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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## CURRENCY NIGHT

The May meeting of the RECC featured our first ever currency night. There were a number of good talks as you will see below. The photos were taken by an I-phone and it was difficult to avoid glare, but you will be able to see samples of what was brought in. The only business was about the next two meetings.

The **JUNE** meeting will be **Show and Tell!** This is always a popular subject. Bring ANY numismatic item, give a short talk, and get 4 free raffle tickets. It will also be **DESSERT NIGHT!** If you can, **please bring a dessert to share** with the club. Hopefully there will be enough to last until the break.....thanks!

The **JULY** meeting will be our **800th meeting!** Wow- what are we going to do? We will have **DINNER** for everybody- pork steaks and chicken! We will have **CAKE!** We will have a **FLEA MARKET!** And we will have special **GIVE-AWAY PRIZES!!!!** If you have any other ideas, let Merle know.

### CURRENCY

\$ Joe M started off the discussion with not just one bill, not just one album, but a whole box full of his collection. And does he have a lot! The first album was just Confederate notes. He also had one with Clearinghouse currency, issued during the depression; Fractional currency; Obsolete notes (those that could no longer be redeemed); Continental currency; Military Payment Certificates; one of the famous Educational Notes; and Federal Reserve Bank notes. Not only did Joe talk about some of these, but he also brought the best references for many of the series. And he

also talked about which guide book to NOT count on for proper valuation. If you have any question on currency collecting and references, Joe would be a good person to talk with.

\$ Bill C talked about an album he bought here for only \$2 (and had seen elsewhere). It houses his collection of German Mark notes with ever increasing valuation as Germany went through a tremendous inflation period



prior to WW2.

\$ Guy talked about 4 bills he had. He brought in a tiny book his wife has had since she was a kid, and it may have been old since that time. Inside was a bookmark, a very old worn 1863 10 cent fractional currency note! He also brought in a pair of notes from the French "constitutional government" during the French Revolution



\$ Finally, Guy also had a very nice example of Colonial Currency. It was a 1773 note for 20 shillings from Philadelphia. It was printed at the shop Benjamin Franklin used to own and sold to Nathan Hall.



\$ Andy S talked about his examples of WW II era US currency. One was a set of currency for South Africa with a yellow seal on it: in case the German's took over the region, the currency would be useless. He also had US bills from Hawaii, with the same general purpose: if the Japanese were to take over the islands, the bills would be worthless. Finally he had "R" and "S" notes, when the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was printing notes on Regular paper and Special paper to test their longevity, and the letters were printed on the bills.



\$ Rich W brought in a Canadian note as a way to talk about his Canadian cent collection. The key date is the 1858 cent, the only one he needed for his collection. He went to the recent Santa Clara Show, which was somewhat sparse on dealers, but still looked around. Lo and behold, in the third row of tables he found a dealer with two of them, and purchased the higher grade one.



\$ Bill G's wife had a great great grandfather with the last name McDougal, and he had an 1830s note from Columbus, Georgia with a McDougald signature on it. There was no printing on the reverse of the note.



\$ Curtis talked about the coin he bought as the prize for selling the most Gold Coin Drawing tickets for the recent Coin Show. He got a Swiss Platinum Shooting Thaler, containing one troy ounce of Platinum. It features William Tell striding confidently with his crossbow on his shoulder, with his arm around his son. Switzerland is divided into cantons, or states. In the 1800s and early 1900s, these cantons held Shooting Festivals, or "free shoots" tournaments. Originally, these festivals were fundraisers to aid the widows and orphans of the soldiers who had fallen in defense of their country. Shooting halls



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were erected and prizes were awarded to the sharp shooters. With each shooting festival, a commemorative medal was minted, and these are quite collectible. Curtis has a modern Platinum version of them— a well deserved prize!

\$ Finally, Merle brought in some of his prize currency specimens, and even had two display cases to show them off. They were from National Banks of our local towns!



Joe McC mentioned an Educational Note in his collection. There were a series of three 1895 notes with this theme (more had been planned). The \$1 featured a vignette entitled “History Instructing Youth”; the \$2 was entitled “Science Presents

Steam and Electricity to Commerce and Manufacture”.

“Electricity as the Dominant Force in the World” is this \$5 note.



## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership:** Jeff B, Georgia M, Helmut J, Harold R, Mike M

**50:50** pot of \$92 was split with Glenn M

**Raffle:** Kathryn E, Joe, Mike C, Joel M, Curtis S (twice), Matt A, Guy S, Glen M (twice), Julia R, and George

**May Attendance:** 60+

**New Members:** Deanna J (#942), joining her husband Helmut in the club— WELCOME!!!

**Guests:** yes

**Auction:** 53 exciting items

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

### KIDS KORNER

Guy S. will run the meeting in June with a discussion of ancient Roman coins.

There will be no junior meeting in July so juniors can take full advantage of flea market, food, handouts, and the 800th meeting cake. Have fun.

Rich

Volunteers for **refreshments** for **May** are **all of us**— please bring a dessert to share with the club— 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

**May 21, 2017. Vallejo Numismatic Society 45th Annual Show.** Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo

**July 22-23, 2017. Fremont Coin Club's 45th Annual Show.** Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

**August 20, 2017. Fairfield Coin Club's 28th Annual Coin Show.** Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania, in Fairfield

**October 21-22, 2017. Delta Coin Club's 52nd Annual Show.** Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

**November 5, 2017. Peninsula Coin Club's 38th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show.** Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

**February 16-17, 2018. Redwood Coin Club's 50th Annual Coin Show.** Sonoma County Fairgrounds' Finley Hall, Santa Rosa

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