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A GOLDEN NIGHT

REMEMBERING WILLIE



The September meeting of the Redwood Empire Coin Club got off to a sad start when we all learned that our beloved Willie Quarante passed away peacefully on September 10. Many knew of his courageous battles with cancers.

But everyone knew him as a warm, friendly, enthusiastic, caring, and loveable person. He spent countless hours volunteering for the club, and was always willing to do more. He also shared his collecting love of Indian cents, errors, and ultimately "holey" coins, which had people from all over finding him samples to add to his ever-growing collection.

A number of members stood up and shared their warm memories of Willie. This was followed by a moment of silence. He will be missed by us all.

New Life Members

We have FIVE new life members.

Congratulations to: LM 66. Bob K, LM 67. Jerry St. G, LM 68. Mike M, LM 69. Jonathan A, and LM 70. Steve C.

"COIN COLLECTOR'S RETREAT"

On Saturday September 28, 2013 the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) will host its 14th Annual symposium at the Vallejo Naval Historical Museum at 734 Marin Street in the second floor Heritage Theater. It features five speakers, an open museum, drawings— and admission is free.

Topics and presenters are:

- ◆ 'The Many Horns and Legs of the Buffalo Nickel' by Robert E. Luna
- ◆ 'California's First Coin Designer' by Fred Holabird
- ◆ 'The Beauty of Seated Liberty Coinage' by Larry Cassagrande
- ◆ 'Saint Gaudens and His Coins and Art' by James O'Dea
- ◆ 'Gobrecht and His Works' by 13 year old Young Numismatist Taylor Webb

The **46th Annual Redwood Empire Coin Show** will be on February 14-15, 2014. This will be a Friday-Saturday event again in the Finley Building of the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Club set up will be on the 12th, with dealer set up on the 13th. Don Rinkor has again generously donated 14 slabbed silver dollars, this time ALL are PCGS MS-63! Many thanks for that.

OKTOBERFEST!

The October meeting will feature our annual **Oktoberfest**, with the best wurst in town provided by the gang at G&G market. Please bring a dessert to go with the free dinner. It will also be our 14th annual **Helen and Roy Roberts Benefit Auction!** Please bring a numismatic item to donate to the auction, and plenty of spending money. There will be no regular auction at the end of the meeting.

GOLD!

Before getting into the talks about gold coins, here are the winners of the 6 month Membership Gold Coin Drawing: Glenn M and Carman B each won \$2-1/2 Indian Gold coins. Joe McC's number was pulled for the #1 prize, but he was not present :-). So the winner of an 1893 \$5 Liberty Gold coin was Lee G!

Talks

- ◆ Bill van V worked with security at the SF mint. The 'old mint' was built from 1869-1874, minted 4 million gold coins the first year alone. After the 1906 earthquake it opened its doors as a financial institution since it survived mostly intact. The 'new mint' never produced gold, it just minted other metals. It closed in 1955 to build a new walkway, re-opened in 1964. The mint was broken into once— two boys crawled in through a second floor window! Bill was given a strong box from the N.Y. Assay office as a retirement present. When filled with gold bars it took 4 people to carry it.
 - ◆ Phil A talked about the Denver mint, the largest producer of coins in the world. It's predecessor was Clark Gruber & Co in 1861-2, which was bought and used as an assay office in 1863.
 - ◆ Curtis S talked about Philly. It dates to 1776 when Franklin, Adams, and Jefferson were appointed to come up with the seal of the US. First coins were minted 1792, first gold were 1795 eagles and half eagles, in 1796 the 1/4 eagle was first minted. The double eagle did not debut until 1849, when a dollar gold coin was also made. It even made "California" gold dollars in 1848.
 - ◆ Joel M— New Orleans Mint: open 1838-1861 (when confederates took over and minted their half dollar there), and reopened 1879-1909. Minted over 427million coins. First issue: 30 dimes. Minted gold \$1, 2.5, 3,5,10 and 20 coins
 - ◆ Zach S— Carson City Mint: today it is the Nevada State Museum. Built in 1870 with the help of the Comstock load and transcontinental railroad. Because of the cost though it required cheap Chinese labor. It minted over 1.8 million gold coins. It stopped minting in 1893 due to increased cost, decreased bullion, and corruption
 - ◆ Gary C went to Dahlonega to see the mint— the gold domed building there— now a university in Lumpkin County. It was there because of local gold found in 1828. The coins minted there have a slightly greenish hue due to a bit of silver in the alloy. Two 'modern' steam driven presses were used there, which only had the power to press the
- Smaller denomination gold coins— 1.4 million in all.
- ◆ Charlie C talked about the Charlotte Mint, which also only minted gold coins with a "C" mint mark. They were minted from 1837 until the Confederates took over in 1861. The ran out of bullion, converted it to a hospital. After the Civil War, it became an assay office, Red Cross center, Women's Club, and finally taken over to become the first public art museum in North Carolina
 - ◆ Jerry St. George talked about the 11 kinds of Commemorative Gold Dollar— he has all but 3.
 - ◆ Mike C talked about the 1915 Panama Pacific \$50 gold pieces. The exposition was built to honor the completion of the Panama Canal, but also showcased San Francisco's recovery from the 1906 earthquake. The site was constructed at the Marina District, where the Exploratorium used to be as well as the Palace of Fine Arts. The \$50 gold pieces were either round or octagonal, they contained 2.42 ounces of gold, and featured the helmeted head of Athena on the obverse and an owl on the reverse. The octagonal piece also had eight small dolphins, one in each corner. The coins were not popular because of a 100% surcharge, meaning each cost \$100 to purchase. 1510 round coins were minted, 483 sold; 1509 octagonal coins were minted, 645 were sold. They now cost a bundle, each about the same. Club member Guy Chapman brought a sample of each to the coin club in the 1970s!
 - ◆ Several other members talked about various gold denominations, but there was too much info to write down. You can always find info in the Red Book, Breen's Encyclopedia of US Coins, the internet, our library, or the various experts in the club.
 - ◆ Lee G didn't want to talk about the \$50 slug. So here is a picture of one.



