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## Large Turn out! FUN Regional LSCC Meeting



2014 FUN LSCC regional meeting attendees  
(at least those present for the photo)

Approximately 40 members and guests attended the January 2014 FUN regional meeting of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club. This well organized event had an lively agenda with many interesting items. A detailed report of the club's meeting agenda is contained on page 6. Many thanks to Gerry Fortin for organizing this event and to key participants Brian Greer, Carl Feldman, Greg Shishmanian, and Bill Shamhart.

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## Auction News

by Jim Gray, LSCC #664

The **Heritage FUN Sale** contained an 1844 AU50 dime that sold for \$1,469 and a 1859-S was worth \$1,175 in XF45. An 1871-CC with AU details, but cleaned, hit \$7,050 and a VF30 1872-CC did not sell. A VG8 1873-CC piece hammered for \$3,290.

An 1842 Small date quarter graded F15 hit \$2,233 and a VF30 1852-O sold for \$1,998. A deeply toned AU50 1858-S sold for \$3,290 and an 1859-S was worth \$4,151. XF40 and XF45 1860-S pieces went for \$8,213 and \$9,988. An AU55 1872-

S soared to \$12,338,

An 1842-O Small Date half dollar went for \$5,581 in AU53. Two 1856-S coins, both AU50, sold for \$1,410 and \$2,350. A F15 1870-CC did not sell and an AU53 1871-CC hit \$4,406. XF45 and AU55 1872-CC pieces were worth \$2,115 and \$4,700. An 1873-CC No Arrows graded VF35 hit \$2,233 and an 1878-CC went for \$4,113 in VF30.

Three 1872-CC dollars, graded VF30, AU50, and AU53, realized \$4,700, \$9,106, and \$10,575.

The **Platinum Night** contained some spectacular coins.

An XF40 1873-CC dime sold for \$15,863. An AU50 1859-S quarter hit \$18,500 and a wonderful AU53 1870-CC with a good strike and nice toning soared to \$70,500.

A MS62 1842-O Small Date half dollar, and the only mint state coin at NGC and PCGS, went for \$35,250. A nicely toned AU53 1870-CC soared to \$52,870 and a well struck MS61 piece rang the gong for \$88,125. A MS61 1871-CC was cheap at \$17,038. An 1878-S graded XF40 did not sell but a MS61 piece soared to \$94,000.

An XF40 1870-S dollar, and one of nine extant, sold for \$763,750 in spite of numerous obverse scratches. Great rarity trumps condition. A MS61 1871-CC was worth \$38,188 and a MS62 1872-CC hammered for \$44,125. 1873-CC dollars graded XF45 and AU53, with the latter being very nice, realized \$28,200 and \$41,125.

## CC Silver (under \$1 face) Auction Results

The ten highest valued Carson City coins with face values less than a dollar to sell in Heritage auctions, one per issue:

<a href="#"><u>1873-CC 10C No Arrows MS64 PCGS.</u></a>	Realized \$632,500.
<a href="#"><u>1876-CC 20C MS66 PCGS.</u></a>	Realized \$460,000.
<a href="#"><u>1873-CC 25C No Arrows MS62 PCGS.</u></a>	Realized \$106,375.
<a href="#"><u>1870-CC 50C MS61 PCGS Secure.</u></a>	Realized \$88,125.
<a href="#"><u>1875-CC 20C MS67 ★ NGC.</u></a>	Realized \$80,500.
<a href="#"><u>1874-CC 50C Arrows MS64 PCGS.</u></a>	Realized \$74,750.
<a href="#"><u>1873-CC 25C Arrows AU55 PCGS.</u></a>	Realized \$74,750.
<a href="#"><u>1873-CC 10C Arrows MS64 PCGS.</u></a>	Realized \$71,875.
<a href="#"><u>1870-CC 25C AU53 NGC.</u></a>	Realized \$70,500.
<a href="#"><u>1873-CC 50C No Arrows MS66 PCGS.</u></a>	Realized \$69,000.

*Many thanks to Heritage Auctions for compiling this information.*



# Liberty Seated Collectors Club

## Officer Transition Committee Status Report

### by Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

The LSCC Officer Transition Committee has completed the majority of its club transition action items in preparation for the upcoming retirement of President John McCloskey effective August 31, 2014. The committee is comprised of Len Augsburger, Bill Bugert, Craig Eberhart, Carl Feldman, and Gerry Fortin

#### Officer 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's quality, size and timeliness effective with the November 2014 issue.

