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Club members meet at the Portland ANA Show

By Scott Mickelson

A regional LSCC meeting was held at the Portland, Oregon ANA show on Saturday morning, March 14, 2009. Some confusion surrounded the meeting date as the official ANA program incorrectly reported that the meeting was scheduled for Friday the 13th. After a brief meeting with the show supervisor every effort was made to correct the error.

Despite the mistake in the official program, ten dedicated LSCC members managed to attend the meeting hosted by Scott Mickelson. The members received a preview of the most recently released *Gobrecht Journal* volume and were also updated on the status of *Gobrecht Journal* Collective Volume number five. An update was also provided on Bill Bugert's soon to be released new half dollar die marriage book featuring the San Francisco Branch Mint half dollars.

The meeting also included an interesting game that asked club members to guess if PCGS had certified more or less than a certain number of coins from various denominations. The quiz was rather tricky but also quite enlightening as regards certified examples of many key and semi-key dates in the liberty seated series.

Club members concluded the meeting with some show and tell that included a counterfeit twenty cent piece. Several other club related issues were also informally discussed between the members that remained after the dealers had departed, including the idea of a life membership for the LSCC.

Thanks to all of the members who managed to attend the meeting on Saturday.

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Congratulations to the LSCC

This is the 50th issue of the *E-Gobrecht*. Many thanks for everyone who has supported it during the past four plus years.

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Auction News

by
Jim Gray

The **Bowers & Merena** ANA Sale featured an 1866-S no motto half-dollar in XF45 with lovely natural gray toning

for \$2,760.

An 1855 dollar in VF 35 was original and seldom seen in this grade went for \$2,645, while a cleaned AU 1878CC trade dollar only realized \$1,668.

The **Stack's** Sale featured an MS64 1844-O half dime, which was formerly in the Atwater & Pittman collections. This was a nicely toned piece with the usual softness on the wreath that rose to \$19,550.

A nicely toned 1845-O dime in XF40 went for \$650, and a well-worn 1872-CC dime in VG8 with a flat wreath hit \$2,300. An F15 1873-CC arrows was a decent piece with some marks but did not sell, nor did a dipped AU55 1885-S dime.

A cleaned and corroded 1854-O, huge O quarter in VF35 did not sell, while an unattractive 1868-S quarter in XF45 sold for a paltry \$460.

A well struck, nicely toned 1852-O half in AU55 did not sell, nor did a dipped out 1866-S no motto half in F12. An 1871-CC in VF25 but with a washed out look from overdipping hit \$1,725.

An 1871-CC dollar in VF35 that had been dipped and retuned with dark areas understandably did not sell.

The **Bowers & Merena** Baltimore Sale featured an 1872-CC dime with VF details but with most of the right legend removed by repairs did not sell again, nor did a cleaned and damaged 1873-CC dime in Fine. An absolutely spectacular 1874-CC dime with bold details and nice original toning deservedly realized \$41,400.

An untuned 1868-S quarter in MS63 did not sell, nor did a cleaned 1870-CC half in XF.

An 1851 original dollar that was well struck and bright in MS62 hit \$36,800, whereas an original 1852 in AU58 with dark, mottled, unattractive toning

did not sell. 1854 and 1855 dollars, both in AU55 and appearing original but with some marks, realized \$4,140 and \$4,485, respectively.

An 1871-CC dollar in XF40 that was softly struck and with a washed out look from overdipping and a number of marks, realized \$10,925, while a much nicer looking and better quality duplicate in VF30 hit \$8,913. An 1872-CC in cleaned VF eked out \$2,990. An 1873-CC in VF25 that was dipped, marked and had BE gone, still sold to someone for \$14,950.

The **Heritage** Sale featured an 1846 half dime in VF25 with nice album toning for \$1,495.

A nicely toned 1844 dime in XF45 hit \$1,610, and a spectacular MS65 example of the same date with lovely blue toning soared to \$26,450. An 1846 dime in MS61 that did not sell at a previous sale, even though it is the finest certified by NGC, did not sell again because of absolutely ugly toning. An original 1859-S in XF40 sold for \$2,530. Two nice 1872-CC dimes in VF30 and AU55 realized \$4,312 and \$20,700, respectively. An attractive 1873-CC with arrows in VF25 went for \$7,475, while an 1874-CC with XF details but cleaned and granular, hammered for \$10,925.

An original golden brown 1856-S quarter in XF45 went for \$3,737. An 1870-CC quarter in VF35 with dark spots on Liberty's head and cap and some hairlines sold for \$17,250, which was the same price realized by a nicely toned 1873-CC with arrows in VF 25.

