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JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the June RECC meeting are brought to you courtesy of Wendy A, who kindly recorded every word for me to transcribe here. I was unable to make it to the meeting, and hope to be there in July.

The meeting was the 5th anniversary for members Zach S and Mike M— time flies when we are having fun!

JULY TOPIC

The topic for the July meeting is: **Your best Father's Day story related to coins.** Bring in or talk about a coin/collection, and get 4 free raffle tickets!

It will also be our annual **BBQ Dinner Night**, with delicious barbequed country pork ribs and chicken, for *only \$5* each. PLEASE bring a side dish or a dessert if you can to go with the main course.

AND, we will have a **Flea Market** from 6-7 PM, where members can grab a table to sell/buy/ trade coins (numismatic items only, please). There will still be an auction at the end of the meeting.

The club sends get well wishes to Frank V, who is still recovering from an illness. We hope to see you at the July meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEE

We celebrated Lee G's birthday with his favorite, a fruit basket cake courtesy of Connie P. 65 years young!

Jon Maria M talked about the Vallejo show in May. They had 308 people for the one day show, and the bourse sold out. There was a cash drawing for the raffle, and our very own Joel M won second prize, \$100 in cash! She also talked about the upcoming Fairfield show and the NCNA seminar, with some excellent speakers.

TYPE SETS/ SHOW & TELL

- ◆ Gary C does have a type set of Sacagawea dollars, and talked about the 2015 coin. It has the date on the edge, which always stumps people unfamiliar with it. It celebrates the Mohawk Ironworkers, who helped build the New York skyscrapers. The Smithsonian Institution had a traveling exhibit on them from 2004-2007. He read one quote: "a lot of people felt the Mohawks were not afraid of heights. That is not true: we just deal with it better". The Mohawks were first hired as unskilled labor in the mid-1880s to help build a bridge over a river and onto Mohawk land. They quickly earned a reputation for top notch



work on tall structures, leading to an exodus of tribe members moving to New York and helping build that city's skyline.

- ◆ Guy S is always talking about type sets, and how you can almost always expand on them. He brought in an extension of a US type set, with some Hard Times tokens from the 1830s. This was a period of depression and a coin shortage, and the tokens often had a political theme.



- ◆ Matt A talked about one coin that has had five different finishes: the Silver American Eagle. Over the years it has had a bullion finish, uncirculated and burnished uncirculated, proof and reverse proof finishes. All the same coin design, just different finishes for different years!



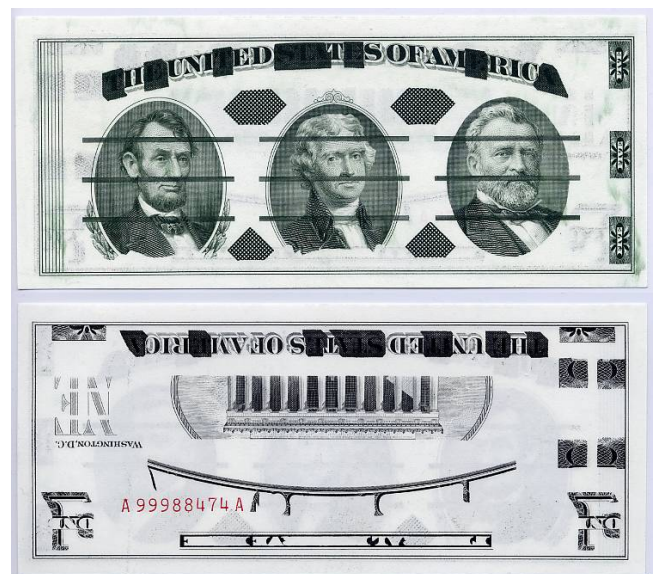
- ◆ Bill C talked about why we are members of our club with an excellent example. He has collected Russian coins for over 40 years and is an expert in that area. So when looking over assorted other coins he had, he found an Ike dollar he could not quite figure out— so he brought it to our meeting. He showed it to Lee G, who thought it a little strange, and referred him to Merle. Merle then directed him to a member who could correctly identify the variety, and then referred him to the club expert on Ike dollars, Vic. It turns out this 1976-P Ike dollar was silver-coated, probably for use in jewelry. Bill learned a lot with this process, and appreciated having the resources right here within our club.
- ◆ Lee G has a lot of collections, and many he has put in Capital Plastic holders to show the beautiful sets. He did collect the state quarters, putting the silver ones in a plastic holder. Looking back at things he collected in the past, the error coins he purchased 20-30 years ago are practically not affordable any more. But the new America the Beautiful coins are a beautiful set, are very affordable, and Lee found that it was fun to put it together. You do not necessarily have to spend a lot with this hobby to be able to enjoy it.



