



# The E-Gobrecht

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## LSCC President, John McCloskey, announces his retirement!

To the shock of many, at the Club's annual meeting on August 15 in Rosemont, IL, Liberty Seated Collectors Club President, John McCloskey, announced in his opening comments that he will step down as Club President and Editor of the *Gobrecht Journal* effective August 2014. John immediately called on Vice President Bill Bugert and Secretary-Treasurer Len Augsburger to form a committee to transition club activities and responsibilities from himself next year. (See related article on page 5.)

### Other Club News from the Annual Meeting

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the LSCC. Next year (2014), the *Gobrecht Journal* will be 40 years old. In commemoration of the GJ's 40th Anniversary, the *Gobrecht Journal's* cover "coin" will be the LSCC anniversary gold medal. Look for it beginning with the November 2013 issue.

John appealed to the audience to submit memorable Liberty Seated stories for inclusion in this year's issues. Submissions need not be lengthy. Please try to write something to support the GJ.

*Gobrecht Journal Collective Volumes* 4 and 5 are still available for sale at \$44 and \$60 (plus postage) respectively. John is planning to work on *Collective Volume 6* in the future.

No club dues increase! Club Treasurer Len Augsburger provided an update of the club's financial situation. In short, we are fiscally sound with no need to increase dues. See page 8 for his report.

### Hall Of Fame

Hall of Fame chairman, Bill Bugert, conducted an induction ceremony and new Hall of Fame members include Jim O'Donnell and Gerry Fortin. Congratulations Jim (posthumously) and Gerry! See page 4 for additional details.

### E-Gobrecht Editor's Award

*E-Gobrecht* Editor, Bill Bugert, presented Len Augsburger with an engraved medal in appreciation for the years of outstanding support to the club's electronic newsletter. See page 4 for details.

By my count, we had 55 members and guests attend this annual meeting. Thanks to all for taking the time to support the club.

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## Auction News

by Jim Gray, LSCC #664

The **Heritage** Rosemont Sale contained two 1840-O with drapery half dimes in XF45 and MS61 that sold for \$881 and \$5,288. A MS64 1842-O did not sell and an 1849-O graded MS61, but weakly struck, eked out \$1,645.

A well struck 1838-O dime in MS63 hit \$8,225. 1844 pieces in MS61 and a beautiful MS65 realized \$3,819 and a strong \$28,200. A MS64 1852-O was worth \$3,525 and an 1860-O in VF35 sold for \$2,820. A deeply toned VF25 1873-CC did not sell. An 1885-S MS61 piece hammered for \$5,875.

A lovely blue 1842 quarter graded MS64 hit \$6,169. An even gray 1852-O in XF45 sold for \$3,664 and a well struck 1856-S in the same grade was worth \$2,703. A nice AU50 1859-S did not sell. A white MS64 1868-S soared to \$15,275 and a 1869-S in the same grade was strong at \$19,975. A blue toned AU53 1872-CC hit \$17,625. An 1873 closed 3 piece was worth \$4,113 in XF40.

An 1839 no drapery half dollar graded MS64 sold for an amazing \$45,531 despite a full fingerprint in the right obverse field. A XF40 small date 1842-O was worth \$3,175 and an 1852-O in the same grade sold for \$1,116. An original F15 1872-CC sold for \$793 and an 1878-CC graded XF40 sold for \$5,581.

A PR58 1836 Gobrecht Dollar with a coin turn sold \$17,743 and a medal turn PR61 piece soared to \$22,315. An AU58 1851 dollar rang the bell for \$70,500. An AU53 1861 sold for \$3,819 and a XF40 1872-CC hit \$4,406. Two 1872-S specimens in AU50 and AU55 went for \$3,055 and \$4,994. A VF35 1873-CC that appeared to be cleaned, still sold for \$19,975.

The **Stack's-Bowers** ANA Sale contained the splendid Liberty Seated half dollar collection of Rich Jewell but many of the coins did not sell. An 1842-O small date graded AU50 sold for \$4,700 and a MS62 1847/46 did not sell. 1852 and 1852-O graded MS65 and MS64 both hammered for \$15,275. 1855-S, 1856-S, and 1857-S in grades of AU55, AU58, and MS62 did not sell. An 1866-S no motto went for \$3,525 in XF45. 1870-CC and 1871-CC, both in XF45, did not sell. An AU55 1872-CC was cheap at \$2,820 and an 1873-CC no arrows in MS61 did not sell nor did an MS64 1874-CC. A MS64 1873-CC arrows hit \$25,850. An 1878-CC graded MS65 was worth \$41,125 and a 1878-S soared to \$164,500 in MS63.

