round and octagonal— were struck by private mints from native gold. They were not well accepted as being underweight and hard to handle— the quarter dollar was about 1/4” in size for instance. But they became popular as souvenirs. About 35,000 total pieces are estimated to have been made, with more than 570 known varieties. Beware of abundant modern counterfeits, which often have a bear on the reverse.



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.

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DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Willie Q, Michael W, Adriana M, Lucky Larry M, Ernesto C, and Darren C

50:50 pot of \$ 102 was split with Charlie C

Raffle: Gary C (twice), Gift of God O, Mike B, Joel M (twice), Deanna, Paul R, Norman E, Phil A, Darren C, Edwin H, and Lee D

September Members: 54+

New Members: Tobias and Chiarra E (#s 843J and 844 J), Blake M (# 845J), and Ernesto C (846J).

WELCOME!

Guests: Yes, several

Auction: 38 exciting items

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for October are all of us— it is **DESSERT NIGHT!**

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

**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

**February 15-16, 2013. Redwood
Empire Coin Club's 45th Annual
Coin Show.** Sonoma County Fair-
grounds' Finley Hall, 1350 Bennett
Valley Road, Santa Rosa

**May 5, 2013. 41st Annual Vallejo Coin and Col-
lectibles Show.** Vallejo Veterans Memorial
Building, 420 Callaghan Lane (off Tennes-
see Street at Interstate I-80)

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions?
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See you October 10, 2012— Charlie

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