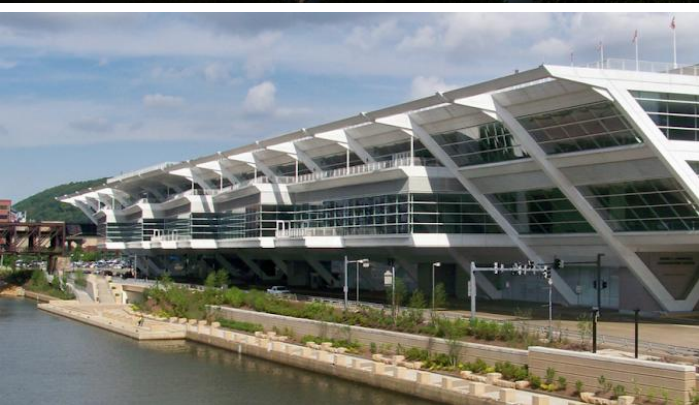




Annual Meeting of the Barber Coin Collectors' Society (BCCS)

ANA World's Fair of Money
Pittsburgh

2026 August 26

Table #1838 in Club Midway



Welcome!

Agenda



- Introductions (all)
- Club updates
 - President/Journal Editor/Webmaster John Frost
 - Secretary-Treasurer Dave Earp
- BCCS *David Lawrence Literary Award* for 2025
- BCCS *Mike Hayes Award for 2025 Featured Collection*
- Varieties update
- Upcoming events
- At the table: Mysterious Barber Half Dollar
- Program: *Barber Coinage of the New Orleans Mint*

Introductions



- John Frost, President and Journal Editor
- Dave Earp, Secretary-Treasurer (unable to attend)
- Carl Feldman, Vice President (unable to attend)
- Joe Casazza, new member welcome
- Regional key volunteers
 - Joe Casazza, Northeast quadrant
 - Ken Otto, Houston
 - Dennis Fortier, Central
 - John Lundsten and Ken Otto, South
 - Craig Eberhart, FUN and ANA
- Varieties team leaders
 - Tim Glaue
 - Jeff Mendenhall

Exhibit at club table (Booth #1838)



- Barber's coins from
 - Hawaii
 - Cuba
 - Panama
- Columbian Expo items
- William Barber gold medals
- The Barber Plasters
- "The Blob" from San Francisco

Exhibit at club table (Booth #1838)



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Exhibit at LSCC club table (Booth 1840)

- Liberty Seated Proof coins of various denominations
- 8-piece original 1882 proof set
- 8-piece *circulated* 1877 proof set
- Club medals
- David Gobrecht spoon, and more



Regional Report 2025-2026 Highlights

- BCCS had many Regional Events this past year
 - FUN (2)
 - Baltimore (2)
 - New Hampshire (2)
 - Bay State
 - PVCC
 - Raleigh
 - Charlotte
 - Denver
 - Georgia (GNA)
 - Houston
 - Knoxville
 - Salt Lake
 - Central States
 - Cincinnati
 - CONA Ohio State Show
 - Pittsburgh (PAN) (2)
 - St. Louis
 - Winter ANA (Savannah)

Most regional events included educational programs

Officer Reports

- President and Journal Editor's Report

John Frost



- Secretary Treasurer's Report

Dave Earp



President and Journal Editor's Report



- The BCCS continues to be strong
 - Financially sound
 - We are recognized nationally for our education and outreach
 - Journal receives accolades from members
 - Continual stream of new members
- Regional program continues to be active with some new shows
 - Denver expo
 - Winter ANA
 - Cincinnati
- Partnership with LSCC continues to pay dividends

ANA Summer Seminar 2026

The New Orleans Mint Coinage and its History

- A new 2025 course developed by Craig Eberhart, John Frost, and Len Augsburger was reprised this year
- We covered the coins and history of the New Orleans Mint from its origin in 1835 to its final closure in 1909
- Concluded with role “Mumps” on 1907-O and 1908-O half dollars might have contributed to the New Orleans mint closure in 1909
- Lots of cool O-mint coins were examined, half dimes through gold double eagles

ANA Summer Seminar 2026



ANA Summer Seminar 2025

Comments from our students...

“I really enjoyed the hands-on examinations and doing the attribution exercises”

“The course was a great introduction to the coinage of the New Orleans Mint”

“The course provided a thorough history of the mint, key people, and all of its coins”

“The instructors had a unique combination of experience and knowledge in the coin series covered in the course”

“My evaluation is that this is a truly wonderful course and should be offered again”

We plan to offer the class again in in the future

The second week...

And....

