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The ANA is... This Month! Plan Your Liberty Seated Events

The big event of the year, at least for us numismatists, is two weeks away. The annual ANA World's Fair of Money is scheduled for August 13-17 in Chicago (well, actually Rosemont), IL. Many of us are preparing to attend and we're hoping you can also so we can renew old friendships and make new ones (and maybe purchase a Liberty Seated coin or two).

Many memorable events are planned. The most important event is the LSCC annual meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 15th from 9-10:30 AM in the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Room 14. A lively event is planned; here is a draft agenda. Please try to attend.

- Opening remarks (John McCloskey)
 - Discussion of *Gobrecht Journal Collective Volume V*
 - Discussion of Top Ten Liberty Seated Dollars
- Treasurer's report (Len Augsburger)
- LSCC Regional Activities Report (Gerry Fortin)
- Kamal M. Ahwash award (Bill Bugert)
- *E-Gobrecht* Editor's award (Bill Bugert)
- Hall of Fame Induction Bill Bugert)
- LSCC Benefit auction (Brad Karoleff). See page 16 of this issue or www.lscweb.org for a listing of the auction items

On Friday August 16th, the LSCC will have a club table on the bourse floor for this day only. Stop by and say "Hi;" we are looking for assistance in staffing the table. Check with John Frost for scheduling. Please check the show program for the table number.

Other items of interest are the Carson City Coin Collectors of America meeting, the Rich Jewell Liberty Seated Half Dollar auction, Money Talks lectures, and the huge bourse with your favorite dealers, meetings, auctions, classes, presentations, exhibits, formal and informal social gatherings, and all around great camaraderie. See page 15 for ANA announcements of your favorite dealers.

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Auction News

by Jim Gray, LSCC #664

The **Heritage** Orlando Sale contained a G4 1846 half dime at \$646. An original VF20 1843-O dime sold for \$1,175 and a nicely toned 1844 graded MS61 hit \$4,700. An 1858-S was valued at \$1,528 in XF40 and a VF detailed 1874-CC with scratches about the head was worth \$9,400.

An 1854-O huge O quarter sold for \$2,952 in VF20. 1869-S pieces in XF40 and AU50 sold for \$1,058 and \$1,175

Half dollars included a nice 1839 No Drapery sold for \$4,113 in AU58 and an XF40 1842-O Small Date hit \$3,819. An 1846 horizontal 6 hammered for \$3,290 in MS61 and an XF40 1855-S was strong at \$2,525. Carson City pieces were 1871 for \$3,525 in XF45, 1873 No Arrows for \$3,819 in XF40 and \$4,113 and \$2,820 for 1873 Arrows in AU58 and XF45. \$1,352 obtained an 1874 in G6.

An 1855 dollar in AU53 was worth \$5,875 while an AU50 1856 piece cost \$4,406. An 1872-S hit \$3,290 for an AU50.

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**Gobrecht's Julian AM-33
Medal Obverse**

nervously watched the item all week and called up John a few minutes before the auction expired, just to double check everything was solid with the bidding strategy. We agreed on our maximum bid and were successful in acquiring the die for substantially less. A week or so later the die landed at my local post office in good order.

The opportunity to acquire an uncanceled United States Mint die is a rare thing. A few such pieces exist in the ANA and ANS collections (described in *Secret History of the First United States Mint*, my book co-authored with Joel Orosz in 2011 – a shout out here to Mark Borkhart who has also done research in this area). The Treasury Department has, on occasion, “reclaimed” dies which escaped the Mint. This is no concern here as this particular medal did not represent legal tender but was simply a contract job between the Mint and the MCMA. Nevertheless, it is a product of Gobrecht's hand, and as far as I know, his only surviving die. It will be on display at the Chicago ANA.



Regional News

by Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

After limping through the March and June Baltimore shows, recent knee surgery is successful and I'm currently working through the recovery process. Maine weather has cooperated and each day, the knee grows stronger and the extended walks are longer. Hopefully,

progress will continue and will be well positioned for the upcoming American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money convention during the week of August 12. As mentioned elsewhere in this *E-Gobrecht* issue, Rare American Coins business debut will occur at the ANA (table 1632) and I'm looking forward to being on the "other side of the table".

