

THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION CORNER

By Joe Flores C-2

**STATE OF AGUASCALIENTES
20 CENTAVOS/ TAXCO PESO**

The Mexican Revolution, 1910 – 1920 took its toll of men, women and children on both sides, the Revolutionist as well as the Federal troops. As the struggle progressed many commodities became very scarce, especially metals which were needed for striking coins. They struck coins using all types of metal, and other materials. Some of the coins have been struck over Republic and modern coins. This era of coinage can be found in all thickness from paper thin to extremely thick planchets, and in all denominations from all states.

This brings us to this article about a very unique coin. You seldom find a Revolution coin struck over another Revolution coin, and in this case they used two very common dies. A 1915 Aguascalientes 20 Centavos struck over a 1915 silver Taxco Peso. The 20 Centavos dies are usually struck on copper planchets, and it does not make any monetary sense to devalue the Peso to 20 Centavos. Possibly they used the Taxco Peso as a trial strike, or for numismatic value, nevertheless it did produce a very rare and unique coin. As a collector I am glad they did as it makes the hunt very exciting to be able to find and report.

Numbered by previous authors:

Aguascalientes 20 Centavo ----HW 63; U-AG10; G-AGS 15; G.B. 23

Taxco Peso -----HW 89; U-GUE 53; G-GRO 84; L-S-GRO 45; G.B. 231

P.S. Pro or con comments are always welcome to any articles appearing in the Revolution Corner.

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General Bernardo Reyes.



José Yves Limantour.



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CHIHUAHUA

These 5 centavos Chihuahua coins were collected by just a few people, myself included. I thought that it would be fun to try to collect all the known die varieties that are listed, and I did over a span of years. It became a real fun project. The coins were, and still are reasonably priced.

Not too many years ago you could go to all most any world coin dealer and find these coins in UNC, or any condition. Those days are history. There are two that are scarce and one that is **EX. RARE**. This rare coin is the photos shown below. As you can see the obverse die (Libertad Cap side) of this coin known as G-16, or #20 as per Verne R. Walrafen charts. It is obvious from the charts, after striking all the "G" series coins, the (obverse) die shows many more die breaks. As in the photo there was not much life left to strike too many more coins. How many of these rare coins were struck? I know of only one coin. Maybe out there someone owns one, has seen one, or perhaps a new combination# 53? Do you have any of the above??

I must take my hat off to Mr. Verne R. Walrafen, member C-4, for his extended work on his internationally known charts showing 52 die combinations that he did many years ago. His charts still stand.

Yeah --- yeah --- who cares is the attitude of some people, but lately I have had a lot of inquires on these coins. specifically on this rarity, so I know that there is a large number of collectors of 5 centavos Chihuahua coins. ----- Buena Fortuna.

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These 10 Centavos coins were struck in the state of Chihuahua for the Ejercito del Norte (Army of the North), the state where the coins were struck for circulation by the order of one of the main principles of the revolution of 1910 – 1920 born as Doroteo Arango, or better known as *PANCHO VILLA*.

These coins are known to have one obverse die, call it "A", and four reverse dies as "# 1, 2, 3, &4", all with plain edge struck on copper and brass planchets, brass being scarcer than the copper counterpart using Mr. Verne Walrafen's chart. I have created a very simple chart to distinguish the four known reverse dies.

I had the opportunity to purchase a 10 centavo struck on an aluminum planchet as per the photo listed as #1. This coin must be a trial strike or pattern not listed by anyone other than it being the same die on Mr. Verne Walrafen's charts as A-1.

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I frequently use words as "Unique and Only One Known". What allows me too use these words so often reflects on my good friends and acquaintances, as they are good enough to let me purchase, or show me such rarities. I'm very fortunate to be in the position to see so many great coins.

The Chihuahua copper balance scale pesos are very well known as pattern coins. They are Almost always struck on copper planchets, and you will note that I underlined almost, as I will explain. These copper coins are extremely rare and seldom offered in auction sales. Photo #1 is known by previous authors as: HW 46, U-CHI 11, G-CHIH 29 BIS, and G.B. 71.

