

My Experience at the 2010 CCCCCOA

Meeting at the Boston ANA

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Well the time arrived for our club's meeting at the ANA show in Boston at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday August 12th. Rusty Goe opened the meeting with a big welcome and a short new DVD by our own member Dan McCarty. The DVD is awesome!

Dan McCarty was next and spoke about the Hal V. Dunn Literary Award for articles written in our own *Curry's Chronicle*, which we as members had the chance to vote on. Congratulations go out to our own Rusty Goe as the first recipient of the Hal V. Dunn Literary Award. Well deserved I must say. If we only had the camera on Rusty when he was named the award's winner, as he was totally shocked. Great job, as Dan said, for Marie [and the Southgate girls] to keep this such a secret from Rusty. Again, a big hand goes out to our founder Mr. Rusty Goe! Congratulations!

Featured speakers were Weimar White, Darrell Low, and Bill Bugert.

Weimar spoke about the different ways to build a 10-piece Carson City type set. Weimar also pointed out the cost of a matched, graded set using F-12 for a cost of \$5,345 vs. MS-60 at a cost of \$42,950. The *Battle Born* collection was also talked about and that set has an average grade of MS-63. WOW!!! Weimar was asked where he finds his special Carson City coins and he pointed out that auctions were a good place to look, but most importantly, to be satisfied with the grade of the coin you buy.

Our next speaker was Darrell Low of New York City. Darrell spoke about collecting "CC" Liberty Seated coins for every budget.

He posed the question, "What can be purchased for the price of



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an 1883-CC or 1884-CC [Morgan dollar]?” Actually, you can find some really nice small denominations of “CC” coins, with scarce mintages, for the price of a common “CC” Morgan dollar. Darrell also spoke about ways to collect denomination, type, date, and die varieties. He talked about grading, and we even had a chance to grade the coins on the slides that Darrell had for his presentation. Denominations were broken down, and we were shown that you can get scarce-dated coins for \$500 and under.

Our last speaker was Liberty Seated half dollar specialist Bill Bugert. Bill spoke about Carson City die marriages and die varieties highlighted in his new book, *A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar*

Varieties, Vol. II, Carson City Branch Mint. I highly recommend anyone that loves Carson City coins to purchase this book as it is chock full of information.

Bill walked us through each half dollar denomination, breaking down each date by approximate pieces known, quantity of die marriages, size of mintmarks, and in what grades coins were most common.

A question was asked about mintage figures and why there were discrepancies in published records i.e., the *Red Book* and our own *Curry's Chronicle*. At the back of the room was *Coin World's* editor



An attentive audience listens to speaker at Boston C4OA meeting.

and current Farran Zerbe Award winner Beth Deisher. She said they were doing research to find out why there are such discrepancies in mintage figures. I am sure we will be informed on this at a later date.

I want to thank all that could attend. I learned quite a lot on our favorite coins.

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