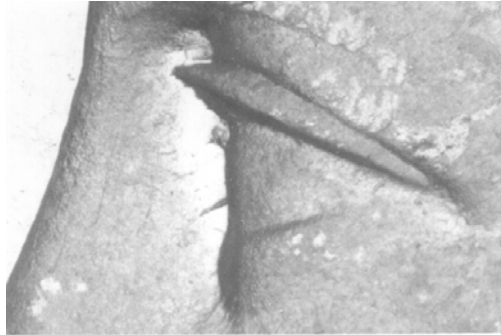


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**1878 8TF VAM 14.11 Obverse “Wild Eye Spikes”**

### ***Best VAM Buys for the Future***

**Ironia, NJ-August 22, 2008. Michael S. Fey, co-author of the *Top 100 Morgan Dollar Varieties* book, disclosed his picks for the best VAM buys for the future in the Summer, 2008 issue of *Top 100 Insights*. Targeted were “key varieties” and premium quality coins at “critical grades”, the grade at which there was a dramatic increase in price for the next grade higher. Examples cited included the 1878 8TF VAM 9 “First Morgan” in Mint State, the 1878 8TF VAM 14.11 “Wild Eye Spikes” in AU or better, the 1878 7/3 TF VAM 44 “Tripled Blossoms & Leaves” in AU and better, and the 1878-S B<sup>1</sup> reverse (long arrow shaft) in Mint State as well as several others.**

Of the 429 trades recorded during the past quarter, whopping new record prices were established for Leroy Van Allen's ANACS 64 DMPL 1878 8TF VAM 9 at \$19,950 at a Heritage auction, a PCGS 55 1878 8TF VAM 14.11 "Wild eye Spikes" for \$17,250 at E-Bay, a PCGS 62 1887 VAM 1A "Donkey Tail" for \$20,000 in a private trade, and a PCGS 62 1888-O VAM 1B "Scarface" for \$9500 in a private trade.

In his newsletter, Fey also called for elections of a Board of Governors for the Society of Silver Dollar Collectors (SSDC) by its next meeting at the FUN show in January, 2009 and establishment of bylaws to govern the organization.

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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