#### Officer Transition Committee Progress Report

The Committee made significant announcements at the 2014 Winter FUN show regional meeting.

- Carl Feldman accepted the New Membership Chairman position and presented his tactics for improving the new member assimilation process. Emphasis is on direct phone contact and exploring collecting interests with potential referrals to senior club members for mentorship possibilities.
- Stephen Crain accepted the Club Historian position and will take charge of the John McCloskey papers related to publishing the *Gobrecht Journal* (the Archives) and to historical documents pertaining to the earlier days of the LSCC. The committee sincerely thanks Stephen for accepting this substantial club role.
- Bill Bugert, our new *Gobrecht Journal* Editor, prepared six Revision Two color *Gobrecht Journal* prototype copies and shared with FUN meeting attendees. Comments were positive concerning the publishing possibilities with color format and the consistency (look and feel) with the current *Gobrecht Journal*.

#### Call for New Officers

At the FUN meeting, the Transition Committee issued a call for nominations for the following elected positions that will also comprise the Board of Governors. The expansion of the club's elected leadership team from three to four is consistent with increased club mission and scope. The Committee expects that individuals who seek to be nominated as LSCC officers will also agree to staff club operational roles. This will ensure that club governance and operations are closely intertwined.

- President
- Vice President
- Editor (*Gobrecht Journal* and *E-Gobrecht*)
- Secretary/Treasurer



# Call for Nominations for the LSCC Hall of Fame!

The Hall of Fame Committee composed of club members Bill Bugert, Len Augsburger, Gerry Fortin, Mark Sheldon, and Tom DeLorey wishes to inform the membership that we are accepting nominations for the Liberty Seated Collectors Club's 2013 Hall of Fame (HoF). Please consider honoring a noteworthy individual to this prestigious distinction for his/her contributions to the club and/or to the advancement of collecting Liberty Seated coinage.

Basic qualifications for club member nominees are significant advances in or contributions to at least one of the following four criteria:

- Numismatic Research on Liberty Seated coinage
- Numismatic Literature related to Liberty Seated coinage
- Collection(s) of Liberty Seated coinage
- LSCC Club officer (for at least five years).

Previous inductees to the HoF include Kamal M. Ahwash (deceased), John W. McCloskey, Alfred E. Blythe (deceased), Randall E. Wiley, Brian Greer, Jim O'Donnell (deceased), and Gerry Fortin. This year's inductee will be announced at the LSCC Annual meeting at the August ANA Convention.

The nominations must be received no later than April 15, 2014 and are due to the HoF Chairman, Bill Bugert, via email at [wb8cpy@earthlink.net](mailto:wb8cpy@earthlink.net) or via postal mail at Bill Bugert, 1230 Red Rock Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 or to Bill via telephone at (717) 337-0229.

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The Transition Committee also announced its nominations for the 2014-2015 club officer positions. Brian Greer, well known dealer and 2012 Hall of Fame inductee, graciously conducted the announcements. Individual numismatic and professional biographies for the nominees are published separately in this *E-Gobrecht* issue.

- President – Gerry Fortin
- Vice President – Len Augsburger
- Editor (*Gobrecht Journal* and *E-Gobrecht*) – Bill Bugert
- Secretary/Treasurer – Craig Eberhart

## Summary and Remaining Actions

The Officer Transition Committee is firmly on track to execute its mission in a timely manner and expects a seamless transfer of responsibilities during the upcoming year. An additional call for club officer nominations will be published in the *Gobrecht Journal* to reach those members who do not access the *E-Gobrecht* or the LSCC website. Updating the LSCC club charter is next step. A draft copy of the new charter will be published in the March or April *E-Gobrecht*. The Committee will conclude its work at the August 2014 annual meeting and seek club member ratification of the revised charter at that time.

As Committee Chairman, I wish to express sincere gratitude to the committee members for their work and support to the Liberty Seated Collector Club. The transition project has been handled in a thorough and professional manner. Our club is growing its scope and mission in conjunction with increasing the size of elected and volunteer positions to conduct club member services.



# Call for 2014-2015 LSCC Officer Nominations!

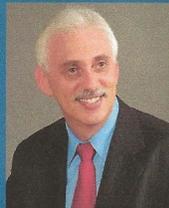
At the FUN LSCC regional meeting, the Officer Transition Committee issued a call to the club membership for 2014-2015 officer nominations.