Last year I was invited to photograph some very rare coins, the majority being patterns from Mexico. The coin that caught my eye was a Chihuahua peso. After some close examination it was struck from the same die as the coin in photo #1, except it was struck on a SILVER planchet. This rare coin is in Gem BU condition and what a treat for me as a collector of coins of this era. After some research I believe this coin to be unique as illustrated in photo #2

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PHOTO NO. 1



PHOTO NO. 2



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**CHIHUAHUA
PESO DEL NORTE**

Un Peso from the state of Chihuahua is better known as Peso del Norte, and is a very common coin. It can be found in all grades, but very difficult to find in BU with both engravers, Sevilla on the obverse and Salazar on the reverse. The eagle on this coin is one of my favorites because there is so much detail on the feathers of the eagle's wings. They are struck on silver and copper planchets. The copper coins are Extremely Rare. Photo #1 is of a silver specimen, also known as; HS-55, U-CHI 12; G-CHIH 30 and GB 72 and 73 ---For copper.

I purchased a Uniface Peso del Norte struck on a **BRASS** (Laton) planchet. This trial strike coin is the first one I have ever seen. Other than the Sevilla-Sevilla struck on obverse and reverse side of the coin, they come in almost all metals, but that is another story. Photo #2 is of the newly found trial or pattern strike coin.

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Photo # 2

Edge-----Plain

Metal-----BRASS (Laton)

Dia.-----38mm

Thks.-----2mm

Wt.-----16.10 Grms.



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DURANGO Un Centavo

Un Centavo coins from the state of Durango were struck on almost all types of metal planchets during this period of the Revolution. They are very difficult to locate in uncirculated condition, except for the Denver USA minted aluminum un centavo.

Most coins are extremely worn due to circulation. Some of the lead and coppers are very common and others are extremely rare. Even Mr. Utberg, in his 1965 book, "Coins of the Mexican Revolution 1910-1917," valued this particular copper one cent coin at 5 times more than the rest of the common cent coins. He called it "Dur-12." I have been looking for this die combination coin for many years. I might have handled one that was very well circulated. These without the proper ID marks would leave too much to the imagination. After so many years of not finding this coin, I started to think that maybe the photo in Utberg's book could be a mule of two different coins. I am glad to say he was correct.

The key is in the Obverse – the vertical stroke of the **T** in **Estado** is offset to the left of the top horizontal of the **T** and the left stroke of the **A** is much thicker than the right side. The reverse is also very easy to identify; it has a large one with horizontal bars same as G.B. 96.

The coins with a solid One are very common coins.

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this article will consist of 2 very well known common dies when struck on their known planchets. But when struck on a silver planchet it created a very rare and outstanding coin.

The Obverse die is of a 1915 silver plain edge peso from the state of Guererrero. A very common die. Reference by previous authors;

OBV., -- H.W. 88, U-Gue 37, G-Gro, L.S. Gro 18, G.B. 203

The Reverse die is a 1915 50 Centavos plain edge copper. Alsoa very common die in the 50 centavos series. From Campo Morado, Guererrero.

REV., -- H.W. 100, U-Gue 17, G-Gro 61, L.S. Gro 29b, G.B. 162 (Rev. A)

With these two dies in mind someone struck them on a silver planchet and produced an outstanding rare muled coin. This is the first one I have ever seen, and is possibly unique. This came from the Landa Collection.

Edge -----Plain
Metal -----Silver
Dia. -----31.61mm
Thickness --- 2.1mm
Wt.----- 13.90 grams

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GUERRERO, COMPO MORADO

Un Peso 1914 from the state of Guererro, Campo Morado

These are very well known dies always struck on very crude rough planchets and very seldom do you see these coins well struck on either the obverse or the reverse. They are still quite rare, and always struck on silver planchets.

The photo shown is the same die as all the known silver coins, but the rarity of this coin is that it is struck on a BRASS planchet generating a genuine rarity. It is possibly a pattern-trial strike and unique.

