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HOT DOG, ITS MAY!

Who *doesn't* love hot dogs with all the fixin's and sides? Thanks to VP Mike M for arranging and preparing the entire dinner for the club. We started out with the eating before the meeting even really began. Then we began with a bit of business.

Get well wishes were sent to Rick S Jr. after having a double bypass surgery. Reports are that all is well, and we look forward to seeing him back.

Merle talked about some upcoming shows. Mike M took a list of names for ordering Red Books at our club discount.

For the **June** meeting, we will have our **MEMBERSHIP GOLD COIN DRAWING**. There will be **TWO** gold coins **given away** in the drawing: a 1/10-ounce gold coin and a Mexican 2 Peso gold coin. There is only one requirement: **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**. For every meeting you have attended since the last membership gold drawing, a wooden nickel with your membership number will be in the pot. The more meetings you have been to, the more chances to win. In addition, we will have **DESSERT NIGHT**- bring a dessert to share with the club in June if you can- it will be another great meeting.

The **topic** for the June meeting: **Your Favorite Gold Coin: Do You Own It Yet?** Whether you do or you don't, give a talk and get four free raffle tickets! And as always, if you have photos of the coin, please send them ahead of time to newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com so we can show photos during the presentation on the projector screen.

NUMISMATIC ITEMS WITH ANIMALS

- David A started out saying it is hard finding coins *without* animals- it is a matter of finding ones that look good. He talked about his 2015 Australian Koala graded MS 70- "it just jumps off". The image here is from the internet.
- Liz L has a collection of coins from her foreign travels. The one she came up with is from spending a month in Guatemala, where the denomination of coin is called a quetzal (which started in 1925, instead of calling it a peso). 100 centavos equals one quetzal, currently worth about 13 US cents. The quetzal is the national bird and is featured on the obverse of this 25-centavo coin's coat of arms.



- Ogden brought two Russian coins to talk about. First was a 5-ruble coin from the Russian Empire dated 1874. The reverse features a double headed eagle, with the heads holding up a crown and the feet holding an orb and a sword. The other was a 1-ruble from the Russian Federation which also featured the double-headed eagle, this time on the obverse. These photos are from the internet.



- Bill R talked about his 1976 Australia 50¢ coin, pictured here. The obverse features Queen Elizabeth II, with her 2nd portrait. The reverse shows the Australian coat of arms of the Commonwealth: shield divided into six parts, each representing a badge of the state, supported by an emu and a kangaroo. The tiny initials SD at the bottom of the reverse stand for the designer Stuart Devlin.



- Dave G shared his medal commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the War of Independence for Israel. It is from his birth year, 1959. This one is silver and features a roaring lion and scripture from Nehemiah on the reverse. The obverse motto is PEACE BE WITHIN THESE WALLS, with a sword & olive branch logo- part of the symbol for Israel Defense Forces. Dave really likes the design. And because it is a heavy medal, it is used as a paperweight on his desk!



- Rick C brought in two colorful animal coins from Australia. They are part of Lunar Series 3 (2 ounce silver tiger) and Lunar Series 4 (1/2-ounce silver rabbit) from the Perth Mint. Each series comes in 1/2, 1-, and 2-ounce sizes, and either colorized or non-colorized. They are nicely minted, beautiful coins. He also collects silver Panda coins (Chinese) and had some with him at the meeting.



- Helm J shared this wooden nickel with a cow! It is from the 1958 Petaluma Centennial. His was a 10¢ variety, they also made 5¢ and 25¢ varieties. If anyone is interested, he has some for sale. Cowabunga!

- Bob K wasn't going to show anything but was happy to do a swap with David B and got a coin with a mastodon on it! It is quite valuable since mastodons are now extinct. Somehow he got to talking about steak dinners with Merle, then wondering about a mastodon steak. Guess he wasn't satisfied with just a hot dog for dinner. This 2-ounce silver coin is from Canada, and features King Charles III on the obverse. Jolly good.



- Erik shared his 1997 Isle of Man crown, from the History of the Cat series. It featured a Scottish wildcat. He likes the design and hasn't seen many cats on coins before. The PF 70 Ultra Cameo condition helps it look great.



- Merle has four iconic U.S. coins with animal designs he likes. 1- An 1856 P-62 Flying Eagle cent. When the mint proposed changing from a large cent to a small cent, a small number of proof issues were handed out to legislators as examples to convince them to vote for it. It has one of Merle's favorite eagle designs. 2- He likes the buffalo (bison) design, particularly this example in gold. The animal used as a model for the design was named Diamond Jim. 3- The \$10 Indian gold is one of Bob K's favorites too. It has a nice eagle on the reverse, different from most other eagle designs, though close to that on a Peace Dollar. 4- The classic \$50 octagonal gold piece from the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition has an owl centered on the reverse, with dolphins at the outer eight corners. The round \$50 gold did not have room for dolphins.



- Charlie C (that's me!): we have a new pope, and his name is Leo (the lion)!. For fun, I looked up if there were any pope coins or Vatican coins with animals. And there were: a Vatican City coin with a winged lion on the reverse, and a Republic of Congo coin commemorating a visit by Pope John Paul, featuring a lion. My favorite ancient animal is the owl on the reverse of the 450 BC Athens silver coin. Athena on the obverse was the Greek equivalent of Roman goddess Minerva on Merle's \$50 coin. Athene noctua indigena is the Minerva Owl (or Little Owl) on the coin, which was only 6"-8" in size. The other coin from Samaria (now northern Israel) features three heads, possibly representing past, present, and future. The reverse features *five* of the Athens coins-you can clearly see each owl, though one is facing left instead of right. The Athena/owl design was used throughout the ancient Greek world as a symbol of good quality silver. And since silver was not found in the region where this tiny 1/3" coin was made, the five coins on it were perhaps to indicate a higher denomination than other similar sized coins at the time. We really don't know for sure.



Can't make the June meeting? Join us via Zoom and be eligible for the Membership **GOLD DRAWING!**

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DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Cayson K, Rusty D, Stephen K, Braiden T, and Deanna J

50:50 pot of \$84 was split with David B

Raffle: David Y (three), Cayson K (twice), Bill R, Sally P, Guiliano M, David B, Otto O

GOLD drawing winner for 1/10-ounce gold coin: Bill Van V!

May Attendance: 66+

Guests: yes we had some

Auction: 33 exciting items.

Adjournment was at 8:55 p.m. sharp!



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

June 6-7, 2025. East Bay Concord Coin Show. Concord Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Dr., Concord

July 18-19, 2025. Reno Coin Show. J Resort, 345 North Arlington Avenue, Reno

July 26-27, 2025. Fremont Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

August 1-2, 2025. Central Valley Coin and Collectibles Show. Stanislaus County Veterans Hall, 3500 Coffee Rd., Modesto

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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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at: newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com.
See you at the Vets Building "Dinner Room" **June 11, 2025**— Charlie