Other coins were an 1840-O half dime for \$822 in AU50. Dimes were 1842-O AU50, 1843-O VF35, 1845-O XF40 and a well struck AU55 1858-S that sold for \$822, \$881, \$529 and \$3,055.

A blue toned 1849-O quarter in XF40 sold for \$5,875 and a VF30 1858-S was worth \$1,880. An XF40 1860-S did not sell and an 1870-CC with XF details, but covered with marks and gouges, still realized \$6,580.

Other halves were an AU58 1852-O for \$2,350 and AU55 1856-S and 1857-S hit \$2,855 and \$1,915. A VF30 1866-S no motto was worth \$1,645 while a F12 1870-CC did not sell. A VF30 1871-CC hit \$2,350 and a AU55 1872-CC sold for \$4,112. Another 1872-CC half graded XF45 and an 1878-CC graded VF30 did not sell.

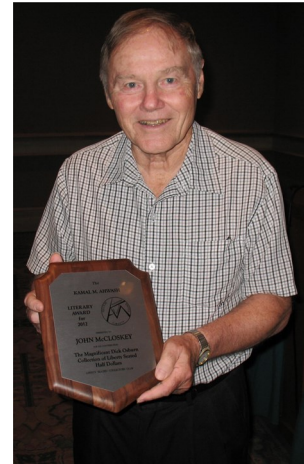


Heritage Rosemont Sale, 8/2013: 7886,  
1877-CC Half Dollar, PCGS AU50,  
WB-9





## Club Awards at the Annual meeting



**Kamal M. Ahwash Literary Award for 2012.** John McCloskey (above far left and above right) finally receives his Kamal M. Ahwash Literary Award plaque (above center) for his article “The Magnificent Dick Osburn Collection of Liberty Seated Half Dollars.” Although announced last September after a vote by club members, John received the plaque at the 2013 LSCC Annual meeting. While deservedly otherwise, this is the first time John won this award. Previously, he withdrew his articles from the competition. During the voting for this award, John’s articles won first and second places. Congratulations, John! [*As a side note, John was inducted into the John Reich Collectors Society Hall of Fame during the ANA. He is the only person to be inducted into both the LSCC and the JRCS Hall of Fames. Congratulations, John! - Editor*]

**40th Anniversary Medal Presentation Set.** To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club and John McCloskey’s role in the long time success of the Club, the officers and members presented John with a special set of LSCC 40th Anniversary medals at the 2013 Annual meeting. This set of gold, copper, silver proof, and silver satin medals acknowledges John’s contributions to the LSCC, his life long dedication to the hobby, unending endurance thru 40 years, and continual enthusiasm for the *Gobrecht Journal* (he never missed an issue). John scarified a good portion of his life’s activities for the LSCC and made the LSCC was it is today. Thanks for your commitment and service to the Liberty Seated Collectors Club!



**Hall of Fame Inductees.** Also during the annual meeting, two new club members were inducted into the LSCC Hall of Fame. During the past six months, the Hall of Fame Committee composed of Len Augsburger, Bill Bugert, Tom DeLorey, Gerry Fortin, and Mark Sheldon, reviewed nine nominations from club members. In multiple rounds of voting, two individuals were selected to join the previous inductees

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[Kamal M. Ahwash, John McCloskey, Al Blythe, Randy Wiley, and Brian Greer]. 2013 inductees include Jim O'Donnell (posthumously) and Gerry Fortin.

Jim O'Donnell (imaged in a 2007 photo at right) was recognized for his mentorship to many collectors and dealers, his condition census Liberty Seated Dime Set, and his lifelong dedication to the hobby. Unfortunately, Jim tragically passed in 2008 but his memory lives on. His HoF medal will reside in the club archives. Congratulations, Jim!



2013 HoF Inductee  
Jim O'Donnell



Gerry Fortin was also inducted into the Hall of Fame. A long-time club member, Gerry is a frequent author and contributor to the *Gobrecht Journal* and *E-Gobrecht*. He is a widely respected, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable Liberty Seated dime collector, researcher, and now dealer. Gerry has amassed an extensive Liberty Seated dime reference set that repeatedly wins the PCGS Best Classic Set. He is an accomplished author of the Liberty Seated Dime Web-book ([www.seateddimevarieties.com](http://www.seateddimevarieties.com)), he is the LSCC webmaster ([www.lscweb.org](http://www.lscweb.org)), and the LSCC Regional Meeting Coordinator. Congratulations, Gerry!



