



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter
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Next Meeting: Friday November 10

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:

Counterfeit Lazy Deuces, an illustrated talk
presented by John Ferreri

YN program:

Find that Coin

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
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Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
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Hi everyone,

November is upon us, and a lot of activities happen here in the northeast. We start off the month with the NH Coin Expo in Manchester NH. A great program is on tap as usual, with club meetings, grading seminars, educational exhibits, and a YN program. Ernie does a great job with this show, and it is well worth going to. And this time, it does not conflict with our meeting.

Baltimore is the following weekend, and yours truly is speaking and exhibiting as usual. Even though I will have to miss it, we have a great program in store for you at our meeting, with our own John Ferreri giving an illustrated talk entitled, *Counterfeit Lazy Deuces*. Along with our raffle, auction, and bid board, it should be a fun evening.

And head's up for next month. Our annual December meeting and Holiday Party will be Friday December 10th, at our normal time. Remember there is no auction or bid board in December, but rather we have expanded Show and Tell, expanded raffle, a dime raffle, and plenty of food. We will have our normal Pot Luck Dessert. We'll look forward to that, but right now, Halloween is just over and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Too early to think about winter!

Hope to see you all on the 10th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **NH Coin Expo**, Manchester NH, November 3-4, Radisson Hotel Center of NH, Manchester NH
- **No Auburn show this month!** Show resumes in December
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday November 15
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday November 19, 8:00 a.m.
- **Devens Coin Show**, Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Pkwy, Devens MA, November 26, 9:00 a.m.
- **WCNS December meeting and Holiday Party**, Friday December 8 – **SAVE THE DATE!!!**



WCNS Monthly Auction

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. 4 Unc. Lincolns: 1934-D, 35-D, 37-D, 39-D	-	\$ 15
2. 3 S-mint BU Silver Eagles	-	65
3. 1957 Franklin half	-	22
4. 1936 Walking half dollar, Unc	-	50
5. Barber half	-	32
6. 2000 Cheerios Lincoln cent	-	3
7. Mule, man made	-	8
8. CWT NY	-	12
9. Silver token, .999	-	22
10. Bag of 500 unsearched wheat cents	-	12.50
11. 1 pound bag mixed foreign coins – 12 troy oz.	-	5
12. 1982 George Washington silver 50¢ commem, proof.	<i>Bid \$8</i>	7
13. 1982 George Washington silver 50¢ commem, Unc.	<i>Bid 8</i>	7
14. Mercury dime book, 27 pieces	40+	35
15. Roosevelt dime book, 26 pieces, some Unc.	40+	40
16. Brink's bank roll of 1985P half dollars, Unc.	<i>Bid 35</i>	15
17. Black history real estate token, Philadelphia, White Race Only, aluminum, XF	-	10

Bid Board

Item Description	Trends	Min
1. Bag of shell tokens	-	3
2. Belt buckle, anniv.	-	4
3. Mass Bay Tercentenary token	-	3
4. Magnifier – works	-	5
5. Elongates – 6 copper, 1 quarter	-	3
6. Tri-county fire police sign	-	5
7. 11 foreign money postcards	-	6
8. 40 foreign coins, unc.	-	10
9. 5 dol Montreal Olympics coin	-	8
10. 1970 coin set, 8 pieces, Great Britain and Norther Ireland, Unc.	-	2
11. 1964 JFK memorial half dollar, in holder, Choice-Unc.	-	6
12. Jefferson nickel book, 37 pieces, 6 silver war nickels, circulated.	-	5
13. Lincoln cent book #1, 31 pieces, including XF 1909 VDB	-	3
14. Lincolns #2, 81 pcs, some Unc	-	2
15. George Washington copy of America's first medals, in pewter, for Bicentennial	5	-
16. Bicentennial first day covers with medals, 1974 and 1975	5	-
17. NENA, Worcester, 1966, Convention medal, copper, XF	3	-

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- Expanded Show and Tell

- Enhanced Raffle, Dime Raffle

- Pasta Feast

- Pot luck dessert

- No auction or bid board

Coin in the Spotlight: 1802 Draped Bust Half

After the miniscule mintages of half dollars in 1796 and 1797 (small eagle reverse, just 3,918 pieces both years combined), there was a three-year hiatus in striking half dollars. Problems at the mint and lack of demand contributed to this. Production resumed in 1801 and ran through 1807, this time with a heraldic eagle.

Only about 30,000 coins were made in both 1801 and 1802 before mintages ramped up dramatically for the remaining issues, reaching nearly a million pieces by the end of the series.

Obtaining an 1801 or 1802 half dollar can be done with some searching, but it will take some effort to find a nice one. 1802, despite a slightly higher mintage than the 1801, is decidedly scarcer. With a survival rate of less than 1½ %, perhaps 400 remain in all grades combined, with perhaps 2-3 remaining in mint state.

Regardless of which one is chosen, an 1801 or 1802 Draped Bust half dollar makes for a scarce type coin for the series.



Deadline for next issue: November 27th – No Auction in December