



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
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Next Meeting: Friday May 12

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Young Numismatists Meeting 6:15 p.m.
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Educational Program:

*Third Party Grading – what really happens
when you submit coins*, presented by
Charles Browne.

YN program:

In Search of/for: Spock! 🙌

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
Secretary: Bob Hess
Treasurer: Stanley Sobiech
Director at Large: Open

Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
YN Coordinator: Mark Matys

Hi everyone,

This newsletter is unusually early due to the travel schedule of yours truly. Thanks for the auction consigners who got me their lots early!

May seems to be coin show month around here. On May 5-6 in Manchester NH is the semi-annual NH Coin Expo in its regular location. At the show, the usual line-up of educational presentations, club meetings, and the YN program are again on the schedule. South of us, the next day, on Sunday May 7th, we have the annual coin show of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club in Norwich CT at the Holiday Inn. It's a great little show and many of the dealers that set up there *only* set up at this one show. Also this month, the Blackstone Valley club's Annual Spring Coin Show is on the 21st in Woonsocket RI. This is in addition to the regular monthly shows. See the schedule below. Please note that in honor of Mother's Day, there is no show in Auburn this month.

Have you ever what happens when you submit a coin for certification and third-party grading? This month's program will answer all of your questions, thanks to our speaker, Charles Browne, who is a former grader from PCGS.

And save the date! Our annual summer finale to the club year will be on Friday June 9th. Expanded Show & Tell, and *NO AUCTION*. More details will follow next month.

Hope to see you all on the 12th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **NH Coin Expo**, Radisson Center of NH, Manchester NH, May 5-6
- **Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Show**, Holiday Inn, Norwich CT, May 7, 9:00 a.m.
- **No Auburn/Worcester Coin Show in May!** Mother's Day. The show resumes in April
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday May 17
- **Blackstone Valley Club Annual Spring Show**, Elks Club #850, Woonsocket RI, Sunday May 21, 9:30 a.m.
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday May 21, 8:00 a.m.
- **Devens Coin Show**, Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Pkwy, Devens MA, May 28, 9:00 a.m.



WCNS Monthly Auction

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. KoC Ribbon	\$ -	\$ 5
2. 1989 1/10 ounce Gold Eagle	-	150
3. 1905 WPI Pocket Fob Worcester	-	8
4. 1927 Walking Liberty half, VF	-	16
5. 1952 Washington-Carver commem. half, Unc	-	23
6. 1895-O Barber half, F+	-	20
7. 1920 Standing Liberty 25¢, AU58	-	60
8. 1843 Seated dime – type, F+	-	25
9. 1854 Seated quarter with Arrows, F	-	30
10. 1938-D Mercury dime slab, MS65	-	25
11. 1928 silver certificate (funny back) one dollar note, Fine	<i>Bid 24</i>	20
12. 1972S Proof 40% silver Ike dollar	<i>Bid 9.30</i>	8
13. 1970-S Proof set	↓ 9.60	8
14. 1934C Fed. Reserve \$10 Star Note	25	20
15. 1970 Mint set	14.50	12
16. 1973 Proof set	6.25	5
17. 1974S 40% silver BU Ike dollar	9	8
18. 1934 A ten dollar North Africa Yellow seal note VG (ink mark)	32	15
19. 1971 S proof 40% silver Ike dollar	9.50	8

Kittredge Foundation donation

1908 Liberty nickel, Unc.	80	40
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Bid Board

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. 1842 Large cent, button	\$ -	\$ 5
2. 1909 Barber half, VG	-	12
3. 1944 Canada Five Cents, AU	-	6
4. 1938-S Jefferson nickel, F	-	4
5. 1945-P Jefferson nickel, AU	-	10
6. Key Ford Thunderbird	-	2
7. 1943-S Jefferson nickel, Unc.	-	10
8. 1898 Barber quarter, G	-	6
9. Seven transportation tokens	-	3
10. OPA token holder	-	5
11. 1928 B \$1 silver Certificate “funny back“ Avg. circ. ink mark	10	2
12. 1935 F \$1 silver certificate, VG	2	1
13. 1953 C \$2 red seal US note, VG	3	2
14. 1963 \$5 red seal US note, Fine	7	5
15. ½ of a 1970 Mint set	1	-
16. 1893 Columbian Expo. Half, VG	10	6
17. 1884 Liberty five cents, Dug, Filler	5	-
18. 1916-S Lincoln cent, Fine	3	-
19. 1841-O Liberty Seated Dime, Filler, Corrosion	5	2

Coin in the Spotlight: 1838-C Half Eagle

Three branch mints opened in 1838, in New Orleans, Charlotte NC, and Dahlonega GA. The first of the branch mints to strike coins in the United States was not New Orleans as generally believed (the famous 1838-O No Stars dimes and half dimes). No, the first branch mint to strike coins was indeed Charlotte, when it struck half eagles and quarter eagles.

As a result, the first coin struck at a branch mint was the 1838-C Half Eagle. This first emission was a paltry mintage of 17,179 (compared to 1838-P with nearly 300,000 and 1834-P with over 650,000). Today, only 3 mint state examples are known out of a total survivorship of just 175 coins. Even Dahlonega’s 1838-D has nearly 300 known examples, much more than the Charlotte issue.

Very few examples of this coin are well struck. To make matters worse, most survivors are well worn, with coins above VF quite rare. There are two varieties. The reverse with a repunched 5 is very rare and most examples of this variety show extensive die cracks on the reverse. The Variety 2 example shown to the right grades a solid Fine, with typical weakness in the left-center of the coin, and the die crack goes from rim to rim, from above the right wing, through the shield, and through the middle set of leaves on the lower left.



***** NO AUCTION IN JUNE *** Deadline for next issue: May 26th**