I once mentioned my BRASS coin to a very well known dealer in Mexico City, and he did tell me that he had handled this same coin in 1950 for a very well known gentleman from Texas that collected rare Mexican coins.

The working dies are known by previous authors and catalogers as: HW-83, U-Gue. 20, G-Gro.-68, L.s. GRO.31, and G.B. #170.

Edge-----Plain, Metal-----Brass, Dia.-----32.60 mm, Wt.-----14.70 grms.

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Dos Pesos Guerrero - Co.Mo.

The October 1999 Guadalajara Coin Convention was over, and I was headed out when a Mexican dealer approached me in the lobby at the hotel. He asked if I would be interested in purchasing this coin that I am writing about. At first glance it was a great surprise. I had never seen this coin, known of any specimen, or even had read about such a coin. At first appearance this coin had a very bright sheen to it making it look like it had been copper plated. After some extended conversation with the dealer, I asked if I could put a micro test mark to see if it was a copper planchet, and he agreed to let me. To my surprise it was a copper coin. Also this coin shows new die cracks and is doubly struck? These dies are very common and well known, but only struck on silver planchets, as in photo #1.

The **COPPER** planchet is photo #2.

I asked the young dealer in what condition was the coin when it was located. He told me that it had mutli colors, so they cleaned it thinking it was a **GOLD** planchet. They washed away 84 years of toning. I could only think of what it must have looked like. This happens often in Mexico. -Oh Well.

Please if you have seen, or know of another coin as in photo #2 I would like to hear from you. All pros and cons on all my subjects are always welcomed.

Known in silver planchet coin by previous authors as G-72, L.S.-Gro33v, G.B. 175.

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Photo #1
Common
Edge----Plain
Metal---**Silver**
Dia.-----38mm
Thks.---2mm
Wt.-----20.30 Grs.

Photo #2
Unlisted
Edge----Plain
Metal---**Copper**
Dia.-----38mm
Thks.---2mm
Wt.-----36 Grs.

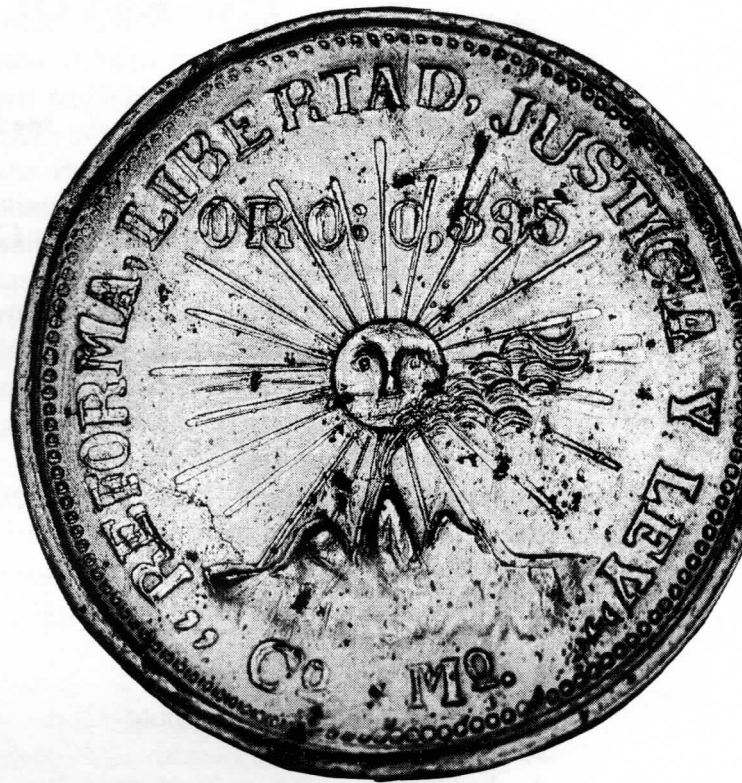


PHOTO 1 Common silver



PHOTO 2, Unlisted copper

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GUERRERO

Dos Peso

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There seems to be no end to what keeps turning up in either new coins or old known dies struck on off metals. This includes all of my articles are on the Mexican Revolution coinage.