An 1842-O small date half in VF20 and flatly struck sold for \$1,150, while two original 1844-O double date halves in F15 and XF40 realized \$1,380 and \$2,990, respectively. An 1870-CC in VF20 with scratches and only L...Y visible eked out \$1,265, whereas an AU53 specimen of the same date that was sharp and attractive despite a dipping hit \$22,425. Two 1871-CC halves in XF40 and AU50 and lightly toned sold for \$2,760 and \$4,743, respec-

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tively. A cleaned and ugly 1872-CC half in AU50 brought \$1,495, whereas an AU55 specimen of the same date with nice color hit \$5,462.

An 1873 open 3 half in G6 but rough still managed \$2,990. An 1873-CC no arrows half in XF 40 but with some dark areas went for \$2,012 and an MS61 duplicate that was sharply struck but dipped still realized \$9,775. An 1873-CC with arrows in AU58 and an attractive piece went for \$4,312, and

an absolutely ugly MS64 duplicate with streaky toning understandably did not sell. Two 1874-CC halves in VG10 and AU55, both being attractive pieces hit \$891 and \$8,337, respectively. An original 1878-CC half in VF25 sold for \$1,725.

A cleaned 1871-CC dollar in VF went for \$3,737, while an XF45 with some dark areas still managed \$10,925. A dull gray from overdipping 1872-CC dollar in AU53 managed \$10,350, while an XF 1873-CC with scratches and dipping still sold for \$16,100. An 1878-CC trade dollar in MS62 that was brilliant with strong luster soared to \$12,650.

Question of the Month

Topic for e-Discussion by Paul Kluth

What or where are your favorite Coin Shows to attend and why? Do you prefer the larger national shows or the local shows close to home?"

All responses are welcome! Please give us your thoughts and opinions. Send your reply to the *E-Gobrecht* editor at wb8cpy@arrr.net.

Upcoming LSCC Meetings

LSCC Mid-West Regional meeting, Cincinnati, OH, Central States Numismatic Society Convention, Duke Energy Center, Friday, May 1, 2009, 9 AM, room 260

LSCC Western Regional meeting, Los Angeles, CA, Long Beach Coin Expo, Saturday, May 30, 2009, room 102A.

LSCC Annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA, 2009 ANA World's Fair of Money, Thursday, August 6, 2009. Complete details will be published in the future.



Answers to Last Month's Questions

Topics for e-Discussion by Paul Kluth

There were two questions last month:

- 1. The long term success of the Liberty Seated Collector Club can be attributed to those individuals who demonstrate a passion for numismatics and the individual Liberty Seated denominations. At recent club meetings, it is obvious that the median age of club members is increasing with few "younger" collectors joining the LSCC and supporting the *Gobrecht Journal* and *E-Gobrecht*.**

What strategies or approaches would you recommend to market the LSCC to the next generation of club members? Recognizing the challenges for attracting younger members is important; implementing new programs will take time and additional volunteer support. I hope this Question of the Month stimulates a healthy dialogue on this matter.

Answers:

From **Gerry Fortin**: I believe that planning for the long term health of the LSCC is becoming an imperative given the aging club membership and multiple economic and generational challenges facing our hobby. Eventually, the baby boomer generation will pass the torch to a new generation of collectors and the LSCC should anticipate and prepare accordingly. These younger collectors will have grown with unprecedented access to information technology in a fast paced society. Can the LSCC compete for their attention for Liberty Seated collecting against other US coinage series or even against other collecting type hobbies?

The ANA is a well managed organization and has thorough programs for renewing its collector base. The LSCC should consider benchmarking ANA approaches for building a younger membership base. How you might ask?

Educating the collector is a proven method for attracting new membership. Collecting Liberty Seated denominations requires specialized knowledge that is not easily available or commonplace. There are a few reference books still widely accessible in the market. One must search for a copy of Valentine, Ahwash, Wiley-Bugert or even Greer's guidebook. How can younger collector readily find in depth information on Seated denominations?

A few potential approaches for educating and recruiting younger collectors might include:

- Increase LSCC internet presence via a long term 3-5 year program to have online reference resources across all Seated denominations. Presently, we have the LSCC website, the *E-Gobrecht*, the Liberty Seated Dime website, the recent online version of Wiley-Bugert Liberty Seated Half Dollar book and a general Seated coinage message board at my website. Can we do more to stimulate the collecting base? Consider building a module on the LSCC website that relates or cross references U.S. annual historical events to the minting activities of all seated denominations? This is a huge project but would inspire some younger individuals to collect US history during the 1837-1891 period. We also need to expand internet references sources for the half dimes, quarters and dollars. I'm happy to report that there is an active and passionate Seated Dime community with new collectors appearing every few months via the website. The challenge is to retain the new collector's interests for the long term. I only wish to have adequate time to do more in this area.