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

CASH paid for coin collections, will travel. I have been buying coins for 58+ years. Frank Villalon 707-467-0250

FOR SALE: Beautiful uncirculated 1 ounce 2010 gold American Eagle at spot price plus \$50. Call Steve K. at 548-0839



KIDS KORNER

Thanks to Joel M., there was a junior meeting in September. He managed to discuss the printing of US currency and the twelve federal reserve banks.

There will be a Junior meeting in Oct. at 6:15. I plan to bring and discuss the Barber or Liberty Head coinage. See you there— Rich W.

New Name Badges

Lee G is in the process of making up new name badges for everyone. Initially Life Members will get theirs. After you pay your dues for next year, the rest of the members will get theirs. Wear them with pride at meetings as well as at coin shows.



DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Rich R, Carman B, Irene C, Bob K, Jerry St. G, and Mike M

50:50 pot of \$ 114 was split with Gary C

Raffle: Glen M (twice), Bob K, Mike B, Jerry St. G, Mike M, Jack H (twice), Edwin H (twice), Joel M (twice), Matt, and Irene C

September Members Present: 54+

New Members: Christine S (#872). She follows in the footsteps of her father Guy S and son Zach in joining— WELCOME!

Guests: Bill Green; William; and Larry C, VP of the Diablo Numismatic Society

Auction: 34 of exciting items

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for October are all of you that can bring desserts for Oktoberfest— thanks!

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.

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 28, 2013. CSNA Annual Northern California Educational Symposium.

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

October 4-5, 2013. Sacramento Valley Coin Club's Annual Fall Coin Show. Elk's

Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento

October 12-13, 2013. Diablo Numismatic Society's 17th Annual Coin Show. Crowne

Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive (off Concord Ave)

October 19-20, 2013. Delta Coin Club's 49th

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

November 3, 2013. Peninsula Coin Club 34th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.

Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

January 24-26, 2014. San Jose 46th Annual Coin, Stamps, and Collectibles Expo.

Double Tree Hotel Bayshore Ballroom, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose

FEBRUARY 14-15, 2014. Redwood Coin Club 46th Annual Coin Show. Sonoma County

Fairgrounds Finley Hall, Santa Rosa

February 16, 2014. Cupertino Coin Club's 42nd Annual Coin Show. Napredak Hall, 770

Montague Expressway, San Jose

May 4, 2014. Vallejo Numismatic Society 42nd Annual Show. Veteran's Memorial Building,

420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo

July 12-13, 2014. California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) 132nd Convention and Coin Show. Veteran's Memorial Building,

420 Admiral Callaghan Way, Vallejo

July 26-27, 2014. Fremont Coin Club's 42nd Annual Show. Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell

Drive, Fremont

October 18-19, 2014. Delta Coin Club's 50th

Annual Coin Show. Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

November 2, 2014. Peninsula Coin Club's 35th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.

Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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

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See you October 9— Charlie

