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## Who is this Club Member?



Some people will immediately recognize him. Others and probably many others will not. He is a tireless low key worker and advocate for the Liberty Seated Collectors Club. Often seen behind the club table at major coin shows with his pleasant personality, continual smile on his face, and knowledge on anything numismatic, he is one of the LSCC's best ambassadors.

His "official" title is "New Member Chairman" but that is just the beginning. He calls every new member and personally welcomes them to the club to make them feel part of the great organization, the LSCC. He then postal mails the current copy of the *Gobrecht Journal* and any past issues so paid by the new member's dues. He also includes a welcoming letter and a LSCC membership card.

He also routinely travels to coins shows at his own expense to represent the LSCC at club tables (as below). He is passionate with talking to people about the club.

His member number is 687 and his name is Carl Feldman. The next time you see him, please thank him for all he does for the club. Thanks Carl! [Ed.]

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## Quarter of the Month

by Greg Johnson, LSCC #1460

### The 1876-S Quarter Dollar With Repunched Mintmark?

No matter how much time is spent studying there is always more to be learned. This month's lesson arrived in the form of an unexpected email from collector Josh Boyd, who was connected to me by editor Bill Bugert. Josh had an 1876-S quarter that brought up an attribution question. I have spent a lot of time on seated quarters, but have to confess that I have tended to focus on the better dates and particularly on the no motto portion of the series. The 1876-S is both a common date, with a mintage of 8,596,000, and a with motto issue. My knowledge of and experience with the 1876-S is really quite limited.

The question at hand was, is this a repunched mintmark, and if so, is it a known variety of the 1876-S? The photos provided clearly show a repunched mintmark so we moved on to the second question. A review of Briggs' *The Comprehensive Encyclopedia of United States Liberty Seated Quarters* revealed some fairly crude mintmarks on 1876-S quarters, but none that were repunched like Mr. Boyd's coin. Similarly, a carefully review of the *Gobrecht Journal* was no help in finding prior reference to an 1876-S quarter with RPM. A more cursory sampling of the Heritage Archive also failed to produce another example.

**After spending some significant time looking for, and not finding, evidence of a previously reported RPM, I am turning the question over to *E-Gobrecht* readers. The 1876-S is a plentiful issue, who has one with the repunched mintmark shown in the photo?**



**1876-S Liberty Seated Quarter Dollar with possible repunched mintmark (Courtesy of Josh Boyd).**



## Seated Shorts

**From Michael:** [Concerning the May 2018 issue of the *E-Gobrecht*, it is] Another informative interesting newsletter with great collector information

Benny's "cracked, shattered" article on the 1891-S dime late die state is now on my bucket list to search for and hopefully cherry pick! Great clear photos showing all the diagnostics!!

Craig's "auction news" showed the current auction market for better dates and I do like the line by line listings a lot!! Makes things clearer with some prices realized at auction rather STRONG!! but these must have really good eye appeal! and it seems like good eye appeal is key today in coin buying.

Dennis' "regional news" and market reports are timely and pack with tons of information and I see there is action/promotion at shows with a small but active LSCC participation. This is of utmost importance as with interesting exhibits and somebody there to answer questions and spur interest creates new members/collectors.

Greg's "quarter of the month" 1878-CC quarter cancelled die obverse is my all-time favorite Liberty Seated coin and Greg thoughtfully presented a great and correct overview of this quarter with again great high-quality photo-

graphs!! Even if I feel it is way more important than maybe it really is because I am partial to the cancelled die obverse that also has the straight heavy die scratch (cancelled die reverse) in the shield which only?? About 15% have if memory serves me correctly.

"Seated shorts" 1866 "Liberty Seated" token along with free advertisements was a great ending to a fun informative read and most importantly, the request for wanted material for this newsletter is really important. I would love to see some more articles on anything Liberty Seated!!

**From Roy Ash, LSCC #159:** "Congratulations to Dennis Fortier and his wife's divorce attorney on his 1878-S half dollar acquisition, always happy to see a fellow club member finally obtain that coveted coin. I must say after reading about his odometer coincidence with the purchase I am feeling some slight trepidation....I checked my odometer and it said 0001793, those chain cents are quite expensive, but now I'm afraid to drive it the next 11 miles, the 1804 dollars are real bank account busters."



**From Len Augsburg, LSCC #1271:** The tabular format for the auction prices realized is great.

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## Cracked, Shattered, and Terminal by Benny Haimovitz, LSCC #2494

### 1848 Half Dollar WB-7, R-3 Repunched 18, Double Die Reverse, Liberty Seated Half Dollar



It appears that 1848 was a somewhat lower mintage year for the Philadelphia mint with only some 580,000 half dollars being produced. The WB-7 is a most interesting die marriage from that mintage.

The primary obverse diagnostic is a very clearly repunched 18. In addition, this later die state example also shows a die crack just passing the left edge of the rock support which becomes heavier at the lower end, forming a small rim cud.



