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SHOW & TELL

The August meeting of the Redwood Empire Coin Club got off to a slow start. It almost didn't happen. Usually, our August meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of the month due to the Sonoma County Fair, but that was already over on our 2nd Wednesday usual date. Unfortunately, the Veterans Building was almost completely rented out for a wedding on the evening of our meeting, thinking we would be there a week later. After much grumbling by Merle, a back room was set up for our meeting, and at 7PM we were able to go in. The photo here is of the brave members waiting outside in hopes of being able to have a meeting.



Ember went ahead and held a meeting for the Junior Members outside while we were waiting.

Merle started off the meeting with a tale about an 1876 CC twenty cent piece up for auction with Heritage on the day of our meeting. Merle has dreamed of owning it, one of twenty examples, the equivalent rarity of owning an 1804 dollar or 1894-S dime. He hemmed and hawed, and finally put up a bid of \$200,000. Unfortunately, he was not the winning bidder- it sold for \$517,500 (\$690,000 with commission). At least he had a leading bid- for a short time.

Dan Carey described a visit to the Carson City mint, with discussion about what to see there.

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

In September we will have our six-month **Membership Gold Coin Drawing!** For every meeting you attend, your trustworthy secretary Charlie (that's me!) puts a wooden nickel into a pot for the monthly membership drawing. Every month those woods are added to the ones from previous meetings, and the gold winner will be drawn from that big pot. Even though there was no membership draw at the August meeting, attendance was taken, and woods will be added to the pot giving everyone present this month an added chance at the gold. And in September, after the normal membership draw, those woods will also be added to the pot for the gold drawing. There is one requirement to win: **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN** (including Zoom attendance, if you cannot be there in person).

In addition, there will be **two more GOLD coins in a special raffle**, which you can buy tickets for at the meeting.

The topic of the meeting: **YOUR FAVORITE GOLD PIECE!** Do you own it, or still want it? Bring it in if you can, or talk about it, and get four free tickets to the regular raffle. As always, if you have photos to share,

please send them to newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com, and they can be prepared for showing on the projector screen at the meeting.

SHOW & TELL

- Ember S began the topic. She is a pharmacist at Travis Air Force Base, and occasionally get visits from pharmaceutical reps trying to pitch their products. She has nothing to do with that part of the business, but they can educate her about new drugs, etc. She first showed us the business card of a drug rep. Then she explained how his manager/boss (a former Air Force Major) and Abbvie decided to make Challenge Coins for business cards! This is one example she received.



- Phil A- since the Olympics had just ended, he wanted to show the 1968 Mexican 25 Peso Olympic coin, with the traditional eagle on a cactus and holding a snake in its beak on reverse, and an Aztec ball player on the obverse. Even more interesting to him is the Mexican gold 20 Peso coin which also features the eagle motif on the reverse, and the Aztec Calendar (or Sun Stone) on the obverse. He has always



thought of it as a very beautiful coin.

- Deanna J: Helmut was at a flea market and found this bank. It had no stopper at the bottom to remove coins from inside, and there were a few coins rattling around. Using a knife, he was able to carefully remove the three coins: a 1905 V nickel, a 1908 Indian Head cent, and a 1910 Lincoln cent! Those were a bonus with the bank purchase of \$5, which was a 1940s Walt Disney product.



- Rich W and his wife travel back to St. Louis from time to time, since that is where she is from. When they do that, they usually rent a car and have a little road trip to various regions. They recently flew there, and this time drove around Illinois. A significant stop was the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield. One fascinating display was of two Capped Bust halves and the story that goes with it. It describes Lincoln's travel when young and the indelible impression left on him when witnessing a slave auction. Rich brought in his 1826

Two Silver Liberty Half-Dollars



Restless with his lot, eager to sample life beyond the frontier, the teenaged Lincoln built a flatboat. Hired by a couple of travelers to ferry them to an Ohio River steamer, Lincoln was mesmerized by the twin silver half dollars he received in payment. "I could scarcely believe my eyes as I picked up the money," he later recalled. "I could scarcely credit that I, a poor boy, had earned a dollar in less than a day."

