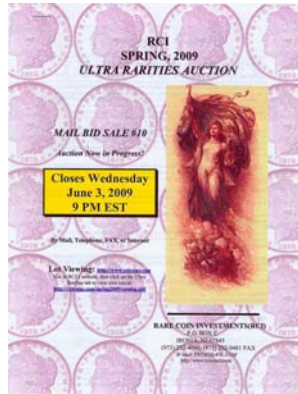


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## **A Critical Overview of Collecting Silver Dollar Varieties**

Ironia, NJ-May 11, 2009. The Spring, 2009 issue of *Top 100 Insights & Value Guide* contained a critical overview of collecting silver dollar varieties. Michael S. Fey, co-author of the *Top 100*, offered insights on the evolution of VAM collecting, and his opinions on the rarest, most desirable VAM varieties listed in the *Top 100* book, the 1878 8TF Attribution Guide, the *Hot 50* and *Top 50* Attribution Guides, and various other silver dollar reference books.

RCI also included an 18 page catalog of the Spring, 2009 *Ultra Rarities* sale consisting of 150 lots of Morgan & Peace dollar varieties. The auction is scheduled

to close on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 9 PM EST. Anyone can participate in the auction by downloading the catalog at <http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/catalog.jpg>

The sale contains \$150,000 in rare silver dollar varieties including several 1878 8TF *Ultra Rarities*, an NGC AU 55 1878 7/3 TF VAM 44 “Tripled Blossoms”, a PCGS 63 1888-O VAM 1B “Scarface” an NGC AU 55 VAM 4 “Hot Lips” as well as many other finest or near finest known dollar varieties.

VAM is an acronym for Leroy Van Allen and A. George Mallis who were first to catalog varieties of obverse and reverse dies, called die pairs, by a VAM number. VAM numbers are given along with photographs of each in the *Comprehensive Catalog and Encyclopedia of Morgan & Peace Dollars (4<sup>th</sup> Ed)* normally referred to as the VAM book.

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