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The reverse has several points of interest to consider. Slight die doubling can be noticed in some of the eagle's upper right wing feathers and perhaps more noticeably in the letters OF AMERICA. In addition, the top of the first vertical shield line is apparent through the horizontal shield lines in the top left corner.

As the die state progresses, the strongest crack appears from the rim at K-8, across the top of the NITED, and back out to the rim at K-10. A less severe crack develops from the rim along the bottom of HALF to DOL.

Diagnostics a courtesy of [A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties, Volume V, Philadelphia Mint 1839 - 1852](#) by Bill Bugert. Images courtesy of PCGS TrueView with this example graded AU55.



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## Auction News

by Craig Eberhart, LSCC #1348

**PCGS Members Only Show, Legend Regency Auction, New Orleans, May 16-17.** The Legend rare coin auctions are dominated by coins that fit particularly well in high-grade PCGS Registry sets. However, these auctions often include some less expensive "collector" coins. This auction is no exception with a nice selection of uncirculated, but less than gem, no motto Liberty Seated Half Dollars. They include the Eliasberg 1840-O, two gold CAC-stickered coins, and a choice AU-58 1855-S. In higher grades, the 1855-S is a legitimately rare coin with only three AU-58 coins and two uncirculated coins in the PCGS population report.

1839	PCGS	MS64	CAC, with drapery	\$2,585
1840-O	NGC	MS64	Eliasberg-Richmond	\$6,168
1841	PCGS	MS63	CAC	\$3,172
1841-O	PCGS	MS62	CAC	\$1,938
1842	PCGS	MS62	Gold CAC	\$1,468
1843	PCGS	MS64	CAC	\$3,407
1844	PCGS	MS60	Gold CAC	\$1,057
1845-O	PCGS	MS63	CAC	\$2,467
1846	PCGS	MS63	CAC, tall date	\$1,880
1846-O	PCGS	MS62	CAC, medium date	\$2,350
1847	PCGS	MS63	CAC	\$1,762
1847-O	PCGS	MS62	CAC	\$2,173
1848-O	PCGS	MS63	CAC	\$2,937
1849	PCGS	MS63	CAC	\$2,350
1849-O	PCGS	MS62	CAC	\$1,410
1850-O	PCGS	MS64	CAC	\$3,055
1851	PCGS	MS62	CAC	\$3,760
1851-O	PCGS	MS62	CAC	\$2,585
1852	PCGS	MS63		\$2,173
1855	PCGS	MS64	CAC	\$3,877
1855-S	PCGS	AU58	CAC	\$17,625
1856-O	PCGS	MS64+	CAC	\$2,350
1864	PCGS	MS64	CAC	\$3,625



## LSCC Calendar

June 8-10, 2018. **LSCC table and educational program. Raleigh, NC.** Raleigh NC Coin Club's Money Expo. North Carolina State Fairgrounds, Expo Center, Raleigh NC. Carl Feldman, Joe Casazza, and John Frost will staff the club table on the bourse floor. John Frost will be presenting two educational programs on Friday, June 8, at 1 PM and 2 PM. See the Expo's website at <http://www.raleighcoinclub.org/ourShow/currentYear.html> for complete details.

June 14-16, 2018. **LSCC table and social. Long Beach, CA.** Long Beach Expo. Club table staffed by Bob Clark. Thursday night social, 6:30 PM, at the Rock Bottom Brewery hosted by Brian Cushing.

June 22, 2018. **LSCC meeting and educational program. Baltimore, MD.** Whitman Summer Baltimore Expo, Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Club meeting on Friday, June 22 at 9 AM in room 301. Club president Gerry Fortin will present the educational program "Liberty Seated Quarters, An Underrated Series and Denomination." No club table at this show.

July 2018. **Gobrecht Journal** Issue #132 printed and mailed to all current members.

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## Regional News

by Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

Planning for this summer's ANA Convention (August 14-18) in Philadelphia has begun. For the Regional Team, John Frost has organized the most impressive club table display we have ever had. Sorry that is all to be said on that subject for now. What needs addressing is a location for the club dinner.

I am putting out a call for any club member with knowledge of the Philadelphia restaurant scene to contact me with a suggestion or two for a location (close to the convention center) to host the club dinner at the convention. Contact me, Dennis Fortier, at [ricajun@msn.com](mailto:ricajun@msn.com) with your ideas. A private room is a plus.

John Frost has a report on the Garden State Numismatic Association's Annual Convention.