2013 HoF Inductee  
Gerry Fortin



Len Augsburger was recognized with the 2013 *E-Gobrecht* Editor's Award for his continuing support, since its inception, of the *E-Gobrecht* electronic newsletter. Len has produced the second highest number of articles for the *E-Gobrecht* and continues to write for the newsletter currently in a monthly column. Len received the award in the new medal format shown at the right. Thanks, Len!





# Liberty Seated Collectors Club Officer Transition Committee Formed

By Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

At the August 15 Liberty Seated Collectors Club annual meeting during the ANA convention, President John McCloskey announced his intention to retire as Editor of the *Gobrecht Journal* and as club president effective August 2014. John's tenure as club leader has been an incredible 40 years. John requested that the current club officers (Vice President Bill Bugert and Secretary-Treasurer Len Augsburger) form a transition committee to guide the club into the post McCloskey era effective August 2014. It is recognized that preserving all LSCC offerings including the *Gobrecht Journal*, *E-Gobrecht* and regional meeting program is paramount for the club membership and to ensure that the LSCC remains a vibrant force in the numismatic community.

Officers Bill Bugert and Len Augsburger immediately formed a Transition Committee at the ANA convention with the following members: Len Augsburger, Bill Bugert, Craig Eberhart, Carl Feldman and Gerry Fortin. Chairing the committee will be Gerry Fortin considering his experience with program management in for profit industry and available time due to being recently retired.

After returning home from the ANA convention, the committee immediately went to work and drafted a plan including Transition Committee Mission, Members, and Schedule. This *E-Gobrecht* article provides a summary of that plan.

## Transition Committee Mission

The mission of the Transition Committee is to ensure continuity with the *Gobrecht Journal* and *E-Gobrecht* club publications along with the Regional Meeting program in the post McCloskey era and nominating and electing new club officers for the 2014-2015 timeframe. Paramount to the committee is locating a new *Gobrecht Journal* Editor and maintaining the current publication quality and size effective with the November 2014 issue.

## Transition Committee Schedule

### September 2013

- In the September *E-Gobrecht* issue, announce the LSCC Transition Team members and mission
- Announce first draft Transition Team schedule
- Place Transition Committee information on the LSCCweb.org website for communications to the membership

### October 2013

- In the October *E-Gobrecht* issue, announce the Transition Committee progress including its recommendation for revised LSCC organizational structure and club tasks management
- Identify the LSCC publishing strategy and responsibility for both the *Gobrecht Journal* and *E-Gobrecht*



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### **November 2013**

- Provide club member update on Transition Committee progress in the November *Gobrecht Journal*, the *E-Gobrecht* and at Whitman Baltimore Regional Meeting

### **January 2014**

- Announce the Transition Committee recommendations for new officers in the January *E-Gobrecht* and at the winter FUN show regional meeting

- Issue a call for alternative candidates and provide a 60 day window for nominations; deadline would be February 28, 2014

### **March 2014**

- In the March *E-Gobrecht*, publish the final list of 2014-2015 club officer nominations; this would be an amalgamation of Transition Committee and club member nominations (The Ballot)

- Issue Ballot to the membership with a 60 day voting window

### **May/June 2014**

- If all goes to plan, announce the 2014-2015 LSCC officers in the May or June *E-Gobrecht* and the summer *Gobrecht Journal* and prepare for formal hand over of club officer responsibilities at the August 2014 annual meeting at the ANA convention.

The Transition Committee recognizes that some club members will have concerns about a smooth transition of the club and *Gobrecht Journal* editor role during John McCloskey's retirement. The committee is acutely aware of this concern and will conduct its activities towards preserving existing services to the membership while looking into the future and preparing the club for the next 10 years. It is imperative that the John McCloskey legacy be maintained with exciting publications, ongoing Liberty Seated coinage research, and preservation of club's numismatic history through member articles.



## LSCC Benefit Auction Results

In conjunction with the LSCC annual meeting at the ANA, the officers of the club offered eleven interesting items for auction to benefit the club's treasury. An amazing **\$3,475 was raised**; these funds will be used to keep your dues low and to fund ongoing efforts to support the promotion and activities of the club. Auctioneer, Brad Karoleff, conducted a very lively and entertaining event.

Many thanks to all the bidders, especially the successful ones, for your support of this event. The following is a listing of the auction lots.

