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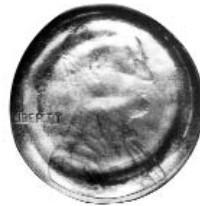
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Milwaukee Yields Unusual Coin Shrapnel

by Mike Diamond, coin courtesy Fred Weinberg

Here's an unusual piece from Milwaukee, courtesy of **Fred Weinberg**. It's a mated pair consisting of two pieces of "coin shrapnel" that broke away from a multi-coin pile-up. There is a very small hinge at which they remain connected. I suspect that the area medial to the thin, convex edge was completely fused up. The pair weighs 2.45 grams.

The two pieces broke away together from the stresses of numerous strikes. The external obverse face shows no trace of design. Either the design was obliterated here from numerous strikes against one or more planchets, or it was uniface from the start. The external reverse face shows the right side of the Memorial and "AMERICA". These design elements are not pristine, die-struck elements, but

also show the effect of being struck against (or at least compressed against) another planchet.

Since the coin already shows some post-strike damage, I figured I couldn't do much more harm if I opened it up along the small hinge that connects the two halves of the "taco". The internal reverse face shows a raised, flattened, expanded reverse





design. The complementary internal obverse face shows a brockage of the same part of the design.

It's not clear how many coins/planchets were stacked on top of each other, but I suspect we're dealing with a minimum of four, and

these two pieces of shrapnel came from the middle of the deck or perhaps toward the bottom of the deck.

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40 Pounds of Foreign

by Frank Leone

Yet another new column from your treasure seeking editor. Many of you read my articles in *Errorscope* titled “*Nine Bags of Wheaties*” where I delve into the discoveries made during the search of 45,000 wheat cents. This column will be used to share the discoveries found in a large bucket filled with 40

pounds of mixed foreign coins. Again, these were purchased from a dealer that certainly didn’t bother to check for varieties, errors, or better modern dates.

Most silver was removed for sure but there were still a few pieces bearing some silver that I set aside. I have a

jar of foreign silver that some day will get sold and I’ll buy myself a nice coin with the proceeds. The coins pulled from this group and shared here are of minimal value but when you cherry something yourself, it always feels a little special. ■



Argentina 1944 10 Centavos with die chips above and to right of C in CENTAVOS and below V of CENTAVOS.



Germany 1917 5 Pfennig with double retained cuds below date.



Arguably the best coin found so far, this Spanish 50 Pesetas 1957 (60) exhibits nice hub doubling.



This Spanish One Peseta dated 1963 has bold clash marks at top of reverse.

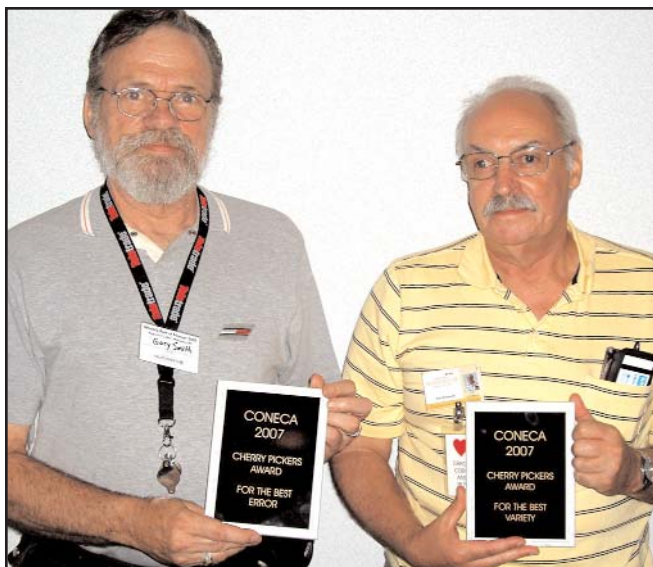


Two neat examples of struck through grease errors. Above, Belgium 1970 10 Francs with the E missing and below, Spain 1963 1 Peseta with the final digit missing from date.



Next Issue of *Errorscope*

Details on a very successful Milwaukee Errorama !



