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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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Next Meeting: September 9, 2015

## AUGUST NEWS

We had a nice attendance at the August RECC meeting, particularly considering there were only 2 junior members. Thanks to those who brought goodies– they went fast. Next month anyone who did not bring goodies in August is welcome to bring something– it will be a big meeting. That is because it will be our.....

### 6 MONTH GOLD COIN DRAWING!

For every meeting you attended for the last 6 months, your membership token was added to the pot. We will draw from that for a special gold coin...or two or three. With the price of gold fluctuating Merle has held off getting the prizes. But they will be nice. There is only one requirement: you **MUST be present to win.**

The topic for the September meeting is: **YOUR FAVORITE GOLD COIN.** Bring it in and talk about it, get 4 free raffle tickets. Even if you do not have that coin, talk about it and get 4 free raffle tickets.

Congratulations to Curtis and Ramona S for their 65th wedding anniversary! They could not be at the meeting because Ramona was home from the hospital recovering from an illness. We hope to see them in September.

Congratulations to Phil A for his 5 year membership anniversary.

Thanks to Derrick C for being our webmaster for 8 years. He continuously updates the site with lots of info, and he gets comments from all over the country. You should check it out regularly.

### MOST UNUSUAL COIN

◇ Gary C brought in a big bag of coins that looked like chocolate Necco wafers. They were World War 2 era coins from Belgium. During

the war most metals were needed by the military, so these were minted from zinc, which was not needed for the war effort. It is the same as the core of our current U.S. cent. A few of Gary's coins were shiny 2 franc pieces dated 1944, and were minted in Philadelphia from steel planchets left over from the 1943 U.S. cents (25 million of them).



◇ Guy S has expanded his ancient coin collection to ancient India, which was conquered in ~330 BC by Alexander the Great. This brought a Greek influence to coins of that region. But when they Greeks left the region, ancient India started producing square coins (around 180-150 BC).



◇ Frank B became interested in error coins after talking with Lee G. He brought in an off-center cent, a uniface dime (not a mint error); and a 1981 reverse proof coin from the First Commemorative Mint– basically a regular U.S. issue plated as a reverse proof.

◇ Giulia R showed a Buffalo nickel that had a bezel added to it to make a necklace

◇ David A talked about a Macintosh deal for a 1981 D Kennedy half; he also had a '2 headed' coin with a Chinese symbol as one side

◇ Lucky Larry told a story of doing an appraisal for a friend. In it was a box of 1964 Kennedy

Halves (423 of them), and 4 boxes of CC GSA dollars 1882-1885. She took them to a dealer for sale (though he wanted the GSA dollars), and he was able to buy them back from the dealer ( a nice gesture to let Larry get them at the dealer cost).

◇ Rich W discussed a new 12 sided 1 pound coin to be minted in England in 2017, which was designed by a schoolboy! It won a competition by the Royal Mint. The design features a leek, thistle, shamrock, and rose all coming out of a crown— to represent the nations within the U.K. Rich also discussed clashed die Morgan dollars. This results from 2 dies clashing together when a planchet is not between, and a bit of each die is stamped on the opposite one. These are common and not particularly more valuable, but are easy to find when you know where to look.



◇ Charlie C brought in two unusual coins. The first was a 1792 tax protest coin from Coventry, England, featuring Lady Godiva. In the 11th century she was the wife of Leofric, Earl of Mercia and Lord of Coventry. She pleaded with him to lower taxes, and he said he would if she would ride naked through the streets. She ordered the curious citizens to remain indoors and not look as she passed by only covered by her long hair. There was a report of only 1 person, a tailor, who was caught looking (and was struck blind). His name was Tom, hence the nickname “peeping Tom”. The reverse of the coin shows an elephant and castle, the arms of the city. The other item Charlie brought



◇ Finally, Merle talked about William Jennings Bryan and his plan to have a gold standard with a gold:silver ratio of 1:16. His famous “Cross of Gold” speech at the July 1896 Democratic National Convention helped him win the nomination for president. This inflationary measure would have increased the amount of money in circulation and aided cash-poor and debt-burdened farmers. This was opposed to McKinley who proposed a single standard of gold. Merle brought in a ‘so called dollar’ that he had slabbed, and was critical of Bryan’s ratio. It was larger than a U.S. dollar, showing the size a dollar would be if it was the value in silver of 1 gold dollar. The reverse showed a wagon wheel the current size of a silver dollar. There were numerous coins like this made critical of Bryan. He lost the presidential race to McKinley.



was a medal from the French mint. In 1906, after the earthquake in San Francisco, France produced a medal in sympathy for the city's destruction. In 2006, the French Mint made 100 restrrike medals, bronze gilt with gold. This 3-1/2” medal has wonderful high relief views of the San Francisco skyline.





## 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

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Rich W handed me a newspaper article with a large photo of this coin, and asked me if I had it. I had to laugh, then explained that it is a \$50,000+ coin in low grade condition. The newspaper article was not about the coin, but about a book titled The Death of Caesar. It received rave reviews about the fascinating details it went into about Caesars assassination on the Ides of March (3/15) 44BC. How did they manage to get 60 people involved and keep it a secret? What had Caesar done to alienate so many? You will just have to read the book to find out. And at \$27, it is far cheaper than the coin.



For those seeking a coin of Brutus that is more affordable than the Eid Mar denarius, the denarius shown here is an attractive alternative.

## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership:** Bill S, Phil A, Merle A, Ken F, and Guy S

**50:50** pot of \$ \$92 was split with Gary C.

**Raffle:** Edwin H (twice), Glenn M (twice), Andy O (twice), Gary C, Harry D, and Jack H (3 times)

**August Members Present:** 52+

**New Members:** Cayson K (#922J), and Jack G (#923)- WELCOME!

**Guests:** Rich W's grandson Jack, Phil's friend, Bob K's brother-in-law Gary

**Auction:** 43 exciting items

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

### KIDS KORNER

Only two members were at the August meeting— likely a conflict with school starting. It looks like the juniors had their priorities right. Welcome to new junior member (923) Jack G. Jack collects coins- he likes both US and foreign. He has completed Winged Head Liberty (Mercury) dimes minus the tough 1916D. Do any members have any extra 16D's to donate to the juniors? Giulia attended and was able to add many nice foreign coins to her collection.

At the September meeting I will open the discussion with National Park quarters. See if you can find some of these very nice coins in circulation. See

Volunteers for **refreshments** for September are all those who did not bring something in August— 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

**August 28-30, 2015. Santa Clara Coin Show.** Now  
at the Santa Clara Fairgrounds

**September 13, 2015. Livermore Valley Coin  
Club's 4th Annual Fall Coin Show.** Elks  
Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore

**September 26, 2015. 2nd Annual NCNA Seminar.**  
Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73  
Marin Street at Capital, Vallejo

**October 9-11, 2015. Diablo Numismatic Society  
19th Annual Contra Costa Coin and  
Collectibles Show.** Elk's Lodge, 1475 Creek  
side Dr., Walnut Creek

**November 1, 2015. Peninsula Coin Club's 36th  
Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.**  
Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway,  
San Jose

**FEBRUARY 12-13, 2016. Redwood  
Coin Club 48th Annual Coin  
Show.** Sonoma County Fair-  
grounds' Finley Hall, Santa Rosa

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See you September 9— Charlie

