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DADS RULE!

We celebrated Father's Day a bit early at the June meeting. There were lots of interesting stories from members about their numismatic memories of dads, granddads, etc. Hopefully those will be reported accurately later below.

We also celebrated Lee Gong's 39th birthday again with a special cake. Thanks to club members who also brought goodies—it seems they all were thoroughly enjoyed.

JULY THEME

The July meeting starts out with a **Flea Market** at **6PM**. Bring in items to trade or sell, grab a table, and get going!

At **7PM** the regular meeting starts, and we will have our **Annual Barbeque Meeting!** **Pork steak and chicken, all for just \$5!** **Please bring a side dish of your choice** to go with the main dish. Beverages will be provided, as usual.

FATHERS DAY MEMORIES

- ◆ Merle's dad was born in 1929, so he once bought his dad a 1929 year set. Not being too impressed, Merle then went and got an 1829 year set. A bit more impressive, for sure
- ◆ Kurt's dad was a tail gunner on a B-17 airplane. Club member Leonard D. also flew planes in WWII, and he gave Kurt a coin which reminds him of Dad. Len took an Australian penny up on every flight, and Kurt's coin reminds him of dad.
- ◆ Mary Jo carries a 1 grosch(sp?) coin as a memory and for good luck
- ◆ Dan M was given a few things by his father before passing away, including an 1899 and

1923 \$1 bills and a 3 cent silver piece. He also mentioned a Hawaiian bill, and 3 brothers who served in WWII.

- ◆ Gary's dad is 88. When Gary began collecting dimes in the 1960s, there was a Sears store in Santa Monica that sold coins. When he wanted to purchase an old Barber dime, he was taught to go for the better conditioned one, which was a 1908-D dime (rather than an older date that was badly worn). He appreciates being taught to look for the condition, not just the old date.
- ◆ Charles J mentioned that his dad died in 1974 at the age of 80, and that he wears a white carnation in his honor. He went on(and on and on) with a story about Buffalo and V nickels. His dad also collected silver dollars.
- ◆ John L. remembers his dad giving him a gun collection, but appreciated it. His uncle gave him a thaler, perhaps starting the numismatic interest. This was John's last meeting, since he will be moving to Colorado (though still getting this newsletter). The club wishes him well!
- ◆ Glenn C- His dad was born in 1919, and he likes 1919 pennies
- ◆ Frank V. then gave Glenn a 1919-S penny!
- ◆ Mike C's dad was born in 1938. When Mike was 9, he was taken to Bill's Coins in Petaluma—to buy stamps. But he saw a box of loose coins, started looking through them, and was hooked! He has bought his dad a 1938 Liberty Walking half dollar.

- ♦ Charlie C's first coins were worn Liberty nickels given him by his dad, earned for catching gophers on the old family ranch in Santa Barbara. Grandfather was a successful rancher, who once loaned a special plowing attachment to a neighbor— and never got it back. In trying to get either the equipment back or be paid for it, the neighbor grudgingly gave grandpa a \$5 gold piece, and said he would pay the rest of it at the end of the month. Unfortunately an earthquake leveled 80% of Santa Barbara the next day on June 25, 1925, and that neighbor was never seen again. But the gold piece was kept, not being turned over to the government in 1933. It eventually was given to my father, then handed down to me. That 1899-S \$5 will one day belong to my son.
- ♦ Steven H— his dad flew for American Airlines before WWII, and flew a B-24 in the war. He always carried a Flying Eagle cent with him.
- ♦ Sean M's dad once gave him a \$50 platinum coin. It was a time when he needed cash, but couldn't exactly go out and spend the coin—he still has it, his favorite coin.
- ♦ Willie Q reminisced about a box of coins from his dad, having everything from assorted cents to halves. There was a sack of Indian cents, including the 1908-S and 1909-S.

This was a really fun meeting to attend, hearing about all the fatherly memories. I hope all dads, grand-dads, great granddads, and their kids all had a very happy Fathers Day!



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COINS I WOULD LOVE
TO OWN
(BUT CAN NOT
AFFORD)
#4

172 tons of pressure. Struck 9 times. Only 24 made. The St. Gaudens \$20 "Ultrahigh Relief" gold piece from 1907 would be a treasured piece in any collection. To many this is the most beautiful coin ever made in the U.S. It required so many strikings to show the full details of the design. There were also 11,000+ high relief pieces minted with MCMVII for a date, which also show the incredible features of the design. I would be happy to have one of those even, but they also command a premium price.

Augustus St. Gaudens died in 1907. Charles Barber prepared the dies for the rest of the series in 'regular relief, though there were several controversies. The 'Arabic numerals' (a misnomer) were changed starting in 1907, and the motto "In God We Trust" was added to the series in 1908.

It took our mint 100 years to replicate the high relief design, though it was with a smaller diameter and thicker planchet.

Editor's Note: In case you did not notice, the last names in this issue and in future issues are eliminated and replaced by the last initial. Since the newsletter is now also being sent via e-mail and is available on the web, this is to maintain members privacy. There are some 'hits' on the website from outside of the club, which helps with our exposure. Keep referring friends and family to check us out online!



DRAWING WINNERS:

Membership: Mary Jo W., George Q., Frank V., Martha V., Mike M., Lucky Larry M

50:50 pot of \$100 was split with Kent!

Raffle: Paul R. (twice), Calvin G., Edwin H., Jan H. (twice), John L., Mary Jo W., Martha V., and Phil R.

June Members: 52+

New Members: Mike M, # 802— welcome!

Guests: Yes, several

Auction: 36 exciting items

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

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

Volunteers for **refreshments** for June: everybody bringing a side dish to go with the barbecue!

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

June 27, 2010. Alameda Coin Club Show. Alameda High School Gym, Oak Street at 2200 Central Avenue, Alameda

July 10-11, 2010. Modesto Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Show. Stanislaus County Coin Club. Modesto Centre Plaza, 10th and K Streets, Modesto

July 31-Aug 1, 2010, NorCal Coin Show IX. Elk's Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway, Vallejo

August 8, 2010. Sacramento Coin Show. Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento

August 15, 2010. Fairfield Coin Club's 21st Annual Show. Fairfield Convention Center, 1100 Kentucky, Fairfield

August 21-22, 2010. Fremont Coin Club 38th Annual Coin Show. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

October 1-2, 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

November 19-21, 2010. Santa Clara Coin,

Stamp, and Collectibles Expo. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara

November 14, 2010. 30th Annual Coins and

Collectibles Show. Peninsula Club. Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose

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

See you July 14— Charlie

