

# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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Next Meeting: July 11, 2018

## JUNE MEETING: THE TECH ISSUE

The Redwood Empire Cookie Club had its 811<sup>th</sup> meeting, and once again there were fabulous cookies to be had: chocolate chip, macadamia nut, oatmeal, etc. Someone broke the mold and actually brought brownie bites, but those were OK too. Club members enjoyed all the goodies, as well as the fresh beverages provided. Oh, yeah, the coin club also met.

In keeping with our tradition of eating and munching throughout the meeting, the **JULY** meeting will be our annual **BARBEQUE DINNER NIGHT!** We have found a chef to grill the pork steaks and chicken. The cost is only \$5 for those who bring a side dish, and **\$10** for those who do not bring anything to share with the club.

**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** do bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to go with the barbeque! The cook providing the barbeque is not providing any sides this year, so it is up to us. This is one of the best meetings of the year, and we don't want anybody to go away hungry. Thanks in advance. And in addition, we will have **SHOW AND TELL** as our theme. Bring in an item and talk about it and receive four free raffle tickets.

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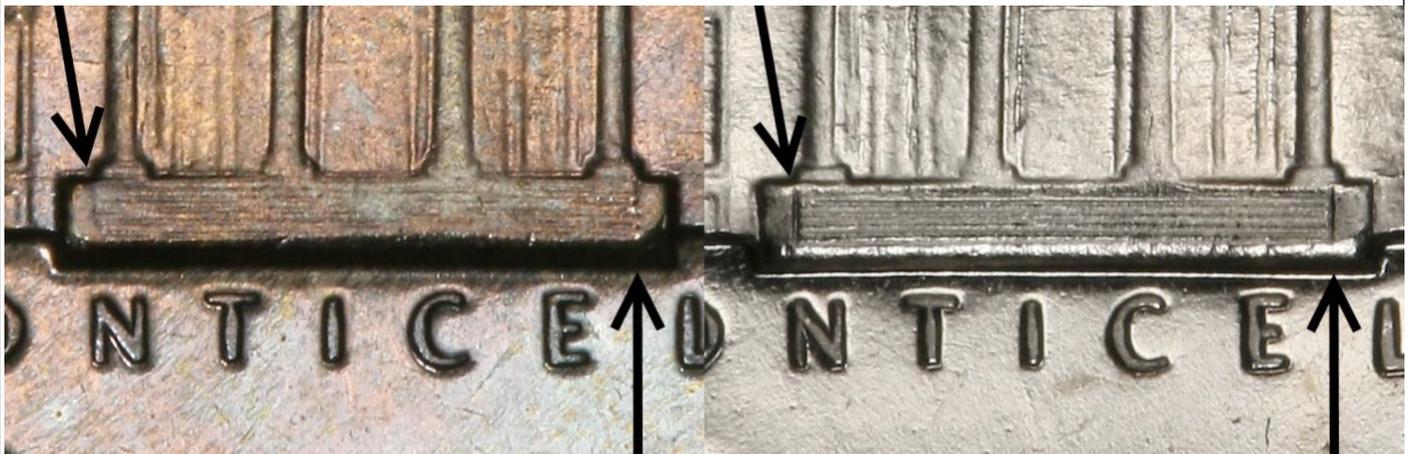
Advance warning: the **August** club meeting will be on the **THIRD** Wednesday, August 15 (Dave and Wendi's anniversary), in the main auditorium. This is because the Sonoma County Fair will be running during the week that we would normally have our meeting, and the fair will be using the building/parking lot. Since we will have the main auditorium, we will have a Flea Market at the August meeting.

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As mentioned above, we did have a coin club meeting, with the topic being: "HOW DOES THE INTERNET HELP YOU WITH YOUR HOBBY?"

- Merle started the discussion about the internet. He prefers Heritage Auctions because of the large selection of coins in the areas he collects. Other benefits include an archive of all past auction results searchable by name (you do not need to know the auction or date of auction); a Want List section; listing of your past purchases, and more. There are other large and reputable auction houses in the US and abroad, with pros and cons to each.
- Matt A demonstrated how just about any coin could be looked up instantly on the internet. There was a 1935 German 5-mark coin in the raffle, for instance, and he wondered about the silver content. As he was quickly able to discover, this 90% silver coin was initially intended to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Potsdam Garrison Church, but was turned into a first anniversary celebration coin by Hitler and was the largest denomination coin produced by Nazi Germany. After the war, most items bearing the Nazi swastika (like this coin) were destroyed-making it somewhat scarce. Some lucky club member won it in the raffle.
- Joel M uses the internet often, particularly using eBay. He can look up past sales to determine the latest value of coins. There is a way to check "Sold" coins, or "Completed" auctions (whether sold or not). There are ratings of all the sellers. Those with high volume aren't as important; but sellers with a small volume of sales are worth evaluating to look for potential transaction issues. Joel also likes the way items can be magnified for better viewing.