- Consider an LSCC organized mentorship program for new collectors to ensure they do not make substantial grading and financial mistakes early on.

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Seated coins are expensive and no one wants to make significant purchasing mistakes. Some people never recover from these mistakes and leave the hobby. My Seated dime learning curve was not costly due to mentorship from Brian Greer and Chris Pilliod. Both individuals taught me to grade and to identify original versus doctored coins early on.

As a club, we should discuss how to build active mentorship programs for each denomination. Active mentorship programs should include advertising that one on one help is available to new collectors and a list of mentors available to contact. This approach would be more proactive than waiting for a new collector to post a question on a message board.

Incremental suggestions are as follow:

- The LSCC is moving towards regional show club meetings. This is a positive step. But hosting the regional meetings is on a volunteer basis and not well organized at this time. My belief is that a LSCC organized regional meeting should foster the LSCC mission through a standard agenda regardless of location or moderator. The club should consider developing educational Liberty Seated presentation that can be easily shown at different regional meetings as part of a more formalized agenda. Local meeting publicity is important. If a presentation is to be offered, then there is a higher probability of a few more people attending the meeting. The moderator should ask for introductions and decide who are the new members that may need additional contact with an active mentor or simply may need more information on LSCC services and benefits. Ideally, the LSCC would establish a post of regional meeting coordinator to help sponsor and train local moderators and provide an agenda "kit."

- More LSCC publicity at major coin shows and numismatic publications is important. We should consider club publicity as a managed process with goal setting for number of Seated articles in Coin World or Numismatics News each year. Organizing displays at major shows is an excellent vehicle for

numismatic publicity. The Fall 2006 Baltimore show displays of dimes, quarters and half dollar collections were seen as a success for increasing LSCC awareness. We might consider additional organized displays with major seated dealers and LSCC funding portion of table fees.

I hope that this response stimulates incremental dialogue in the upcoming months and at the summer ANA meeting. I am very proud member of the LSCC and thankful for the vision and efforts of the LSCC elders and their contributions to current generation of members. The club is once again facing a membership aging scenario and needs to evolve its approach with new programs to attract the next generation of Liberty Seated collectors.

From **Paul Kluth**:

This is certainly not an easy question to tackle or an issue with a simple solution. How does the Club attract potential collectors of the Liberty Seated series? LSCC is certainly one of the model clubs in the hobby, so it isn't going to be easy to improve on what's already been done or found already to be successful.

In general, an individual new to numismatics is more likely to start with something like State Quarters, Mint or Proof Sets, or Lincoln Cents for example. Someone who is strictly a new coin investor is not likely to join a club anyway and Boy Scouts working on a coin collecting merit badge will not typically complete the requirements of the merit badge with Liberty Seated material.

Here's some ideas:

1. By asking relatively new members what prompted them to join LSCC in the first place might be a good way to get some insights and determine what the Club can do to attract new members.

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2. Members who give talks or seminars at both local and national coin shows, and local coin club meetings are a great way to spread awareness of the series and attract new members to LSCC assuming they mention the Club in their program.
3. Whenever there are Youth Activities offered at the larger coin shows, if a LSCC member were to give an introductory talk about Liberty Seated coins, it might be a way of introducing the series to young collectors (and planting seeds for the future).
4. Maybe LSCC could join forces with the likes of JRCS, EAC, or other specialty clubs by sharing a club table at major coin shows (usually free to Clubs)? Sample *Gobrecht Journals* could be handed out and someone manning the table could answer inquiries.
5. Get the major coin grading services to mail a simple circular describing LSCC whenever they return a Liberty Seated coin to a submitter.
6. A small paid ad in *Coin World*, *Numismatic News*, and *Coin Values* on a quarterly basis might be worth a try to spread awareness of the Club and name recognition.

All specialty clubs in general need more support from the ANA and major auction houses to promote membership and education of their specialty area. Too much of the burden falls on too few dedicated leaders and passionate members to promote their clubs and their specialty. Where the auction houses could really help would be to footnote at the bottom of their auction catalog pages (containing significant Liberty Seated lots), the fact that there is a LSCC devoted to collectors with this area of interest.

2. Is there a question you would like to ask the *E-Gobrecht* readership related to any Liberty Seated topic or collecting area of interest? Your response can become next month's question(s).

