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Summer Seminar Memories

by Rod Frechette

The excitement continued to build heading north on I-25 with our illustrious champion of the 4th estate, Phil V., piloting his car the next 5 + hours toward Colorado Springs. Two years of COVID shut downs, how would things go? **Excellent** from the get go. Old friends to reacquaint with and new ones to make. This was as fun as starting your favorite new school year and going on vacation. Dorm rooms assigned and photo IDs made. Golf cart shuttles around. Friendly staff assisting and many of the Gods & Goddesses of Numismatics approachable and sharing. The comradery and late-night bull sessions. The great modern cafeteria with as much as you want and much to choose from.

The most difficult part is choosing and taking only one class when there is a dozen offered. Four days of instruction with one or two experts in the field giving 4 – 20 people insights and information you were oblivious to, despite your years of collecting. Handling dozens to hundreds of coins, medals and paper from personal collections to things from the museum vault, some worth half a million dollars or more. If holding and examining these treasures does not send a thrill down your spine and a rush of enjoyment to your head, you should be with a mortician. My favorite was actually holding Brutus's Eid Mar denarii commemorating the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44 BCE with daggers and a liberty cap above the day of the deed and his face on the other side. A mere \$400,000 was nothing compared to the intense rush of holding such a piece of history. Spending time with the instructors and class mates after class was a huge bonus. Each session ends with Instructor acknowledgements and awards at a banquet after a reception.



There was a lot to do with a 3-day coin show between sessions, off campus activities and hanging out with those coming for the 2nd week. The YN auction each week is a lot of fun with over \$16,000 raised week 1 (*continued page 3*)

Member Profile

by: Phil Vitale

Bill DeWeese

LIFE MEMBER

Bill DeWeese is our new Life Member. He joins a very small select group of people recognized for above and beyond service to the Albuquerque Coin Club. This is a fitting honor for our super volunteer – a man who’s always ready to help out the club in any endeavor year after year.

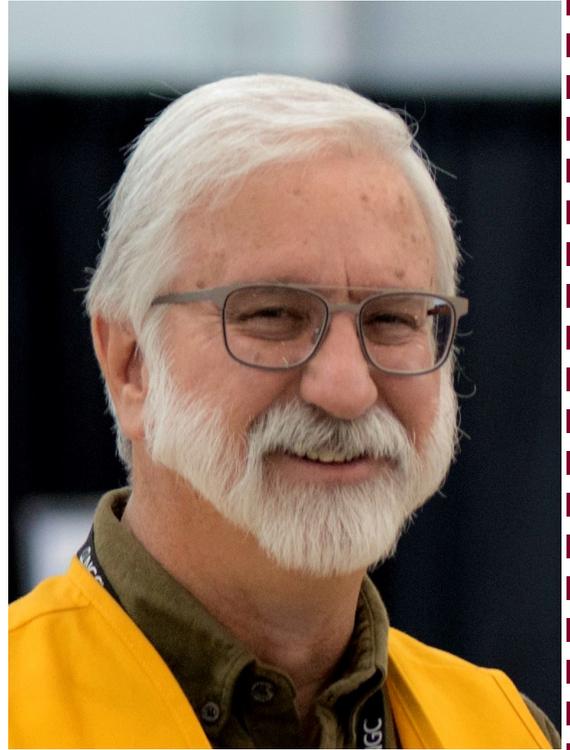
Bill was born and raised in Troy, OH. He earned a degree in accounting and economics from Hastings College, Nebraska. He has worked over the years in a number of finance positions.

Our club superstar started his numismatic journey at the age of nine when his parents bought him a coin collector starter kit. They continued to encourage his interest by giving him a new Red Book every year. His interest expanded with a paper route that brought new coins to go through every week and a few extra bucks to buy a coin now and then. Although his collecting hit a lull during high school and college (study, girls and other distractions), he slowly returned to the hobby with time. His move to Albuquerque in 1987 for a new accounting position opened new collecting vistas with coin shops and an active collecting community. Bill joined the ANA in 2000, and the Albuquerque Coin Club two years later. He has been an active member ever since serving as a club officer (President and Treasurer) or board member for at least fifteen of those twenty-one years.