During August, the showcase LSCC event is our annual meeting at the ANA convention. This year, the meeting will be held Thursday August 15, 9:00 AM. The meeting agenda is substantial with officer reports, *Gobrecht Journal* (Kamal M. Ahwash Award), *E-Gobrecht* Editor's Award, Hall of Fame announcement, a *Gobrecht Journal Collective Volume 5* announcement, and the not to be missed annual LSCC auction with auctioneer Brad Karloff. This year's auction item list is sub-

stantial and is posted on the <http://www.LSCCweb.org> homepage. The club hopes for a record attendance including the presences of potential new members. We look forward to seeing on August 15!

There will be no let down in club meeting enthusiasm as we move beyond the annual meeting. The LSCC will hold three events starting with a regional meeting at the CONA Ohio State Labor Day Coin show hosted by Central Regional Director, Stephen Petty. Meeting date is set for Friday August 30 at 9:00 AM and I am confident that Stephen will provide a well detailed presentation on behalf of the LSCC. The following week, the LSCC staffs a club table at the Bay State show in Marlborough, MA on September 6 and 7. Northeast regional director, Dennis Fortier, is partnering with John Frost for a combined BCCS/LSCC club displays to entice collectors towards membership for the respective clubs. Immediately following Bay State, is the Whitman Philadelphia Expo during September 19-21. LSCC Vice President, Bill Bugert, will facilitate a regional meeting on September 20 at 9:00 AM. A Liberty Seated coinage presentation is sought for this meeting. Please check the September *E-Gobrecht* for more details.

Upcoming LSCC Events

August 15, 2013, **LSCC annual meeting**, ANA World's Fair of Money, Chicago, IL, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 9-10:30 AM, Room 14.

August 16, 2013 all day, **LSCC table**, ANA World's Fair of Money, Chicago, IL, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, check show program for table number.

August 30, 2013, **LSCC regional meeting**, Ohio State Coin Show, Central Ohio Numismatic Association Labor Day Coin Show, Crowne Plaza Dublin, OH, 9 AM.

September 6-7, 2013, **LSCC Table** (No meeting!), Bay State Coin Show, Marlborough, MA.

September 20, 2013, **Joint LSCC/BCCS regional meeting**, Whitman Philadelphia Coin and Collectibles Expo, Philadelphia, PA, 9:00 AM, Room 309.

October 5, 2013, **LSCC regional meeting**, New Hampshire Coin and Collectibles Expo, Manchester, NH, 2:00 PM, Room TBD.

November 8, 2013, **LSCC regional meeting**, Whitman Winter Coin and Collectibles Expo, Baltimore, MD, 9:00 AM, Room 301.



The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

Gobrecht's Julian AM-33 Obverse Die – A Tale of Numismatic Karma?

This all started at the Whitman Baltimore show in March, 2006. At that show, I purchased an example of the award medal commissioned by the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association. This is a well known 19th century award medal, engraved by Christian Gobrecht in 1837. Somewhere in my disorganized office is a receipt from Tony Terranova indicating the purchase price was \$350. Shortly thereafter, I wrote a piece for the *E-Gobrecht* (Volume 2, Issue 4) noting that this particular medal was awarded to Enoch Robinson for exhibiting "AN IMPROVED DOOR / SPRINGS AND KNOBS" at the 1841 Association fair. At this point the power of the Internet kicked in and a gentleman from New York City, connected with a successor firm of Robinson, contacted me about purchasing the medal. I gathered that he actively purchased company memorabilia, searching on the Internet for whatever could be found. Since I had a trip scheduled to New York anyway, I agreed to meet him in person at his place of business, which turned out to be a trendy loft setup in an even trendier part of town. I offered the medal at \$1,000, which price was immediately accepted, and in retrospect I think could have added another zero on to the price and still made the sale. Money was left on the table, but the medal had gotten back to its proper home. In time I was able to acquire a replacement (in silver) from Q. David Bowers, and another in gold from the Ford collection.