From **Paul Kluth** and included as this month's question of the month: What or where are your favorite Coin Shows to attend and why? Do you prefer the larger national shows or the local shows close to home?"

From **Paul Kluth**: The latest issue of *Coin Values* magazine just out has a good article on grading Liberty Seated Dimes and Half Dimes. What do you think of the article and do you have any comments to add regarding grading of this U.S. series / denominations?"

Joe Brame submitted another good question but we are in the process of verifying the answers before it is published here. It will be included next month.





Club members meet at the March 2009 Baltimore Show



Twenty members and guests met before the bourse opened for a delightful hour of camaraderie on March 27, 2009 at the Whitman Baltimore, Maryland Coin and Currency Convention. LSCC Secretary/Treasurer Len Augsburger called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM after a group photographic session (see above). Len discussed "Seated Coins in the News" which included the "Smoking Liberty" collection of seated quarters to be offered by David Lawrence Rare Coins, the AU55 1874-CC dime which came out of Europe, the donation of the Dr. Julius Korein collection of Gobrecht Dollars to the American Numismatic Society, and various counter-stamped quarter dollars.

Next, Len provided an update of club activities and projects to the attendees. The latest issue of the *Gobrecht Journal* was mailed that week and club members should start receiving them. Len asked that members prepare and submit articles to club President John McCloskey for the next issue. Bill Bugert provided an update of his upcoming book on the San Francisco Branch Mint Liberty Seated Half Dollar die marriages. The book should be out by May 2009

and will include extensive details of over 230 S-Mint die marriages, 1,500+ close up photographs, about 320 pages, and printed on special glossy paper to enhance the photographs. Len provided an update on the *Gobrecht Journal* Collective Volume #5. He showed two prototype copies of two sizes (including one of the same size as the Collective Volumes 1-4) and asked members to look through them and provide feedback. They were well received and club members are eager to add the book to their collection.

Club member Don Bennett donated a card cover original edition of Beistle's 1929 reference on half dollar die varieties. It was auctioned by Len Augsburger and, after some spirited bidding, closed at \$225 for the club treasury. Thanks, Don!

Club member John Murrison then announced it was Jim O'Donnell's 65th birthday and asked that we remember him. A moment of silence was observed after discussing Jim's passing.

The formal meeting adjourned and attendees stayed later to "talk Seated."



The Continuing Education of a Liberty Seated Half Dollar Collector

By Dennis Fortier

A couple of years ago Bill Bugert asked me to write something for the *E-Gobrecht* as a new Seated collector. Bill wanted something to help new collectors and for experienced collectors to reminisce about their own experiences long ago. On the occasion of the purchase of my 40th Liberty Seated Half Dollar, I thought it was time for an update.

In coin collecting, as in life, we all travel our own individual path, no two are exactly alike. Like many I was a collector as a kid but got away from it for many years. I collected the usual, Lincoln Cents and a few low grade Morgans. When I returned to the hobby I discovered Liberty Seated Half Dollars. The beautiful design and the low mintage issues of 1879 thru 1890 grabbed me.

My first purchase was an 1882 Seated Half Dollar with a mintage of less than 10,000. Later I learned about surviving pieces. The low mintage issues of 1879 thru 1890 have a much higher survivor rate as they were made primarily for collectors. This is why an issue like the 1870-CC with a higher mintage than those of the 1880's has such a high price tag. There were very few collectors out west as most were in the east. Collectors of the time didn't collect by mintmark, only by year, so any mint issue was good enough. Therefore, many branch mint issues saw little saving. This is apparent in the PCGS/NGC mint state totals. The Philadelphia issues consistently have higher totals in mint state than do the branch mints.

Many people consider Seated Half Dollars as uncollectible due to the length of the series and key issues such as the 1878-S. That's good for those of us that love Liberty Seated Half Dollars. Imagine how expensive they would be if they were as popular to collect as Mercury Dimes. Collectability depends on your collecting goals. If your goal is a complete date/mint set, Seated Half Dollars may be a tough nut to crack. However, there are other ways to collect and not having an 1878-S is no failure surely. You might collect by mint, decade, or varieties just

to name a few.

I have been perusing difficult dates, underrated issues, and rare varieties for the past two years. The members of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club have been very helpful in my continued education in Liberty Seated coinage. If you are not a member and are serious about Seated coinage I strongly urge you to join. It will be the best \$20 you will ever spend.