I am very grateful to have the people send me, or allow me to examine or even in some cases have the chance to purchase some new rare coins.

Which brings us to this article of a Dos Peso from the state of Guerrero. This is not a new set of dies, or a different die combination. The dies of this coins are very common, listed in "Guthrie – Bothamley", better known as the G.B. green book as GB#212, obverse "2" and reverse "B". Remarkably, these same dies were used on a copper planchet as shown in the photos below. This is the first time that this coin has ever been recorded in this metal.

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JALISCO TWO CENTAVOS

About two years ago at a Mexico City Convention, a very good friend of mind told me that he would like to show me some very interesting coins. To my surprise he brought out a copper, plain edge Jalisco 2 centavos. This coin is struck on a normal size planchet with a new obverse and reverse set of dies. The new sets of dies are much smaller than the common dies, other than the small cap and ray dies that also are very rare coins but that is another story. I have never seen these new dies mentioned by other authors or catalogers.

On my next trip to Mexico City I took my camera to photograph this rarity. The owner of the coin was kind enough to let me take some photos. The coin appears to be a pattern or trial strike.

Are these genuine dies or is someone playing games with us collectors? I have seen other dies that were finished by the engraver but no coins were ever struck from the dies. I have slides of dies that are not totally completed by the engraver. These new dies do seem to have the same flair as the common dies, but maybe it did not meet the approval of the die engraver or one of the Generals. Lots of questions remain.

Photo number 1 is of the common coin, and photo number 2 is of the new smaller dies. Has anyone ever seen this coin in photo number 2? If you have kindly phone, e-mail, or snail mail me any time.

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PHOTO NUMBER 1 (GB 240)



PHOTO NUMBER 2

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STATE OF MORELOS**1915 5 Ct. E. DE MOR.**

While doing my normal digging and prying, there is always a good chance I will stumble on to something of interest. I did, and that brings us to this article.

A few years ago I had the opportunity to purchase a brass uniface no date medal and what caught my attention was that it was struck with a Mexican eagle similar to the one struck on some of the Revolution coinage. Last year I purchased another medal, not uniface with the same eagle as before, except there is a standing lady holding a wreath in her right hand. See photo #1.

Getting back to the eagle on this medal, after some research I have discovered it to be the same obverse as the ever so rare 5 ct. E. DE MOR, GB. # 270 see photo #2. Most catalogs have line drawings, or the coins are just mentioned. Also they have neglected to mention the star between the laurel wreath and the legend. This may have been just an oversight.

In Mr. Carlos Gaytan's book, "LA REVOLUTION MEXICANA Y SUS MONEDAS" he has a short story about how he missed the opportunity to purchase one of these rare coins he titles, "When there is knocking at the door answer it". On the line drawing of this coin he also did not mention the star at 9:00 "O'clock", as you can see on my coin, it's very hard to see.

Photo #1: GB Unlisted, Edge ---plain, Metal---Brass, Dia.---27mm. Wt.---2.50 grms.

Photo #2: GB 270, Edge---plain, Metal---copper, Dia.---20.0mm. Wt ---7.00 grams.

I would appreciate it if someone could shine some light on this medal, as to when it was struck, and for what reason-----?

Coin reference by other authors as G-MOR 2, L-S MOR 2, GB. #270

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Editor's note:

After receiving the below photos, I knew I had seen this lady before on a medal, and in Frank Grove's Medals of Mexico, Vol. II, I found the original source for the reverse of photo #1. A full figure of this lady is shown on three 1896 Coyoacan Exposicion medals, G- E128b, Coyoacan, Exposicion de Flores, Pajaros y Pces, G- E141b, Coyoacan, Exposicion de Frutas y Legumbres, and G-E168b, Coyoacan, Exposicion de Maquinaria. These all came in 49 or 50mm, bronze. It appears that the center portion of the die design was used in preparations to strike this piece.



PHOTO #1 OBV.



PHOTO #1 REV.



PHOTO #2 OBV.



PHOTO #2 REV.

