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## JUNE NEWS

The turnout was a little lower for the June meeting than usual. Maybe it was because of the Knicks/Spurs playoff game, which I heard was great. But the June meeting was awesome. We started off with a bit of business.

First, it was Bill's birthday. As there were at least four Bill's in the room for the meeting, some of us weren't sure which one at first. It was Bill S Sr.! Everyone wished him happy birthday, and we all got to have some cake!

Bill Green is hosting a coin show in Reno July 17-18, with special room rates available.



The JULY MEETING is going to be even more awesome, celebrating America's semiquincentennial (250th birthday). We will have barbequed burgers with fixings and sides and beverages- no cost to members! Everyone will receive a new 2026 dime, a new 2026 P and D half dollar, a new RECC club wooden nickel, and (hopefully, if it arrives) a new RECC club medal. There will be a grading contest of slabbed CC dollars (about ten different PCGS grades). There will be prizes for the top three scores: a proof and an uncirculated Bicentennial set, and a framed bicentennial set with a \$bill. And did I say there is no charge for the food or fun? There will be a gold coin raffle, and there *will* be a charge for those tickets.

### TENS

- Gary C, Zooming from beautiful British Columbia, talked about the 1978 Canadian dime. It was initially minted in 50% silver, and sometime in the year the Canadian Mint changed to pure nickel. Canada is the world's largest producer of nickel.



Canada also had the U.S. Mint produce some of its dimes that year due to a lack of time to produce them all in a short time. The only way to tell the difference is with the number of reeds and the shape of the slots between them. They are all common and very affordable. Gary discussed the design of the schooner on the coin.

- Bill S Sr. talked about the 1940-D Mercury dime (MS-66!) his son gave him for his birthday. He had to remind his son that he was born in San Francisco, and Bill Jr. retorted that the D stands for Dad. Awwww.

- Allen B talked about a "dime a minute" long distance calling promotion by Sprint involving 24K gold plating one thousand 1989 dimes and offering \$25,000 to the first person who called in after finding one. A few of them have sold for crazy money- for gold plated common dimes! He showed us his example of a gold plated Roosevelt dime.



- Jeffrey S is fascinated by emergency overprinted notes and talked about this one. He got a \$1 Hawaii note as a kid from his grandmother and decided to collect the series, also owning the \$5, \$10, and North Africa notes.



- Deanna J likes gold! This is her 1907 Liberty Head gold \$10, the last year of the design before changing to St. Gaudens' Indian Head design. It was designed by Christian Gobrecht, and the variety was minted from 1838-1907. 2.5 million of the P, D, and S 1907 \$10 were minted, each containing 0.4806 ounces of gold.



- Bill S Jr. brought in this 10-ounce proof 2016 Panda coin he recently purchased. It is from the highly collectible proof Panda-Moon Festival. Not only is it ten ounces of silver, it is to celebrate the tenth anniversary with his current wife. He described the significance of the design. His wife's name is Amanda; they all call her "Panda".

- Bill W brought in a 1880 ten centavos from Nicaragua. It has a precise date of September 15, 1880- the date of liberation.



- Rick C showed us these three dimes- 1876 CC, 1907-S, and 1913 P. They are all worn but have special significance. When he was six years old (in 1960), his grandfather gave him a silver dime when he came to visit. And each time he visited he got another dime. His mother advised him to save them because his grandfather was not going to be around much longer- he died two years later. And Rick has a total of 48 silver dimes his grandfather gave him- his first collection, and he still has them all. They were the first coins that he put in a holder.

- Helm showed us a wood worth TWO WOODEN NICKELS, 10¢ from the Petaluma California Centennial.



- Bill R is the proud owner of this 1942/1 Mercury Dime overstrike. The variety was not known until discovered by a collector in 1943. He discussed some key diagnostics for the coin, such as doubled lettering in the motto and the Y of LIBERTY. The variety is the result of the die being impressed by both a 1941-dated hub and then a 1942-dated hub. You can see a bit of the doubling and overdate in the enlargement. But if you were able to look at it in person, by tilting it slightly at the right angle you can very clearly see a full 1 under the 2. That is the tricky part of coin photography to show all the details.



- Alan S discussed the reverse of the Mercury dime, featuring fasces- a bundle of rods with a projecting axe blade. It is an ancient Roman symbol of power. The U.S. started using it in 1857. You see it at the House of Representatives. In 1916 it was placed on the reverse of the U.S. Mercury dime. This was around the start of WWI and implied a

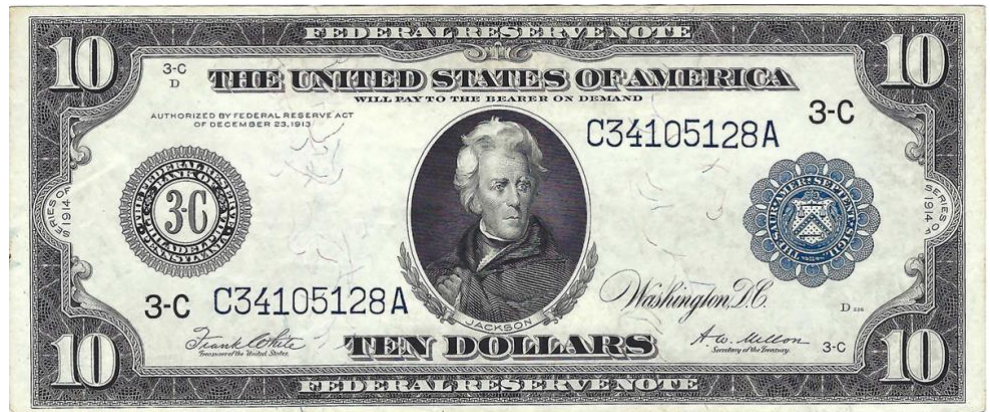


1938 Silver

The ancient symbolic fasces is based on individual sticks being easily broken and how a bound bundle is much stronger.