- The four positions for which nominations are sought include the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Editor (*Gobrecht Journal* and *E-Gobrecht*).
- Nominated individuals must be club members and should possess numismatic and/or professional experience consistent with the officer role for which he/she is being nominated.
- Nominations are to be submitted to Len Augsburger, LSCC Secretary/Treasurer in writing (letter or email) by **no later than April 1, 2014**. Nomination submissions should include position, numismatic role/accomplishments, professional skills, and a digital self image.
- All club member nominations and supporting information will be published in the April *E-Gobrecht*.

At the meeting, Brian Greer, noted numismatist, dealer, author, and LSCC Hall of Fame member, nominated four individuals as follows for the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Editor (*Gobrecht Journal* and *E-Gobrecht*). The Transition Committee is actively seeking additional nominations.

## Officer Transition Committee Nominations

### President – Gerry Fortin



- LSCC #1054, Member since 1989
- LSCC Hall of Fame Inductee – 2013
- LSCC Marketing/IT Director, Webmaster - 2009
- Chairman: LSCC Officer Transition Committee - 2013
- Kam Ahwash Awards – 2007, 2010
- Author, *The definitive resource for Liberty Seated Dime variety collectors* – [www.seateddimevarieties.com](http://www.seateddimevarieties.com)
- Retired, 35 years in Semiconductor Industry as engineer, operations director and marketing and sale professional
- Owner, Rare American Coins, LLC

## Officer Transition Committee Nominations

### Vice President – Len Augsburger



- LSCC #1271, Member since 1991
- LSCC Treasurer, 2006-2014
- Kam Ahwash Award, 2011. E-Gobrecht Editor's Award, 2013.
- Author, *Secret History of the First United States Mint* (NLG Book of the Year, 2011)
- Elected to Rittenhouse Society, 2008. Elected ANS Fellow, 2013
- 27-year engineering professional in the telecom field

## Officer Transition Committee Nominations

### Secretary/Treasurer – Craig Eberhart



- LSCC #1348, Member since ~1993
- ANA member since 1989.
- Member of NBS, JRCS, BCCS, FUN, CSNS
- Has led the western regional LSCC meetings for the last several years and given many of the presentations.
- Retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory where he worked as an environmental scientist, statistician, and R&D Manager
- Other hobbies include hiking, woodworking, skiing, and snorkeling. He has climbed many mountains including all of the Colorado 14ers.

## Officer Transition Committee Nominations

### Editor – Bill Bugert



- LSCC #455, Member since 1978
- LSCC Vice President, 2007 - Present
- LSCC Hall of Fame Awards Chairman, 2008 – Present
- Editor, *The E-Gobrecht*, 2005 - Present
- James B. Pryor Award, 1992. Kamal M. Ahwash Award, 2008
- Author, *A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties, Volume I, San Francisco Branch Mint, 2009*
- Author, *A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties, Volume II, Carson City Branch Mint, 2010* (NLG 2011 Award for Extraordinary Merit)
- Author, *A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties, Volume III, New Orleans Branch Mint 1840-O to 1853-O NA, 2011*
- Author, *A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties, Volume IV, New Orleans Branch Mint 1853-O WA to 1861-O, 2013*
- Co-author with Randy Wiley, *A Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Half Dollars*, 1993
- Elected to Rittenhouse Society, 2013
- Retired: 23 year career - U.S. Army Signal Corps Officer, 10 years satellite systems engineering



## Regional News

### by Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

This year's 2014 Winter FUN show was simply outstanding and well attended by LSCC members. Carl Feldman, our New Member Chairperson and I sat down with FUN staff member Erin Leigh during the

show to video tape a discussion concerning the Liberty Seated Collectors Club. Erin Leigh is responsible for FUN Forums on the [www.funtopics.com](http://www.funtopics.com) website. The video should be appearing shortly at this link, <http://fun-forums.livejournal.com/tag/interviews%20fun%20convention%20tv%20video>.

Moving on to the FUN regional meeting, our gathering drew about 40 attendees when final headcount was conducted. I received positive comments about the 8:30 AM start time. Some individuals felt the early start time allowed for dealers to participate longer before returning to their tables for normal show hours. Others indicated the early start time and initial social period allowed more one on one conversation before the formal meeting. However, the early start time did result in some club members filing in until the prior 9:00 AM starting time and missing the group photo. The idea of 8:30 AM meeting start times needs more discussion.

