

Regional News

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Looking Forward to Central States in Late April

The Spring Whitman Baltimore Coin Expo is in the books now and the 2025 major league baseball season is underway. Several important regional coin shows will occur over the next two months and the LSCC will be represented at many of these shows. Of particular interest is the Central States coin show that is a major coin show featuring many Midwestern coin dealers and collectors as well as most of the larger national coin dealers.

The LSCC team plans to participate in the Northern Utah Coin Show to be held April 11-13 at the Marriott Courtyard Ogden, 247 24th Street, Ogden, UT 84401. Ernie Ely will host the Club table.

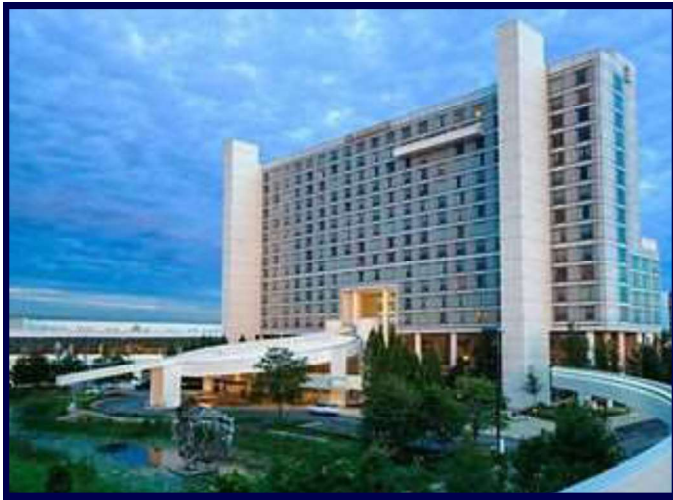
Over the past several years, Regional LSCC team has participated in Georgia Numismatic Association's (GNA) annual coin show which is held in Dalton, GA during April. Unfortunately, we will miss this show this year due to schedule conflicts, but we plan to return to the show in 2026.

The LSCC team will participate in the New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo to be held April 18-19 at the Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101. The Club table will be hosted by Joe Casazza and John Frost.

The LSCC team also plans to participate in the (CSNS) Central States Numismatic Society's 86th Annual Convention to be held April 23-26 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel, 1551 North Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60173. There will be a Club meeting at 9 AM on Friday, April 25 in the Prosperity Room. The Club table will be hosted by Len Augsburger, Dennis Fortier, Craig Eberhart, Ken Otto, John Lundsten and John Frost.

The Club exhibit will feature Liberty Seated coins from the New Orleans mint in keeping with the theme of the course on the New Orleans Mint which will be taught by Craig Eberhart, Len Augsburger and John Frost at the ANA Summer Seminar in June.

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The LSCC team plans to participate in the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club (PVCC) Coin Show to be held May 3 at the Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, CT 06360. Verne Pitman and John Frost will host the Club table.

The next major coin show on the Regional LSCC team's calendar will be the Whitman Baltimore Summer Coin Expo to be held June 19-21 at the Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Len Augsburger will lead the Club meeting at this event at 9:00 AM on Friday, June 20 at David & Dad's Café, 115 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD. There will not be a LSCC Club table at this coin show and the Club meeting takes place elsewhere, not in the Convention Center meeting rooms.