Fresh opportunities for advancement beckoned. In the spring of 1828 Lincoln and a friend transported a cargo of meat, flour and corn down the mighty Mississippi River. Their destination was bustling, cosmopolitan, prosperous New Orleans. It was the largest city the young frontiersman had ever experienced. Yet it was also a notorious slave market. What he saw in New Orleans made an indelible impression on Lincoln. There never was a time in his life, he observed afterwards, when slavery did not have the power to make him miserable. The seeds of his misery were planted in New Orleans.

half dollar, the same date as the one in the display. The photo below is a diorama scene on display at the museum, which is understandably disturbing. If you ever travel through Illinois, Rich feels the Lincoln Library is a must see.



- Dave G talked at a previous meeting about a Shekel of Tyre a friend of his purchased in Jerusalem for him, and how he was offered a very large amount for it while on a trip there himself. I felt it was authentic, and he finally had it graded by NGC- which confirmed that it was genuine. Also, being minted during the lifetime of Christ gives it a special significance to him.
- Gary C was inspired with the comparison between the U.S. and Canada's Harriet Tubman commemoratives at last month's meeting (both showing stars). So in 1-1/2 weeks he plans to show an exhibit at the New Mexico State Fair comparing all the coins that Canada innovates and which the U.S. then imitates: dual date coins, provincial/state quarters, loons, abolishment of slavery. And since Canada eliminated one cent coins and one-dollar notes, he wonders if the U.S. will follow suit with that? Next month Gary will give us an update on how his State Fair entry fared.



- Bob K went to a RECC show about five years ago and had some extra money to burn- I mean *invest*. So, he purchased these three coins, one a World Wildlife Fund coin with an ibex, and two Pandas. They are beautiful coins, and he didn't get in trouble because they were under \$200,000. They looked like safe coins, since pandas don't eat humans, though the ibex could run you through with its Horns. Bob wanted the set of three and is happy with his purchase.



- Mike M showed us his most recent purchase, an 1854 Seated Liberty half dime with arrows. He discussed how arrows were added beside the date in the 1853-1855 half dimes, dimes, quarters, and halves to indicate a reduction of weight on the coins. It is one of the required coins in a type set, so it fills that place in his collection.



- Merle talked about an 1853 Seated Liberty quarter with rays at last month's meeting. He wanted one a little nicer. He checked with our local dealers and then went on eBay, and he found this one after searching at least three weeks for one good enough for him. He purchased this gorgeous proof 1883 Shield Nickel from Witter coin. He loves proofs- they are gorgeous coins with limited mintage (5419 that year), and are often reasonably priced. He also purchased the 1888 \$1 gold dollar in MS-65 from Witter.



- Merle has also been looking for this So-Called Dollar H&K 343 featuring the Cliff House in San Francisco. He was able to get this one, the finest known- in MS-63. The photos do not do it justice- it is in fantastic condition with clear deep mirror proof-like surfaces. Finally, he talked about the medal Helmut brought last month: a brass medal featuring the 25th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. Helm's half-dollar sized medal was very nice, and he mentioned that there were a few minted in silver. And Merle just had to have one! So, he searched and found a few, though they weren't very nice. He finally did get a nice example of this silver version. It is about 3" in diameter and quite a heavy chunk of metal- 6.5 ounces of silver! It has very high relief as you can hopefully see in the photos. And it was definitely bought for under \$200,000.

Merle' silver medal →

Charlie C (that's me!): when it comes to August, I think of Hot August Nights. And I think of Hot August Nights as the greatest hot rod show, held in Reno at this time every year. As a collector of ancient coins, it made me think of the hot rods of ancient times: chariots! Having at least three coins with them (which is enough to call it a collection), here are three different kinds of chariots. The

first coin is from Phoenicia and dates to 356 BC. Phoenicians were masters of sea trade for over 1,000 years, and the trade ship on the reverse was symbolic for the Phoenician city of Sidon, still in existence in Lebanon. The obverse features a chariot with two horses, called a biga. This is a slow biga, as the horses appear straight legged. It is from a time when the Persians ruled the area, though Egypt had invaded and ruled some time before. In the chariot you can see the Uber driver on the left. In the middle is the Persian king, as depicted on coins throughout the empire. Walking behind is a minion carrying a vase and a lotus flower-