The FUN meeting agenda was full of important information and concluded with an insightful Q&A session with Bill Shamhart, CAC grader and owner Numismatic Americana dealership. The Officer Transition Committee made a formal call for 2014-2015 club officer nominations and also presented its recommendations to club members. More details are found within this *E-Gobrecht* issue (see pages 3-4). At the meeting, the club also announced ongoing cooperation projects with CAC and now, NGC for a facilitated problem coin buyback pro-

gram. Mark Salzberg and I met on January 16 at NGC Sarasota HQ to establish a common understanding for evaluation of LSCC club member problem coins at major shows. Greg Shishmanian will be the primary LSCC contact for consulting with club members.

Looking forwards, I am excited about the expanding calendar of regional meeting across the U.S. Jason Feldman, South Regional Director, will host an LSCC dinner meeting at the ANA National Money Show in Atlanta, GA on February 27, 7:00 PM; please check [www.LSCCweb.org](http://www.LSCCweb.org) for the dinner venue. Also added to the expanding schedule is an LSCC regional meeting at the Denver Coin Expo on Friday May 9 1:00 PM and hosted by Gerry Fortin.

In just two weeks, the LSCC returns to the New Hampshire Coin Expo in Manchester, NH with a combined LSCC/BCCS regional meeting schedule for February 15 at 1:00 PM. Your hosts will be Dennis Fortier, Northeast Regional Director, and John Frost, leading the BCCS portion of the meeting. Dennis Fortier sent in this brief commentary:

*"Manchester N.H. is coming around again Feb 14-15. Ernie Botte is turning Manchester into one of the best shows in New England and we're very pleased to be a part of it. The combined LSCC/BCCS regional meeting will be held on Friday Feb 14 at 2 PM. John Frost and I look forward to seeing all our friends and hopefully make some new ones. Stop by the club table and say hello."*

My sincere thanks go out to the entire LSCC regional meeting team for continuing to expand our club presence throughout the United States. Others are welcomed to join the team and share the *esprit de corps* that results when working as a close knit team.



## The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

### Copper on the Brain

In case you missed it, the Missouri Cabinet collection of half cents was auctioned on January 26th for over \$18 million dol-

lars. It was a staggering result and one of the highest ever for a specialized collection. The consignor, known in the collecting community as R. Tettenhorst, has been well known in the early copper community for many years. "Tett" initially pursued large cent varieties, focusing on the 1803s, but found that he could not compete with the top collectors in the large cents, and thus moved over to half cents. Tett followed the same collecting arc as many of us. As a child he would spend his weekly allowance at the coin store, then later got distracted by the usual teenage impulses. After he came out of military service he got back into collecting. Tett worked his way up through a large retail concern, and his collection grew with his career, culminating in the definitive half cent collection of all time.

I collected Liberty Seated coinage exclusively for many years and had little knowledge of the strange world of large and half cent collectors. It turns out they've been at it for a long time! As the flying eagle and Indian cents made their appearance in the 1850s, the public took notice of the large, old copper coins rapidly disappearing from circulation, and something clicked. By 1869, the Levick photographic plate of 1793 cent varieties had appeared in the *American Journal of Numismatics*. Think about it - a good portion of the Liberty Seated coinage had not yet been struck, and here you already had collectors not only chasing large cent varieties, but also photographing them in the days when it was not cheap to do such things. Apart from Daniel Valentine's half dime monograph (1931), the Liberty Seated crowd was nearly a century behind.

So, what do the copper guys have to show for their hundred-year head start? What they have are pedigrees, incredibly detailed die studies, and specific knowledge of seemingly every single large cent in existence. I have in my library Bill Noyes photo book of 1793 and 1794 cent varieties. For every variety (16 Sheldon varieties for 1793, 56 varieties for 1794), Noyes has color pictures of the top 12 or 24 coins. For important issues, such as the "starred reverse" Sheldon-48, there are more. For this variety, Noyes has no less than 46 specific examples in full color. This is a different mindset - when we contemplate a purchase we might look in the Redbook to check what a coin sells for in a particular grade. On the large cent side of the planet, you pick up a book and look for the exact coin you are interested in!