Fast forward to 2013. When your coin dealer calls you up and tells you not to buy anything until you talk to him, you call back as soon as possible. In this case, the obverse die for the MCMA medal had appeared upon the great flea market of the Internet - eBay. I regularly check eBay for Gobrechtiana but in this case had not checked for a few days so my agent, John Kraljevich, beat me to it. After a quick phone call he agreed to represent me on the item. I



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Quarter of the Month

by Greg Johnson, LSCC #1460

1856 Flag 1 in skirt

It sometimes seems surprising, given the time and energy that has been spent on numismatic research, that new discoveries continue at the pace that they do. Recent work on the Top 25 Liberty Seated Quarter Survey has served as a reminder of those discoveries; in a series that ended over 120 years ago, 4 of the top 25 varieties were completely unknown to collectors even 20 years ago. It is particularly difficult to propose a plausible rarity estimate of such recent discoveries. The 1856 Flag 1 in skirt, for example, having not generated widespread notice by collectors for over 150 years, suddenly seemed to be everywhere and now seems to be almost nowhere.

So how rare is it, really? The recent survey does not really answer that question because the variety is such a recent discovery, and clearly quite underreported compared to its apparent availability. Personally, the first example I found, and purchased, was in Dick Osburn's case at the 2007 Summer ANA Convention in Milwaukee. Once I then started looking for them, they appeared to be everywhere. The next year, at the 2008 Summer ANA Convention in Baltimore, I found and purchased three unattributed examples of the variety. Rather than continue on the questionable path leading to a bushel basket full of 1856 quarters, I quit buying them at that point.

Over the past five years, examples have become increasingly more difficult to locate. It might even be possible at this summer's ANA convention to search the floor without finding a single unattributed example. There are, however, attributed examples offered fairly regularly, usually at a significant premium. The highest such graded are two slabbed MS64 coins (one attributed and one not). PCGS has been quick to recognize the new variety, assigning it coin #395934 and thus far certifying three attributed examples in VF35, XF40 and MS64.





Updated 1875-S In Wreath Seated Dime Die Variety Research with Availability and Pricing Analysis

By Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

Introduction

One of the more challenging dates in the Liberty Seated dime series for die variety research is 1875 San Francisco coinage. The Act of January 14, 1875 authorized and required the U.S. mints to coin, as rapidly as possible, silver coins of the denominations of ten, twenty-five and fifty cents and to issue them in redemption for fractional currency of similar denominations. As of result of the Act of January 14, 1875, all U.S. mints ramped production of minor silver denomination coins. The San Francisco mint coined a total of 9,070,000 In Wreath and Below Wreath dimes during 1875 as compared to only 240,000 during 1874 and 455,000 recorded for 1873. A 25 times increase in production output with short lead time notice would strain any manufacturing organization and the 1875 coinage from the San Francisco mint clearly records the quality control challenges during the steep rise in output. Obverse and reverse die cracking is typical. Severe die erosion is another commonly seen anomaly.

Extensive die variety research has shown that Below Wreath dimes dominated the San Francisco mint's output during 1875. At least twenty different die pairs are listed within the www.seateddimevarieties.com web-book and more will be certainly identified with time. In Wreath coinage, on the other hand, was produced in limited quantities and while actual mintage totals are not available, a conservative estimate is probably well less than 10% of total output.

Research Outcomes

Researching 1875-S In Wreath die varieties has proven to be quite challenging and taken years of study via an accumulated hoard of AU or better examples. The initial publication of In Wreath die varieties occurred during 2004 in conjunction with the Seated dime web-book release. To be honest, I was not comfortable with the published information sensing there were more dies and die pairings to be identified and reported. But with limited resources and the entire Seated dime series needing analysis for a credible web-book release, the 1875-S In Wreath date was put on hold and I continued to purchase more high grade examples to facilitated a thorough analysis at a future date. That future date and analysis occurred during the first half of 2013 and I am pleased to report the outcome via this *E-Gobrecht* article.

