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Next Meeting **August 5**, 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



Wow, what a meeting. One hundred people gathered to help celebrate the 250th birthday of our country. Of course, there was a bit of business to start. There were three upcoming coin shows: Bill Green's Reno show the weekend after the meeting; the new SF Coin Club's first show in SF on August 1; and August 7-8 the Central Valley Show (see last page for details).

The **AUGUST** meeting will be the **FIRST Wednesday** of the month, **August 5**. This is because the Sonoma County Fair will be running the following week and our room will be unavailable. The **THEME** for **AUGUST** is: **QUARTERS**, or **1/4ths**, or anything worth **25¢**. And in honor of the month, **AUGUSTUS** (as in St. Gaudens, the Emperor, etc.). Bring in or talk about your numismatic item and get four free raffle tickets. And if you cannot be at the meeting, we will have Zoom available. As usual, if you have photos of your item, please send them in ahead of time to newsletter@redwoodempirecoinclub.com.

There were several people to thank for making this meeting work. Thanks to Chris and Catherine S and Jerry St. G for grilling the burgers for dinner. Thanks to Erik for designing the wooden nickel and medal for the meeting. Thanks to Mike M for coordinating the food for the dinner, as well as for obtaining most of the U.S. coins and arranging for the medals to be produced. Thanks to Deanna J for helping serve dinner as well as cutting the cake. Thanks to Merle for arranging the grading contest. Thanks to anyone else I may have missed. Thanks to all of you for coming to the meeting (including Zoomers). Happy Birthday USA!





While people were getting dinner, eating it, or afterward, a grading contest was held with twelve slabbed 1884 CC Morgan Dollars on display. Each had a unique grade, sometimes including a + or DMPL designation. The grades were all hidden, so nobody could peak. After everyone was finished with dinner and all had a chance to view the coins, members switched answer sheets to correct the answers while Merle read them off. By far the highest score (23) went to Erik S, who chose among the three different Bicentennial sets available. Tied for second (18 points) were Jason B and Martin F, who each also received a prize. Most of the rest of us scratched our heads at our guesses and results. I for one am glad to leave the grading to



the pros.



These are the items which were given to all the members at the meeting!

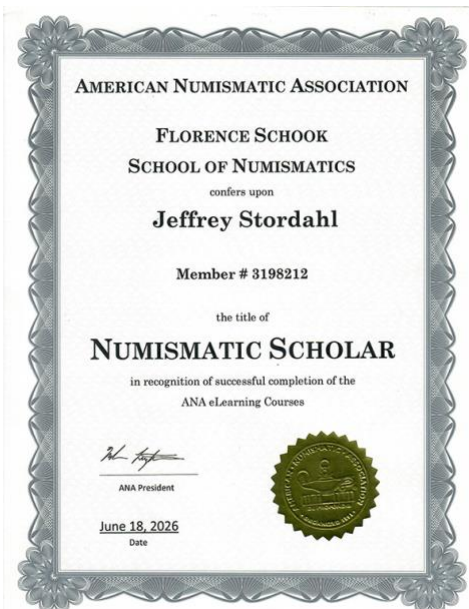
Are you a member of the American Numismatic Association? If not, it is something that should be considered. There are a lot of ways to benefit from belonging. Our club joined the ANA in 1949, soon after it was founded.

One benefit of the ANA is the nice selection of educational opportunities. In particular is their Numismatic Diploma Program, which provides ANA members with an opportunity to earn a "Numismatic Scholar" certificate by completing a series of online courses, such as *Introduction to Numismatics*, *Grading U.S. coins*, *Detecting Counterfeit and Altered coins*, and *Modern Minting Process and US Minting Errors and Varieties*. Club member Jeffrey S recently completed the online course and is proud to show this certificate he received.

In addition, the ANA has an eLearning academy, NumismaTalks Live Webinars, and the once a year the Summer Seminar: two one-week sessions held in Colorado Springs with in-person hands-on learning on a wide variety of topics.

The ANA also holds huge shows in the spring and summer, as well as advocating for our hobby nationwide. This summer's ANA show is in Pittsburgh on August 25-29. The following two summers it will be in Chicago. Please consider joining if you haven't already and take advantage of the ways to enhance your numismatic knowledge and enjoyment of the hobby.

The ANA website is easy to remember: www.money.org.



Can't make it to the August meeting? Join us via Zoom!

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Do you have one of these? This is the first quarter dollar produced at the US mint. 6146 were minted, only about 650 currently exist. It sure would be nice to see one in person at the August meeting as part of the Show & Tell discussions.....

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DRAWING WINNERS

Membership: No membership drawing since every member got the items pictured above!

50:50 pot of \$102 was split

Raffle: Jonathan H (three times), Joel M, Chris H, Rusty D (twice), Dan C, Otto O, Glenn M, Richard P, Chris S, and Gordon C.

July Attendance: 80+

New Members: Nolan R (#1082 J, joining dad Rick as a member); Mat H (1083) and his son William H (#1084 J); Gordon C (1085) rejoining- can't find his old # so he got a new one; and Jonathan H (1086)- **WELCOME ALL!**

Guests: yes, there were several guests.

Auction: 44 exciting items.

Gold Drawing: 2 Peso Mexican gold piece- Otto O!

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



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

August 1, 2026. San Francisco Coin Club's first coin show, in combination with Witter Coin University. Fort Mason Gallery 308, Building A, San Francisco

August 7-8, 2026. Central Valley Coin & Collectibles Show. Sponsored by Central Valley Coin Club, Delta Coin Club, Stanislaus County Coin Club, and Gateway Coin Club of Merced. Stanislaus County Veterans Hall, 3500 Coffee Road, Modesto.

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 **August 5, 2026**— Charlie