- \$150 - *Gobrecht Journal* first issue copy
- \$100 - Counter-stamped ("2013 LSCC") 1876-S Liberty Seated half dollar
- \$125 - 1966 Gobrecht Dollar Hanover Numismatic Society bronze medal
- \$125 - Walter Breen's personal copy of *Gobrecht Journal Collective Volume #2* inscribed by John McCloskey
- \$25 - *Coin World* article of July 18, 1980 with John McCloskey interview
- \$75 - Stack's October 1990 Alan F. Lovejoy Reference Collection of U.S. Dimes Auction Catalog
- \$200 - \$200 gift certificate for Rich Uhrich Rare Coins
- \$2,000 - 40th Anniversary silver trial strike proof medal
- \$300 - 40th Anniversary copper trial strike proof medal (1st in Auction)
- \$50 - Capital Plastics custom holder (holder only, no medals) for the 40th Anniversary medals
- \$325 - 40th Anniversary copper trial strike proof medal (2nd in Auction)



# LSCC Treasurer's Financial Status Report

## As of August 15, 2013

Starting Balance	\$ 15,233.38
Income	
Medals	\$ 26,362.41
Interest	\$ 30.96
Dues	\$ 9,830.00
Donations	\$ 238.00
Back Issues	\$ 80.00
Advertisements	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 36,641.37
Expenses	
Supplies	\$ 440.03
Postage	\$ 3,917.71
Medals	\$ 18,879.28
Fun dues	\$ 15.00
Printing	\$ 6,973.12
PO Box rental	\$ 88.00
Website	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 30,413.14
Ending balance	\$ 21,461.61

Not included in the figures above, the club gained an additional \$3,475 in gross proceeds from the benefit auction conducted at the Annual meeting on August 15, 2013. The officers of the club would like to thank Brad Karoleff for conducting, again this year, an entertaining and profitable benefit auction. Thanks, Brad!





## Regional News

### by Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

Greetings to everyone as we close out summer and prepare for the fall season! By end of August, Maine air typically has that drier and cooler feel and this year is no exception. Soon it will be time to bring the firewood into the garage and call the chimney sweep as occasional wood stove heating can start by month's end.

August was an incredibly busy month considering the American Numismatic Association convention, the LSCC annual meeting and the Rare American Coins business debut at the Rosemont show. It was a pleasure to be reacquainted with numismatic colleagues, friends, and meeting new customers who expressed their kind words for the Seated dime web-book. I'm sure our editor, Bill Bugert, will have much ANA show content in this *E-Gobrecht* issue; therefore this article will stay focused on upcoming regional meetings.

Upon returning home from Chicago, I received an email from Steven Petty, Central Regional Director, indicating that he is holding an LSCC regional meeting August 30, 9:00 AM at the CONA Ohio State Labor Day coin show. Steven always provides an insightful presentation at his regional meetings along with LSCC update. We wish him and hope for a large turnout.

Moving into September, the LSCC will be active at three shows within a twenty day period. In early September, the LSCC will appear at the Bay State show in Marlborough, Massachusetts. Recently, the Bay State show moved from Boston to Marlborough and the facilities lack meeting rooms. Therefore, Dennis Fortier and John Frost, our Northeast Region duo, will host a combined BCCS/LSCC club table towards spreading the numismatic gospel and recruiting new members. Two weeks later, the LSCC finds itself at the Whitman Philadelphia show. Bill Bugert, LSCC Vice President and *E-Gobrecht* editor will host a regional meeting on September 20 at 9:00 AM and I'm sure there will be a substantial agenda. Lastly in September, the LSCC moves to the West Coast for the Long Beach Coin and Collectibles Expo. Brian Cushing of Dick Osburn Rare Coins has agreed to host a regional meeting on September 26, 7 PM at the Rock Bottom Brewery. Brian is graciously replacing Western Regional Director, Craig Eberhart, who is on a family vacation.

For those who may be counting, 2013 will be a record year for LSCC regional meeting events. Our club will appear at seventeen numismatic events throughout the United States with concentration on the East coast. Hopefully in the next two years, we can improve our show events in the southern and central regions.

## Upcoming LSCC Events

September 6-7, 2013, **LSCC Table** (No meeting!), Bay State Coin Show, Marlborough, MA.

September 20, 2013, **Joint LSCC/BCCS regional meeting**, Whitman Philadelphia Coin and Collectibles Expo, Philadelphia, PA, 9:00 AM, Room 309.

September 26, 2013, **LSCC social gathering**, Long Beach Coin and Collectibles Expo, CA, Rock Bottom Brewery, 7 PM, Brian Cushing hosts.

