

## Seated Coinage at the Spring 1990 Long Beach Convention

Rare and scarce date Liberty Seated coinage was in short supply at the spring 1990 Long Beach coin exposition. The only Seated quarters of note that I saw on the bourse floor were: an 1842 in VG, an 1848 in XF, an 1850 in F, an 1852-O in VG-F, an 1856-S in XF, an 1857-S in F, an 1859-O in VF, an 1861-S in VG, a cleaned 1866-S in VF-XF, an 1869 in VG, and an 1869-S in Good. The rare Carson City, San Francisco, and Philadelphia mint quarters were noticeably absent at this show. Under normal circumstances a dozen or more of these rarities are offered at a Long Beach Convention but the coin market seems to be changing.

It is my opinion that the coin investment market is turning to choice examples of Liberty Seated rarities in all grades. The movement of investors into this area could make it more difficult and expensive for the collector to complete his date set of Seated coins. However, the collector always seems to flourish while investors come and go. The search for rare dates motivates most Liberty Seated collectors and stiff competition from investors will never deter the shrewd collector from his collecting goals.

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