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More LSCC Exhibits Coming to Baltimore in March!

Following last November's very successful LSCC member exhibits in Baltimore, once again, through the efforts of club Secretary/Treasurer Len Augsburger, we will have a floor table with more exhibits at the Whitman Coin & Collectibles Baltimore Expo, March 4-6, 2010 at the Baltimore Convention Center. Sure to draw show attendee interest, there will be four exhibits at table 1806:

- Greenwich Collection of Proof Seated Quarters (PCGS #1 Set)
- Top-100 Liberty Seated Dime Varieties
- Martin Luther Beistle Tribute, Featuring Seated Half Dollars
- Selections from the Chicago Collection of Seated Quarters (PCGS #1 Set)

Please stop by, check these exhibits out, and socialize with fellow club members on Thursday afternoon, all day Friday and Saturday.

Many thanks to Whitman Coin & Collectibles Expo, LLC for providing the club with a table for exhibit use.

LSCC Meeting at Baltimore

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Auction News

by Jim Gray, LSCC #664

The **Stack's Americana Sale** in late January featured an 1871-CC dime in VF condition but cleaned, porous and rough for \$1,955. An 1852-O quarter in VF with some hairlines but a bold Liberty hit \$1,163, and a nice original 1854-O, huge O, in F15 sold for \$2,300.

The **Goldberg Long Beach Sale** featured a spectacular 1842-O half-dime in MS65 with beautiful toning but a little soft on Liberty's head and the bowknot that soared to \$11,500.

An 1846 dime in AU58, with only one MS61 graded finer at NGC, and with nice peripheral toning did not sell. It appears that nobody wants the two choice 1846 dimes in AU58 that have recently appeared on the market. An 1860-O dime in AU55 with nice toning and a little softness on the head sold for an impressive \$7,130.

An 1849-O quarter in AU50 but with a large hit on Liberty's face did not sell, nor did an 1854-O quarter, huge O, in VF30 with

nice toning.

The Heritage Long Beach Sale featured an 1844-O half dime in XF40 and nice for the grade at \$1,495.

An 1842-O, small date quarter in VF30 with uniform toning and perhaps finer in grade but with a weakness in the center of both sides still soared to \$5,750. Two 1854-O, huge O quarters, one a dipped F15 and the other with XF details but with a washed out look from excessive cleaning hit \$2,243 and \$2,070, respectively. A very nice 1867-S quarter in VF20 with uniform toning went for \$1,208.

An 1872-CC half dollar in VF25 with uniform gray toning but with weakness at BER sold for \$1,380. A very attractive 1873-CC, no arrows in AU55 rang the bell for \$7,475, while a nicely toned 1874-CC in VF20 with weakness at BER went for \$2,990.

A very attractive, well-struck 1878-CC trade dollar in AU58 soared to \$11,227.

Notes from the LSCC President

As of February 22, 2010 I have sold all of the copies of *Gobrecht Journal Collective Volume Number Five* that I have on hand. I have recently ordered 50 additional copies of the Volume but I do not expect that they will be delivered to me for about five weeks. I will therefore not be able to fill any additional orders for *Collective Volume Number Five* until after

April 1, 2010.

The copy for the March issue of the *Gobrecht Journal* is currently being corrected by the printer and after an additional review by me I would expect that we will go to press within two weeks.

John McCloskey
President, LSCC



Question of the Month

Topic for e-Discussion by Paul Kluth, LSCC #1994

This month, how about taking a drive in a different direction on a winding trip through a scenic valley of sorts... a little off the beaten path you might say -> -> ->

Love ♥ Tokens created on Liberty 🌈 Seated era coins:

Have you found a few interesting Love Tokens in your travels? Please share a few finds with your fellow readers right here. Have you found one (any denomination will do) with your very own name or initials on it, or those of a close family member or friend? Or how about some other oddly engraved anomaly?

