



# Worcester County Numismatic Society

Founded 1946

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month except July and August

June  
2019  
WCNS  
Monthly  
Newsletter

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## Next Meeting: Friday June 14

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:

*Expanded Show & Tell -- bring something to share!*

### YN program:

*Summer Adventure!*

## WCNS Leadership

### Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost

Vice President: Jim Turner

Secretary: Maria Matys

Treasurer: Stanley Sobiech

Director at Large: Bob Moffatt

### Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt

YN Coordinator: Mark Matys

Newsletter Editor: John Frost

Hi everyone,

Here we are, at the end of another year in the club. Summer awaits, but before we sign out, we've got our June meeting and hot dog feast, as has become a tradition. In lieu of a speaker, this month's meeting features an expanded session of Show and Tell. This is your opportunity to share with the club any neat coins or numismatic items that you picked up this year. Please bring something to share with us.

Also, as part of our meeting and dinner, please bring with you a **pot luck dessert**. And come hungry! Chef Mike will be providing the rest, as usual! If a few people come a little early to help set up. That would be appreciated as well.

**At the May meeting**, we voted to end the printing and physical mailing the newsletters as we have been doing. Instead the newsletter will be available by email, or by visiting our website, [www.worcestercoinclub.org](http://www.worcestercoinclub.org).

**Please see the announcement on the other side of the newsletter, along with other news.**

After June, the some of the local shows take some time off as many collectors attend to other activities during our precious summer months. The big event of the summer is the ANA convention in Rosemont (Chicago) IL in August. It's a great convention for clubs, meetings, educational programs, and some great pizza!

Before then, we hope to see you all in Auburn on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

- John and Mike

## Upcoming Events

- Auburn – Greater Worcester Coin Show, Elks Club, Auburn MA, Sunday June 9, 9:30 a.m.
- WCNS June meeting and hot dog feast – pot luck dessert, Friday June 14
- Nashua Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, June 16, 8:00 a.m.
- Blackstone Valley 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Show, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday June 19, 3-8 p.m.
- Devens Coin Show, Devens Commons Center, Andrews Pkwy, Devens MA, June 26, 9:00 a.m.
- ANA's Worlds Fair of Money, Rosemont (Chicago) IL, August 13-17
- WCNS first meeting in the fall and the new club year, Friday September 13



## Club to end printing and mailing the newsletters, and other news

After a discussion, the club voted to stop printing the monthly newsletter and mailing it via U.S. Mail. In addition to the expense, it is a lot of work, and most other clubs have suspended this practice. Many of the people receiving it in the mail want it for the auction list at the meeting. We will still bring some printed copies to the meeting itself for this purpose. The newsletter will still be created as it is now, and can be emailed to members. **If you are not receiving the newsletter via email, please send a message to the club at [wcons@worcestercoinclub.org](mailto:wcons@worcestercoinclub.org) and we will add you to the list,** or it can be downloaded from the club website at any time.

As part of the above discussion, a motion made to raise dues. The financial state of club (good and stable) does not require this. Because our rent is paid for, this gives us a sound base. The Motion was voted down. However the Board will annually review club finances and make annual recommendations on dues levels, whether to keep them the same or raise them. No increase is seen anytime soon.

The Board and others will discuss ideas on how to stimulate club meetings and increase attendance.

## Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1916-S Lincoln cent	\$ 30	\$ 8
2. Mohegan Sun token	-	1.10
3. 2000 error Lincoln cent	-	4
4. Worcester transportation token	-	2
5. Iandoli Food token	-	2.50
6. 4-Lincoln set, all Unc.	-	8
7. Euro coins Greece & Finland	-	10
8. 1858 Flying Eagle cent, AG	-	-
9. 1955 "poor man's" doubled die	-	3
10. Love token on 1875 dime	-	-
11. 1845 Large cent, Fine	-	20
12. 1909VDB cent, Red&Brown Unc	-	5
13. 1950 Proof 5¢. Some spotting	-	10
14. 1927D Mercury dime, VF.	-	5
15. 1984 broadstruck off-center 25¢	-	10
16. 1901S Barber half. Scarce date. About Good. Rim ding	-	10
17. 1963D 50¢ NGC MS65	-	20
18. 1969S proof Kennedy 40% half. PCGS Proof 66 Cameo	-	15
19. 1971S proof 40% silver Ike dollar	-	8

## Coin in the Spotlight: 1898-S Barber Quarter

The San Francisco issue of the Barber quarter from 1898 is a most interesting coin. With a mintage of just over a million (1,020,592 to be exact), the coin isn't one of the lowest mintage issues of the series.

However, after the Spanish American war that same year, when the Spain ceded ownership of the Philippine Islands to the U.S., nearly all of the quarters from the San Francisco mint that year were exported to the Philippines as increased U.S. commerce began in earnest.

As a result, the coin is surprisingly rare in mint state. Even original XF and AU coins are a challenge to find. Most of the higher-grade examples are cleaned VF-AU pieces that were returned to the U.S. In addition, AG-VG coins are easily found, as many

were returned to the U.S. and entered circulation, and were used until they were worn out, like most other Barbars.

Oddly enough, of the few mint state coins available, most of them are quite nice, with MS64-66 representing perhaps half of them. The issue is normally found well struck. And many of the slabbed coins labelled MS60-62 are not mint state at all, but AU coins or even cleaned AUs, so "buying the coin and not the holder" is paramount in this case. The pricing guides simply don't reflect the coin's true rarity in mint state. Until recently, the coin listed for between \$300 and \$400 in MS60, and about \$900 in MS63. However, actual sales prices at auction were far higher, and prices have recently moved upward. David Lawrence called this the best kept secret in the Barber Quarter series!



Rare 1898-S Barber Quarter in mint state

**Deadline for next issue: August 30th**