October 5, 2013, **LSCC regional meeting**, New Hampshire Coin and Collectibles Expo, Manchester, NH, 2:00 PM, Room TBD.



# The Curious Collector

## by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

### My Week at the ANA

Each year after the ANA I remind myself to not schedule so much the NEXT year. And it never

works out. This year's extravaganza started off for me on Tuesday, August 13. All day Tuesday I worked for Rich Uhrich as a table assistant. This is a quite revealing experience as to how everything happens behind the scenes. In the end, dealers are simply conduits between sellers and buyers. A good dealer will know how to find both, and how to make it work so that a piece of the action goes the dealer's way. We had one situation where a particular coin walked up to the table for sale and it was immediately clear to us who the likely buyer should be. I produced my cell phone which contained the buyer's phone number, and the deal was done in several minutes with Mr. Uhrich taking a 10% cut for knowing how to match up the buyer and seller. Another thing I was reminded about at this show - it may look like a dealer isn't doing a lot of show business, but there may be a LOT happening in the dealer's home office at the same time. Potential deals are always being worked out and discussed.

Wednesday, I took a table for myself all day. The ANA offers a one-day table format which is a lot more convenient than setting up for the whole show. I was selling copies of my book, *Secret History of the First United States Mint*. Business wasn't great, but a lot of great numismatic conversation was had with Steve Crain, Bob Julian, and others who stopped by the table for extended periods. Coin shows are great for finding coins, but honestly I get more enjoyment from spending time with fellow collectors. Wednesday night was Rich Uhrich's annual table assistant dinner at Maggiano's in nearby Schaumburg. A great feast was had.

Somehow I managed to get all my workouts in for the week, although Thursday went to the extreme. I had a run scheduled with John Kraljevich's

fiancée, Megan Brogan, and at this point I am going to plagiarize from John's website and let him tell the story, because he does it a lot better than I can:

"I woke up on Thursday feeling good: I had been working hard, I had achieved a lot, and I'd gotten up early yet again for breakfast with a medal-collecting friend. As I woke up, drunk on my own achievements, in sauntered a very sweaty Megan, fresh off an 11 mile run and requiring nary a word to bring my "hard work" back into perspective. I don't think I did it purposefully, but when Megan asked me weeks earlier if I had any coin nerd friends around Chicago who might know a good place to run in Rosemont, somehow I thought of a friend -- let's call him Ken Logsburger to keep his identity anonymous -- who happens to be a very experienced runner. And really tall. When Megan met him, I got the look. The look that says, silently, "thanks for the favor, but now I know you're trying to kill me." I really wasn't. She and Ken met for their run at 5:30, when I'm sure some dealers were just rolling in, stuporous. They ran far enough from the hotel to see deer. Think of it, people. Deer. In Rosemont. Clearly, they'd run very, very far away."

Indeed, we did 11 miles, and congrats to Megan as this was a record distance for her. Thursday at the ANA is always club meeting day, and I had list of five of them that I wanted to attend. Inevitably one or more gets dropped. Anyway, the LSCC meeting was first up at 9 AM and I expect that will be well-covered elsewhere in this issue. The highlight for me was the presentation of the club medal set (including one in gold) which was made to John McCloskey in recognition of his prolific and herculean service to the club. The club auction gathered a record \$3,475, many thanks to all the consignors and bidders. The rest of the day was spent in various meetings, and I also did a book signing with my publisher, Whitman, in the afternoon. Thursday

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## Quarter of the Month

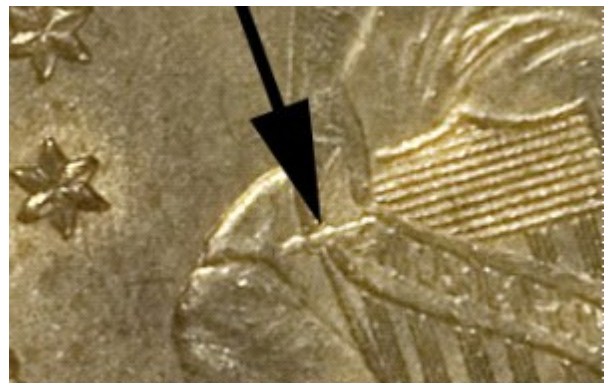
by Greg Johnson, LSCC #1460

### 1857 Smoking Liberty

The 1857, one of the most common seated quarters, has at least two very interesting varieties.