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MORELOS PESO

The buzz in Mexico from almost all of the dealers is that Mexican revolutionary coins are getting very hard to acquire. Has anyone noticed the increase in prices on Revolution coinage in the United States and even more so in Mexico? I am always shocked what monies they get for such low grade coins. Are they selling for what they are really worth?

About two weeks before the last convention in Mexico, I received an e-mail from a friend in northern Mexico to inform me that a very rare coin is being offered in Mexico. This coin is seldom offered for sale. The coin is G.B. #287 (*Mexican Revolutionary Coinage*) by Guthrie and Bothamley. There is not a photo of these coins in this reference book. Apparently Mr. Merrill Bothamley did not own either the silver or copper of these coins. The e-mail on this coin described the coin as to the condition, but not where it was located.

When I arrived in Mexico City, I visited a few coin shops and in one of the shops the owner told me that he was going to show me a rare coin and told me the coin was not for sale but just to admire. The minute I saw the coin, I knew I had located the e-mail coin. I proceeded to tell him that this coin should go to a serious old man's coin collection (meaning me). He just smiled and said nothing.

A few days later at the coin convention, the dealer approached me and said, "I think you are right, this rare coin should go to a serious Mexican Revolution coin collection" and the deal was done. I did ask the dealer where the coin came from and he said that it just came in the front door from no one that he knew.

I did not have time to photograph the new buy, so I will show photos of the copper counterparts. The last ones offered were in Richard Long's #84 sale, lots #56 and #57 for the copper.

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OBVERSE G.B. 288



REVERSE G.B. 288



OBVERSE G.B. 288.1



REVERSE G.B. 288.1

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Morelos Peso

This is a continuation of an article that appeared in the *Journal* of March, 2004. In that issue, I explained how I acquired these coins in Mexico City and why no photo was submitted. In place of the silver coins, I showed copper specimens GB 288 and plain edge 288.1. Herein I will describe the GB #287 (Guthrie and Bothamley, better known as the green book).

Since the last article, I have acquired another GB #287. It is very surprising to be able to purchase two of these rare coins in less than three months. The prior offering of this coin was in Richard Long's sale #84, lot #56 in 1997. This is the same coin that was sold in 1979 by Superior Coin Galleries. Another was sold by Henry Christensen in 1980.

To have two of these rare coins in my hands is really quite incredible. All of the coins that I have seen have weak strikes between 6 and 9 o'clock.

Since the GB book has no photos of these rare coins, very few Mexican coin dealers have ever seen or handled one.

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Photo #1---Mex.
(coin from)

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Photo #2 Tex.
(coin from)

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OAXACA 5 CENTAVO

I bring you another report on a rare coin from the Mexican Revolution of 1910 – 1920, from the State of Oaxaca. About a year ago I received a phone call on this specimen and I had my doubts. Over the years I think we all have had these calls on such rare coins and have been disappointed. In this case, I was very pleased to see this great coin.

Here is a great example of a new find. This is a uniface trial strike of a 1915 Oaxaca five centavos on a silver ten centavos size planchet. It has the same bust as the “LA VENTANA” Oax. #16. This is the first coin of its kind I have seen. I believe this coin to be unique, as I can find no record of it in any previous author.

Since I obtained this coin, I have been desperately trying to find out something about the provenance. So far, I know it came from a collector who only collected coins from the State of Oaxaca, but I have no name--yet. I have seen some of his other coins and he indeed had some real rarities. In Mexico, almost all the collectors that sell their coins like to keep all their business real private, possibly for tax or security reasons.