Variety	Obverse Die	Reverse Die	Denticle Ruler Measurement	Ahwash Reference
101	1	A.2	1C	A-1
101a	1	A.3	1C	
102	1.2	B	1C	
103	1.3	C	1C	
104	2	A	1L	A-3
105	2	D	1L	
105a	2.2	D.2	1L	A-2
106	2.2	E	1L	
106a	2.2	E.2	1L	

Table 1: San Francisco In Wreath – Identified Dies and Die Pairings
Obverse Dies – 2 , Reverse Dies -5, Unique Die Pairings – 6

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Obverse Die Descriptions

Identifying the two 1875-S IW obverse dies is straight forward.

Obverse 1 nearly always comes well struck with a DR 1C date position measurement and downward sloping date. During progressive die pairings with three separate reverse dies, Obverse 1 develops a well defined die crack through STATES and a rim cud at 9:30 during very late die state..

Obverse 2 is typically poorly struck with DR 1L date position and level date. Weak head detail and die erosion are the rule for Obverse 2 except for the early die state F-104 die pairing. Most Obverse 2 examples will have poor lower shield details and very weak UNITED lettering.

Illustrated below are early die state images of each obverse die followed by date punch placement macro images and finally, macro images of what I considered to be the primary late die state diagnostic points.



Obverse 1



Obverse 2



**Obverse 1
High Date, Down Slope - DR 1C**



**Obverse 2
Medium Level Date - DR 1L**

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Obverse 1 - Late Die State
Die crack through STATES and to rim
above Liberty's head



Obverse 2 - Late Die State
Severe die erosion at (UNIT)ED

Reverse Die Descriptions

Attributing the five different 1875-S In Wreath reverse dies is much more challenging since the S mintmark position is of little use as a diagnostic point. The S mintmark punch is consistently placed into the five reverse dies with little variation. Instead reverse die crack occurrences in the lower right wreath are the best vehicle for classifying dies and using die cracks in the lower left wreath as confirmation points. Since all reverse dies were over used until cracked, most 1875-S In Wreath dimes are found with some amount of observable die cracks. This fact renders the die crack diagnostic method as a fairly reliable diagnostic tool. Once the reverse die crack is located, a specialist can confirm the variety with the obverse die pairing.

Clearly Reverse A provides the most spectacular shattered reverse of the five reverse dies. During its terminal die state, Reverse A exhibits two cuds between 5:00 to 9:00. The terminal die state is illustrated as Reverse A.3 die state below and compared to an early die state Reverse A image. .



Reverse A



Reverse A.3

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Medium S, [mm Rt,L]

For segregating the Reverse B through E dies, first check the die crack position in the lower right wreath and in particular through the oak leaves and its exit point through or below the right ribbon end. Reverse B through E dies cracked in similar locations; therefore careful attention is required for tracing the exact path of the die cracks as a primary diagnostic point. For additional confirmation, then use the die cracks in the lower left maple left to rim. The four reverse dies crack in similar locations in the lower left wreath, so careful checking of the die crack's rim denticle exit point is advised. Furthermore, I suggest you consult the www.seateddimevarieties.com website and the individual 1875-S In Wreath variety pages for incremental images and guidance.

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Reverse B



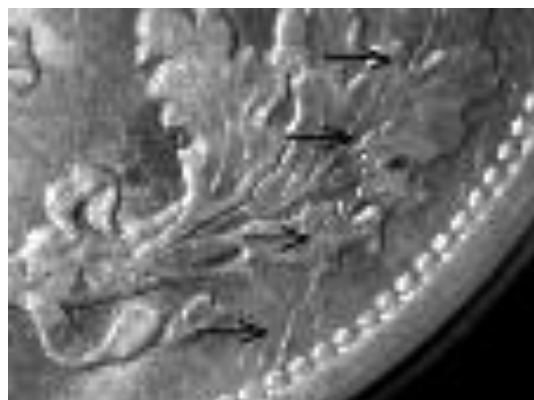
Reverse C



Reverse B - Mintmark Position
Medium S, [mm Rt.C.]



Reverse C - Mintmark Position
Medium S, [mm Rt.C.]