Bill collects an eclectic mix of numismatic items. His focus in recent years has been putting together a complete set of Lincoln cents in MS-63 Red/Brown or better; he is down to a handful of early cents to complete the set. Bill also collects Civil War era numismatic items (tokens, stamp money, coins, etc.), fractional currency, and coinage from the Netherlands, his family’s ancestral home.

In addition to his numismatic interests, Bill has been a member of the Kiwanis for 32 years; he has served them as the President and a board member for six years. Bill isn’t planning to retire for another six years or so. His retirement goal is to work part time for one of the local coin dealers.

We are exceptionally fortunate to have this exceptional man as a friend and ally for our club.



You are the expert. Do a presentation at a club meeting and share your expertise.

(memories from page 1) and over \$24,000 week 2. The library book sales each week which go for 3 days each session added another 55 books to our library. Week two was even more fun with getting to know new people and deepening friendships from week 1 stayovers. I was lucky enough to have only 4 people



in my class with everyone's favorite instructor, who took home the major awards. I held some incredible colonial coins of Mexico. I was



accompanied by our illustrious Vice president, Matt P., who graciously drove me and my huge accumulation back home.

Please strongly consider taking the ANA classes next year. You can apply for financial assistance. I was lucky enough to attend my first week on a full ANA scholarship and my 2nd week with a stipend of \$250 from the ACC. Thank you all very much for supporting me. I will endeavor to impart to you what I learned.

Coin Show on the Horizon

Our next great Southwest Coin Expo is scheduled for March 31st, April 1st and 2nd at the Marriott North Pyramid hotel. We conduct these events to show off coins and currency to the public and provide an opportunity for our members to search for that rare find from out of state dealers.

Our shows are run completely by volunteers from our club. The earned revenues fund the club operations throughout the year.

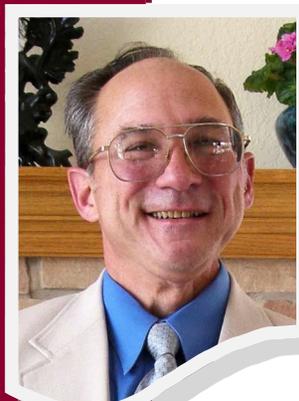


This year, Matt Peacock will be taking the reigns as the show chairman. He will be coming to you, the membership, over the next few meetings to fill the volunteer positions needed. You can contact Matt at 505-270-8685, or via email at themattruben@gmail.com Our club thanks you.



ANA News

by: Phil Vitale



There is no finer numismatic education than the ANA's Summer Seminar. The 2023 Summer Seminar catalogue is out on-line and in the Numismatist. Session 1, June 17 - 22 features 14 courses. In addition to the regulars (Coin Grading, Digital Photography, Counterfeit Detection), there are courses on Greek Coinage, Paper Money Grading, Medals, Morgan Dollars, and World Coins and Notes. I'm going to take the Paper Money Grading course.

Session 2, June 24 - 29, features 13 courses, some being the advanced courses of the first week. Unique courses this week include Coin Carving, Roman Civil War Coinage, Early American Coppers, and Civil War Numismatics.

Please consider taking one of the Summer Seminar courses. The club will offer a \$250 stipend for those attending that do not have a scholarship. Please call me with any questions.



January Presentation

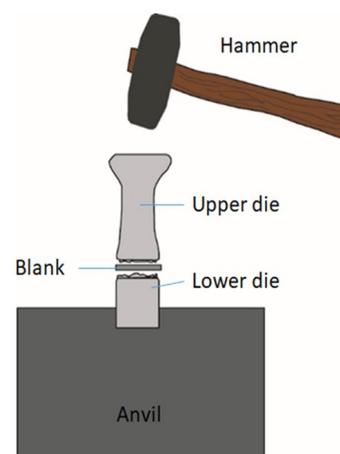
by: Phil Vitale

Our January meeting saw Rod Frechette giving us a tutorial on coin making methods through time. Early coining was accomplished by Casting and Striking. Mining, smelting and refining ore was conducted thousands of years before coins arrived on the scene in the 7th century BC. People first found metals near water and on the ground; mining developed over time.

