



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
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Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday May 10

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:

Which Coins, Tokens, and Medals should be certified, and which should not, presented by Bob Moffatt

YN program:

In Search of...

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost

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Director at Large: Bob Moffatt

Programs

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Hi everyone,

As we head toward May, the longer days and warmer temperatures are a reminder that summer is coming! Hard to believe only two more meetings remain in the club season.

Two of our fellow clubs are having their shows this month. On May 5th, the PVCC is having their annual show in Norwich CT at the Holiday Inn off I-395. And on the 19th, the Blackstone Valley club is having its spring show at the Elks Club in Woonsocket RI. Both shows are a lot of fun, and are worth visiting.

At our April meeting, we had a visit from 5 members of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) Coin Club. They had a break in their schedule to come, and got their first look at our club, and we hope that we'll see them again in the fall for the start of the new season. It's always great to meet new collectors, as all clubs benefit from new perspectives and interests.

With unprecedented opinions about third-party grading (or "slabbing"), our own Bob Moffatt is presenting a very relevant talk at our May meeting on which coins, etc., that should be candidates for certification, and those that should not. It should be very interesting!

And finally, here's a Save the Date for Friday June 14th and our club season-ending meeting and hot dog feast.

We hope to see you all on the 10th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Annual Show, Holiday Inn, Norwich CT, Sunday May 5, 8:30 a.m.
- No Auburn show this month (Mothers's Day). Show resumes in June
- Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday May 15, 3-8 p.m.
- Nashua Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, May 19, 8:00 a.m.
- Blackstone Valley Annual Spring Show, Elks Club #850, Woonsocket RI, Sunday May 19, 9:30 a.m.
- No Devens Coin Show in April or May. Show resumes in June.
- WCNS June meeting and hot dog feast, Friday June 14

WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1993 silver Foxwoods Casino token	\$ 20	\$ 12
2. 1967 Helen Keller token	-	10
3. 1898 Morgan dollar, BU	55	30
4. 1867 2 cents, VG	-	8
5. 1924 Peace dollar, AU	25	20
6. 1944 Philippines 5 centavo	-	4
7. 2019 silver Eagle	-	18
8. Two-tails magicians half	-	10
9. 1848 U.S. large cent	30	16
10. 2000 painted silver Eagle	-	20
11. 1964 proof set, original envelope	22	16
12. 1964 Canada proof-like set with dollar	23	16
13. 1949 type set, 50¢ P, 25¢ D, dime S, nickel D, 1¢ P. Circulated	15	9
14. 1973 Gerald Ford VP inaugural medal, MACO. Bronze, AU, box	10	6
15. Reprint of an Abraham Lincoln Civil War envelope	15	5
16. Iraq military Safe Conduct pass, Unc with story	15	6
Kittredge Foundation donation		
1. 1939S Jefferson nickel, BU	5	-

Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1907 Indian cent, VG	\$ -	\$ 1
2. Landon for President pin	-	3
3. 1984 Detroit ANA elongate	-	1
4. 1864 two cent	-	7
5. 1883 love token on Seated dime	-	10
6. Worcester good for one fare	-	2
7. Love token – “Don”	-	7
8. 1983 Lincoln cent error	-	4
9. 1899-O Barber half, VG	-	12
10. 1984 spinner Worcester MA	-	4
11. 1958 Wyman Gordon Worcester	15	5
12. 1963 Canada 80% silver half, BU	5	2
13. 1963 Canada 80% silver 25¢, BU	3	-
14. 1977 Vermont bronze Bicentennial medal, Unc.	3	-
15. 1971S 40% silver Ike, BU	8	5
16. 1977 Franklin Mint gold over sterling member medal	6	2
17. Ronald Reagan official bronze inaugural medal. Unc on card	5	2

Coin in the Spotlight: 1877 Indian Cent

The key date of the Indian cent series, this issue does not have the lowest mintage at 852,500 (the 1909-S takes that honor at 309,000). However, since the 1877 occurred in the middle of the series, and fewer people collected coins in earlier years, it is decidedly scarcer than 1909-S, which came at the end of the series and with more collectors around to save them.

All circulation strikes (non-proofs) have a weak N in ONE on the reverse, which is an important aid in authentication, although the proofs (including circulated ones) have a strong N. Therefore care must be exercised when examining an 1877 cent, as many counterfeits and altered coins exist.

One thing most people don't know is that the date 1877 actually has the 7s with two different shapes! The bottom of the second 7 gets “fatter” more quickly than the first 7 as one looks down the digit. Another marker for a genuine 1877 is that the lower left of the second 7 has a flat spot (versus a constant curve). This peculiarity is extremely difficult to replicate, and won't be on counterfeits or altered dates.



1877 Indian, showing the weak N and the flat spot on second 7

Deadline for next issue: May 30th