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GOLD!!!!

That's right, we had a great turnout for the September meeting because it was the 6 month **Membership Gold Drawing**. Thanks to those who brought goodies, they were delicious. Late in the meeting, after the monthly Membership drawing was done, we pulled wooden nickels for four gold pieces in the drawing. And the winners were:
1st Prize: Lee G, a 1904 \$5 Liberty gold piece
2nd Prize: Rich W, a 1/10 ounce American Eagle
3rd Prize: Claude F, a 2-1/2 Peso gold piece
4th Prize: Phil A, a 2 Peso gold piece
Joel M was drawn for the 2nd prize, but was not present :-)



MY FAVORITE GOLD COIN

Bill S started out with the newest gold coin from the U.S. Mint, a 2015-W High Relief \$100 gold coin. There were only 50,000 minted. Bill's specimen was graded by PCGS MS-70. Don Rinkor had 15, and 13 of them were MS 70! Bill bought 4 or 5, and they are running around \$1700-2400 each.

Phil A loves the 2003 First Flight Gold coin. There are a couple other claims of who had the first powered flight, but conventional thought still goes to the Wright Brothers. There were both proof and uncirculated varieties of the \$10 gold coin.



Merle talked about the upcoming RECC Coin Show on February 12-13, 2015. We already have 10 dealers paid for the show, and anticipate another sell out. Don Rinkor has again committed to supporting the Silver Dollar Drawing by donating 14 slabbed silver dollars to the club! Please thank Don for his generosity when you see him.

OKTOBERFEST!

Ja, it is our annual **Oktoberfest Feast** next month! It is also a special event, since it will be our **16th Annual Helen and Roy Roberts Club Benefit Auction**. Please bring a numismatic item to donate to the auction, with all benefits going to the club. And for your donation, the best wurst in town with all the fixins will be ready for you, courtesy of the chefs at G&G Market. PLEASE bring a dessert to go with the dinner if you can—thanks!

Guy S proudly showed off his gold Daric of Persian ruler Darius I, as well as a second example brought in by Charlie C. These are some of the earliest gold coins made, minted ~480 BC. The coin is also mentioned in the Old Testament. Not to be outdone, Frank V then brought up a small gold coin from Phocaea, Ionia (ancient Greece) from ~300BC; a cupped gold Byzantine coin from ~1071 from King Michael: Christ was on the obverse, Michael was on the reverse; and a silver shekel from Tyre (northwest of Jerusalem) which was the kind of coin used to pay the annual Temple tax and was also likely what the 'pieces of silver' were that were used to bribe Judas. Photo examples are on the next page



Daric, 480 BC



Byzantine gold, 1071 AD



Shekel, 125 BC-35 AD



Phocaea, 300 BC

Rich W had his grandson here in August, who found some golden colored coins among the world coins we let them sort through. It was a 20 drachma coin from Greece, and Rich was able to find a few more for him. It featured the famous owl of Athens, on coins from 2400 years ago (with the head of Athena on the obverse of that one).



Gary C loves the Mexican 20 peso gold coin with the Aztec Calendar on it. The calendar has very intricate carving, much which we still do not understand.



Bob A found a \$1 gold coin a while back from Palua with an image of a ladybug on it (and shaped like one). His wife likes ladybugs, so he had a bezel put on it so she could wear it as a pendant.



Dan C likes the design of the 2014 gold JFK Commemorative. Only 75,000 were minted. It is the first gold half dollar offered by the mint, and contains 3/4 troy ounces of gold.

Bill G brought in one of his favorite gold coins, which is a fake. It is an 1883 Racketeer nickel, a Liberty "V" nickel plated gold. His was a really nice example, since many have the gold plating worn off. The best counterfeits also had a reeded edge added.

David A likes all the Indian Head gold with the incuse design. He doesn't have one.....yet.



Charlie C likes old stuff. Besides medieval English and ancient coins, he is starting to collect early American coins prior to 1800. He has always liked the early gold, and recently was a lucky auction winner of a 1798 \$5 gold piece. This is the second variety to come out. The very first one had a scrawny eagle.



Rick S talked about some coins he bought, and sold at a very good profit. Way to go!

Glenn C talked about the three denominations of gold coins from Cyprus. The 50 pound coin from 1977 is his favorite.



Merle loves the 1907 high relief gold \$20. His first one was graded VF, then upgraded to XF 40 and again to XF 45. He wants a MS63!



Finally, Mike C's favorite is the English Sovereign, with the famous engraving by Pistrucci of St. George slaying the dragon. Our meeting date was the day Queen Elizabeth broke the record for longest reigning English monarch.

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KIDS KORNER

Again the September meeting was attended by two juniors: Giulia and Carson. We searched a roll of circulated quarters from the bank and found 11 different national park quarters. All were in AU+ condition. We put them into a national park quarter map and carded the extras. Giulia and Carson got the extras. It would be nice if some more juniors could attend our monthly meetings.

Next month the subject will be HALLOWEEN COINS. I didn't know that they existed until my wife suggested that I "google" it and sure enough they exist. See you on 14 Oct at 6:15 sharp.
Rich W

Maybe if more juniors were shown the newsletter, more would attend.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for Oktober are all of us bringing desserts to go with the weiners.— thanks!

DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Harry D, Philip A, Bob A, Bill S, and Jeff B

50:50 pot of \$132 was split with Bill R

Raffle: Connie P, Jay (guest), Mike B (twice), David V, Irene C, Jon Maria M, Lee C, Frank B, Bill R, Jack H, Jeremiah R

August Members Present: 64+

New Members: none

Guests: Stockton coin club members Dean and Jay

48 exciting items

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

Sunnyvale Coin Show

November 13 and 14 is the South Bay / Sunnyvale Coin Show at the Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real. A lucky Northern California coin club member will win both a two peso gold coin and a PCGS MS 63 Franklin half dollar. Need not be present to win. Just fill out a registration card and show proof of your club affiliation. And all three registration prizes at this show will be gold: tenth ounce Eagle, Canadian gold 50 cent, one gram gold ingot. So you will have a number of opportunities to win valuable numismatic items

👁️ One more favorite gold coin: Jeff B likes the Type 1 \$1 gold coin. It looks like a mini \$20 from the gold era, and is reasonably affordable.



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 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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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions?
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See you October 14— Charlie