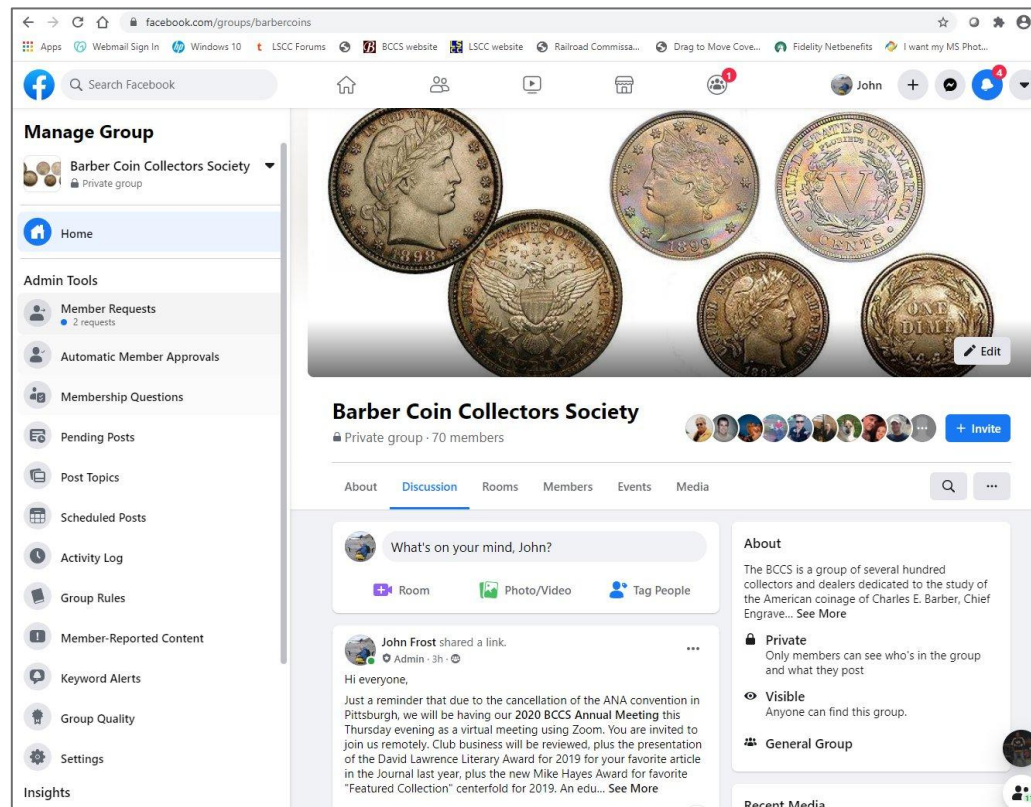
- I got people to their destination fast!
- I didn't roll it over
- I didn't lose anyone (for the third year in a row)



President and Journal Editor's Report



- BCCS Facebook page (private group) grew last year
 - 374 members - facebook.com/groups/barbercoins
 - Thanks to Patrick Bain for managing the site



Journal – Volume 37, for the year 2026

Cover: “Pop Art” Barbers

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Journal of the
BARBER COIN COLLECTORS' SOCIETY



Not by Andy Warhol 3/26



Volume 37, Number 1
Spring 2026

President and Journal Editor's report

Summer Issue, Volume 37, #2

- *Collecting Perspectives From an Old-Time Set Builder*, by Carl Feldman
- *1901-S Quarter Found in a Roll of Low-grade Barber Quarters*, by Robert Fraser
- *Building a Masterful Barber Dime Collection*, by Shannon Rajkitkul
- *The Charles Barber's Panama Coinage of 1904*, by John Frost
- *Seeking Information on Charles Barber and Philippine Coinage*, by Dennis Tucker
- No Featured Collection this issue



President and Journal Editor's report

Journal

- Continue to see several new authors each year, including non-members
- Excellent historical or anecdotal articles to supplement technical ones
- Positive feedback from members
- Still would like to see submissions from more people
 - Something of interest to you will likely of interest to others!



President and Journal Editor's report

- *Fall issue*
 - Will contain summary of ANA convention and BCCS Annual Meeting
 - Light on material this time of year, as usual – articles wanted!
 - Deadline for Fall issue:



Address changes...



- ***Please let us know ASAP!***
- Journals are sent with pre-sorted standard mail, not first class
- They are generally NOT forwarded to new addresses
- We get multiple address changes just days after the recent issue was mailed
- Sending replacement journals costs us a great deal (in printing and postage)

BCCS events calendar



- Events listed on homepage
- Event details presented on hover
- Event/show website on clicking



Upcoming Events

Visit us at these upcoming regional shows

- **Hover** over name below for details of the event
- **Click** for the event website.

