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# Redwood Empire Coin Club

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## GOLD!!!!

What happened in September? Well, to be honest, this entire newsletter is all second-hand information since yours truly was out of town the night of the meeting. Thanks to David A for arranging to record the meeting, which is transcribed (more or less) here. And the first thing said on the recording: "Charlie, you need a back-up". After listening to two hours of recording, I agree. Here goes.....

In October, we will have **OKTOBERFEST** *and* our *second* annual **Lee Gong Memorial Donation Auction**. It is hard to believe Lee has been gone for a year- we sure miss him.

The Oktoberfest Feast will feature a choice of a Polish Sausage or a Jumbo Beef Frank on a hoagie roll! There will also be potato or macaroni salad, sauerkraut, and a "special dessert". We will have the usual soft drinks. **IF** you bring in a numismatic item/items with a value of \$5 or more, you get dinner for **free!** If you do not have an item to donate, you can purchase the dinner for just \$5. Thanks to Mike M for arranging the food.

And this year we are going to try something new. If your donation is valued at \$20 or more, OR you are wearing a pair of Lederhosen (I hope you are reading this Chris N- we miss seeing you in your traditional garb!), you will get to have your choice if a non-alcoholic Coors or Beck's beer; if you do not want the beer, a Henry Weinhardt's Reserve Root Beer will also be a choice.

We are encouraging everyone to bring some nice items for the auction, and a FAT WALLET to buy those items with—so we can have the best Lee Gong Benefit Auction ever!

We have received the Gold Coin Drawing tickets for our February Coin Show. They were distributed at the meeting, so it is time to start getting those sold. We will have a \$20 St. Gaudens, a \$5 Liberty, and seven 2 Peso Mexican gold pieces for the Coin Show Drawing! As usual, there will also be prizes to the top sellers of the gold tickets. The top three sellers each get to choose a gold coin worth 25% of what they sell. And everyone else who sells at least \$25 in tickets will be entered in a drawing for a 4<sup>th</sup> gold piece. So, get started- we have 9000 tickets to sell. If you need more, just ask Merle.

Applications for dealer tables at the coin show have also been sent out, after a few glitches in getting the correct info. There are several dealers who have already replied within the first week or so!

### FAVORITE GOLD COINS

- Guy S likes gold, especially when you can get it for face value. Years ago (probably around 2005) he bought \$20 in Coin Drawing tickets and won the \$20 gold piece! He brought in another St. Gaudens example to show. He brought in a Byzantine gold coin, and a Roman solidus from 364-378 Emperor Valens (one is pictured here). Finally, he brought in another gold coin he also won in a drawing.



- Phil A: He purchased the Apollo 11 \$5 gold coin. It has Neil Armstrong's footprint on one side; on the other side is the image of an astronaut reflected off a space helmet. Phil is interested in space, and just had to have this coin!



- Bob K loves gold coins. His first favorite gold coin was a \$10 Indian coin, designed by Augustus St. Gaudens. He was supposed to design the \$2-1/2 dollar gold coin, but unfortunately died. Another engraver was found, and Bob collects that relatively small type set with its varieties. He told a fun story about how he managed to get the funding to buy one of the coins.
- Larry C recently came back from Long Beach, bought some gold coins for the upcoming Diablo Numismatic Society show next month (they matched the yellow tickets for that show). They have a gold and silver drawing at their show. Hopefully lots of us can make it to their show to support their club.
- Mike C's great grandmother was born in 1895 in Germany. She saved some gold coins during the depression before gold was withdrawn and melted. She had the gold coins until she died at 101. Her son then found them, 100 double eagles and a roll of eagles, and split the coins among sibs. Mike's father still has part of the hoard.
- Mike M talked about the first gold coin he bought, at a coin show. He had been a club member for ~ 10 years. At his second coin show he hung around with Bob K and Jerry St G, and ended up buying a \$2-1/2 gold piece, uncertified. Another club member at the show also had some gold coins, so Mike scraped up and borrowed some money to buy more! Bought a 1912 \$5 Indian as well. He took both coins to Don Rinkor, was told they were likely cleaned, and submitted them for grading anyway. The \$2-1/2 came back with a good grade, and the \$5 coin had indeed been cleaned. It is his *least* favorite gold coin. And he has learned a lesson from that eagerness to buy.
- Merle went to a H&K symposium in Reno recently. He went to classes, surrounded by real smart specialty collectors. H&K coins (from a book by Hibbler and Kappen) were dollar sized medals/tokens produced for an event. They were often produced at the event (a fair, exposition etc), but not always. A planchet would sometimes be gold-plated ("gilt") and then struck. All the H&K dollars Merle brought in were gilt (but looked like they were gold). There were sometimes as few as 28 of each type, and thousands and rarely over a million made; but only a portion of each variety was gilt. Merle had several excellent examples, all encapsulated.

#### MEMBERSHIP GOLD DRAW

There were three gold pieces given away for the 6 month membership gold drawing. A wooden nickel with each your membership number was added to the pot every time you attended a meeting in the last 6 months. And the winners (who had to be present) were:

1/10 ounce gold: Bill R

2-1/2 peso Mexican gold: Bill S

2-1/2 peso Mexican gold: Derek W

#### DRAWING WINNERS

**Membership:** Matt A, Bill R, Selena M, David A, Tiffany S

**50:50** pot of \$62 was split with George?

**Raffle:** Matt A (twice), Glenn M (twice), Bob K, Jerry St. G, Tiffany S, Art M, Guy S, Joe D

**Gold Coin raffle-** a proof 1/10 ounce American Eagle: Joe D

**July Attendance:** 52+

**New Members:** none

**Guests:** yes!

**Auction:** 32 exciting items

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





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Volunteers for **refreshments** for October are not needed since food is provided. But please bring in a numismatic item to donate to the auction, and bring in your fat wallet to scoop up some great deals!

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.

## KIDS CORNER

In August, Ember B. held a very interesting meeting: Juniors picked out foreign coins, found the country on a world map, then Ember taught them to say hello, goodbye, please, and thank you in the language of the country. This very interesting topic will be continued in October.

See you October 9 at 6:15- Rich

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## **UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS**

**September 27-28, 2019. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show.** Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento

**October 11-13, 2019. Diablo Numismatic Society's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Contra Costa Coin and Collectibles Show.** Elk's Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek

**October 19, 2019. Deta Coin Club Show.** Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton

**October 26-27, 2019. Fresno Numismatic Society Club Show.** East Hall, American Legion Post 509, 3509 N. First Street, Fresno

**November 16, 2019. Vacaville Coin Show.** Vacaville Moose Lodge, 6585 Gibson Canyon Road, Vacaville

**December 6-7, 2019. San Francisco International Coin Show 2019.** Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, 1500 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco

**February 14-15, 2020. REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB'S 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Coin Show.** Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa, CA

**February 16, 2020. Cupertino Coin Club 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Coin Show.** St. Joseph's Church Hall, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino

**March 1, 2020. Livermore Valley Coin Club's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Coin Show.** Elk's Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore

**May 3, 2020. Vallejo Numismatic Society 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Show.** Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo

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