In the seated world, we are still trying to identify all the different varieties and simply get one photograph of each. Even that is a Herculean task. In our defense we have a lot more varieties to figure out - Sheldon had about 300 large cents while seated varieties run into the thousands. We will get there - a photo gallery of the top fifty 1874-CC dimes may not be that far away in the age of the Internet. We'll still be a hundred years behind the copper guys. But on the flip side, we probably have a lot more interesting discoveries waiting for us than they do, and that, I think, is one of the attractions of the Liberty Seated silver coinage.



# Quarter of the Month by Greg Johnson, LSCC #1460



What is it about the numeral 6? It seems like those who were making Liberty Seated Quarter dies really struggled to punch a 6 in the right place.

The first appearance of a 6 on a seated coin was in 1846. Sure enough there is a quarter with a “dropped 6” (Figure 1 below).



Ten years later, in 1856, in addition to a Flag of a 5 in the shield and a Flag of a 1 in the skirt, there is a loop of a six in the rock on one obverse die (Figure 2 below) ...



a 6/6 (Figure 3 shown below) on another ...



as well as a second die with recut 6 and a doubled die obverse with a doubled 6. By the time 1860 rolled around it seems that someone must have said,

“Hey, we are going to be using the numeral 6 every year for the next 10 years so we better figure out how to place it.”

The 1860’s turned out relatively uneventful for misplaced 6’s on quarters. Despite some high mintages and a large number of dies, only three of them had a misplaced 6: the 1861 (Figure 4 below),



1864, and 1869-S with an extra “86” in the dentils. It was 1876, though, that brought the mother of all 6-related coining disasters. There are no less than three distinct misplaced 6’s on the 1876 quarters from the Philadelphia mint, and 4 among the 1876-CC issues. Unfortunately, photos of 1876 Briggs Obverse 4 (7 and 6 repunched south) and Obverse 7 (extra 6 between 7 and 6) could not be located – except for those in Briggs’ book (*The Comprehensive Encyclopedia of United States Liberty Seated Quarters*, Lima, OH 1991). A photo of 1876 Obverse 6 is shown in Figure 5 (shown below) ...



and 1876-CC Obverse 1 in Figure 6 (one the following page)...



## Double Dime Book Update

by John Frost, LSCC #2005

The book, *Double Dimes -- The United States Twenty-cent Piece*, is nearing completion. By the 5th of February, the majority of the web book will be online in draft form, at [www.doubledimes.com](http://www.doubledimes.com). Much of it is there already, and most of the remaining material will be added in the next few days.

Over the coming weeks, some final material, edits, and finishing will be completed.

Please check out the site and check back often as the reference is completed.

The print version is planned for Spring.

## Double Dimes

### The United States Twenty-cent Piece



Lane J. Brunner  
John M. Frost

With a Foreword by Brian Greer

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One almost has to wonder if some mint employees in 1876 were walking around with 6's impressed on their hands. Apparently, by 1886 the cursed 6 punch had been retired and there were no more misplaced 6's.

A unique, and perhaps rather odd, collecting goal might be to form a set of Liberty Seated Quarters with the numeral 6 misplaced, recut, or repunched. To my knowledge, and that recorded in Briggs, such a set would include the following 15 coins:

- 1846 (46/46) Briggs 2-D (Figure 1)
- 1856 (loop of six in rock) unlisted (Figure 2)
- 1856 (recut 56) Briggs 2-A (Figure 3)
- 1856 (recut 6) Briggs 4-B
- 1856 (doubled die obverse) Briggs 8-F
- 1861 (repunched 6) Briggs 4-C (Figure 4)
- 1864 (recut ball of 6) Briggs 1-A
- 1869-S (86 in dentils) Briggs 1-A
- 1876 (76 repunched) Briggs 4-D
- 1876 (6 heavily repunched) Briggs 6-F (Figure 5)
- 1876 (extra 6 between 76) Briggs 7-G
- 1876-CC (entire date repunched) Briggs 1-A (Figure 6)
- 1876-CC (6 repunched) Briggs 2-A
- 1876-CC (6 repunched down) Briggs 4-C
- 1876-CC (6 repunched north) Briggs 8-H