- Long Beach Expo, June 6-8
- ANA's World's Fair of Money, August 13-17
- Long Beach Expo, September 5-7
- **New Hampshire Coin Expo, October 4-5**
- PAN (PA Association of Numismatists), October 17-19
- Whitman Baltimore Expo, November 14-16



New Hampshire Coin Expo, October 4-5
Manchester NH, at the Doubletree Hotel Conference Center
Club table, Meeting, Friday October 4 at 2:00 p.m., educational programs..

Welcome

Welcome to the new website of the Barber Coin Collectors' Society, dedicated to the study of the American coinage of Charles E. Barber. A host of regional meeting venues throughout the United States are a key element of the "BCCS Experience." See why any collector of Barber coinage should be a member of the BCCS.

BCCS News

Upcoming Events

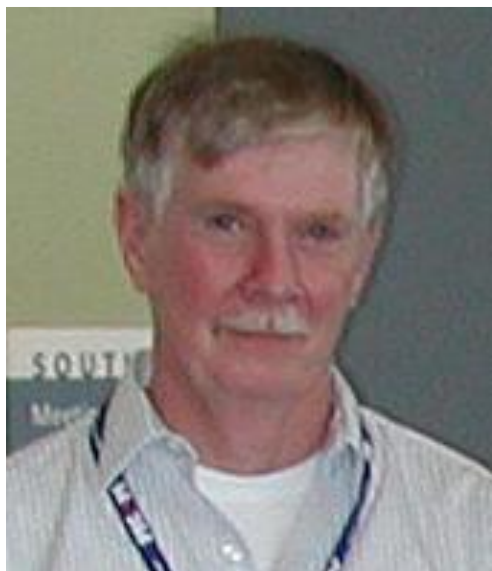
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BCCS News





Secretary-Treasurer's Report



Membership Report



Long-term membership stability until this year

As of August 1, 2026 **266 members**

August 2025 273

August 2024 292

- Attrition going into 2025 much higher than normal (USPS!) and we did not recover all of the losses yet
- Over 50% of our membership is paid up beyond 2026
 - This makes renewal process easier for leadership team

Comments

- Presence at shows, Facebook, Internet searches, and books/magazines brought us new members
- **Need to find a way for electronic renewals**

Treasurer's Report

Balance sheet year-to-date



	2025	2026
Income		
Dues collected	4,155.00	4,660.00
For current year	2,115.00	2,600.00
For future years	2,040.00	2,060.00
Additional advertising revenue	3,150.00	2,900.00
Polo shirt sales	0.00	0.00
Back issue sales	0.00	121.00
Total Collected	\$ 7,305.00	\$ 7,681.00
Expenses		
Printing (Journals, inserts)	\$ 5,476.17	\$ 5,109.00
Postage	438.08	448.69
Domain renewal/web hosting	0.00	1,097.53
Total Expenses	\$ 5,914.25	\$ 6,655.22
Current checking balance	\$ 2,368.72	\$ 2,090.51
Two CDs	11,330.87	11,605.05
Total Treasury (August 1st)	\$ 13,699.59	\$ 13,695.56
Net year over year	+ 195.36	- 4.03

Prepaid dues



Paid Membership future liability

– Through 2026	130 members	0 extra years
– 2027	72 members	72 years
– 2028	38 members	76 years
– 2029	9 members	27 years
– 2030	9 member	36 years
– 2031	3 members	15 years
– 2033	1 member	7 years
– 2034	1 member	8 years
– 2037	<u>1 member</u>	<u>11 years</u>
– Totals	264 members	252 total years
		\$5,040 @\$20/yr

Net Treasury minus future dues liability: \$ 8,655.56

The BCCS is in excellent fiscal shape!