Early mining produced supplies of lead, copper, tin, silver, gold and electrum (a naturally occurring mixture of silver and gold). When copper was alloyed with tin it produced bronze, a much harder material than either of its components. Bronze was critically important for tools in the time before iron was able to be worked.

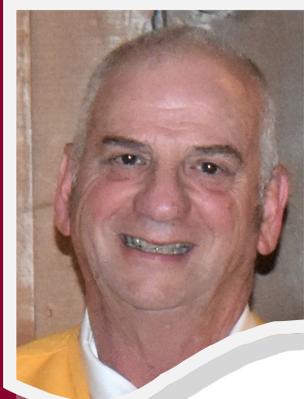
People practiced casting for many years using the lost wax, sand cast and other mold methods. More interesting was the process for striking metals. Metal ingots were pounded (to be replaced by rolling) into sheets. "Planchettes" were cut or punched from the sheets.

Dies were cut into the striking surface of the striking die, and a design was carved into the anvil element whether wood or metal. Finally, the planchette was placed between the top and bottom dies and struck with a hammer to impart the design.



The Coin Cabinet

by: Byron Kesner



First of all, a hardy congratulations goes out to Bill DeWeese for his well-deserved nomination and election by the general membership to the elite rank of Life Member. Bill has been a hard-working and valuable member of the ACC for the past 21 years. He's volunteered for many activities such as our bi-annual coin shows, the NM State Expo exhibits, and other club events. Bill is also an award-winning exhibitor at the clubs, winning the "Special Grand Award," a.k.a. The Bernie Linhart Memorial Award. Bill's club involvement includes serving on the Board of Directors for 15 of his 21 years. This includes serving with distinction as Club President (2017-2018); and 13 years as ACC Treasurer (2008-2013 and 2015-2016, and most recently from 2020 - 2022.

Secondly, best wishes for success go out to the group of ACC members who tested for ANA Numismatic Scholar this past February 4th.

We all studied very hard for the final exam.

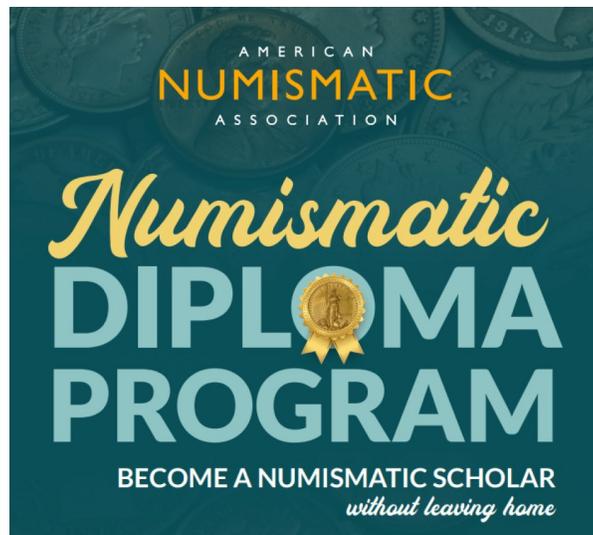
Thanks go out to Phil Vitale for his dedication to this program as our mentor and guide

through the six correspondence courses. Although unforeseen events prevented several of us (including myself) from testing with our classmates, we hope to reschedule the final exam and test soon. I'm still studying very hard for this exam.

The ACC is planning for our 70th Anniversary (ACC was founded in 1953). The celebration will take place at the March membership meeting (March 27th). We will have food and beverages, and recognize both past presidents and Life Members. A 70th Anniversary ACC Club medal will also be unveiled. Further details on how to obtain this collectors' medal will be forthcoming.

Beyond the March meeting, we of course have the National Coin Show in Phoenix (March 2-4, 2023) and the Spring 2023 Great Southwest Coin Expo to look forward to (March 31 – April 2) at the Marriott North Pyramid.

Best wishes to all as we slowly roll into spring and all of the Club's exciting events.



Peggy's Two Cents

by: Peggy Deurloo



Our club exists to serve our members. Get involved and enjoy it more.

