



Worcester County Numismatic Society

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WCNS
Monthly
Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Friday May 13th

St. Josephs Parish Center
68 Central Street, Auburn MA

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
YN meeting: 6:15 p.m.

Educational Program:

It All Began in Japan, presented by Bob Fritsch

YN program:

On hiatus. Returning in June with the program,
Summer Adventure! **Interested in the Summer
Adventure? Contact Mark at gluemark@gmail.com**

WCNS Leadership

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Co-Presidents: Mike Simpson & John Frost
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Hi all,

With warming weather and longer days, we are entering the home stretch of another club year. Still lots happening, though!

This month's meeting will feature a presentation by our own Bob Fritsch, who will give us a 20-minute program entitled, "*It All Began in Japan*." The program outlines Bob's journey through numismatics. Those of us who know Bob can imagine that this will be a very interesting talk!

This month's auction includes some interesting items that were donated to the club. Highlighted by two "Fat Man" coins from China (see write-up on next page), numerous silver pieces and coins from around the world are up for grabs (Lots 1-9), with all proceeds going to the club. The past two years have been challenging to say the least, so bid strong and bid often!

The YNs will take another month off but will be returning in June for the spring finale, and the program, *Summer Adventure!* Contact Mark at gluemark@gmail.com. We hope things will be completely back to normal when we return in September.

This month features the Spring Blackstone Valley Show in Woonsocket RI, their twice-annual show. The Auburn show is on hiatus the next few months (e.g., Mother's Day and Father's Day), but will return in August.

And finally, after losing this season-ending event for the last two years, we are looking forward to our June Hot Dog Feast next month. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or desert item.

We hope to see many of you on the 13th!

- John and Mike

Upcoming Events

- No Auburn Coin Show this month, show resumes August 14th.
- May 15 – Blackstone Valley Spring Coin Show, Woonsocket RI, Elks Club #850, Social Street
- May 15 – Nashua Coin Show, Nashua NH, 9:00 a.m., Eagle's Wing Function Center
- May 18 – Blackstone Valley 3rd Wednesday Show, Uxbridge MA, Wednesday, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post #1385
- No Devens Coin Show this month, show resumes September 25th
- May 25 – Deadline for the June newsletter, including auction lots
- June 10 – June meeting of the WCNS, Hot Dog Feast, final meeting of the club year

WCNS Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
1. Two (2) China Fat Man 1 Yuan <i>donation coins</i> . The first is silver and probably genuine and the second is a contemporary counterfeit. See write-up below.	\$ 100+	\$ 35
2. 1936 Canadian dollar. KM-31 VG-Fine . 0.6 ounce ASW	20	14
3. Russia 1910 20 Kopeks. F-VF. 0.028 ounce ASW.	10	5
4. Curacao 1944-D Quarter Gulden. VG-Fine, 0.073 ounce ASW.	7	3
5. Great Britain; Toned uncirculated set of the final pounds/shilling/pence coinage. 8 coins, halfpenny to half crown. All dated 1966.	5	-
6. Great Britain: The new coinage 1/2 penny to 50 pence. Toned Unc., custom holder. 1968	5	-

Auction

Item Description	Owner Value	Min Bid
7. Ireland 1/2 penny to 50 pence 6 coins dated 1969-1971. Toned Unc., custom holder	\$ 5	\$ -
8. Paper money 5 euros from Greece; Mexico 3 x 50 pesos; India 100 and 500 rupees. All should be current money	7	-
9. 3 discs World Coins 1901-2000, 2010 edition. Silver fever Comstock Lode and Carson City Mint with pricing; plus Exact Change which looks to be a program to organize a collection	5	-
10. 1859 Indian Cent. First year type coin. VG..	11	6
11. 1853 Seated Liberty Dime. VF loop removed.	10	7

Lots 1-9 are donations to club

Coins in the Spotlight – Chinese Fat Man Dollars

Fat Man Chinese dollars first appeared in 1914, dated year 3. They are 0.890 silver, about 0.75 oz. Later dates include 8, 9, and 10 for 1919, 1920, and 1921. All were extensively restruck to through 1929 and later in the 1950s. The estimated total mintage is in excess of 750 million.

A pair appears in the auction this month as a single lot. The reported weight is 26.40 grams. The better looking (lighter in color) one weighs 26.63 grams and is dated year 9. The darker and more questionable piece weighs 26.68 grams and is dated year 8. Both are a bit heavy, 0.9% overweight, but within tolerance. For the first coin, silver and likely genuine explains that. The darker coin has a problem in that it is thicker than expected which means the metal is less dense. To make up the full weight, it is just a bit thicker. Neither coin is magnetic. Both are die struck.

The better-looking coin, year 9, was tested and is made of good silver. It has a strong likelihood of being genuine. The darker coin, year 8, is made of base metal (not silver) and is likely a contemporary counterfeit intended to pass into circulation. It is not as well struck, and the reverse wreath is not as full or well engraved as that of the year 9 coin.

Your bid is a donation to the club as the coins came from an anonymous donor.

Researched by F. A . Liberatore.



Silver Example (genuine?)



Base metal contemporary counterfeit

Deadline for next issue: May 29th