Underrated/Overrated Seated Half Dollars

<u>Under-rated</u>	<u>Over-rated</u>
1851-O	1839 ND
1852-O	1845-O ND
1856-S	1849
1857-S	1853
1860	1853-O
1862	1854
1867 (XF and up)	1854-O
1868 (XF and up)	1873 Arrows
1873-S Arrows	1874
1891	

I learned the underrated and overrated Liberty Seated Half Dollar list in bits and pieces over time. I have not seen such a grouping provided for those starting out. I hope it will be of help. The Seated Half Dollar series is tough enough without falling into the many pitfalls that usually await someone just starting a new series. Most of the overrated list owes its place on the list to type collectors. The 1853 and 1853-O are common date coins priced as they are due to demand from type collectors. Go to

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any small coin show and you'll see several examples, but try and find an 1852-O or 1857-S at a small show. You will have better luck finding one of the 1879 thru 1890 dates.

The Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Half Dollars (Wiley/Bugert, DLRC press 1993) is essential to anyone collecting this series. Thanks to John Feigenbaum at David Lawrence Rare Coins, it is now available on line at: (www.stellacoinnews.com/index.php/reference-books/the-complete-guide-to-liberty-seated-half-dollars/), so information is only a click away. Another useful tool is an article written by Dick Osburn

"An Analysis of Rarity in Liberty Seated Half Dollars," (*Gobrecht Journal* November 1999, issue #76). It gives you an at a glance listing of rarity for the entire series that you will not find anywhere else, compiled by one of the most experienced collector/dealers of the series. For those that do not have issue #76 it should be included in *Gobrecht Journal* Collective Volume #5 coming out soon.

All this and more is a necessary part of the education you will need as a Liberty Seated Half Dollar collector. That's where the Liberty Seated Collectors Club is very helpful. The members of this fraternity are often very generous with their time and knowledge. They remember starting out and the lessons they had to learn along the way.

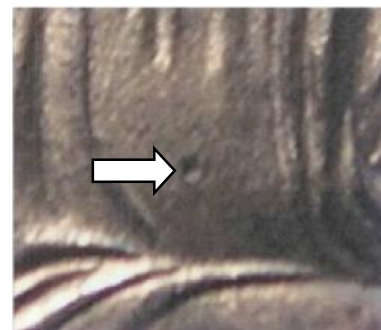
Subscriber Correspondence

From **Dennis Fortier**: I enjoyed reading another excellent *Gobrecht Journal*. John McCloskey's Biography by Len and Bill was great, the method used to determine die sequencing was enlightening. "Counterfeit Detection" by Sean Kuhn was very informative, and "Silver Coins During the Fractional Currency Era" by David Ginsburg was entertaining. Thanks all.

From **Wayne Homren** (Editor of *The E-sylum*, the Numismatic Bibliomania Society's electronic newsletter): I made *The E-Gobrecht* archives the Feature Web Site for next week's E-Sylum. (Editor, in case you aren't a subscriber, the NBS has this wonderful and very professional newsletter that is well worth subscribing to. It is free and can be obtained by emailing Wayne at esylum@binhost.com. Try it, you will enjoy it!)

From **"Wayne"**: I am a member of the LSCC. I just picked up an 1865 PCGS PR63 CAM seated half dollar. I know this sounds weird but I was showing it to my wife and I said look at the detail, you can

even see the navel. Then I realized that these coins do not have that feature. Its frosted so it was from the die. It looks like a metal punch mark. I am enclosing it for others to enjoy.





Information Wanted on Half Dime Errors

I'm currently working on the large task of cataloging the known seated half dime errors known to collectors by date/mintmark. If you own any seated half dime errors, please send me an e-mail at the address below and provide the following information to make this survey as accurate as possible:

- Date and Mintmark of coin
- Type of error
- Grade
- Certification service if graded
- Photographs of both sides of the coin (if possible)

Information about any known errors including blank planchets is welcomed. The results will be published in an article at the end of this year. Dennis Hengeveld, Hengeveld.dennis@gmail.com

Notice: Availability of past issues of the E-Gobrecht

Through the generosity of Gerry Fortin, the previous issues of the *E-Gobrecht* are readily accessible on his seated dime web-site at <http://www.seateddimevarieties.com/LSCC.htm>

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Wanted: Material for this newsletter!

Please consider submitting something for print. It need not be elaborate; it can be something as simple as a short note on your favorite variety, neat find, nice cherry pick, happenings at a coin show, rare Liberty Seated coinage coming up for auction, etc. If you are interested in it, rest assured, others will be too! Sharing information is a goal of this newsletter and you need not be an experienced or famous writer to submit something. This is a continuing plea.

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