

## Regional News

by Ken Otto, Regional Team Director, LSCC #2674

**After a Strong Start in 2026, Many Important Regional Coin Shows will Occur in February and March**

The winter FUN show in Orlando in early January was a very strong coin show, and very-well attended by both collectors and the general public. Most dealers reported excellent results at the show with particularly strong activity during the first day of the event. This is a promising early indicator of the overall coin market during 2026. Additionally, the rapid escalation of gold and silver prices in early 2026 has created a buzz in the coin market.



(Above)  
Group Photo  
for the LSCC  
Meeting at  
FUN. Lots of  
enthusiasm  
in the room.

Houston  
Money Show  
with Dick  
Osburn  
(right) who  
donated half  
his bourse  
table to the  
LSCC and  
BCCS. John  
Frost hosting  
too.

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**Back at FUN:** Manning the LSCC/BCCS tables are Carl Feldman conversing with an attendee, and standing right to left are Dennis Fortier, Joe Casazza, Rich Uhrich and Len Augsburger.

The Regional LSCC team participated in the Winter FUN Coin Show which was held January 8-11 at the Orange County Convention Center, North/South Building, Orlando, FL 32869. This is a major national show that kicks off the coin market in the new year. The FUN winter show this year was particularly strong with great attendance on the first couple of days of the event. On the first day for public attendance (Thursday) there was a very long line to register which was many

times longer than we have seen before. As a result, there was a very crowded bourse during the first day and a very noticeable buzz on the convention floor. The LSCC had a major presence at this show and we conducted a Club meeting and had an education presentation. John Frost and Carl Feldman exhibited the Liberty Seated dollar 'exonumia' collection that they have put together over the past 40+ years. The Club table was hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Joe Casazz, Carl Feldman, Ken Otto and others.

The Regional LSCC team also participated in the Houston Money Show which was held January 16-17 at the Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road, Conroe, TX 77303. This important Regional coin show was well-attended as normal. Dick Osburn graciously allowed the LSCC to share his table at the show as he has done over the last several years. The Club table was hosted by John Frost and Ken Otto. John Frost made an educational presentation at the Houston Money Show covering highlights of the course on the New Orleans mint which is offered again this year at the ANA Summer Seminar.

Going forward, there will be many Regional coin shows during the next few months and the LSCC regional team will be present at many of them. Of particular note is we plan to participate in the winter ANA coin show in Savannah, GA this year as the winter ANA show in Atlanta in 2025 was a great show.

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From John Lundsten: "The Charlotte Coin Show is February 13-14, 2026. It is the 56th show of the Charlotte Coin Club. The show is on Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm both days. Like last year, most of the activity will most likely be in the mornings. It will be at Briar Creek Road, Charlotte, NC. I think this is a different location than the Concord, NC location we went to last year."

### Call for LSCC Hall of Fame Nominations for 2026 (Due by April 15)

Nominations are being accepted for the LSCC Hall of Fame. A Nomination Form must be received by April 15. For information about the Hall of Fame, requirements for nomination, and access to the Nomination Form, please visit the LSCC website, <https://lsccw.org/LSCC/Hall-of-Fame>.

Questions or concerns regarding the LSCC Hall of Fame may be directed to Craig Eberhart, LSCC Vice President. Contact information is on the last page of this issue or send to:

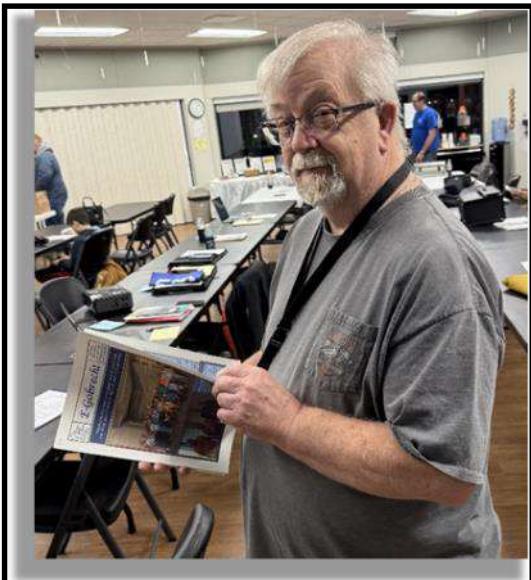
**Craig Eberhart at [craig@eberhart.us](mailto:craig@eberhart.us) or P.O. Box 1386, Los Alamos, NM 87544**

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ LSCC Member Yes / No

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Provide any of the following information to assist with the selection:

1. Time as LSCC Club Officer or Leader / Position
2. Collections Built, including grade and as many specifics as possible
3. Published Writings (Liberty Seated Books, Articles, etc.)
4. Club Contributions (promoting or assisting the LSCC in its mission)
5. Numismatic or LSCC Awards
6. Miscellaneous Data that might add to Nominee's consideration & Nominators Comments



<<< Caught up on your E-Gobrecht reading yet?

**Thank you Jim Motley for being our model  
for both HVNS & LSCC!**

The video of the recent  
F.U.N. LSCC meeting  
is currently available  
on YouTube at:

<https://youtu.be/4IUq-Sjo668>.

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### **Upcoming Coin Show Events for 2026 (Many events include the BCCS too)** **(LSCC 2026 Regional Events Calendar can be found on page 39)**

The Regional team will participate in the Knoxville Coin & Currency Show to be held February 6-7 at the Rothchild Conference and Catering Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923. The Club table will be hosted by Dennis Fortier and John Frost.

The Regional LSCC team will also participate in the Charlotte Coin Club annual coin show to be held February 13-14 at the Park Expo & Conference Center, 800 Briar Creek Road., Charlotte, NC 28205. John Lundsten and Ken Otto will host the Club table.

The Regional LSCC team also plans to participate in the ANA National Money Show (winter ANA show) which will be held on February 26-28 at the Savannah Convention Center, 1 International Drive, Savannah, GA 31421. This will be the second year that we participate at this show with a Club table. The table will be hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Joe Casazza, Ken Otto and others.

The Regional LSCC team will participate in the Whitman Baltimore Spring Expo which will be held on March 5-7 at the Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. This is a major coin show and we will conduct a Club meeting and an educational program too. The Club table will be hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Greg Johnson, Ken Otto and others.

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### **Press Release**

### **New Book Announcement**

Craig Sholley's book, *The Evolution of US Minting Technology, 1793 to 1840*, is now available through EAC at just \$36.00 ppd. Craig donated the copyright to EAC, so all proceeds will go directly to the club. You can order the book at: <https://www.eacs.org/books/>. Credit cards are accepted.

Liberty Seated collectors interested in how the coins were made should seriously consider obtaining a copy. As Sholley points out in the introduction, "*I chose 1840 as the cut-off for this booklet since that was the year Franklin Peale introduced the last of his improvements, transforming the mint from a largely hand-work shop typical of the 18<sup>th</sup> century into a mechanized manufactory of the industrial age. Future improvements were largely variations on those introduced by Peale, particularly the mechanized presses, rimming machines, and engraving equipment.*"