- ◆ Merle bought a silver bar (ingot) from the San Francisco mint about 25 years ago, probably paid ~ \$30 for it— a 5 or 6 ounce bar. A former club member, Dr. Farnsworth, sold him 4 or 5 more as well a long time ago. Merle mentioned a recent Heritage auction where 2 or 3 bars were auctioned, and brought \$3500-\$4300 each! Jim C added that the mint sold bars in the 10-20 ounce range as well. You could also bring in silver coins, have them melted down with the weight stamped on them and the mint stamp— an oval with an eagle on it. They apparently are a hot item now, with the SF mint being prized. There are a few Philadelphia and other mint bars on the market too. Lee G has a 119 ounce bar. He remembers 6/18/68 being the last date the mint would accept silver certificates in exchange for actual silver, before those were decommissioned.



- ◆ Jim C talked about Giori test notes that were sent to congressmen by a German firm trying to convince congress to use their presses. The sheets are now valued at ~ \$5000 each. These were printed on our paper, with plates we sent the company that had partial engravings on them as seen in the picture. Prior to the meeting Jim was in Long Beach, and found a Giori test note for a foreign country and is proud to own it.



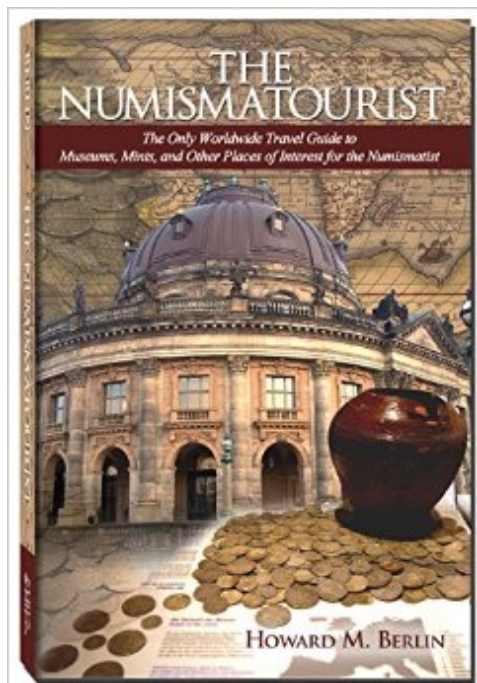
CLASSIFIED ADS

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. I have purchased coins for over 60 years— I will travel to your location.

Please call Frank Villalon 707-467-0250

I was not able to make it to the meeting, but I do have a show and tell. There is a new book in print called The Numismatourist, by Howard Berlin. I will bring it to the July meeting. It is the only worldwide travel guide to museums, mints, and other places of interest to the numismatist. It is helpful in listing hours, bus/train routes, web sites, etc for anyone planning travel around the world. There are fabulous collections open to the public, and even some numismatic libraries.



DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Lee C, Lois V, Bill S, Andy O, Larry M

50:50 pot of \$78 was split with David V

Raffle: Bill C, David V, Ed H, Calvin G, Carson K, Frank B, Jim C, Ed H, Bill C, Joel M, Ed H, Andy O

June Members Present: 60+

Guests: yes

Auction: **Yes**, not sure how many lots

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

KIDS KORNER

Many thanks to Joel for holding the junior meeting in June.

Joel has agreed to hold the July meeting since I will again be out of town.

He has not yet determined the subject of the meeting, but he always does a good job with many interesting items.

I will however, be back for the August meeting.

I have missed you all.

Rich

Volunteers for **refreshments** for July are for everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to go with the Barbeque Dinner! 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

June 26-27, 2015. East Bay/Concord Coin Show.
Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Ave., Concord

June 28, 2015. Alameda Coin Show. TBA

July 25-26, 2015. Fremont Coin Club's 43rd Annual Show. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

August 9, 2015. Fairfield Coin club's 26th Annual Coin Show. Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania

September 4-6, Santa Clara Coin Show

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 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek

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

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See you July 8— Charlie

