

publication of a new volume on coin collecting albums.

MAY DRAWING WINNERS

The winners included Mary, Chris, Dan, Jason, and Bob.

Prizes were a US Mint package of a Mississippi quarter with a defaced mint die for that issue, a Feather Falls Lumber token, *Trench Art* Salt & Pepper shakers, ANA Reprint booklet on Mormon Money, and a 1963 Zurich Shooting Fest medal.

PCNS EVENTS

- June 25 BBQ (location details inside this *Bulletin*)
- July 27 PCNS Monthly Meeting: *to be announced*
- Aug 10 Clubs Dinner at ANA Convention, Anaheim.
- Aug 11 ANA Recognition Banquet — PCNS 100 Years
- Aug–Dec . . We still need speakers for the last half of 2016, so email webmaster@pcns.org if you can present a program.

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1202ND monthly gathering of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



BBQ in Tiburon

Saturday, June 25, 2016, 1 PM Start

at 110 Avenida Miraflores, Tiburon CA

Ticket Holders — see directions inside



MAY PROGRAM REPORT

A Numismatic Tour of the Timber Industry in Northern California

by Federico Castillo

Federico's presentation focused on lumber companies which issued tokens in California, primarily in the logging areas of the Coastal Redwood regions, and the inland Sugar Pine regions of Northern California down to the Fresno area near Yosemite.

Henry Meiggs founded the first logging camp in Northern California at what is now Mendocino in 1851. (Some of his redwood timber was exported to Peru for use when Meiggs built railroads there.) During the early decades of the lumber industry, San Francisco served as the organizational center of the businesses, with moveable camps working throughout the region. Most of these businesses operated their own closed economies with company stores and payments made

via company tokens. Cash was generally reserved for final payment to an employee leaving the company.

Dozens of tokens from various lumber companies were depicted and available for examination from Federico's own collection.

The methods of moving logs via waterways, inclines, and flumes were illustrated, including a flume which ran over 50 miles in the Fresno county area. Clear-cutting was common practice for most of the companies, leaving denuded Redwood forests which take over a thousand years to regrow.

Strikes and the beginning of the Paul Bunyan myth were mentioned regarding the Red River Lumber Co. In the late 1800s, 20% of California's business economy was based on the lumber industry, and it would have been even higher if not for the amount attributed to gold mining. Timber dropped to just 4% of the state's economy in the 1900s as wood substitutes replaced the shrinking timber sources.

MAY MEMBER EXHIBITS

Chris — Currency Art incorporating US dollar bills

Bob — medal honoring Charles Carroll, signer of the Declaration of Independence, last one still living 50 years later

Stephen — a new acquisition: Ptolemaic bronze struck in Phoenicia (3rd Century BCE) and later counterstamped with an "A" to circulate as a 1-chalkous denomination, probably in Syria

Herb — Century of Progress official *so-called dollar* in its original case of issue (H&K 463)

Dan — Buffums store \$25 gift token in sterling silver, a 1929 British Royal Tournament silver award medal for "dummy thrusting" (bayoneting), and an 1897 Swiss Navy shooting medal (5 pieces struck; consider the size of the Swiss Navy!)

Mary — Roman silver denarius of Augustus struck at Emerita, Spain, with pedigree (illustrated in 1955 Dorotheum Vienna catalog) from the 200+ year old collection of the Venetian poet Apostolo Zeno

Mark — announcement of PCNS Fellow David Lange's pending