One of them, the so-called “Smoking Liberty” variety, managed to remain essentially unknown (or at least not well known) until 2009. It came to the attention of Liberty Seated Quarter collectors when three examples were offered for sale at auction by David Lawrence Rare Coins in August of 2009. Their write up of the first of the three pieces said, “This and the next two coins come from the now famous Saverio Barbieri Cache of 28 pieces, 26 of which have been authenticated, graded and encapsulated by Dominion Grading Service (DGS). Discovered in 2000, Barbieri searched through over 30,000 Seated Liberty quarters dated 1857 and was able to find only 28 pieces. With much anticipation, these attributed pieces are offered here for the first time.”

Though to date the “hoard” attributed to Mr. Barbieri has not come to market, the variety appeared for sale fairly regularly during 2009 and 2010; generally without much of a premium. Since that time the supply has dwindled and examples are infrequently found for sale. Best estimates, accounting for results of the recent LSCC survey in which only 12 examples were reported, continue to put the total number of examples in all grades at well under 100. PCGS has not yet recognized, and started attributing, the variety, but has encapsulated a number of unattributed pieces. The finest of these are an MS64 and an MS61 – no other mint state pieces have been seen. Though, to be fair, there is still much uncertainty regarding what may exist, as the group of 28 coins reported in the original write up have not been cataloged.



1857 Liberty Seated Quarter Dollar - Smoking Liberty Variety



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night David Fanning hosted a number of us numismatic bibliophiles at the Capitol Grille.

Friday I was finally able to walk the floor a bit, but again there were meetings to attend to. I was able to spend some delightful time with Karen Lee, the curator at the Smithsonian Institution. They have a monster coin collection but like all museums are challenged for the funding which will help them share the collection with the public. This puts museum professionals in the business of creating grant proposals all the time instead of being able to research and publish the collection. We've still recently gotten two great books from the Smithsonian staff via Whitman Publishing, Dick Doty's *Seeing America Through Old Paper Money*, and Karen Lee's *The Private Sketchbook of George T. Morgan*. I was able to give Karen some new information on where the sketchbook came from - always fun when you can connect the dots.

Saturday things calmed down a bit, and I am very pleased to mention that our own Bill Bugert was elected to the Rittenhouse Society at their annual meeting Saturday morning. The Rittenhouse Society is a group of numismatic researchers founded by Q. David Bowers and others, and has met annually at the ANA since the 1950s. This is one meeting that always goes by too fast, as I always want to do more networking with everyone present - the numismatic brainpower in the room is considerable! I was able to do some more coin hunting on Saturday, although much of the day was spent at the PCGS table waiting for a submission to come back. It was worth waiting for. Sometimes the grading gods take away, and sometimes they give. It was a good way to end the show!

## Brad Karoleff earns huge award!

**Bradley S. Karoleff named  
2013 Harry J. Forman Dealer of the Year**

Bradley S. Karoleff is the 2013 recipient of the American Numismatic Association Harry J. Forman Dealer of the Year Award, presented Aug. 13 at the World's Fair of Money Kickoff event.

The award is presented annually to an ANA-member dealer who shows uncommon dedication to strengthening the hobby and the Association. The award is named in honor of the late Harry J. Forman, a Philadelphia coin dealer, author and ANA life member.

Karoleff, who started as a dealer at the age of 16, is a partner in Coins Plus, a Cincinnati-area business that was first established in 1972.

"My dad always told me if you kept your nose to the grindstone and worked hard that in the end you'd be rewarded, and this is it," Karoleff said. "Everyday I go to play; I never have to go to work."

An ANA Life Member, Karoleff also holds memberships in the Professional Numismatists Guild, The John Reich Collectors Society, [*The Liberty Seated Collectors Club*], The Ohio State Numismatic Society, and The Cincinnati Numismatic Association.

A prolific writer, Karoleff is a contributor to several publications, including: *A Guide Book of United States Coins*, *Handbook of United States Coins*, *Early Quarter Dollars of the United States Mint 1796-1838*, *Coin World*, and *The Numismatist*.

He is also the longtime editor of the *John Reich Journal*, which is the official publication of the John Reich Collectors Society.

Karoleff received the honor from ANA President Tom Hallenbeck and Executive Director Kim Kiick at Beyond the Ivy, a rooftop baseball venue located across from Chicago's historic Wrigley Field.