Believe it or not, I actually found a Seated Dime with my own initials engraved on the reverse about a year ago (on a twisty turn at a small coin show tucked in a "glove compartment 2x2" of dealer's bourse table). Never, ever thought I'd find one. Just to show an example, it is pictured above -> -> -> Engraving done on an 1857.



P.S. Wonder why Love Token creations on current coins haven't come back in vogue? Precious metal jewelry is less affordable these days for the majority of the population than ever before. Kind of like the past Liberty Seated era.

All responses are welcome! Please consider taking a few moments and sending in your thoughts and opinions. Send your reply to the *E-Gobrecht* editor at wb8cpy@arrl.net.



Answer to last Month's Question

Shown below is an 1854-O Seated Half Dollar. The 2x2 holder from the dealer was marked "reverse damage." As it turns out, the reverse actually has a large section of detached planchet metal better known as a lamination.



Does anyone have any ideas as to why the design image of the Eagle's head, top of right wing and parts of the lettering still appear (though much more faintly) when the section of planchet metal split off and fell away as it did? Shouldn't the reverse design be missing altogether where the lamination occurred?

From **Tom DeLorey**: The reason why the laminated half still shows the eagle's head is very simple. A lamination error occurs when an area of the surface of a planchet is not properly bonded to the rest of the planchet. This can be caused by an impurity in a cast ingot which, when the ingot is rolled out into a strip, undercuts a relatively large and relatively flat layer of the planchet.

When such a planchet is struck, the undercut area is forced into whatever part of the design it falls under, and the metal immediately below the defect follows the loosened piece towards that part of the design. Thus the central part of the planchet, under the loosened piece, is struck up as well. The design is not as sharp, but it is there. Peel away the loosened piece, and *viola!*, the blurry design appears.

From **Ron Feuer**: I would like to offer my explanation to Paul Kluth's question about the 1854-O Laminated Half Dollar with faint but sure details of eagle head and wing visible within the lamination void on struck coin. Maybe there was grease within the planchet void when the planchet was struck by the dies...Resultant coin has blurred, watery look to it in the planchet void area.

From **Paul Kluth**: Here's are some extreme close-up images of the planchet area in question that better reveal the planchet metal breaking or peeling away from the rest of the reverse rather than being the effect of a "strike-thru" some foreign object. Notice the striations left in the planchet which the images last month may not have clearly shown as being a laminated effect.

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Just for fun, take a look at some of the re-engraved digits of the date.



As far as a Lloyd attribution #, does anyone still want to take a stab at it? Most of the New Orleans 1854s had doubled dates as Lloyd states in his great copywrited work from 1998.

LSCC Meeting at Baltimore

When: Friday, March 5, 2010, 9 AM
Where: Room 321, Baltimore Convention Center

A lively agenda is planned including:

- Club update by Len Augsburger
- Top 100 Varieties update on number of open registry participants and the status of their collections by Gerry Fortin
- Die-clash software analysis demonstration by Don Bennett

Please try to attend and bring a non-member friend; introduce him/her to the LSCC!!



Tim Cook Completes 1842 F-103 Liberty Seated Dime Die State Identifications

by Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

Seated dime variety collectors are quite familiar with the 1842 date and the lone variety with an obverse rim cud at 10:00. In his *Encyclopedia of United States Liberty Seated Dimes 1837 – 1891*, Kam Ahwash listed the 1842 variety as a “Broken Rim” between star 3 to star 6. Brian Greer chose the broken rim variety as the 1842 date plate coin in his *Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Dimes* and mentioned that, “One scarce variety shows a rim cud at 10:00 on the obverse and, rarely, a second cud at 4:00.” Later when building the *Definitive resource for Liberty Seated Dime variety collectors*, I labeled the 1842 broken rim variety as F-103a with expectation that an earlier die state without the obverse rim cud may exist and would be designated F-103. Since the release of the web-book in 2004, several collectors including myself have sought an example of F-103 without the obverse rim cud. The date positions on 1842 varieties F-103a, F-105 and F-106 are all similar and complicate the task of finding and diagnosing an example without the characteristic rim cud. Specialists have used diagnostics on the F-103a reverse die which include an abundance of die lines. A series of parallel die lines originate from the right rim into the letter ERICA of the legend AMERICA and another die line passes through the first S in STATES.

