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## GOLD!!!

We had just a little business before getting right down to the fun stuff at the September meeting. We are working on a date for the 2011 Coin Show, probably a Friday/Saturday in February. Also, congratulations are in order to Harry Davis, the new director of the California State Numismatic Association!

⇒ 2-1/2 peso gold: Lee D

⇒ 1/10 ounce gold: George Q ( who ironically planned to leave very early but was told to stick around for the drawing!

⇒ 1/4 ounce gold: Martha V. Congratulations!

## OKTOBERFEST

It is that time of year already. Next month will feature our annual OKTOBERFEST celebrations. Polish sausage, sauerkraut, and beverages will be provided. And it is **FREE** to **everyone who** brings in and **donates an item** (numismatic) to our 11th Annual Helen and Roy Roberts Benefit Auction. The proceeds go to our youth members, the rent, postage, and various club costs. There will not be a regular auction for this meeting. Also, **please bring a dessert** to share with the club. Hmmmm, what goes well with Polish sausage.....

For those of you who never met Roy or Helen, they were long time members of the club from its early days. Roy was president at one time, and for years ran the auction. Helen was the trustworthy treasurer for decades. We fondly remember their dedication to the club and hobby each year with this auction.

We also had our 6 Month Gold Drawing early in the meeting because a few people needed to leave early. There were three gold pieces drawn this year. And the winners were:

## TYPE SETS

◆ Willie Q is working on a holey type set. He has a Dansco album that is filling up nicely, but still has lots of holes to fill, so to speak. He in particular would like a 20 cent piece with a hole

◆ Edwin H has a type set like Willie, but his are wholly whole, not holey. Holy moly!

◆ Phil is collecting Indian cents, and has a nearly complete set. He was recently in England, and received a 2 pound coin for change. It was a 2005 WW2



commemorative with the famous picture of the searchlights in front of St. Paul's Cathedral at the end of the war. The obverse portrays Queen Elizabeth II as always. And the edge inscription is "IN VICTORY MAGNANIMITY IN PEACE GOODWILL ". 10.2 million of them were put in circulation.

◆ Jim C talked about an error coin type set

- ◆ Curtis Smith thanked the club for his 60th Anniversary wishes. He and Ramona apparently had quite a party with the family.
- ◆ Glen C has a type set of coins and currency from Cyprus, including some rare pattern pieces.
- ◆ Richard W– a bicentennial Dansco album
- ◆ Kurt G is putting together a type set using ANA grading standards. That can be a pretty big undertaking, it will be nice to see it when complete
- ◆ Harry D had a nice set of presidential medals featuring presidents from Washington to Nixon. They were all high relief, in a custom frame.



Speaking of WW2 commemoratives, here



### COINS I WOULD LOVE TO OWN (BUT CAN NOT AFFORD)

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I love old coins. Early colonial and American coins are wonderful, but usually not too affordable. This particular gem is a 1794 starred reverse large cent, Sheldon variety 26. This is possibly the most famous and certainly the most desired of the 1794 varieties, shown above. The reverse die had smaller letters than the others of that year, and has an added circle of 94 five-pointed stars between the denticles. They were apparently made using engraver Joseph Wright's punch that was used on his 1792 pattern quarter dollar. Some feel it was done as an anti-counterfeit device.

My theory? Wright had an annoying apprentice in the mint with OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder). He put the little bugger to work punching the stars to get him out of everybody's hair. The guy probably sang Twinkle Twinkle Little Star a lot. And probably drove everybody else nuts too. Wright died in early 1794. Coincidence? I don't think so.

Anyway, this variety is often worn and found on imperfect planchets. And every once in a while a new one turns up, as it did this month. An AU-50 specimen sold at auction 2 years ago for over \$600,000. When you wish upon a star.....

### CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads may be placed by any club member, up to 2 per month. They run for two months. Buy—Sell—Trade—Want Lists OK. Notify Charlie at each meeting (or mail to club P.O. Box, or even call) to get your ad in

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This is one final tidbit of World War 2 that I discovered while searching for images for the newsletter. The coin shown below is from the USSR. Had the German army not faltered on Russia's vast expanse of land, they would have had access to large quantities of food, steel, and oil reserves. Who knows what the world would be like today if that had happened. Once the German siege of Stalingrad was broken, the momentum of the war was changed. After this point, Russian troops joined the British and Americans in a race to Berlin. Pictured is a coin commemorating the events along the Volga at Stalingrad, which occurred in the Russian city now called Volgograd.



## DRAWING WINNERS:

**Membership:** Irene C, George Q, Sean M, Gary C, Jeff B (donated back), Steven T, and Jerry St. G

**50:50** pot of \$132 was split with Martha V!

**Raffle:** Mary Jo J, Harry D (twice), Ed H, Jon Maria M, Jack H, Paul R, Irene C, Bill V, Mike M, Gary C, and Mike C

**September Members: 55+**

**New Members: Kent M ((#807) and Steven H (#808)— WELCOME!**

**Guests:** Yes, several

**Auction: exciting items**

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

There *will* be a **Junior Member** meeting in October.

Volunteers for **refreshments** for October— everybody bringing a dessert to go with weiners!

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

**October 3, 2010. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show.** The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento

**October 9-10, 2010. 13th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show.** Diablo Numismatic Society. Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord

**October 16-17, 2010. Delta Coin Club's 46th Annual Coin Show.** Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

**October 23, 2010. CSNA/NCNA "Coin Collectors Retreat".** Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 743 Marin at Capital, in downtown Vallejo. Registration at 9, program at 10. Free!

**November 14, 2010. Peninsula Coin Clubs 31st annual Coins and Collectibles Show.** Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

**November 19-21, 2010. Santa Clara Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Expo.** Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

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Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions?  
Let me know—573-1252.

See you October 13— Charlie