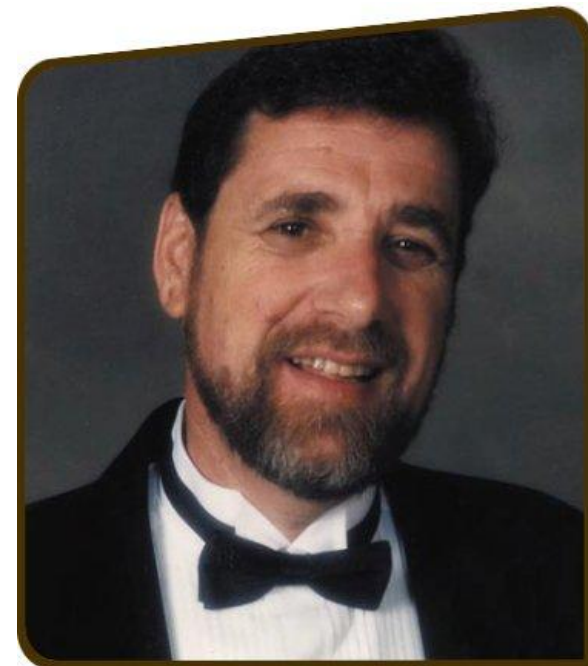


BCCS Literary Awards



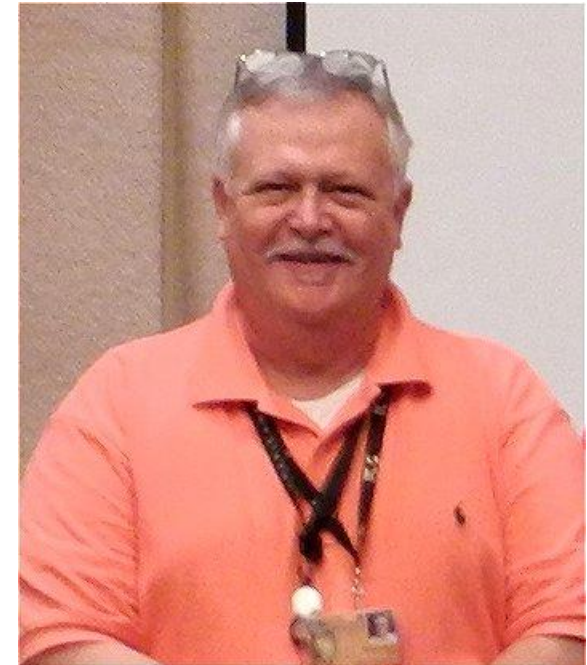
BCCS Literary Awards

- The top literary award prize named the *David Lawrence Literary Award* in honor of the late David Lawrence Feigenbaum
 - Author of original *Complete Guide* references on Barbers
 - Major contributor to the BCCS, and Journal Editor from 1993-1997 during major transition period
 - Founder, David Lawrence Rare Coins
- Favorite *original* article
- Voting by the membership via ballot (paper and online)



BCCS Literary Awards

- The award for favorite centerfold *Featured Collection* named in honor of the late Mike Hayes
 - Collector from Naples Florida
 - Co-instructor of the original ANA Summer Seminar class, *The Coinage of Charles Barber*
 - Assembled Barber coin collections with outstanding eye appeal
 - Always assisted BCCS at shows he attended



BCCS Literary Awards for 2025



83 members voted this year

- Much higher response than 60 last year
- Only a few voted online
- 8 mailed in ballot only (no dues needed)

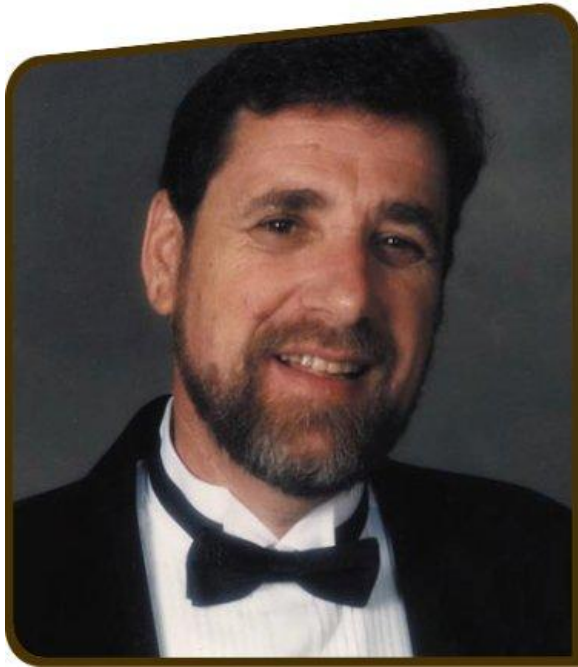
Articles

- 15 articles by 12 different authors
- All articles received multiple votes
- Fairly close contest!

Prizes:

- 1st Place: David Lawrence Literary Award and 1-year free
- 2nd Place: 1-year free BCCS Membership
- 3rd Place: 1-year free BCCS Membership





David Lawrence Literary Award for 2025

BCCS Literary Awards for 2025

David Lawrence Award

3rd Place:

- **Carl Feldman**

*Collecting Perspectives From an
Old-Time Set Builder*

Summer 2025, Volume 36, #2



BCCS Literary Awards for 2025

David Lawrence Award



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2nd Place:

- Verne Pitman

The Farmer Brown Hoard: Barber Coin Finds

Spring 2025, Volume 36, #1



BCCS Literary Awards for 2025

David Lawrence Award

John Frost

*Why Are Nice Collector-grade
Barbers so Hard to Find?*

Spring 2025 issue, Volume 36, #1



BCCS Literary Awards for 2024

David Lawrence Award



The top vote recipients for original articles

1	<i>Why Are Nice Collector-grade Barbers so Hard to Find?</i> John Frost (Spring 2025)	42
2	<i>The Farmer Brown Hoard: Barber Coin Finds,</i> Verne Pitman (Spring 2025)	36
3	<i>Collecting Perspectives From an Old-Time Set Builder,</i> Carl Feldman (Summer 2025)	32
4	<i>Die 86—What Charles Barber Thought of the New Orleans Mint,</i> John Baumgart (Winter 2025)	24
5	<i>Counterfeit Barber Halves on Ebay,</i> Jim Davis (Fall 2025)	21
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Mike Hayes Award for
Favorite Featured Collection
for 2025

BCCS Literary Awards for 2024

Mike Hayes Award



3rd Place:

- *Verne Pitman Collection of Liberty Nickels*
Fall 2025



BCCS Literary Awards for 2024

Mike Hayes Award

3rd Place:

- *Verne Pitman Collection of Liberty Nickels*
Fall 2025



2nd Place:

- *Sedulous Collection of Barber Quarters, Part 1*
Spring 2025



BCCS Literary Awards for 2024

Mike Hayes Award



1st Place:

- *New Jersey Collection of Barber Halves, Part 2*
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BCCS Literary Awards for 2024

Mike Hayes Award



1st Place:

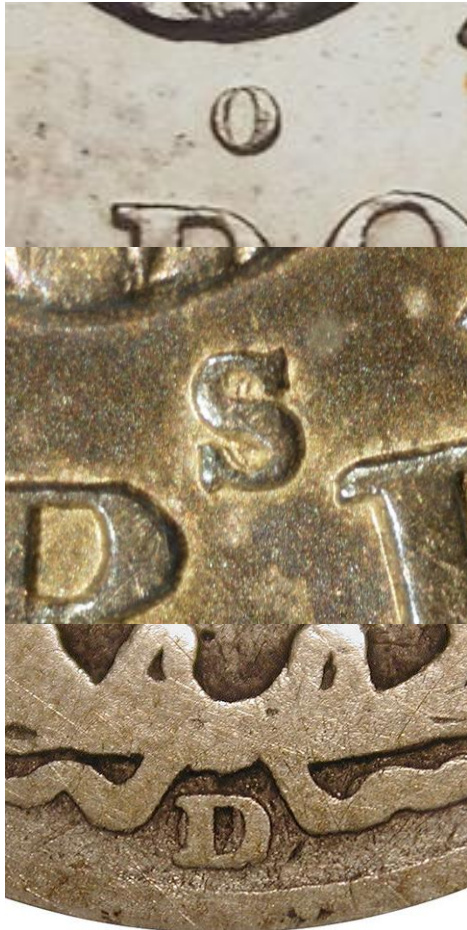
- *New Jersey Collection of Barber Halves, Part 2*
Winter 2025, Volume 36, #4



Voting results:

<i>New Jersey Collection of Barber Halves, Part 2</i> (Winter 2025)	33
<i>Sedulous Collection of Barber Quarters, Part 1</i> (Spring 2025)	28
<i>Verne Pitman Collection of Liberty Nickels</i> (Fall 2025)	16

Congratulations New Jersey!



Varieties Update

*See separate
PDF file*

Tim Glaue

Jeff Mendenhall

Upcoming BCCS Events

- **Dublin (Columbus) OH**, Central Ohio Numismatic Assoc. (CONA) Ohio State Coin Show, Sept 4-5, Club table, education program.
- **Concord (Charlotte), NC**, NCNA Coin Show, Oct 2-4, Club Table
- **Monroeville (Pittsburgh) PA**, PAN, October 22-24,
 - Club table, educational programs
- **Baltimore MD**, Whitman Baltimore Expo, November 12-14
 - Club table, Meeting Friday Nov. 13, 3:00 p.m.
- **Manchester NH**, NH Coin Expo, Dec 4-5, host Joe Casazza
 - Club table, educational program
- **Orlando FL**, FUN 2027, January 7-10
 - Club table, Meeting: Friday 3:00 p.m., educational programs
- **Conroe (Houston) TX**, Houston Money Show, January 15-16
 - Club table, educational program

BCCS website has the latest updates and additions



Mysterious Barber Half Dollar



At the table yesterday...

- This coin walked up to the BCCS table yesterday



At the table yesterday...

- We flipped it over...



At the table yesterday...

- An 1892-O Micro O, with an unusual look



At the table yesterday...

- It looked like a die break across the entire obverse
- What was going on here?



A closer look

- It looked like the two parts of the coin were on different levels (a plateau for the bottom of the coin)



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Theories?