Photo and article from the ANA

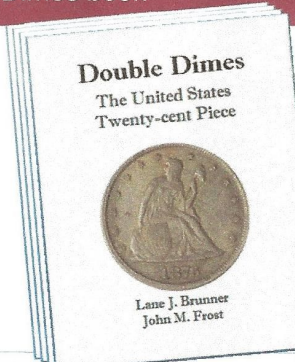


# Doubled Dime Book Update

## Slides from the ANA Club Meeting by John Frost, LSCC #2005

### Update on Double Dimes book

- With Lane Brunner
- History of the series
  - Patterns
  - Misplaced dates (how?)
  - Collecting the series
  - Grading
  - Date-by date analysis of all known die marriages
  - 1875-S BMP, 1876-CC
  - Errors
  - Exonumia
  - Anecdotes/stories



### Double Dime Summit – July 2013

- Over 650 20-cent pieces examined over 7 days
- 1875-S: Identified 10 obverse and 13 reverse dies in 17 marriages (2 with re-marriages) + 2 unattributed
  - Amazing findings of 1875-S/S "\$" marriage



### Carson City Mint visit

Examined cancelled 20C dies discovered discarded in pit



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### Recent developments

Determined only 1 pair of 1876 dies (all DDR)  
We both *knew* only 2 die pairs for 1875-CC after 30 years  
Until...

- Tuesday: Mark Obstalecki showed me his newly discovered 3<sup>rd</sup> reverse die for 1875-CC (shattered, likely first die)

Now we finally knew there were actually 3 die pairs  
Until...

- Yesterday, when I discovered a previously unknown marriage between Obverse 2 and Reverse A

*So we went from 2 marriages to 4 in under 24 hours!*

### Targeted availability

Initial release:

- Jan 2014 (prior to FUN) -- a *free Web version*
  - May not be 100% complete but most chapters will be done
- Downloadable die marriage cheat sheet
- Link to the book and cheat sheet on LSCC website

Printed version:

- Spring 2014, both spiral bound and special edition hardcover



# Regional Update Slides from the ANA by Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054



## LSCC - 2013 Show Events

### January

Winter FUN Convention, Orlando, FL, January 11

### February

New Hampshire Coins and Collectibles Expo,  
Manchester, NH, February 1  
Long Beach Coins, Stamps and Collectibles Expo,  
Long Beach, CA, February 7

### March

Whitman Spring Coin and Collectibles Expo,  
Baltimore, MD, March 15  
Willimantic Coin Show, Willimantic, CT, March 17

### April

Central States Convention, Schaumburg, IL, April 26

### May

Pawcatuck Valley Coin Show, Norwich, CT, May 5

### June

Long Beach Coins, Stamps and Collectibles Expo,  
Long Beach, CA, June 6  
Whitman Summer Coin and Collectibles Expo,  
Baltimore, MD, June 21

### August

American Numismatic Association World's Fair of  
Money, Chicago, IL, August 15  
CONA Ohio State Labor Day Coin Show, Dublin, OH,  
August 30, 2013

### September

Bay State Coin Show, Marlborough, MA,  
September 6-7, LSCC Club Table Only  
Whitman Philadelphia Coin and Collectibles Expo,  
Philadelphia, PA, September 20  
Long Beach Coins, Stamp, and Collectibles Expo,  
Long Beach, CA, September 27

### October

New Hampshire Coin and Collectibles Expo,  
Manchester, NH, October 5

### November

Whitman Winter Coin and Collectibles Expo,  
Baltimore, MD, November 8

### Geographic Region Summary

East – 10  
Central – 3  
West – 3  
South – 1

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## LSCC – Regional Meeting Staff

The LSCC regional meeting program success is directly tied to the ongoing volunteer support of the following individuals.

### Regional Directors

Eastern Region – Dennis Fortier, John Frost  
Central Region – Stephen Petty  
Southern Region – Jason Feldman  
Western Region – Craig Eberhart

### The Helpers

Len Augsburger, Bill Bugert, Gerry Fortin

### Key Messages!

A sincere thank-you to the current volunteer staff for your efforts to promote the LSCC.  
2013 LSCC regional events total 16!

More can be done to promote the club with **incremental** volunteers.

Please consider hosting an LSCC event at a smaller coin show as these are the best opportunities for new member sign-up.

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## Notable Liberty Seated Dime Varieties Appearing at the 2013 ANA Convention

By Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

At the 2013 American Numismatic Association convention and Rare American Coins table debut, several important Seated dime varieties appeared and are documented in this article.