Reverse B
Die crack in lower right wreath



Reverse C
Lower right wreath die crack touches
right ribbon end

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Reverse D



Reverse E



**Reverse D - Mintmark Position
Medium S, [mm Rt.L]**



**Reverse E - Mintmark Position
Medium S, [mm Rt.L]**



**Reverse D
Lower right wreath die crack through
right ribbon end**



Die crack in lower right wreath

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Availability and Pricing

In this article, I also wish to touch upon the availability of 1875-S In Wreath dimes in comparison to suggested trend pricing using several well respected online publications. After pursuing 1875-S In Wreath dimes for many years, I have a deep belief that this date is under appreciated and under valued. Let's start by examining the PCGS Population Report for In Wreath and Below Wreath 1875-S dimes as of July 2013. Results indicate that 1875-S In Wreath dimes are scarce with only 21 certified in grades MS60 through MS65 and only 6 in AU50 through AU58. Below Wreath dimes are plentiful in Mint State grades. These findings confirm that the In Wreath dimes were indeed difficult to locate in AU through Mint State grades.

1875-S Liberty Seated Dimes - Availability per PCGS Population Report

	VF20-35	EF40-45	AU50-53	AU55-58	Total Circ	MS60-61	MS62-63	MS64	MS65	Total MS
In Wreath	3	7	2	4	16	0	15	3	3	21
Below Wreath	3	5	1	17	26	11	59	51	18	139

How does the population of 21 Mint State In Wreath dimes compare with other San Francisco dates from the 1870's? In the following table, this question is answered with 1875-S In Wreath dimes having a slightly lower population when compared to the earlier 1873-S and 1874-S dates. Both 1873-S and 1874-S dates are well recognized as being difficult to obtain in Mint State therefore my belief concerning 1875-S In Wreath availability did have merit.

1870s San Francisco Dimes - Availability - PCGS Population Report

Date	MS60-61	MS62-63	MS64	MS65	Total MS
1870-S	1	3	6	7	17
1871-S	0	8	5	2	15
1872-S	2	6	6	2	16
1873-S	3	21	12	2	38
1874-S	1	8	14	3	26
1875-S IW	0	15	3	3	21
1875-S BW	11	59	51	18	139
1876-S	4	30	23	9	66
1877-S	5	38	25	9	77

The next analysis step was to examine the trend pricing for 1875-S dimes per three well recognized guides: Coin World, Numismedia, and PCGS. In the below table, 1875-S In Wreath dimes are given a slight pricing premium against Below Wreath dimes. In Mint State grades, that premium obviously increases but the pricing guides indicate a large variation in opinion on what fair retail pricing should be for In Wreath dimes (see the light blue shaded prices). There must be some explanation for the pricing guides being unable to align on pricing this date. My theory or explanation on this matter is subsequently listed in the Conclusions.

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1875-S Liberty Seated Dimes - Trend Pricing Guides

	VF20	EF40	AU50	AU55	MS60	MS62	MS63	MS64	MS65
In Wreath									
Coin World	30	40	100	-	200	-	850	-	2500
Numismedia	38	58	90	120	180	300	500	690	1690
PCGS	36	52	85	115	155	195	350	850	3500
Below Wreath									
Coin World	35	40	100	-	200	-	450	-	1500
Numismedia	24	43	72	96	144	264	336	525	1130
PCGS	35	50	80	110	145	185	235	395	1250

Availability and Pricing Conclusions

1. 1875-S In Wreath dimes in AU or better grades are well under valued in the current market. Buying In Wreath AU dimes in the \$100-150 price range is a bargain while MS 63/64 examples for below \$1000 are extremely under priced considering availability.
2. It is believed that Obverse 2 examples with weak strikes and die erosion have a lower price basis and increase the trend guide pricing variation. Since few 1875-S In Wreath dimes come to market in Mint State grades, variations in prices realized for Obverse 1 versus Obverse 2 dimes could influence the price trend guide firms during their information collection and pricing updates.
3. My estimate for Fair Market Value pricing for 1875-S In Wreath dimes would be closer to the 1873-S and 1874-S dates. A quick inspection of the pricing guides suggest the following pricing targets; MS63 - \$1500, MS64 - \$3000 and MS65 –at least \$5000 or better. Others may disagree with these recommendations and feedback is always appreciated.

