



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
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Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday February 8

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

YN meeting: 6:15 p.m.

Educational Program:

"Hobo Nickels" and their Relationship to this Area, presented by Jack Haroian

YN program:

1 cent, 2 cent, Red cent, Brown cent

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost

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Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt

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Happy new year everyone!

The most interesting event happening locally this month is the launch of the latest quarter in the "America The Beautiful" series by the United States Mint. On Wednesday February 6th, the Massachusetts quarter featuring the Lowell National Historic Park will be released. The ceremony and coin exchange is open to the public. At 10:00 a.m., a 1-hour ceremony with dignitaries will commence, and afterward you can participate in the Coin Exchange. You can buy rolls of the new quarters on the first day of availability – up to 10 rolls, at face value. Details under **Upcoming Events**.

The evening before the Quarter Launch, the U.S. Mint will conduct a Coin Forum (February 5th at 6:30 p.m.). U.S. Mint officials will conduct a briefing and a Q&A session.

It appears that the U.S. Mint is unaffected by the Government shutdown - they get no funding from taxpayer money. The events should happen as scheduled.

If we hear otherwise, we will post on the website. Check www.worcestercoinclub.org before heading to the event!

As for our February meeting, our own Jack Haroian will give a presentation on Hobo Nickels and their relationship to this area. Should be a fascinating talk on an interesting side of numismatics.

Hope to see you all on the 8th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- U.S. Mint Coin Forum, Lowell Natl. Hist. Park Visitor Center, Tuesday February 5th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. ***
- U.S. Mint Massachusetts Quarter Launch, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Wednesday Feb. 6th, 10 a.m. ***
- No Auburn show in February. Show resumes in March
- Nashua 3rd Sunday Show, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday February 17, 8:00 a.m.
- Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday February 20, 3-8 p.m..
- Devens Coin Show. Devens Common Center, Andrews Parkway, Devens MA. Sunday February 24, 9:00 a.m.

*** Check the club website for any updates. If severe storm, Snow Date for quarter release is February 7th

WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1880-O Morgan dollar, XF	\$ 38	\$ 28
2. 1934 Mercury dime, MS65	53	36
3. 1891 Liberty Seated dime	40	25
4. 1941 Walking Liberty half, MS66	58	45
5. 1825 Bust half, VG+	78	70
6. 1934 Walking Liberty half, MS63	125	80
7. 1989-D slab Congress half, MS69	-	12
8. 2000 gold-plated silver eagle	65	55
9. 1898 Morgan dollar, MS63	68	56
10. 1923 Peace dollar	-	21
11. 1956P Franklin half dollar, Ch BU	15	10
12. 1959P Franklin half dollar, Ch BU	14	9
13. 1961D Franklin half, Ch BU	14	9
14. 1962D Franklin half, Ch BU	13	8
15. 1963P Franklin half dollar, Ch BU	12	7
16. 1963 Choice Proof Franklin half	13	7
Matt Erskine Donation for Juniors		
1. 1841 Webster Credit hard times token, VG-Fine	10	-

Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1916-S Mercury dime, VG	-	\$ 3.50
2. 1928 Standing Lib. quarter VG	10	6
3. 1913 Liberty nickel, G	-	2
4. 1974-S Proof quarter	-	2
5. Canada meat ration	-	3
6. 1872 Liberty Seated dime	-	5
7. 1913-D Lincoln cent, F	-	3
8. 1955 Lincoln cent error	-	3.50
9. 1955 magic nickel	-	3
10. 1999 Lincoln cent error, Unc.	-	4
11. 1864 bronze Indian cent, Good with obverse marks	10	5
12. 1925P Lincoln cent, Unc.	7	4
13. 1931D Lincoln cent, Fine	5	3
14. 1929P Buffalo nickel, AU	15	8
15. 1923P Mercury dime, XF-AU	6	3
16. 1946S Walking Liberty half, VF	10	5

Coin in the Spotlight: 1849 No L Gold Dollar

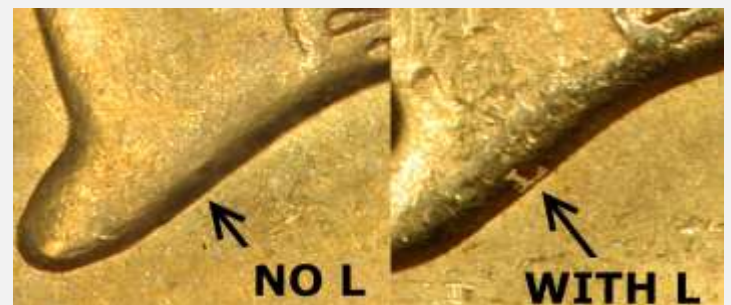
The gold dollar was created in 1849 for three primary purposes. First was to deal with the large influx of California gold. Second was to provide a dollar coin for those who preferred a smaller gold coin instead of a large silver coin. The third, and perhaps the most pressing reason was to compete with independent minting companies that had been making private gold coins since the days of the Carolina and Georgia gold strikes in the 1830s, such as Bechtler.

Mintage of the 1849 gold dollar was healthy, but an obverse die was created, by mistake, without the initial **L**, for James B. Longacre, the designer of the coin. Longacre is most famous for his Indian cent.

Only 1,000 pieces were coined without an L. While they are highly sought and popular, they are not rare. As the first of the new series, many were saved in uncirculated condition and perhaps 500 examples (*half the mintage!*) still exist. The 1849 No L only has a modest premium over a normal 1849, so it is an excellent opportunity to own a truly low-mintage coin for an affordable price.



1849 No L Gold Dollar



Close-up of No L and With L types

Deadline for next issue: February 25th