- First idea was a broken die (or a large retained cud)
 - Could that explain the rarity of the Micro O?
 - Replaced a broken obverse die with the reverse?
 - Shouldn't there be more coins with a broken obverse or retained cud? at least a progression?



Theories?

- Notice the two parts of the coin have different colors (or at least shades)
 - Very shallow lamination?
 - Did the lamination or flaking off occur *during* striking?
 - Before the strike?
 - Probably not
 - Too shallow
 - Strike would have flattened it



Theories?

- Notice the reverse also has two different shades
 - A defective planchet of some sort?
 - Environmental damage?
 - The location of different colors on the coin are not the same on each side



Remains a mystery

- Unusual characteristics for a Barber half dollar
- But on a Micro O!



- More examination to be performed



Barber Coinage of the New Orleans Mint BCCS Annual Meeting 2026

The New Orleans Mint
Coinage and its History





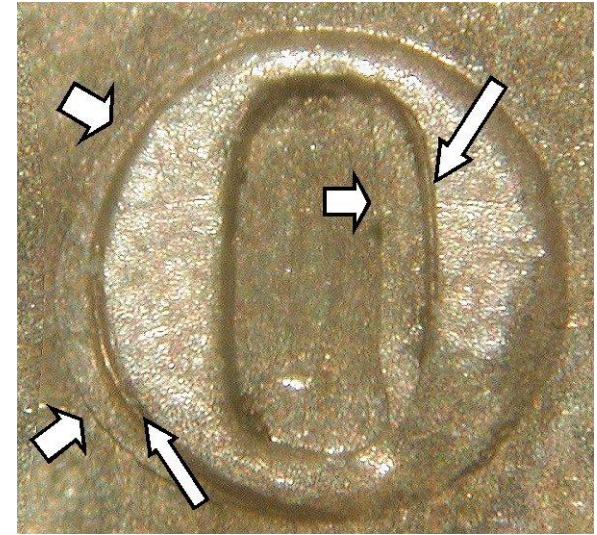
New Orleans Barber Dimes 1892-1909

The New Orleans Mint
Coinage and its History



Characteristics of O-mint Barber Dimes

- Survivors less than stellar overall
 - Distributed/used in a poorer part of the country, and not saved
 - Climate not conducive to good preservation
- Many come with shelf doubling
- Barber dimes hold up well down to VG, so budget friendly



Characteristics of O-mint Barber Dimes

- Most have wide variation in strike quality
 - 1893-O, 1898-O, and 1907-O the worst
 - 1895-O probably the best



1898-O, PCGS MS65 CAC

Characteristics of O-mint Barber Dimes



1907-O, weakly struck, NGC MS66



1907-O, well struck, NGC MS63



Key and Semi-keys

Key New Orleans coin is series key 1895-O

Semi-key dates vary by grade level

- In lower grades: 1895, 1892-S, 1901-S, 1903-S, 1904-S
- In higher circulated and MS grades, add the following:
 - 1894-O – very tough in MS
 - 1896-O – disrespected by the market
 - 1897-O – respected by the market
 - 1898-O – poor strike doesn't help
 - 1900-O – some MS coins are terrible



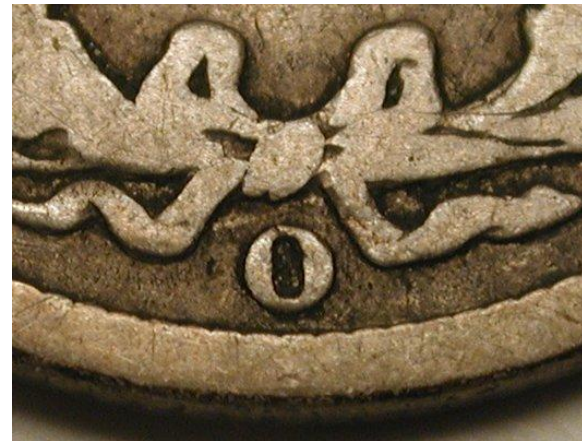
Favorite and Underrated issues

- Dates rarely seen nice above VG include 1896-O and 1897-O
- Underrated dates include
 - 1900-O – much more difficult to find than most people realize in better circulated grades
 - 1908-O – nice higher-grade examples are never around



Major variety

- One famous and notable variety is actually a die error
- 1905-O Micro O – engraver accidentally used a quarter mintmark punch on one die
- Can sometimes be cherrypicked in low grades
- Scarce Fine and above, rare AU, very rare in MS



Normal O



Micro O



New Orleans Barber Quarters 1892-1909

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Characteristics of O-mint Barber Quarters

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- 1904-O, 1906-O, 1907-O, and 1909-O the worst (mid-grade pieces hard to find – and grade)
- 1896-O and especially 1903-O probably the best



**1906-O
in MS**



Exceptional



Better than average

Characteristics of O-mint Barber Quarters



1907-O – oddest, most abnormal strikes of the series

O-Mint Semi-keys

It's not just the "Big 3" that are hard!