Summary

This *E-Gobrecht* article was an attempt to provide a substantial amount of information concerning 1875-S In Wreath Seated dimes in a concise manner. Individuals who wish to explore this topic in much more detail are welcomed to visit the Seated Dime web-book at www.seateddimevarieties.com and also are invited to correspond with the author at wuximems@hotmail.com.

As Always, Happy Hunting!

Just Announced: The 2013 PCGS Set Registry® Award Winners

The judges of PCGS announced the 2013 PCGS Registry Set Award Winners via email on July 29, 2013. The sets below include Liberty Seated series and high honors are due the set owners who will be honored on Friday, August 16, 2013 during the PCGS luncheon at the ANA's World's Fair of Money. Congratulations to the following sets which have won gold, the top honors, for 2013:

BEST CLASSIC SETS

Simpson — Liberty Seated Half Dimes, Circulation Strikes (1837-1873)
 Gerry Fortin — Liberty Seated Dimes, Circulation Strikes (1837-1891)
 tradedollarnut — Trade Dollars, Circulation Strikes (1873-1878)



Rare American Coins - ANA World's Fair of Money Debut

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After working through the first half of 2013 building an online rare coin business presence, I am very excited about the upcoming ANA World's Fair of Money show and Rare American Coins' public debut at table 1632. **Rare American Coins (RAC)** was registered in March as an LLC with Gerry Fortin as owner and operator. The company mission is to provide **superior customer service** and **quality coins** to collectors with absolute **integrity**. Years in the semiconductor business taught me that "Quality" is meeting and exceeding customer expectations. Customers measure quality as a satisfaction index and with numismatic products, there is an important "financial value" component to Quality. Problem free original coins are desired by collectors for their beauty and secondly, future financial appreciation. In other words, Quality = Value to collectors and a well built long term collection is a strong financial asset. One needs to look no further than my Liberty Seated Dime PCGS registry set as an example of a long term financial investment for retirement or wealth transfer to the next generation

Rare American Coins' trademark denomination will be Liberty Seated dimes and I am sure that this is no surprise to LSCC members. The Seated Dime web-book at www.seateddimevarieties.com is the perfect vehicle for integrating numismatic sales with proven numismatic research. Collectors can examine a comprehensive Seated dime inventory and obtain detailed variety and rarity analysis for each listed dime within the pricelist. I believe the Rare American Coin approach for online sales is pioneering in terms of simplified information access to aid collectors with their decision making process. RAC also utilizes one process for coin photography regardless if the images are destined for the Liberty Seated dime web-book or the online pricelist.

RAC will also stock all Liberty Seated coinage denominations while attempting to open several new niche market areas for collectors. Seated coinage contemporary counterfeits and love tokens are two product lines that will receive special attention. Feedback on establishing a contemporary counterfeit specialty market has been positive and consignments are in progress. Finally, RAC will continue to expand its presence in the China Panda market due to experience in the Shanghai LuGong Coin and Stamp and Yunzhou Antique markets. Chinese panda silver and gold coins/medals continue to provide collectors with financial appreciation potential due to multiple parameters; RMB currency appreciation, gold/silver bullion appreciation and low mintages against the ever growing purchasing power of Chinese collectors.

In summary, I am very excited about working with collectors on their specific needs. After spending 26 years collecting and researching Liberty Seated dimes, it is time to share that experience with others in the LSCC and numismatic hobby.



Visit your favorite dealer/offering at the ANA

Gene Bruder: I will be at table #637 for the ANA. I will be bringing all of my Liberty Seated material. Collectors can check out my website at www.typecoins.com to see what is available. I have several nice new Liberty Seated halves and quarters for this show.

Brian Greer: Come see me at table #1712 at the Chicago ANA. Thanks!