May 17-19 found the LSCC in New Jersey at the Garden State Numismatic Association's annual convention and show. Carl Feldman (shown in image at right) and John Frost staffed the club table. The traffic at the show, while a little on the slow side, was noticeably improved from last year. On Friday and Saturday, educational programs were delivered right at the table, as we were given extra space right on the wall, which meant the exhibits supplementing the presentations were very conveniently right there! In addition, John delivered the GSNA's Young Numismatist program on Errors on Saturday morning. One big surprise and highlight was that the GSNA recognized Carl and John for all we had done for the organization in the past years, and we were presented with the **GSNA Larry Gentile Award**. *"This award is given to those individuals who have been active participants in the GSNA's Education Program."* It was a huge honor, and Carl and I were humbled and grateful for this recognition. All in all, the show was a most eventful

time, all that, plus car trouble going out to dinner, towing to AAA, and fortunately a straightforward repair!

Raleigh NC June 8-10 Carl Feldman, Joe Casazza, and John Frost will travel to this important regional show to represent the club. John will present *"Liberty Seated Carson City Coinage."*

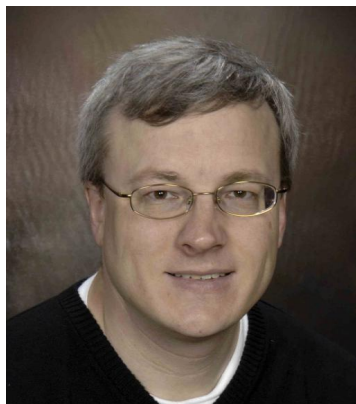
The Long Beach Expo is June 14-16. Bob Clark will be manning the club table while West Coast Regional Director Brian Cushing will host the club dinner on Thursday night June 14, 6:30 PM, at Rock Bottom Brewery. Enjoy some good fellowship with your fellow club members.

At the Baltimore Expo June 21-24 club president Gerry Fortin will host the club meeting Friday, June 22 at 9 AM in room 301. Gerry will also present *"Liberty Seated Quarters, An Underrated Series and Denomination."*



**LSCC website: [www.lscweb.org](http://www.lscweb.org)**





## The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

### News & Notes

Memorial Day brings the annual cooling off period in the coin business, something that should be less true in the Internet Age but for some reason is not. Even though we are constantly connected we still see dealer sales fall and website traffic become stagnant. This makes even less sense when you consider the demographics of coin collectors – skewing older, and in theory without kids still at home. Nevertheless, watch the dealer reports the next few weeks and you will see what I mean. Harry Laibstain's *In The Loupe* commented on May 29: "Another indication of summer is the transitional mode where business slows as summer begins and builds the closer we get to ANA...." All of this spells opportunity for the buyer. If you sense stale inventory on your favorite dealer's website, June or July is an excellent time to pick up the phone and practice your negotiating skills.

The summer calendar retains the usual selection of events – major shows in Baltimore and Long Beach in June, Summer FUN in Orlando in July, all leading up to the ANA convention in Philadelphia in August. In addition the ANA will host the Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs in June. The Summer Seminar is not highly attended (a few hundred people each year) but should be. Although a 4-day commitment, this is a great opportunity to pick the expert's brains and soak in numismatics for a few days. I will be sitting in the colonial paper money class taught by John Kraljevich and Erik Goldstein during the first session. This is more than a class, as the ANA goes into "open house" mode for the duration. In addition there are plenty of sponsored side activities in Colorado Springs and the surrounding area. Make the effort to attend once and you'll be hooked.

The weekly *E-Sylum* (May 27) had an interesting article on holed Liberty Seated dimes and half dimes found during the relocation of graves in the Freedman's Cemetery in Dallas, TX. This cemetery was active from 1869 to 1907. In the 1990s, a highway expansion required moving the graves, and a careful excavation took place. One of the more interesting finds was a number of holed half dimes and dimes, presumably placed as charms to protect from illness and witchcraft. The full article is at <http://users.clas.ufl.edu/davidson/Historical%20archaeology%20fall%202015/Week%206%20material%20culture/Davidson%202004%20coin%20cham%20article%20master%20version.pdf>. The majority of the coins were dated from the high-mintage periods of the 1850s and 1870s – no surprise, and consistent with the known circulation patterns of Liberty Seated coinage in this period. Mintmarks, if any, were not recorded. One suspects a few New Orleans coins must have been present.

The finest ever set of mint state Liberty Seated dollars sold to Dell Loy Hansen, a Utah collector, in February. Built by Bruce Morelan and Legend Numismatics, the set had been publicly exhibited on multiple occasions. Hansen is actively working toward a complete set of U.S. coinage. The sale, brokered by David Lawrence Rare Coins, is just one piece of a large puzzle. When working on a set of thousands of coins, buying one or two at a time simply won't work. This is problem none of us will ever have, but is interesting to contemplate. Most collections of Liberty Seated coinage comprise on the order of a hundred pieces, and the "one at a time" approach is more realistic. Massive collections that turn into the all-time greats are a different beast – and usually include purchases in chunks, like this.



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**Half Dollar Book Available.** Volume V of Bill Bugert's books, *A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties, Volume V, Philadelphia Mint, 1839-1852* available from the author for \$65 postpaid. Contact Bill at [wb8cpy@earthlink.net](mailto:wb8cpy@earthlink.net).

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