- Larry M uses eBay a lot and has had good success obtaining rolls of coins. He mentioned how you can make offers to sellers, and even ask sellers questions.
- Charlie C discussed not only the internet but technology in general. In the 1990s we held our meetings in one of the back buildings at Coddington. It was a small room, we were a much smaller club. And when Guy S moved to Gold Country, yours truly was given the job as secretary. The minutes of the meeting were hand written and given to Lee G; he had his sister type it up, make photocopies, and mail them. With one of the first Apple computers, I was later able to type up the newsletter and even include some Clip Art images, then give the newsletter to Lee for photocopying. Technology improved to where the newsletter is now converted to a PDF file, e-mailed to the printer, and digitally printed. Plus, many of our members now receive the newsletter on-line. The internet has allowed me to follow auctions in the US and abroad, including Canada, England, Germany, and Israel, as well as with making purchases in Jordan and Dubai (United Arab Emirates). One difficulty of overseas auctions is the time difference, with occasional auctions starting at 2 AM Pacific Standard Time. And one nice thing about the international coin trade is the ability to interact with dealers around the world (as well as around the country here, too). Finally, the internet affords me the ability to do extensive research about coins. Nearly every item mentioned in our Show and Tell talks has been found on the internet, so images can be added to this newsletter. It is fun to chase down obscure and esoteric subjects with so much information at our fingertips.
- Mike C uses eBay a lot for purchases. He has a reference site for PCGS/NGC coins, grades, mintages, etc. As an example, the Proof 1940 five cent coin was minted with two different reverses: the reverse of 1938 (with the steps of Monticello being slightly wavy) and a new reverse of 1940 (with straight steps and cleaner lines). The reverse of 1938 is much scarcer, and he was able to look up info on it. He brought in PCGS Proof-66 samples of each one. And I was able to quickly find an image to illustrate the difference. Hopefully you were able to see the two examples Mike had, they were impressive (but you needed a magnifier to see them).



**REVERSE OF 1938**

**REVERSE OF 1940**

**Note strengthening at sides of steps  
on Reverse of 1940**

- One item that did not come up, but may be of help to on-line bidders: Do you send in bids way ahead of the scheduled end-of-auction time, or do you have a strategy of when to send them in and how high to go? What kind of auction do you like? There are two kinds of live auctions: one is in real time and each lot sells once the highest bid has been placed. The other is a timed auction, where lots close at a specific time. With timed auctions there have been various strategies to get in the last raised bid before it closes, including on-line services that would submit bids for you. It would be good to hear what your experience has been.

Curtis S talked about his gratitude for the club and many other things in life. In particular he is thankful for the support after the loss of his home in the October 2017 Santa Rosa fires. His faith in the lord has also helped carry him through. Among the things lost in the fires were Ramona's wedding rings (which were worn for over 60 years). They were miraculously found among the ashes! So Curtis asked if she would have him for another 10 years as he placed them back on her finger—she said yes, of course. Their property in Wikiup (two adjoining lots with a beautiful view of Santa Rosa) is being sold, and they will be moving up to Medford, Oregon where they have already purchased a new home near their family. Curtis has been a long-time member of the club and has also supported us in so many ways. The entire club wishes Curtis and Ramona the best in their new home.

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Can you identify this coin? It is one of the Show and Tell items you will see at the next meeting. There is a story to go with it, including other coins to help illustrate the story. See you in July!



## DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Jack H, Carman B, Lee G, Michael W, and Claude F

50:50 pot of \$74 was split with Derek W

Raffle: Joel M (thrice), Matt A, Glen M (twice), Mike B, Charlie C, Andy O, Curtis S (twice), and Bill R

Gold Coin raffle: 1/10-ounce gold won by Art M

June Attendance: 52+

New Members: none

Guests: John

Auction: 23 exciting items

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

## KIDS CORNER

Rich W should be back from vacation and presenting another talk for the Junior Members, at 6PM before the regular meeting. If he cannot make it, we will find another member to help with the kids.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for July are each of us bringing a side dish, salad, or dessert to share with the barbeque- thanks!!!!

The Redwood Empire Coin Club meets on the second Wednesday of each 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 p.m. sharp.

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## **UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS**

**June 22-23, 2018. Concord Coin Show.** The Clarion Hotel, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord

**July 28-29, 2018. Fremont Coin Club's 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Show.** Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

**August 12, 2018. Fairfield Coin Club Show.** Willow Hall at the Fairfield Community Center,  
1000 Kentucky Street, Fairfield. Admission \$1

**September 9, 2018. Livermore Coin Club's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Coin Show.** Elk's Lodge, 940 Larkspur,  
Livermore

**September 15, 2018. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern California Numismatic Seminar,** sponsored by NCNA.  
Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, Vallejo. The theme is "Why  
Collect These", with speakers Scott E. Douglas from Acton, Canada; Dr. David S. Goya, San  
Mateo; Scott D. Griffin, Fairfield; and one more speaker TBA. Free parking and admission, plus  
door prizes!

**September 21-23, 2018. Coin Expo Santa Clara.** Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great  
American Parkway, Santa Clara

**October 12-14, 2018. Diablo Numismatic Society's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Contra Costa Coin and  
Collectibles Show.** Elk's Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek

**October 20, 2018. Delta Coin Club's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Coin Show.** Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street,  
Stockton

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