



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday September 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:

Top Pop Crazy, presented by Bob Moffatt

YN program:

In-person YN program is still on hiatus. Zoom meetings will continue until further notice.

WCNS Leadership

Officers

Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
Vice President: Jim Turner
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Director at Large: Bob Moffatt

Programs

Speaker Bureau: Bob Moffatt
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Hi everyone,

We hope everyone has had a good summer. While we are all kind-a coming out the pandemic, it is time for our meetings to resume for a new club year! And after such a strange summer weather-wise, I know many of you can't wait! At least some die-hards had some summer options, including Summer FUN and the ANA convention in Chicago. It was great seeing some people again, and resuming national club activity. And the Lou Malnati's deep dish pizza wasn't bad either!

Our September meeting will feature our normal bourse, plus auction and bid board. Our own Bob Moffatt will present this month's educational program, Top Pop Crazy! No doubt the presentation will talk about some aspects of the current numismatic market. It's been a strange time for many reasons!

One piece of news that will come as a surprise to many of you is that the Nashua NH Holiday Inn has closed, to be torn down. As a result, the monthly Nashua show, which was to resume, is on hold until they find a new location.

The Wednesday Blackstone Valley show is the only local show this month. Devens resumes in October (24th) and Auburn in November (14th).

And the fall NH Coin Expo in Manchester is October 1st and 2nd with its full array of activities.

We hope to see many of you on the 10th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- **Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show**, Uxbridge MA, Wed. September 15, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- **NH Coin & Currency Expo**, Manchester NH, October 1-2, at the Doubletree Hotel.
- **October meeting of the WCNS**, Friday October 8th
- **Devens Coin & Currency Show**, Devens MA, Sunday October 24th, 9:00 a.m., Devens Commons Center
- **Greater Worcester Coin Show**, Auburn MA, Sunday November 14, 9:30 a.m., Elk's Club.



WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1935-S Peace dollar, XF	\$ 45	\$ 40
2. 1968 Mint Set	8	7
3. 1912-D Liberty nickel, F	8	7
4. 1942-S Walking Lib. half, VF	15	12
5. 1953-D Franklin half, VF	-	9
6. 1943 steel cent set AU-Unc (bid)	9.10	
7. 1908 D Barber Quarter full good	8.50	
8. 1983 Portugal BU silver 500 Escudos	12	
9. 1983 Portugal BU silver 750 Escudos	15	
10. 1969 Portugal BU silver 50 escudos	10	
11. 1835 Bucklins Hard Times token HT 353 Troy N.Y. VG	13	
12. 1945 WWII Victory medal Brass AU	10	
13. Phila. PA Masonic chapter penny copper AU	10	

Bid Board

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. 1926 Buffalo nickel, G	\$ -	\$.50
2. 1980 Proof Set	7	6
3. 4 different Presidential dollars, Unc	8	6
4. 1930 Standing Liberty quarter, G	7	6
5. 1979 Mint Set	7	6
6. 14 kt gold mini. 1982 copy Lincoln cent .183 grams BU, \$6.00+ melt	15	7
7. 1908D Cast Lead counterfeit Barber half dollar good bent	5	-
8. 1963 Canada BU silver dime	3	-
9. 1967 Canada BU silver dime	3	-
10. Mini. Silver Famous Americans William Hopper Lawyer NC BU	3	-
11. New Bedford & Onset Railway token white medal XF	2	-
12. Old elongate Lincoln Cent 10 Commandments XF	5	-
13. 1907 Sweden bz one ore coin Xf	2.50	-

Coin in the Spotlight: 1857 “Smoking Liberty”

With many coins of all denominations, sometimes dies were used longer than they should have been, and develop various forms of fatigue. One of the most common things to happen to a worn-out die is to develop die cracks or breaks. Die breaks can be used by scholars and collectors to identify unique dies and die marriages, and some collectors collect coins in late die states, or collect by die marriage (versus by type, or by date-and-mint).

Most coins with later die states with die breaks aren't terribly exciting to most collectors, but once in a while, a variety appears to be something it's not, or at least appears to be funny. One popular example is the 1891-CC “Spitting Eagle” Morgan dollar; another being the 1807 “Bearded Goddess” Bust half dollar.

This month we feature the 1857 Liberty Seated quarter. A small die break occurred in the late die state right next to Liberty's lower hand. The resulting coin looks like Liberty has a cigarette or cigar in her hand! The variety is scarce, but not rare, and examples sometimes be cherrypicked. The one drawback is that the 1857 is one of the most common of all Seated quarters, so you will likely look at a lot of coins before finding one. Still, it's a funny coin!



1857 “Smoking Liberty” quarter

Deadline for next issue: August 27th