## Extensively Cracked Liberty Seated Dime Reverse Dies by Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

Call me a junkie for seated coinage with terminal die states. Maybe it is the love affair with the 1839 Pie Shattered obverse seated dime that corrupted my brain years ago? Ever since opening Kam Ahwash's encyclopedia and seeing the 1839 A-2 shattered obverse images, collecting terminal die state dimes in high grade became an addiction. Yes, high grade mint state early strikes with perfect fields and frosty devices can be compared to works of art and I do appreciate those coins. But, the adrenalin really flows when a choice terminal die state Seated dime is located and subsequently mapped for inclusion in my web-book. If you can't tell, I'm hoping to have some fun with this article. With the recent announcement of an 1877 shattered reverse dime appearing in my email inbox, I thought it might be cool to define the worst of the worst terminal die states in the Liberty Seated dime series.

Upon returning from the FUN show, I received an email from Ed Sims. Ed is mostly a type coin collector and fond of placing his high grade selections into Capitol holders. It appears that Ed located my website and compared his 1877 seated dime with known die varieties and was unable to match the reverse die cracks with the previously defined web-book entries. As done for years with emailed new discoveries, I asked Ed to kindly send the dime for examination and potential sharing with the Liberty Seated numismatic community. A week later, the dime arrived and I was thrilled to be examining a choice mint state 1877 Type II reverse dime with an extensively cracked reverse. Following are images of Ed Sims' dime as posted in the web-book.



**1877 Type II Reverse F-115 – Cracked Reverse Die**

For shattered dies, I typically map the die cracks by looking through a stereo microscope and then tracing the die cracks with black lines on a computer high resolution image. While performing this exercise for Ed's dime, I realized that a quantitative method for ranking the most terminal die state dies could be arrived at. My idea was to use the number of die cracks that exited to the rim from the internal die area. Most cracked dies have die cracks within the internal perimeter but when those cracks exit to the rim, then the die is approaching or is at terminal die state. Visually, these "cobweb" terminal die states can be quite spectacular. This idea speculated for a week until it was time to write another Seated dime article for the February *E-Gobrecht*. Why not explore this topic a bit further by checking the web-book for the worst of the worst shattered reverse dies? This I did and following are the latest or worst terminal reverse die states based on the number of rim exit points that I could locate. Drum role please.....

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### Eleven Rim Exit Points



**1841-O F-105 - Reverse of 1842-O**

This reverse die is a transitional reverse used to strike New Orleans coinage in 1841 and 1842. Most interesting is that the terminal die state occurs when paired with an 1841 obverse die after striking coinage with an 1842 obverse die. This is my favorite terminal die state reverse along with the 1839-O Cobweb Shattered reverse (which is coming up soon.) What is so interesting about this shattered reverse is that the die cracks all align from center of die to rim and are not radial within the die's perimeter. Where is Chris Pilliod when you need a metallurgist to explain this phenomenon?



**1853 With Arrows F-105 Hubbed Die**

This is my favorite cracked up 1853 with arrows reverse die. The plate coin was purchased circa 1990 at a small Maine coin show. There is a massive internal die crack/cud through the right wreath and exiting to the rim at several points. After years of searching, I have been unable to locate a higher grade or later die state example.

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### Ten Rim Exit Points



**1875-S In Wreath F-105a**

This 1875-S In Wreath shattered reverse is fairly common in circulated and mint state grades. It can be located in different die states including a double cud terminal die state. The double cud dime was purchased at the 2013 Chicago ANA show from Harry Smith. I'm sure someone will count the black lines into the rim on the below image. I've discounted one of the tiny die cracks at 3:00 to have an entry for the Ten Rim Exit Point header.....again just having fun with this article!

### Nine Rim Exit Points



**1839-O F-106a –Cobweb Shattered Reverse**

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This reverse is very well known among Seated dime collectors and appeared in Kam Ahwash's encyclopedia and in *Gobrecht Journal* articles. During late die states, the reverse is called, "The Cobweb Shattered Reverse." Many a collector has tried to acquire a range of coins featuring early through interim to late die states for this variety since fairly common in grade through VF. Note the combination of an internal die crack ring with additional spurs to the rim.

And finally the 1877 F-115 reverse die that lead to this article. The die crack pattern is typical for With Legend dimes as the reverse die cracks on the outer edges of the wreath are due to planchet induced metal flow stress. This stress originates at the center of the die and migrates to the edges. The stress is probably at its highest in the area between rim and outer wreath due to the metal flow force as metal is trying to fill in the wreath devices. In the case of this 1877 reverse die, the late die state reveals not only the radial cracks but the multiple spurs to the rim. The 1891 New Orleans date is also another opportunity for extensively cracked reverse dies in this same pattern.