“don’t tread on me” message. The symbol was coopted by Mussolini and his political party in Italy in 1919, from which the term fascist was derived. When Hitler came around prior to WWII it was often combined with the Nazi swastika as a display of collaboration. Alan brought his beautiful dime example for us to see. Fasces were made of either elm or birch (which alone were brittle but as a bundle were strong), tied together with a red leather strap.

- Joe McC was living in Bethlehem, PA when he would check newspapers for auctions that included coins and currency. He went to one auction where there were seven 1914-series \$10 bills for auction, all in one lot. The auctioneer always started with a very high price and kept dropping it until there was finally a bidder. For the currency lot Joe was interested in (he just wanted one bill), the price was high and kept dropping- with no bidders. Finally, he called out for someone to start a bid, and Joe offered \$50. The auctioneer went on for about five minutes before he realized the face value of the bills was \$70. The bidding finally went up, and Joe won the lot for \$110.



- Rich H brought in two \$10 bills in a wooden frame. They were both from the same business, and one was genuine, one was counterfeit. It was fun to see them both and try to figure out the real bill. The one on top is real, the one on the bottom is counterfeit. Please see the photo on the next page.



- Mike M showed a photo of the new 2026 dual date semiquincentennial dime featuring Emerging Liberty. One member present had received one in change in Lafayette Louisiana last month! The mintage from Denver is only 135,000,000 and from Philadelphia only 125,000,000. There has not been a change in the dime design in eighty years, and this will be a one year only design. Everyone will get one at the July meeting! The reverse is a bit controversial as the eagle is displayed with arrows held with one claw but no olive branch in the other. That traditionally signifies that the country is at war.



- Merle had a lot to show. First was a Dansco album with a complete set of dimes from the first official year of 1796 until 1837. Next were eight 'good for 10¢' tokens from 1880 to the 1900s. Then came the large 'saddle blanket' national bank notes from Healdsburg, Sebastopol, Cloverdale, and Petaluma. These are all signed by the bank presidents and treasurers and are quite rare. To start a national bank, \$50,000 in gold coins was sent to the US treasury and \$50,000 in

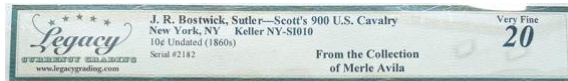


notes with the bank name was sent back. When many banks went bankrupt in the 1930's depression, there was a time when the notes could be redeemed for \$10 in silver, which was a lot of money- so most notes were redeemed. After a specific date they were then worthless, but these few have survived (and are worth a LOT more than \$10). The reverses were all the same, except one unique note with two dates on the back (known as a ..... dateback). Those are shown on the next page.





Merle next showed small \$10 National Bank notes from various towns, also rare. He described their details, including one that is unique from Cloverdale. Finally, he showed a very rare Sutler note. Sutlers were merchants during the Civil War who followed troops in a supply wagon with items to sell. Most soldiers had larger denomination coins (from pay) and not small change, so sutlers usually produced tokens to hand out in change- and redeemable only by that sutler. There are only two known sutlers who produced paper, and Merle showed this 10¢ 'good for'.



Finally, Charlie C (that's me!) showed some special 'tens' from a collection. The first coin above is a Nazi Germany 10 pfennig coin. The Nazis built concentration camps and ghettos all over Europe. Most of those produced paper scrip for use by the prisoners. But one, in Lodz, Poland (renamed Litzmannstadt during the war) also produced its own coins. It was the *only* one to do so, and it was because the Nazi commandant was a coin collector! The first attempt was not approved, because the oak leaves looked 'too German', the numerals 10 were nearly the same, as was the size. The redesigned variety was approved. "Quittung" on the obverse means 'receipt'. The coins and currency made in the Lodz ghetto were meant in part to be receipts exchanged for German gold, silver, and currency when prisoners were added to the ghetto- but they never saw their real goods again. The reason this second 10 pfennig looks so worn is that it was made of magnesium, which deteriorates rapidly from humidity and oxygen. And it burns hot, so most were likely used as kindling in the bitter cold Polish winters. Also shown were copper, nickel, and silver 10 pfennig pieces. It was not sure if they were counterfeits made after the war. Recent research shows a few of each were made in the ghetto for Nazi dignitaries shortly before the ghetto was liberated. There were other denominations of coins and several currency notes with larger values. There was even an attempt to counterfeit currency, but there was a tiny missing element to the notes, and they were released a day before the real ones were to be distributed. The counterfeiter was caught. But instead of being executed, he was sent to another concentration camp to be part of Operation Bernhard, where millions of pounds of British banknotes were counterfeited. Of the 160,000 Jews in Lodz when it was captured, only 870 survived.

Can't make the July meeting? Join our Zoom Meeting:

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## DRAWING WINNERS

**Membership:** Glenn M, Rusty D, Jim H, Joe McC, and Allen B

**50:50** pot of \$98 was split with Bill R

**Raffle:** (?) twice, Bill S Sr., Rusty D, Bill R, Bill S Jr., Bill W (twice), David Y, Allen B, Rick C

**June Attendance:** 50+

**New Members:** none this month

**Guests:** yes we had some

**Auction:** 28 exciting items.

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



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### UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

July 17-18, 2026. Reno Coin Show. J Resort, 345 North Arlington Avenue, Reno

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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See you **July 8, 2026**— Charlie