

# Pocket Change

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Magic
- Peacock
- Worlds Fair
- Commoratives
- Lessons
- Coining

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## State Fair Magic

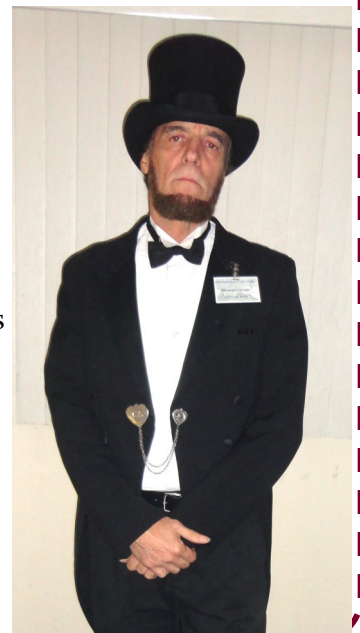
The Albuquerque Coin Club was founded in 1953. In that first year, and every year since, the club provided numismatic displays to educate Fair goers.

The world has changed in the last 70 years and the club has evolved with it. Today we provide 50 cases of displays, lectures and demonstrations. We employ a team of volunteers to meet people, answer questions and provide information on the materials displayed. Our “booth” in the Creative Arts building is stocked with Red Books, Coin World magazines, club information, and membership applications (although we don't take membership money at the Fair, we



always seem to get at least 6 new members from those looking at our displays). This year, over 3600 people reviewed our displays and voted for their favorites. How do you get 3600+ people to spend 20 to 30 minutes looking at displays? Offer them “Free Money”, a foreign coin of their choosing from a bin of coins – it doesn't make a lot of sense, but it truly works.

This outreach event does not just happen by itself. Our State Fair chairman, Steve Acre, works tirelessly to set up cases, get displays judged, ensuring our materials are in place, scheduling volunteers, and breaking down and putting away everything at the Fair's close. I would certainly be remiss if I did not mention the team of volunteers whose efforts make the event possible: Tim Cox, Rod Frechette, Pete Rechkermmmer, Tim Fuller, Jane Fuller, Bob Deurloo, Ed Dey, Kathy O'Neil, Bill DeWeese, John Saiz, Mike Itamura, Tom Slone, Jim Derrick, Randy Reiland, Matt Peacock, Cruz Peacock, *(continued page 3)*



## Member Profile

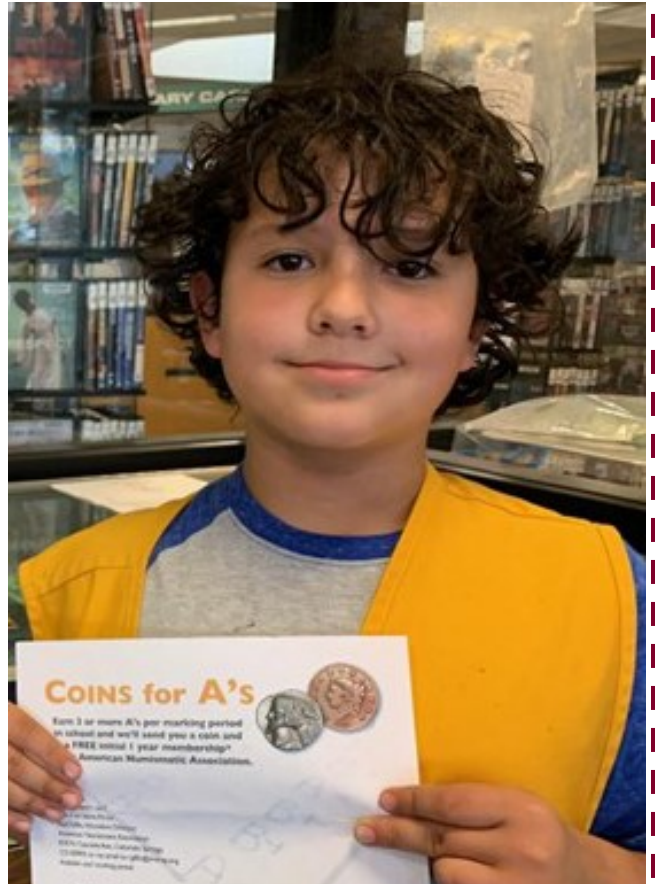
### Cruz Peacock

#### Rising YN Star

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

If you've been around Albuquerque Coin Club activities, you've undoubtedly seen a young fellow in a gold vest with a mop of dark hair and big smile helping out in a variety of ways. Cruz Peacock is definitely the club's most active Young Numismatist (YN).