During January 2010, Tim Cook contacted me via email and indicates that he had found an example of F-103 without the ob-

verse cud. In early February, Tim Cook sent along the 1842 dime for confirmation and indeed the search was over. Tim is congratulated on the acquisition of such an outstanding example as the discovery piece! The dime sits in a PCGS MS62 holder with obverse that is proof-like and quite reflective with date punch position matching that of F-103a. The obverse date digits are well punched with the 84 digits touching. The reverse is also proof-like but less reflective than the obverse. The reverse die lines through AM(ERICA) are sharp with one die line extending through AM(E)RICA, then wreath and nearly touching ON(E). The die line through (S)TATES is also evident.

After many years of searching by Seated dime specialists, I am pleased to present to E-Gobrecht readers the following pictorial of the 1842 F-103, F-103a and F-103b die states. F-103b is the rare die state with die cuds at 10:00 and 4:00 documented by Brian Greer. Persistence by Seated dime specialists was paramount for assembling these three quality dimes into a side by side comparison.

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**1842 F-103 – Early Die State Without Rim Cuds
Tim Cook – PCGS MS62**



**1842 F-103a – Die State With Rim Cud at 10:00
Gerry Fortin – PCGS AU58**



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**1842 F-103b – Die State with Rim Cuds at 10:00 and 4:00
Gerry Fortin – AU50, ANR Frog Run Sale 2004**



For additional information about the 1842 F-103 seated dime varieties in this article, *E-Gobrecht* readers are invited to view the following web-book links for detailed descriptions and images;

http://www.seateddimevarieties.com/date_mintmark/1842_103page.htm

http://www.seateddimevarieties.com/date_mintmark/1842_103apage.htm

http://www.seateddimevarieties.com/date_mintmark/1842_103bpage.htm

As Always, Happy Hunting!

Scheduled LSCC Meetings

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| March 5, 2010 | Whitman Coin & Collectibles Baltimore Expo
Friday, 9 AM, Room 321. (LSCC Regional meeting) |
| April 30, 2010 | Central States Convention, Milwaukee , WI
Friday, 9 AM, room TBD. (LSCC Regional meeting) |
| August 12, 2010 | World's Fair of Money, Boston ANA Convention
Thursday, 9 AM, room TBD. (LSCC Annual meeting) |



Second Example of 1875-CC BW F-103a Seated Dime Surfaces By Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

E-Gobrecht readers may be interested to know that a second example of the rare 1875-CC BW F-103a variety surfaced during early 2010. The problem free example grading VF30 was purchased via private transaction and is illustrated as follows;



On variety F-103a, the die area below the date digits shatters resulting in a horizontal obverse cud that extends from the left side of the rim, through the base of the date digits and exits to the right of the 5 digit into the rim.

Two F-103a examples are currently known and reside in the Dr. Tim Cook and Gerry Fortin Top 25 Seated Dime Cud Dies collections as listed at http://www.seateddimevarieties.com/preview/major_25_cud_table.htm. The variety was first announced and listed for auction in the May 2005 Heritage St Louis Bullet Sale and was subsequently published by Dr. Tim Cook in the #93 issue of the *Gobrecht Journal*. Following are images of the Tim Cook example grading EF40.



As Always, Happy Hunting for those special varieties!



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- LSCC Regional meeting, Baltimore Coin and Collectibles Expo, Baltimore Convention Center, Friday, March 5, 2010 at 9 AM, Room 321.
- Next issue of the *Gobrecht Journal*, postal mailed in March 2010.
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LSCC

To encourage, promote, and dispense numismatic knowledge of the Liberty Seated coins; to cultivate fraternal relations among its members and all those interested in the science of numismatics.

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