- Top semi-key dates
 - 1896-O - Long known as a semi-key
 - 1897-O - Nearly as tough as 1897-S
 - 1901-O - One of the last holes to fill
 - 1905-O - A favorite of collectors
 - 1909-O - Respect took a long time
- Other toughies
 - 1895-O in high grade, especially MS
 - 1898-O, same comments



Respect was a long time coming!

1909-O

- Very scarce in XF, rare in AU
- This example purchased in 1999 auction, *paired with AU 1915-D!*
 - AU bid at the time = \$ 360
 - offered \$1K the next month!
 - 2015 Red Book AU = \$1,800
 - Current AU bid = \$3,200
 - Current CPG = \$4,000
- Only frequently available up to G6, perhaps VG8



Rarity vs. Availability

1909-O

- Purchased this example in 2010 for \$40
 - F12 bid in 2010 = \$ 40
 - Current F12 bid = \$460
 - Current CPG = \$600
- Never available before
 - no one was selling at those levels!
- I bought all the 1909-Os that I could find anywhere near old levels





New Orleans Barber Half Dollars 1892-1909

The New Orleans Mint
Coinage and its History



Characteristics of O-mint Barber Halves

- Survivors not as nice as those from other mints
 - Poorer part of the country, and not saved
 - Climate hurts preservation
- They didn't all start off that nice to begin with
- Like the quarters, Barber halves hold up well down to lower grades (VG), so budget friendly



Characteristics of O-mint Barber Halves

Most have wide variation in strike quality

- 1893-O, 1902-O, 1906-O, with 1907-O the worst
- 1896-O, 1899-O and 1909-O probably the “best”



**Typical O-mint Barber half from the 1890s
G-VG obverse, AG reverse**

O-Mint key date

1896-O

- Long known as a semi-key in low grades
- Very tough in mid grades
- Very scarce in EF and above
- Every bit as tough as 1904-S in AU and MS
 - Much tougher than 1904-S in low grades (common)
- Comes well struck to boot!



O-Mint Semi-keys

- 1897-O - Semi-key in all grades
 - 1898-O - Almost never seen EF+
 - 1900-O - Very scarce VF & above
 - 1901-O - VF+ scarce, rare MS
 - 1904-O - Fairly rare XF+
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- 1892-O - Key in low grade,
Overrated in high grade



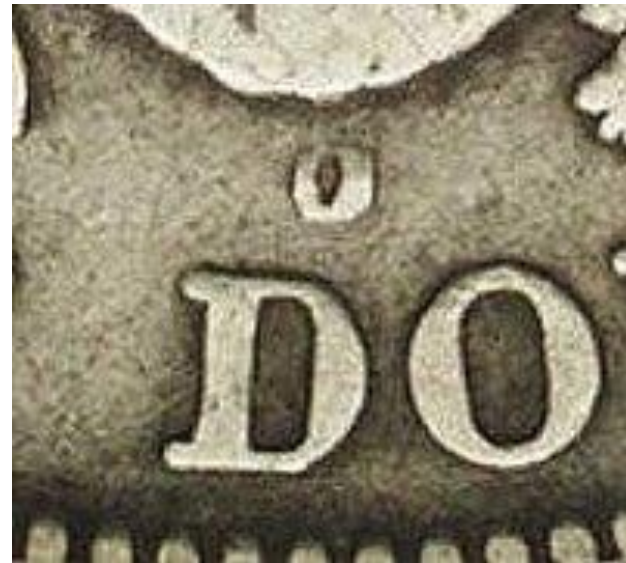
Major varieties

- Only one, a biggie: 1892-O Micro O
 - Mintmark punch for quarter accidentally used
 - Die probably pulled from use quickly, ~80-100 known



1892-O Micro O, PCGS MS68 CAC, ex Eliasberg/Dale Friend

1892-O Micro O



Mintmark comparison

- Some normal O coins from weakly punched die
 - Mintmark the usual size, but thin and weak

The poorly-struck club



1900-O



1901-O

Both of these are mint state!

“Mumps”

- Seen on numerous O-mint half dollar issues, especially 1906-O to 1908-O, but also others
- Striking problems that cause die buckling



1907-O – with Mumps (left) and without (right)

Gets the attention of the Director

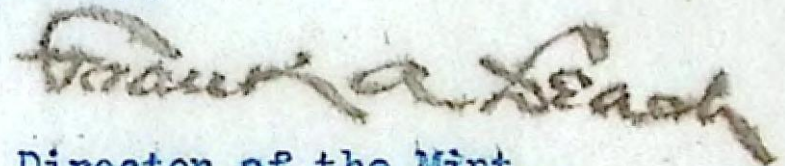
December 16, 1907.