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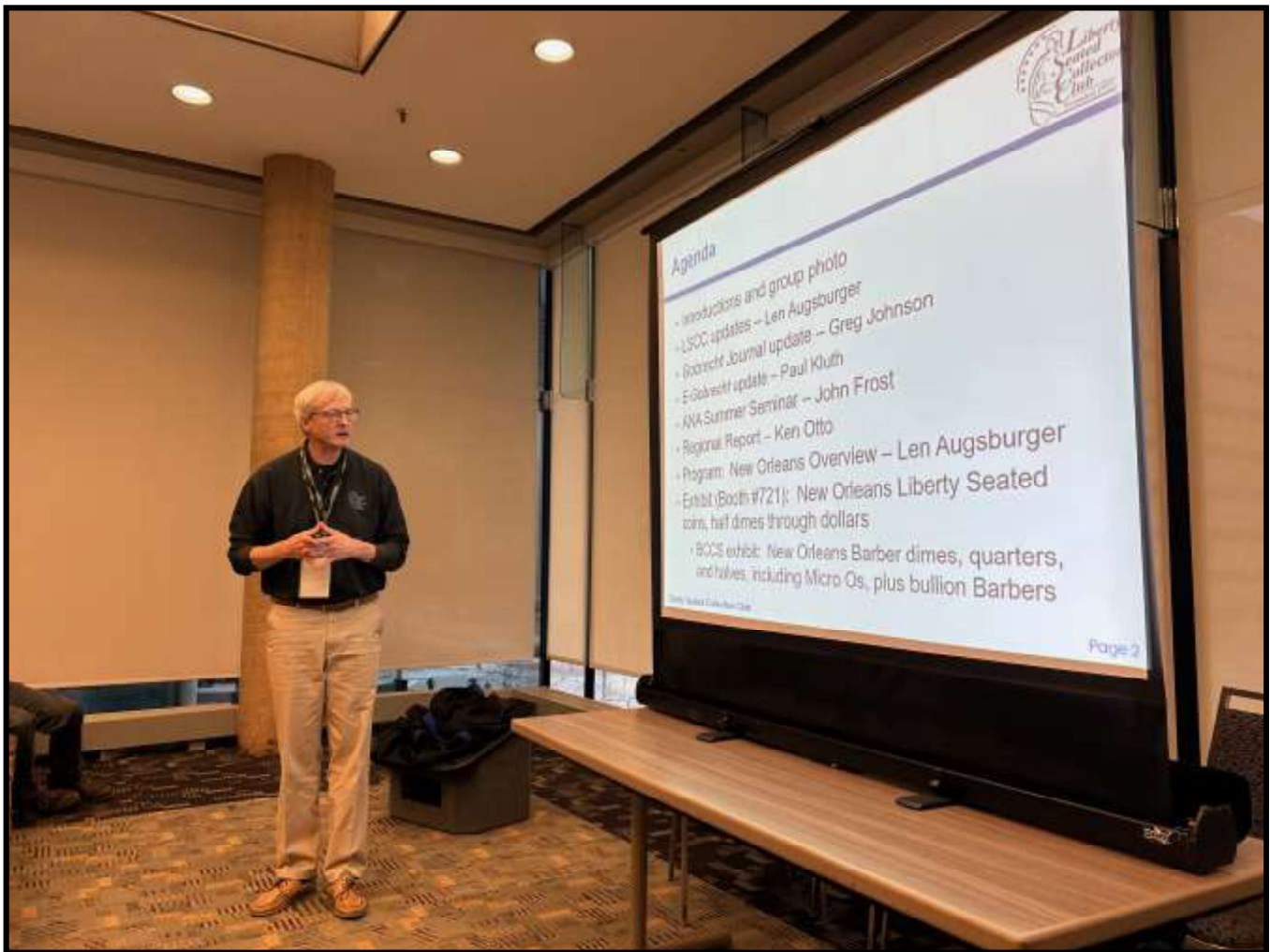
The LSCC team participated at the Whitman Baltimore March Expo which was held March 27-29 at the Baltimore Convention Center. This is an important national show and the LSCC had a major presence at this event. Overall, the Baltimore show was fairly good, but attendance did not seem to be as strong as in recent shows. We conducted a Club meeting on Friday which included an educational presentation made by Len Augsburger on the New Orleans Mint. The Club table was hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Joe Casazza, and Ken Otto. One LSCC member renewed his membership at the Club table. Photos from the Baltimore Expo follow on the next page.

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Len Augsburger (shown above conducting the LSCC Meeting) further reports on the Whitman Baltimore Coin Expo below:

Friday, March 28 kicked off with a visit to David and Dad's Café in downtown Baltimore for breakfast. Long time attendees of the Baltimore show will recall Burke's restaurant on Lombard Stret, an old-time Baltimore mainstay that sadly closed in 2011 to make way for a chain convenience store. Happily, David & Dad's at Charles and Lexington Streets is a credible replacement. Operating in an old bank lobby, the ambiance is immediately apparent, and the breakfast menu isn't far behind. You can even order a modern coffee drink, which would have been a non-starter at Burke's.