The 2023 National Money Show is in Phoenix next month – March 2-3-4. Phil Vitale is coordinating our participation; please contact him for details. Phil, our ANA Rep, is also coordinating the Scholarships for the ANA's Summer Seminar (two weeks in June) in Colorado Springs. So many classes . . . so much to learn . . . contact Phil for details.

The 2023 Spring ACC Southwest Coin Expo at the Marriott Pyramid is the last day of March and the first week-end in April – the 31st, the 1st and the 2nd. This will be another great show – put together by our new Show Chairman Matt Peacock; we know he will knock it out of the park because he was mentored by Rod. If you can volunteer for this event, please be sure to sign up with Matt NO LATER THAN March 17th !

Many of you may not know about our hammered group . . . no, not alcohol – this group is obsessed with Ancient forms of money – the kind that was banged out on a tree stump with a sledge hammer. For those of you who could not attend the January Meeting, Rod gave a demonstration of how it was done and several in attendance took a turn creating a mock ancient coin. This group meets the last Saturday of the month at 1:00 (after the ACC Breakfast) at Rod's downtown office (116 Granite NW); you can find more information on the internet at hammeredcoins.com or contact Rod directly.

ACC's 70th Anniversary is coming up next month. The March 27th Membership Meeting will be recognizing those Past Presidents who are able to attend and celebrate several of the Club's achievements over these many years. It will be an event worth attending (at our regular meeting location). And mark your calendars for the Annual Picnic coming up on May 6th at the Jewish Community Center on Wyoming near Academy – Carl and Charlene will have details at the February meeting.

One more item of significance . . . one of our YN's is all grown up now ! Mike Hajny has now assumed the responsibilities of a married man! Congratulations to Michael and his lovely and patient bride, Brittany. Our very best wishes to the two of you.

Danny's Two Bits



This report was not available at the time of publication.

Dates to Remember

ALBUQUERQUE COIN CLUB EVENTS:

Albuquerque Coin Club Monthly Meetings are held at the UNM Continuing Education Building located at 1634 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. Meetings are conducted in person and concurrently on Zoom. The Zoom invitation is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85212076570?pwd=VThzSXZPMFNTTnlaSFZ0SHhQaGdBT09>

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| February 27, 2023 | Membership Meeting | Speaker: Rick Tope |
| | Topic: Numismatic Counterfeits | |
| March 25, 2023 | Wee Are Hammered | |
| | Rod's office, 1 PM | |
| March 27, 2023 | Membership Meeting | Speaker: Matt Peacock |
| | Topic: How to sell your coins | |
| April 24, 2023 | Membership Meeting | Speaker: Rex Borders |
| | Topic: Liberty Seated Design Coinage | |

ANA EVENTS

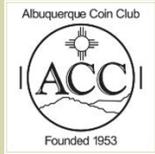
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| March 2-4, 2023 | National Money Show |
| | Phoenix, AZ |
| June 17-22, 2023 | Summer Seminar Session 1 |
| June 24-29, 2023 | Summer Seminar Session 2 |
| August 8 - 12, 2023 | World's Fair of Money |
| | Pittsburgh, PA |

UPCOMING AREA AND MAJOR COIN SHOWS

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| February 24-26, 2023 | 59th El Paso Coin Show |
| | Elmira Shrine, El Paso, TX |
| March 24-26, 2023 | Fort Collins Coin Club Show |
| | Loveland, CO |
| April 7 - 8, 2023 | Waco Spring Coin Show |
| | Bellmead, TX |
| May 3 - 6, 2023 | Denver Coin Expo |
| | Denver, CO |

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A.C.C. Monthly Meeting Agenda

The club meets the last Monday of every month, except December. Meetings are held at UNM Continuing Education Building located at 1634 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. We encourage and welcome visitors.



ANA Member Club # C1063082

- 6:00 pm Open floor trading and socializing
- 7:00 pm Call to order
Educational Presentation
Club Business
- 8:00 pm Break, socializing and trading
1st Door prize and 50/50 drawing
Auction of numismatic items
2nd door prize
Payment of auction winnings



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