a sign of ancient Egyptian influence, even though the Persians were now rulers. Next was a silver coin from the Roman Republic in 225 BC. A chariot with four horses is called a quadriga, and this is a fast quadriga- look how the horse legs show running. This is the first silver coin of the Roman Republic. The obverse appropriately features two-faced Janus, the god of beginnings and endings, and of doorways. The quadriga is carrying Jupiter (the Greeks called him Zeus) who is throwing a thunderbolt and is followed by the goddess Victory. This was a great beginning of a coinage series for the republic, showing it is protected by Jupiter! The third chariot coin isn't in great condition, but there are only about ten or so known, so I was happy to get an example. This coin from 37 AD shows a "triumphal" quadriga, carrying victorious general Germanicus on the reverse, and a portrait of Caligula on the obverse. What is special is the reverse inscription. The top line is missing on this example but known from others, and it states, "Money of King Agrippa".

How many other coins do you know of that actually *specify* that they are money? Agrippa was the grandson of Herod the Great, but he grew up in Rome where he was friends with Caligula and Nero. When Caligula came to power, he granted rule of Jerusalem and the region to Agrippa as well as permission to mint coins.



To join the September Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86181489261?pwd=DYlXQQ0gDOaCsX2oAVAgj63bkvUoCM.1>

Meeting ID: 861 8148 9261

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Kudos to Ember S, Rich W, and Joel M for leading the Junior Meetings, beginning at 6:15PM each evening prior to our regular meeting. Thanks for taking the extra time and effort to help our Young Numismatists (and often their parents) learn more about our great hobby.

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DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: Not held this month, though wooden nickels were added to the pot for next month's gold drawing.

50:50 was not held

Raffle: Bill S Jr. (twice), Kim S (at least 3), Tiffany S, Bill S Sr. (twice), Allen B, Otto O.

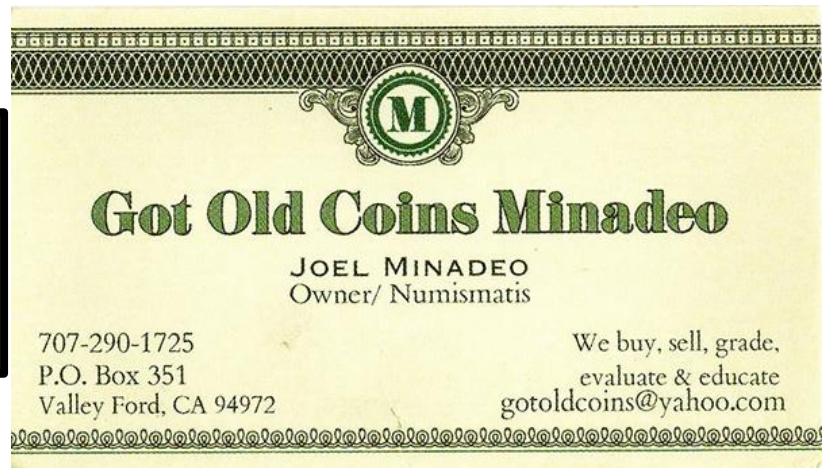
August Attendance: 48+

Guests: yes, there was at least one

Auction: 29 exciting items.

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

Happy Birthday to Bill S Jr at the meeting!



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

September 21-22, 2024. CoinExpo San Jose. Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Blvd., San Jose

October 11-13, 2024. Diablo Numismatic Society's Contra Costa Coin & Collectibles Show. Walnut Creek Elk's Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek

November 8-9, 2024. South Bay/Sunnyvale Coin Show. Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale

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.

Check out our newsletter at: **Redwoodempirecoinclub.com**

Thanks for reading. Corrections? Additions? Questions? E-mail us at: newsletter@Redwoodempirecoinclub.com.
See you at the Vets Building "Dinner Room" September 11, 2024— Charlie