From there it was off to the Liberty Seated Collectors Club meeting at the Baltimore Convention Center. About 20 members were in attendance. Education Director John

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John Frost and Editor/Publisher Greg Johnson presented updates on Club news and the recent publication of Gobrecht Journal no. 152. Note, this issue is now in the mail and should appear in your mailbox soon. Len followed John and Greg with a presentation on the early New Orleans Mint. The LSCC is giving a four-day New Orleans course at the upcoming ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, June 22-25, and a small number of seats remain available.

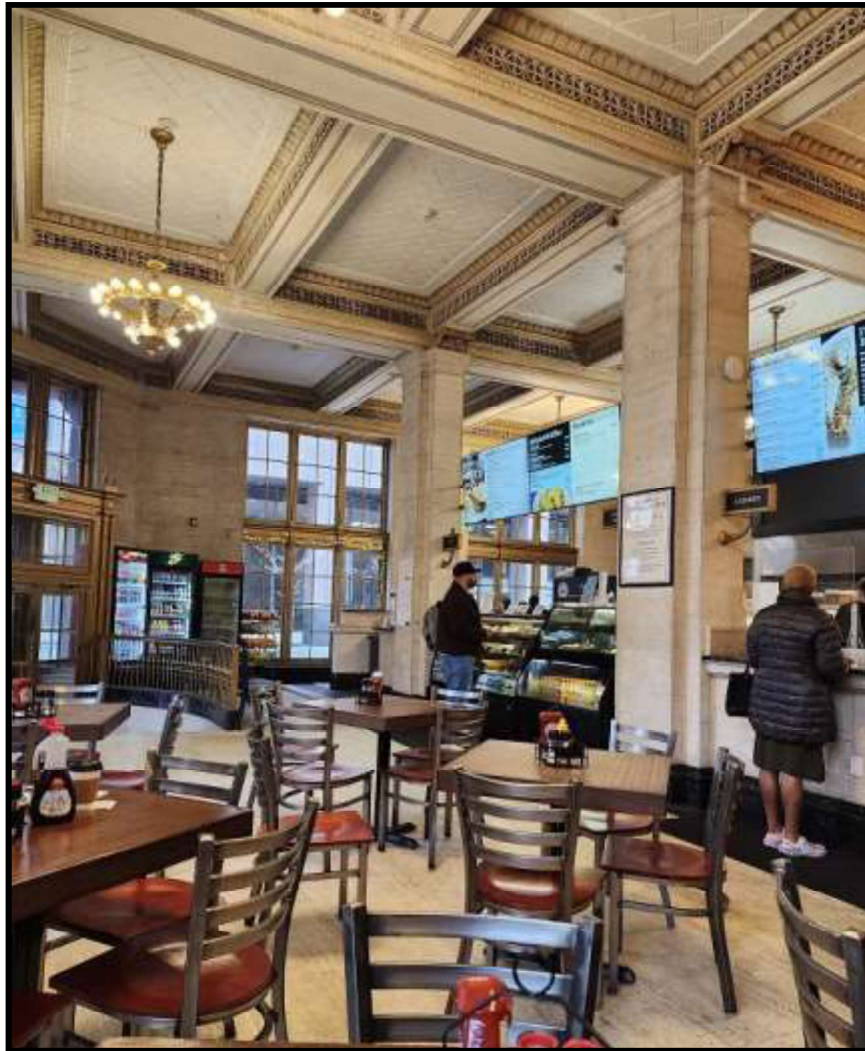
The Club table on the show floor was hosted by Dennis Fortier, John Frost, Ken Otto, and Joe Casazza, and featured an array of New Orleans coinage in the Seated and Barber series. Ken's 1842-O Small Date quarter, F15, was particularly choice for the grade and one of the exhibit highlights. Also on display were not one but three examples of the 1849 doubled date half, representing an excellent opportunity to study the different die states. John Frost's 1854-O Huge-O quarter is always a conversation starter, a forgery created by removing metal rather than adding it. "Beware added mintmark" is not a caution that will ever apply to this piece!

For the June Baltimore show, typically more subdued than the March and November editions, we will forgo the morning meeting in the convention center and instead gather at David & Dad's for breakfast and coin talk. Hope to see you there as it is a nice change of venue!



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