Scott Grieb, who I had not personally met prior to this ANA convention, visited the Rare American Coins table and purchased an original 1851 dime. Scott is a long term LSCC member and published *Gobrecht Journal* articles on Liberty Seated dimes back in the mid 1990s. During the post purchase conversation, Scott removed a small baggie from his case and suggested that several dimes might be of interest for further study and inclusion in the web-book. I was well aware of Scott's standing for owning top quality dimes and a quick review confirmed that reputation. Inspecting the dimes revealed some incredible surprises even for this experienced researcher. The first dime to catch my attention was an 1877-CC with Type I reverse and beautiful original rainbow toning over bold luster. This dime resided in an old green PCGS holder with an assigned grade of MS62 and was obviously under-graded. The second important dime was an 1876-CC with old time original gray patina and grading AU. It was a pleasure to view such original silver coinage, however the real story involved important new varieties or die states. Following is a detail review of both dimes as added to the [www.seateddimevarieties.com](http://www.seateddimevarieties.com) web-book.



1876-CC F-115b Die State



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**Massive die crack from 3:00 - 4:30**



**Rim cud at 5:00 - 6:00**

The 1876-CC F-115a variety is characterized by a long reverse die crack in the lower right wreath resulting from two parallel die cracks. My first knowledge of this variety came during 1994 when Brian Greer sold me many of his accumulated 1876-CC dimes and the current F-115a plate being in that lot. Last year, I was able to locate an earlier die state on eBay with parallel die cracks predating the merged larger die crack. The Scott Grieb dime completed the progression with a massive die crack turned cud and with another bold rim cud between 5:00 to 6:00. This indeed is an amazing late die state specimen (labeled F-115b) with pristine and original surfaces.

As incredible as the 1876-CC F-115b dime was, the fun from Scott was far from over. The 1877-CC dime possessed a heavily cracked reverse with die crack patterns never before seen during years of research. This 1877-CC Type 1 reverse is characterized by a cluster of reverse die cracks originating in the left wreath, intersecting the O in ONE and traveling across the die into the right wreath. The die is also cracked through the ribbon bow and into the lower right wreath. To compliment the die cracks, the reverse is also boldly doubled with irregular lettering in the denomination. I have labeled this variety as 1877-CC Type I Reverse F-110, "Lightning Bolt Cracked Die Reverse"

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**1877-CC Type I F-110 “Lightning Bolt Reverse”**



**Lightning bolt die cracks above ONE**



**Die crack through lower right wreath**

More details on the above two dimes can be found inside the Seated Dime web-book at [www.seateddimevarieties.com](http://www.seateddimevarieties.com).  
As Always, Happy Hunting.



# Late Die State WB-11, 1841-O Half Dollar

## Do you have one?

by Bill Bugert, LSCC #455

OK you half dollar collectors! Who has one of these in high grade?

At this year's ANA in Chicago, Harry Smith showed me this low grade half dollar with what appears to be a massive obverse die crack at K-5 diagonally thru the date. I was interested enough that we struck a deal and I purchased it. It is a late die state example of die marriage WB-11 and, at the ANA, I showed it to half a dozen knowledgeable club members who agreed it looks like a die crack.

From the die cracks on the reverse, this is obviously a very late die state example of this die marriage. Even though this coin grades Poor-1 at best, I have never seen even the beginning of a die crack on the obverse as shown below. Can a reader help me with locating this die marriage with a die crack, or even the beginning of a die crack, on the lower obverse? I can be contacted at [wb8cpy@earthlink.net](mailto:wb8cpy@earthlink.net). Thanks in advance.



1841-O Half Dollar, Late Die State of Die Marriage WB-11 (with massive obverse die crack?)





## CAC Free Submission Program by Greg Shishmanian, LSCC #1494

John Albanese who generously John Albanese of the Certified Acceptance Corporation (CAC) has generously approved a program whereby LSCC members may submit a limited number of certified coins for free CAC approval. Symbolized by the frequently seen CAC sticker (shown at right), CAC holds coins to a higher standard so you can be confident in the value of your coins. They verify previously graded coins and award their sticker only to those coins that meet the standard for today's sophisticated buyer.



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- This CAC offer is for a ten (10) coin review regardless of CAC approval outcome.
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- **Non-CAC members must apply for CAC membership.** When you contact CAC, please ask for Ivonne or Michelle [(908) 781-9101] and identify yourself as an LSCC member. Members will be moved to the front of the CAC waiting list and granted CAC membership.
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- LSCC members must use the CAC submission form and provide their **LSCC and CAC member numbers**.
- **LSCC members are responsible for all shipping fees** and will be billed by CAC. All submissions will be returned from CAC via USPS registered mail.
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Many thanks to Greg Shishmanian for coordinating this and to John Albanese for his tremendous generosity.



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