Edge -----Plain

Metal -----Silver (plata)

Dia. -----26 mm

Thks. -----3.00 mm

Wt. -----14.30 grms

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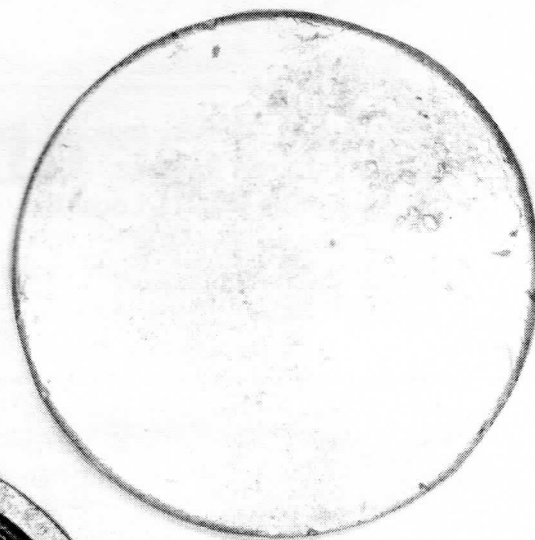
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As collectors we all have many stories to tell on how we have accumulated coins. I have many, but one in particular stands out above the rest. Most people that know me are well aware that I collect Mexican Revolutionary coins by die varieties, and with this in mind I will tell my story.

At the Long Beach coin convention in February, 1993, while sitting at a coin dealer's table looking at his coins a well known coin dealer (I withhold his name for lack of his permission on this story) tapped me on the shoulder and asked me if I could help him out. He said, "Joe, I have two Oaxaca 5 Centavos and they could be a die variety." He laid two Oaxaca 5 centavos in the palm of my hand with the reverse (5 centavos) side up. My heart jumped a few beats when I saw them. The 5 Centavos monogram of this type is only seen on one coin. So, no matter what was on the obverse side, I knew this was a pair of rare coins.

So I flipped the coins and I saw on the obverse side the bust of Benito Juarez facing three-quarters left. This is known as G.B. #300, or Oaxaca #15 (see *La Ventana*). Now my heart was pumping at its maximum and I was still trying very hard to maintain my cool. At the time, I had only seen photos of these rarities but to hold two of these coins was a treat for me. All I could say to the dealer was that the pair was from the same die except one had a small stain and smiled. He did a great job in shocking me and I asked him if he had any desire to sell me one and to my surprise he said he would like to see this coin go into a collection of a serious collector. A year later, one of the two was a part of my collection, the one without the stain.

When he reads this I hope that it brings a smile to his face. I still thank him and he knows he is a friend.

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La Ventana Woodworth & Flores

Photo # 1 **Rare Oaxaca 5 Centavos**

Photo # 2 **Common Obverse 5 Centavos**



Photo #1, Oax. #15 or G.B. #300
Coin is at the A.N.A. Viva La Revolucion Exhibit



Photo #2, Common reverse 5 Centavos Coin

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OAXACA 10 CENTAVOS

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I was overwhelmed by the response I received and am still getting from my previous article in the **U.S.Mex.N.A. Journal**, Vol. VII No. II, June 2003 regarding the restriking of 2 Centavos Tetela Del Oro Puebla. I never knew if anyone was reading my articles so I must thank all of you. I am always open for pros or cons on what I write about.

Now back to my latest new Oaxaca find.

I never loose interest in looking for new dies or die combination. It seems that I go for a long time between finding any new coins, but when it happens it is very gratifying.

Persistence is good and it has led me to this new find, a well-known die of a **Oax. 50a obverse G.B. 314 and a Oax.41 reverse G.B. U.L.** ("Oax" numbers are from La Ventana by Woodworth & Flores. G.B. # are from Mexican Revolution Coinage 1910 – 1917 by Guthrie & Bothamley). How rare is this coin? I believe that based on all the years of hunting I would think it was rare. Time will tell. Has anyone seen one? If you have seen one please let me know.

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Obverse Oax. #50a



Reverse Oax. # 4

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OAXACA 2 PESO

I am happy to report to the members a great new find on a rare copper coin, the first one I have ever seen or handled.

The green book, *Mexican Revolutionary Coinage*, by Hugh S. Guthrie and Merrill Bothamley, better known as the "G.B." book, notes the striking of a Oaxaca 2 peso on a copper planchet as number G.B. 358. Neil Utberg also mentions this coin as Oax. 21. Howland Wood catalogs this same coin as number 153. Sr. Carlos Gaytan mentions this coin. None of the authors note whether this copper specimen coin is any different from its counterpart, the silver coin known as G.B. 357. They all agree they have not seen or handled this copper coin. So I will assume the copper dies are identical to the silver coins as in **photo #1**.

