



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday October 12

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
No YN meeting this month.

Educational Program:

The History Books on the Barbers Rewritten,
presented by John Frost

YN program:

No YN meeting this month

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
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Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
YN Coordinator: Mark Matys
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Hi everyone,

Now that we are into October, we leave summer behind and get ready for the falling of the leaves. It's a great time of year, and the coin hobby really gets into full swing. Two fall shows happen in the next six weeks, along with the usual list of monthly shows.

The Blackstone Valley club show is the third Sunday of October in Woonsocket RI, and the NH Coin Expo occurs early next month in Manchester. As the New Hampshire Expo falls on the second Friday of November this year, by prior vote, we will have our November meeting on the THIRD Friday of the month, a week later than usual. Please make a note of it – we'll remind you next month. The October meeting this month occurs on the normal date and time, on October 12.

As I mentioned last month, the major exhibit at the ANA was a hit, rewriting the history books on both William and Charles Barber. This is the subject of this month's program. To make things even better, the Barber descendants have allowed us to repeat the big exhibit at both Baltimore and New Hampshire! So if you didn't get to the ANA, you will still have a chance to see it, all 12 cases of historic artifacts. The many publications that featured this important research and exhibit will also be on hand.

Hope to see you all on the 12th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Elks Club, Auburn MA, Sunday October 14
- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, VFW Post #1385, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday October 17, 3-8 p.m.
- **Blackstone Valley Fall Show**, Elks Club #850, Social Road, Woonsocket RI, Sunday October 21, 9:30 a.m.
- **Nashua 3rd Sunday Show**, Holiday Inn, Nashua NH, Sunday October 21, 8:00 a.m.
- **No Devens Coin Show this month.** Show resumes in November.
- **New Hampshire Coin Expo** – Doubletree Hotel (formerly Radisson), Manchester NH, November 9-10
- **WCNS November Meeting** – Friday November 16, a week later than normal, at the usual times



WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1853 Arrow & Rays Liberty Seated half, G	\$ 50	\$ 40
2. 1883-S Morgan dollar, XF, attractive toning	45	35
3. 1957 Canada 50-cent, toned Unc.	15	10
4. 1937 Albania 1 franc, AU	32	20
5. Lincoln Memorial cent error, State 1 capped die, BU red-brown	50	30
6. Macerated money top hat, no label	25	15
Matt Erskine Donation for Juniors Columbia farthing token	10	-

Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. No date Large cent with damage	\$10	\$5
2. 1858 Small Letters Flying Eagle, G	18	10
3. 1909 Indian cent, better date, VG	6	3
4. 1865 2-cent piece, G with damage	5	3
5. 1899 Liberty nickel, G	2	-
6. 1857 Liberty Seated dime, VF with damage	10	5

Advance Notice – Our November meeting will be delayed one week until Friday November 16, due to a conflict with the NH Coin & Currency Expo

Coin in the Spotlight: 1906 Barber Dime brockage error obverse mirror image

This most unusual piece is a brockage error, extremely rare on a Barber dime. This one, however could be unique for any silver Barber series, as the brockage error shows the obverse (other known Barber brockage errors show the reverse).

To make matters even more interesting, his first-strike example shows a perfect mirror image of the obverse, including all the denticles around the rim. A most unusual coin!

A brockage error occurs when a struck coin does not eject properly from the press, and adheres to one of the dies (in this case, the reverse die). In this instance, the next blank planchet fed into the press was struck by the obverse die, and the obverse of the struck coin (instead of the reverse die). The first coin so struck will have a perfect incuse mirror image. The other side of the coin features a completely normal obverse.

The coin that was stuck to the die (becoming a “die cap”) will spread out from the second striking due to the repeated pressure. The second (and beyond) coins struck by the die cap, if any, will exhibit a spread-out look on the brockage side, with devices all larger than on a normal coin. Enjoy!



Close-up of 1906 Barber dime first-strike brockage with perfect mirror of obverse (top), the normal obverse on other side (bottom)

Deadline for next issue: October 27th