

My Cherry Pick at 2013 ANA

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This was my third ANA show I have attended, but my first as a CONECA member. As with any show, I have personal goals that I like to achieve when it comes to searching and buying coins. This year, I have been working on my UNC Walking Liberty and Morgan dollar sets. As I worked my way up and down the rows and rows of tables, I bumped into a dealer who I have been buying my Walking Liberty half dollars from for many years. He always has a good selection to choose from so I am never

disappointed. Purchasing the 41S was an absolute goal of mine. I was not going home without one.

The problem with the 41S, (as with most Walkers from the 40's), is that they are typically present with weak strikes. Therefore, it was imperative that I find one with a full strike. As expected, this dealer had a large selection of beautiful 41S halves. As I worked through the halves, one stuck out in particular. It looked as though it was an S over a horizontal S. I was

not aware of any S over horizontal S RPM's in this date, so I set this one aside and kept looking.

In the end, the half with the "unique" mint mark ended up being my coin of choice. I left the table and immediately worked my way back to the food area where I proceeded to whip out my CPG, (5th edition Vol II). I couldn't contain my excitement because I was hoping I had found a new RPM variety. To my slight disappointment I did not find a new variety however, I



did confirm that I had indeed found an FS-50-1941S-501. This RPM is also cross referenced in the CONECA Master Listing (CML) as; 1941S 50c RPM-001.

My confusion as to why I thought this was an S over horizontal S is confirmed in the CPG on page 273 under the comments section where it states; "Fox incorrectly lists this variety as an S over horizontal S". I was super excited because I considered this a double bonus; not only did I get a

nice coin for my collection, but it was a CPG variety as well.

Soon thereafter, I made my way to the CONECA table where I could share my news. I was greeted by **Jeff Ylitalo** and **Al Raddi**. I had communicated in the past with these guys on-line so it was nice to finally put a face with the names. Both guys confirmed that I had indeed found a 1941S FS-501 and entered me into the 2013 Errorama Cherrypicker contest. Unfortunately, **Ken Potter** was not at the table

to photograph the coin, but this article includes photos that I took once I got home.

It wasn't until several days later that Al informed me that I won the 2013 CONECA Errorama Fivaz-Stanton Cherrypickers Award for the Best Die Variety. This years ANA show is one that I will never forget. I was glad that I finally got to meet some CONECA members and I look forward to seeing everyone at Errorama next year. ■