This report is about a copper planchet coin struck with a different obverse (bust side). This same obverse die was used in the striking of the large 31 mm 20 Centavos series. It is a very common and well-known die, shown in *La Ventana* book by Woodworth and Flores as Oax . 56, or G.B. 334.

This reverse die was used in the striking of both coins in this article, and it is the same one that was used to strike Oax. 113 in *La Ventana* or G.B. 357 and with the same corded edge. See **photo #2**.

We invite readers' comments on this coin or other Revolution Corner items. They may be sent care of this *Journal* or to:

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Footnote:

After a review of my article on the Chihuahua Parral Peso, GB80, that appeared in the June *Journal*, a clarification is necessary. This will be forthcoming soon. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.



PHOTO #1



PHOTO #2

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I am amazed at how many new finds I have seen and written about over the last few years. I think there is no end to what else will turn up.

Since I am a collector, researcher, and labeled a specialist on coins of the Mexican revolution I was told by many friends that there would be many coins shown to me that some will be genuine, and some counterfeit. How true this has been. Lots of counterfeits. Most bogus coins I have seen in Mexico are from the city of Guadalajara. --- So buyers beware. I will address this issue at a later date. Getting back to what this article is all about; real coins.

Photo #1 is of an OAXACA 2 Pesos very scarce coin and one of many varieties of this series of 2 or Dos Pesos coins. Only known struck on silver planchets never listed by Guthrie and Bothamley. (G. B. Book). This die combination was first mentioned in the book "LA VENTANA" by Woodworth and Flores, published in 1988 as OAX. 109.

Photo #2 is the same die combination as the silver planchet in photo #1 except this one is struck on a **copper** (cobre) planchet. The coin is crude but still a very rare coin in any condition. This is the first copper I have ever seen struck with these dies. I will call it OAX. 109A.

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Photo #1

Edge----Corded

Metal---Silver

Dia-----33.50

Thks.---2.00 mm

Wt.-----14.65



The Revolution Corner, Con't:

**Photo #2**

Edge----Corded

Metal---Copper

Dia.-----32.60mm

Thks.---1.90 mm

Wt.-----11.80 Grms



THE REVOLUTION CORNER

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20 PESO OAXACA

Another great Revolution rarity was sold to me at the Guadalajara numismatic convention in October 2002. This coin is the first one I have ever seen, and did not know that this coin even existed. As in most Oaxaca gold coins, the five, ten and twenty Pesos have a reeded edge. I only know of one other corded edge coin and it is very rare.

This coin is the same as the known one except it never was gold plated. At first came the thought of someone had removed the gold plating. After studying the coin I am happy to say that did not happen. This coin could well be a trial strike?

My good friend, the late Mr. Woodworth (Woody) and I knew of the one known corded edge. We listed this in our book "La Ventana" as Oax.128.

This new find will always have its' own I. D. with a planchet defect on the Obverse in front of Juarez's fore head and through to the reverse side below the "P" in Pesos.

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PHOTO #1, GOLD PLATED

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PHOTO #2, NEW FIND

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The book "The Coins of the Mexican Revolution 1910 – 1917" by Mr. Neil S. Utberg, 1965 reported that the 2 centavos were scarce. His PU-4 or G.B. 394 were very scarce coins up to 1964. In his book he mentioned that a hoard of some 9,000 or 10,000 coins were found. He did report that they were all the same. I question if these coins were struck before the rusting and pitting of dies. There seems to be many more re-strike coins than original coins. These original coins are still scarce.

Some time ago at one of the Mexico City coin shows there was a Mexican dealer with at least 1,000 two centavos coins. After some studying of this small hoard I realized that all the coins in this bunch were struck after the dies rusted and became pitted. Almost all re-strike coins are found in mint state condition with mint luster, but have a very rough field appearing as pebbles of sand as in photo #1. **(Actual size is 17mm).**

A few years later the obverse and the reverse die were offered to me and I made no offer but I did get a chance to take a good look at the dies. I was told that the dies were sold to a very well known collector in Mexico City. His name I will not reveal and his honesty has been questioned by many. There were two sets of dies all from the 2 centavos Utberg PU-4 and PU-6 or G.B. 394 and 396.