Rich Jewell: The Richard Jewell Collection of Liberty Seated 50c Pieces will be in the Stack's Bowers Rarity Night Auction on Thursday night August 15th, 2013. The collection consists of over a 170 pieces, Uncs, Mint States, Patterns and Proofs. Some of the coins have been off the market for a number of years and are condition census and finest known. There are pieces with some top end pedigrees: Eli-asberg, Norweb, Hawn, Pryor, Jung, Reiver, Kaufman, and Osburn to name a few. Per QDB, as a general rule for the Richard Jewell Collection, the pieces offered are among the top dozen in existence and, for some are the very finest known. If you are a specialist in Liberty Seated half dollars, you will have a feast at the sale. If they are not a specialty, you may want to think of this as a good way to start. One thing is certain: for nearly everything you buy you will never have the need to upgrade.

David Kahn: I will be set up at table 1712, and will have with me most coins that are listed on my website (those over about \$200, I can't carry them all), plus a very good selection of "newps" that are just now coming back from PCGS, CAC, or have just been acquired, and are not listed yet. The ANA will be their first offering. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Bill Luebke: WANTED TO BUY -- QUALITY SEATED AND TRADE DOLLARS. Needed in Choice, original (not "white") PCGS XF45 grades. CAC approved is a big plus. Premium prices paid for premium coins. Please email photos if possible. I will be at ANA. Seated: 1844, 1845, 1851, 1852, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1859, 1864, 1867, 1870, 1871-CC, 1872-CC, 1872-S, 1873-CC. Trade: 1873-S, 1874-S, 1876-CC, 1877-CC, 1878-CC

Bill Luebke email: wluebke@nyc.rr.com phone: 715-476-0483 cell: 917-355-7466

Dick Osburn Rare Coins: I have a shared area with Wayne Herndon at the ANA. We are at tables 607, 609, 706, 708. As always we offer all Liberty Seated and Bust denominations and will have our full inventory in Chicago. Dick and Ruth will be in attendance as well, which is becoming a R5 event in itself. Our current inventory features an amazing 1878-S half dollar in PCGS XF40. The coin is all there.

Dave Perkins, Numismatist (LSCC # 790). I will have Table #1030 at the 2013 ANA Convention in Rosemount. We will have a nice selection of Seated coins for sale from half dimes through dollars, including a larger offering of Seated Dollars, mostly in PCGS EF-MS grades. Highlights include an 1863 half dime in PCGS MS64 CAC, a beautifully toned 1863 Seated dime in PCGS MS63, an 1839 ND Seated quarter in PCGS EF40, a nicely toned 1841 Dollar in PCGS MS62, an 1853 Dollar in PCGS AU50 and an 1862 Dollar in PCGS EF40 CAC. We will also have a nice selection of Bust coinage, including a number of early silver dollars. We will have one display case of rare, choice and unusual coins and Exonumia including exceptional early quarters and early dollars. We are also looking to buy better Seated coins and collections, especially Seated dollars. Dave Perkins, 303-902-5366, wdperki@attglobal.net.

Rare American Coins: I (Gerry Fortin) will be set up at table #1632. This is my dealer debut—stop by and check me out. See my notice in this issue of the *E-Gobrecht* on page 14.

Rich Uhrich Rare Coins: We will be at Table #535 during the entire show from Tuesday August 13 thru Saturday August 17. We will have a lot of great Bust and Seated coins including some true rarities, plus some beautifully toned coins as well. Most of my inventory will be at the show, but not all because of space limitations. If there are any coins you want to see at the show, please email me at richuhrichcoins@comcast.net and I will bring them along. If you get to the show, please stop by!



LSCC Benefit Auction

In conjunction with the LSCC annual meeting at the ANA, the officers of the club are presenting eleven interesting items for auction to benefit the club's treasury. These funds will be used to keep your dues low and to fund ongoing efforts to support the promotion and activities of the club. Auctioneer, Brad Karoleff, plans a lively and entertaining event.