Superintendent United States Mint,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

I have to return you herewith two special assay coins, half dollars from delivery 58. These coins seem to be made on imperfect planchets, the obverse sides especially showing serious defects, from what cause, however, I am unable to say. Is it possible that the planchets were cut too large and were milled up so to go into the collar? These coins are hardly fit for circulation, and if they are a fair sample of the delivery I think it should be condemned.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank A. Beach". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized hand.

Director of the Mint.

Still no action

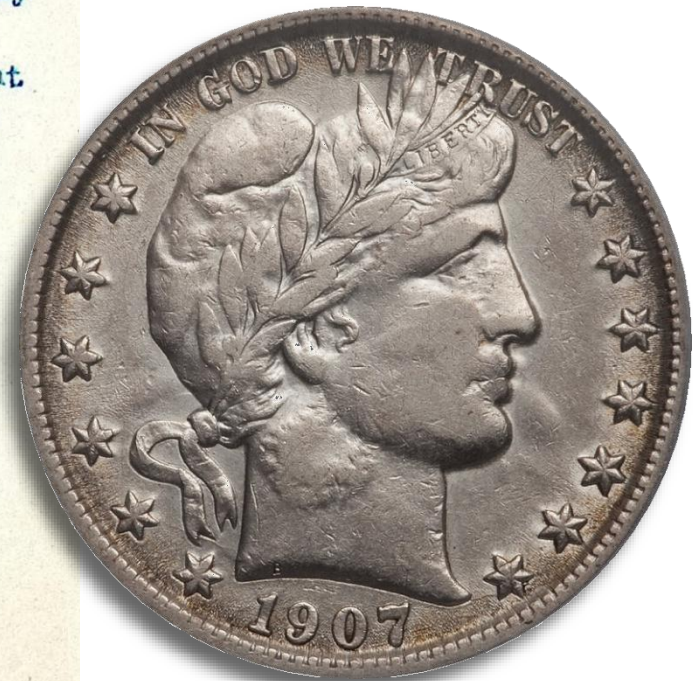
March 5, 1908.

Mr. Hugh S. Suthon,
Superintendent United States Mint,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry to have to report to you that some of the lot of imperfect half dollars made at your mint early in December, last, have found their way to some parts of Pennsylvania, Florida, and Maryland, and are causing a great amount of trouble, by reason of the people refusing to accept them, thinking the coins to be counterfeits. A great number of complaints have come in from bankers and others. Chief Wilkie of the Secret Service has been much annoyed over this matter, and states, "this is not the first time this thing has happened."

My purpose in writing to you now is to get your co-operation in getting back, as far as possible, the imperfect coins; and to take such steps as will prevent any complaint of this kind in the future. The Coiner must be held responsible for the character of the work turned out. If he has not competent help, then we must get it for him. I appreciate that you have all been laboring under great difficulties, but it should be impressed upon the minds of all concerned that poor or imperfect work must not be passed. It is better to have no work at all than coin that is a discredit to the Government. Every piece coming from the presses should be inspected, and all bad or imperfect coins rejected.

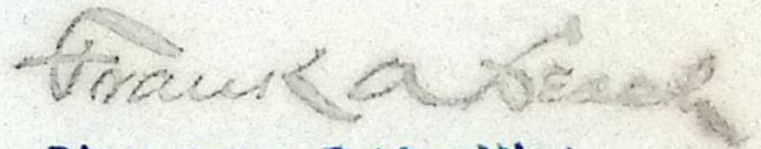


Final warning!

So serious is this offense regarded that if it should be repeated, I am sure the mint would be shut down until the force could be reorganized with other help in the place of those responsible for the trouble.

With your help and that of the Coiner, I feel sure that the mint at New Orleans can acquire as good a reputation for excellence of work as any of the other institutions. I want to help you in this matter, but I must first know where the trouble lies.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank A. Beach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "F".

Director of the Mint.

The last days of the New Orleans Mint

- By 1900, New Orleans muddled along with aging machinery, and hand-me-downs from the defunct Carson mint
 - Multiple recommendations to close the place failed, but there was no plan to renovate or restore the facility
 - When a modern mint opened in Denver, the New Orleans plant was left to slowly grind itself to a halt
 - Coinage officially stopped on June 30, 1909 and it became just another quiet assay office
 - **The 1907 half dollar mess likely added weight to decommissioning proposals to use its space for other purposes**
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Questions?



*Thank you for
coming!*

*See you in
Rosemont in 2027!*