Some years later I was offered many 2 and 5 centavo coins struck on lead planchets. They all had very rough fields and I turned the offer down.

I then bought the dies and sold them to a good friend that who can be trusted.

Photo #1 is of a coin struck with pitted dies.

Photo #2 is a coin struck from the original dies.

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PHOTO NO. 1



PHOTO # 2

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COUNTERFEITS

In the past all of my articles have been of new coin finds. This one will be of more of the same except about counterfeit specimens. There is a large amount of new counterfeit coins hitting the market. They are made for all areas of Mexican coinage, but I will stay with what I know and that would be Revolutionary coinage. I am also a collector of counterfeit revolutionary coins and have been for many years. It is a great study of the many ways the unscrupulous try to deceive some collectors and dealers.

Lately I have been offered all types of minor and crown size coins, some cast and some are struck on all types of metal planchets. The ones that really upset me were the ones done with die transfer coins. They will heat their so-called new dies to a red-hot temperature then press it to a coin that has a high relief and create a new die. In most cases the coins struck by this method lack details. So please study your coins before purchasing them. Not all weakly struck coins are bogus; there are many genuine coins with weaknesses. This is very common in Mexican Revolutionary coins.

Over the years I have noticed of the different dies that have been created of the Oaxaca rectangular and 3 centavos. They come in all flavors, copper, silver, lead and brass. In the 1970s when the Soc. Num. De Mexico was paying tribute to the Mexican Revolution a coin merchant made some copy dies of the Oaxaca 60 Peso. They are well done, as a matter of fact they are too well done. The owner of these copy dies told me one die was dropped and marred, but I do not recall if it was the obverse or reverse.

Most coins that I have encountered are from the city of Guadalajara, Jalisco. Stay alert, do not pay much for counterfeits, and keep on hunting for new finds. All pros and cons are welcomed, as it helps to drive these fakes from the marketplace.

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PHOTO #1 – Chih. --- Normal.



PHOTO #1A – Chih. Die Transfers, notice date.



PHOTO #2 – Obv. & Rev. Gro. One of a few well known bogus dies.



PHOTO #3 – Obv. & Rev. Gro struck bogus GB. 181



PHOTO #4 – Obv. & Rev. Gro cast of GB. 189

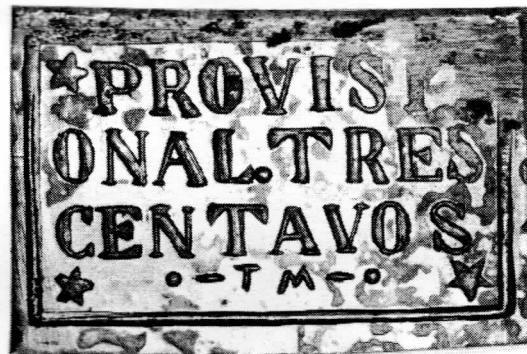
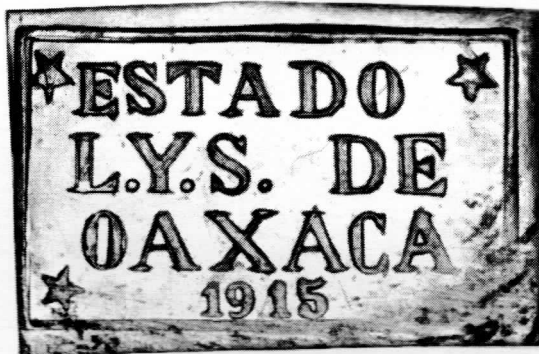


PHOTO #5 – Obv. & Rev. Oax. Copy of a rare GB. 291



PHOTO #6 – Oax. Wrong (G.V.)



PHOTO #7 – Obv. & Rev.
Oax. Trial strike on a 3/16"
copper plate of a 60 Peso
copy dies.