**1877 Type II F-115**

I hope you've enjoyed this short article on terminal die state reverse dies. There is a good chance that I missed additional worthy candidates for inclusion but the featured dies are the ones that came to mind quickly. Whether 9 or 10 or 11 rim exit points, each of these terminal die states are high on the cool scale!

It would be great if experts in other Liberty Seated denominations could examine their collections and share their favorite terminal die states for LSCC members to enjoy.

**As Always, Happy Hunting!**



## LSCC Calendar

February 14, 2014, **LSCC regional meeting**, New Hampshire Coin Expo, Manchester, NH. Friday, 2 PM. Check show schedule for room number.

February 27, 2014, **LSCC Dinner**, ANA National Money Show, Atlanta, GA. Thursday, 7 PM. Hosted by Jason Feldman, check [www.lscweb.org](http://www.lscweb.org) for forthcoming details.

Late March, 2014. Next issue of *Gobrecht Journal* published.

April 1, 2014. New LSCC elected **officer nominations** due to Len Augsburger. See contact information on last page of this issue.

May 9, 2014, **LSCC regional meeting**, Denver Coin Expo, Denver, CO. Friday, 1 PM. Check show schedule for room number.

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## Subscriber Correspondence

From **Paul Kluth** (concerning Dale Miller's article in the January 2014 *E-Gobrecht*: "Liberty Seated Dime Rotated Reverses Offer A Great Collecting Challenge"):

Thanks Dale for sharing your rotated reverse data on the L.S. Dimes! It was very helpful information to my own interest and research on this interesting collecting specialty.





## Free Advertisements

**Wanted to Buy.** Collector of Liberty Seated Dollars wants engraved and/or counter-stamped (love tokens) or rotated reverses. All mints, any condition, holed OK. Carl Feldman: carlscoins@gmail.com or (973) 479-9956.

**Buying and Selling Seated Dime Varieties.** Gerry Fortin, Liberty Seated Dime Varieties Web-book author, is buying and selling dime varieties including Top 100, major die cracks and cuds. New discoveries posted in web-book as a courtesy. Consignments and want lists wanted. Over 25 years in hobby with proven integrity and customer service. Other denominations also offered. Web: [www.seateddimevarieties.com](http://www.seateddimevarieties.com) (Rare American Coins - For Sale Lists), Email: wuximems@hotmail.com, Cell: 207-329-9957.

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his take on the coin market in general as well as Bust and Seated silver. He also actively services want lists. He is an authorized PCGS and NGC dealer and a member of ANA, LSCC, EAC, and JRCS. Contact him at [richuhrichcoins@comcast.net](mailto:richuhrichcoins@comcast.net), 717-533-2935 or 717-579-8238.

**Dr. Eugene Bruder** is constantly updating his website, [www.typecoins.com](http://www.typecoins.com), which features a nice selection of bust and seated material for sale. Pictures are generally available for all coins, and can be obtained if not posted. His website is fully searchable by die variety for most series of coins. He will also take consignments for exposure at shows and the website. He attends most major shows, and will try to accommodate want lists. You can reach him at 530-894-0922 or email at: [gene@typecoins.com](mailto:gene@typecoins.com).

**Brian Greer,** well known dealer, collector, and numismatist, has an extensive listing of many new dates and varieties listed on his website. Check them out at: <http://www.briangreerrarecoins.com/>

**Liberty Seated Quarter Cuds Wanted** among other things: Yes, I am still looking to purchase cuds, major die breaks, and shattered dies on LDS Liberty Seated Quarters. While I have been able to add quite a few examples during the long time of running this ad, there are more pieces out there missing from the 'ole collection. Also, cuds on other U.S. series and denominations wanted too, not to mention major reverse rotations on all U.S. series. Please reply directly to Paul Kluth at [pcmdmp@msn.com](mailto:pcmdmp@msn.com) even if its just to share what you have for the fun of it. Thanks!

**Rotated Reverse Seated Dimes Wanted.** I am looking for rotated reverse Liberty Seated dimes. Any interested parties can email Jason Feldman at [jason@seated.org](mailto:jason@seated.org)

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