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Buffalo Nickel Bears Struck-in “Staple”

by Mike Diamond

Here’s the earliest example I know of for a struck-in “staple” (or rather half a staple). These are now recognized as bristles from a wire brush used to scrape encrustations off the die face. As with any steel wire, it sticks to a mag-

net. As this is a buffalo nickel, it would have to pre-date 1938. I’ve seen one on a Walking Liberty half dollar, but I don’t know the date.

Jon Sullivan tells that there are some Morgan dollars with these

struck-in steel wires. These would then pre-date the buffalo nickel whose pictures shown here, unless they were 1921 Morgans, in which case the claim of “earliest example” is up in the air. ■





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Mixed Nuts

by Frank Leone

As Editor, you are always looking for stuff to put into print and complete an issue. For folks considering contributing, it may seem too much to write a detailed article. I myself run into the same roadblock quite often, however, there is often items I'd like to mention. I considered a column titled "Not Everything's an Article" but have settled here on "Mixed Nuts". A title that came to mind when I received this note after a recent eBay high bid I made. Many of you that know me are aware that I often move at a glacier's pace. I'm a busy guy, there's TV, poker, looking at coins, I think there is also a family that lives with me. They're around here somewhere ;)

Getting back to the eBay message that arrived...it read "*I have not heard from you since you won my auction 2*

days ago. I sent an invoice yesterday and still have not heard from you. I would like to hear something from you soon. Judging by your great feedback record as an eBay buyer, I'm going to assume you have been out of town or unavailable this weekend, but I would like to hear from you or receive payment as soon as is possible for you to get back to me." Hah, TWO DAYS, that's a Seller that has been drinking WAY TOO MUCH coffee.

John Paquette of Positive Proof Co. out of Massachusetts, and I recently spoke via telephone. The topic of the 1943 copper cents was broached and we shared a laugh over the piece coming up for auction by **Ira & Larry Goldberg**. The coin has many test scratches on BOTH SIDES of the coin. "Yep, it's copper all the way through!" It's amazing what

unknowing people will do their coins. He continued to tell a story to me. Back in the late 1970s, there were a lot of thefts going on. It was recommended that people scratch their social security number on valuables. One day, a lady enters his store to offer a \$50 Humbert gold piece. Yep, it had her social security number scratched into it. There's a coin with a provenance that's relatively easy to track. ■

Updated CONECA Master Listings

by James Wiles (7/31/07)

Fellow CONECA Members:

In the continuing effort to firm up the foundation for our E-Books, I have assigned the UVC and DMR numbers to ALL of the 8000 die marriages listed in the CONECA files. As a result I have updated the Variety Master Listing on our main site, www.conecaonline.org.

I continue to get excellent reports about our Top 100 Lincoln Cent RPMs & OMMs E-Book. It is ready for immediate delivery. You can find the details on our new variety site, www.varietyvista.com.

Next week I will be off to the ANA anniversary convention in Milwaukee where the club will have a table and conduct our annual Errorama activities. I will be at the club table beginning Thursday, so if you are at the show, please stop by and visit awhile. I would be delighted to meet you, take a look at your coins or show you a preview of our E-Books. I'll have the Top 100 for sale and a demo version my current work on What Are Die Varieties?available for viewing on my laptop.

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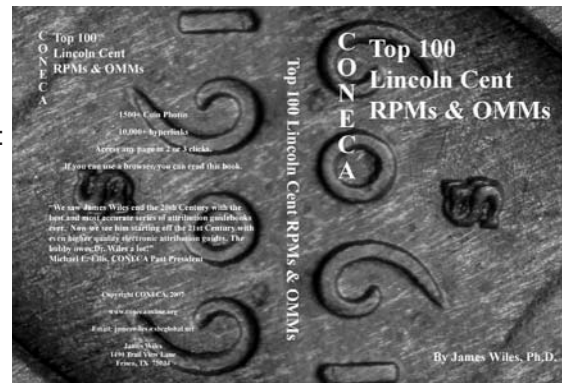
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