You do not have to be present to bid on any lot [*Editor: just email me at wb8cpy@earthlink.net with your bid and I will represent you*]. The following is a listing of the auction lots:

- *Gobrecht Journal* first issue copy
- Counter-stamped ("2013 LSCC") 1876-S Liberty Seated half dollar
- 1966 Gobrecht Dollar Hanover Numismatic Society bronze medal
- Walter Breen's personal copy of *Gobrecht Journal Collective Volume #2* inscribed by John McCloskey
- *Coin World* article of July 18, 1980 with John McCloskey interview
- Stack's October 1990 Alan F. Lovejoy Reference Collection of U.S. Dimes Auction Catalog
- \$100 gift certificate for Rich Uhrich Rare Coins
- 40th Anniversary silver trial strike proof medal
- 40th Anniversary copper trial strike proof medal (1st in Auction)
- Capital Plastics custom holder (holder only, no medals) for the 40th Anniversary medals
- 40th Anniversary copper trial strike proof medal (2nd in Auction)



Double Dime Summit 2013

by John Frost, LSCC #2005

The most significant nerd-fest in the history of Twenty Cent pieces was held this past month in beautiful Rancho Cordova, California. Lane Brunner and I spent seven (!) consecutive days, pouring over many *hundreds* of twenty cent pieces, cataloging the known die varieties, discovering some previously unknown die marriages along the way, and a couple of re-marriages too. This work was the culminating point of decades of research that will be coming together in our soon-to-be available book, *Double Dimes – The United States Twenty Cent Piece*, hopefully available by year's end.

With lots of piles of coins scattered over many different tables, flip charts, white boards, microscope, cameras, and who knows what else, we accomplished what would have been truly impossible if we weren't physically in the same room. It will undoubtedly take a couple months to fully digest all of the new information produced this past week. There were some fascinating discoveries, including the truly bizarre adventure of the 1875-S "\$" variety, which could only be untangled by examining lots of pieces (we had well over 70 coins of this die marriage to examine in great detail). This will form a separate article in the future. An unbelievable day visiting the old Carson City Mint (now the Nevada State Museum) and digging into their relics created even more history to tell.

While we may be the only two people that will truly care about all of the details discovered and organized this past week, we think that the end-result will be an interesting and extremely comprehensive reference for this often-forgotten series. Hopefully it will start a whole new wave of collecting. Stay tuned!





CAC Free Submission Program by Greg Shishmanian, LSCC #1494

[I mistakenly announced this program early in last month's E-Gobrecht. My apologies! Nevertheless, here is the information again. The LSCC owes our gratitude to member Greg Shishmanian for arranging this and to John Albanese for his willingness to support the LSCC. - The Editor.]

John Albanese who generously John Albanese of the Certified Acceptance Corporation (CAC) has generously approved a program whereby LSCC members may submit a limited number of certified coins for free CAC approval. Symbolized by the frequently seen CAC sticker (shown at right), CAC holds coins to a higher standard so you can be confident in the value of your coins. They verify previously graded coins and award their sticker only to those coins that meet the standard for today's sophisticated buyer.



Guidelines are contained below:

- This CAC offer is for a ten (10) coin review regardless of CAC approval outcome.
- CAC will accept up to **ten coins in one free submission postmarked before December 31, 2013**. Please note that CAC will only accept **ONE** free submission and **NOT MULTIPLE** submissions totaling ten (10) coins.
- **Non-CAC members must apply for CAC membership.** When you contact CAC, please ask for Ivonne or Michelle [(908) 781-9101] and identify yourself as an LSCC member. Members will be moved to the front of the CAC waiting list and granted CAC membership.
- **All U.S. coins that CAC accepts are eligible for this offer.** Please check <http://www.caccoin.com/> for details.
- All coins must be certified by PCGS or NGC.
- LSCC members must use the CAC submission form and provide their **LSCC and CAC member numbers**.
- **LSCC members are responsible for all shipping fees** and will be billed by CAC. All submissions will be returned from CAC via USPS registered mail.
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Many thanks to Greg Shishmanian for coordinating this and to John Albanese for his tremendous generosity.



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Cuds, Cuds and more Cuds. I am interested in purchasing cuds, major die breaks, and shattered dies on Liberty Seated Quarters. Cuds on other U.S. series of interest too. Also wanted are major reverse rotations on all U.S. series. Please reply directly to Paul Kluth at pcmdmp@msn.com.

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