Cruz is 9 years old and strives to be more than just another club member as exemplified by his many activities to support the club. He is a seasoned exhibitor at the State Fair (ribbons every time) and takes a personal stake in getting people to look at the club's displays. You can see him at our coin shows helping out and manning one of the tables. He has been at the last two National Money Shows (Phoenix and Colorado Springs) helping out and enjoying the shopping opportunities. In addition to being a great example for other kids, he has been noticed by the ANA Staff and other ANA notables.



This 4<sup>th</sup> grader is particularly effective in working with YN directors to set up displays and recruiting opportunities at several libraries and community centers. Cruz gives us an inside look at what kids are looking for and will enjoy.

Cruz has sharpened his display and collecting skills. He is primarily interested in Japanese and Chinese designs. His collections focus on Japanese Invasion Money of the Philippines, Philippine Pesos from World War I to World War II recovery, NGC certified ancient Chinese 10 Cash coins, and ancient Japanese coins and amulets. Cruz also has a weakness for Super Hero 1 oz rounds issued by British Commonwealth Countries, and shaped silver bullion depicting PacMan and Legos.

We are fortunate to have this young super star as part of our club. Please stop and say hi to Cruz at our next club function.



(*Magic from page 1*) Byron Kesner, Brian Smith, Doug Wilson, and Rex Borders. As with all of our events, our volunteers make them possible and special.

In addition to our coin displays, Tim Fuller lectured on “What to Do With Grandpa’s Coins” and Rod Frechette demonstrated making coins the old fashioned “hammered” way. Kids gathered around for the chance to hammer their own coin.

Thank you to all who entered displays; you are all awesome. This year’s winners are: Bernie Linhart Award and People’s Choice: Animals on Coins - Caroline Wood; Best of Show: YN Japanese Invasion Money - Cruz Peacock,



Adult Roman Republic/Empire – Jane Fuller, Professional Chi-mayo Revolt – Rod Frechette. Individual adult category winners include: Ancients - Jane Fuller, For-



eign Banknotes - Tim Fuller, Foreign Coins - Rex Borders, Mixed Classes – John Saiz, Other Numismatic Items - Randy Reiland, US Coins - Bill DeWeese, US Banknotes - Peterson.

The club actually makes a few dollars from



the Fair. We rent 50 display cases to the Fair each year for \$500 for use with other display areas (normally jewelry makers).

The State Fair is a special opportunity for the club to introduce the public to numismatics. Please think about putting in a display in next year’s Fair, and please continue to volunteer.



# *World's Fair of Money*

## *More Than Just a Coin Show*

Going to Pittsburgh from my home base in the Southwest was a daunting thought. However, the friendly people, the great facility, the Tyrant display, the lectures, good restaurants, meetings and of course hundreds of dealers made those apprehensions fade to the background. In truth, the ANA World's Fair of Money is more than just a terrific coin show.

Our gang for the show consisted of Byron Kesner, Eric and Jennifer Kibbey, Tim and Jane Fuller, Rod Frechette and me. We traveled different ways and times (along with numbing airline delays) to set up our table in time for the opening ceremonies. The evening before, Eric, Jennifer and I went to a Pirates – Braves ballgame across the river with a group of other numismatists (the Pirates won!).



One of the great attractions at the show was the Tyrant Collection of British coins throughout the centuries. The completeness and unparalleled quality of coins from the empire's rulers would knock your eyes out. This event was unequalled except for the US

coins featured last year.

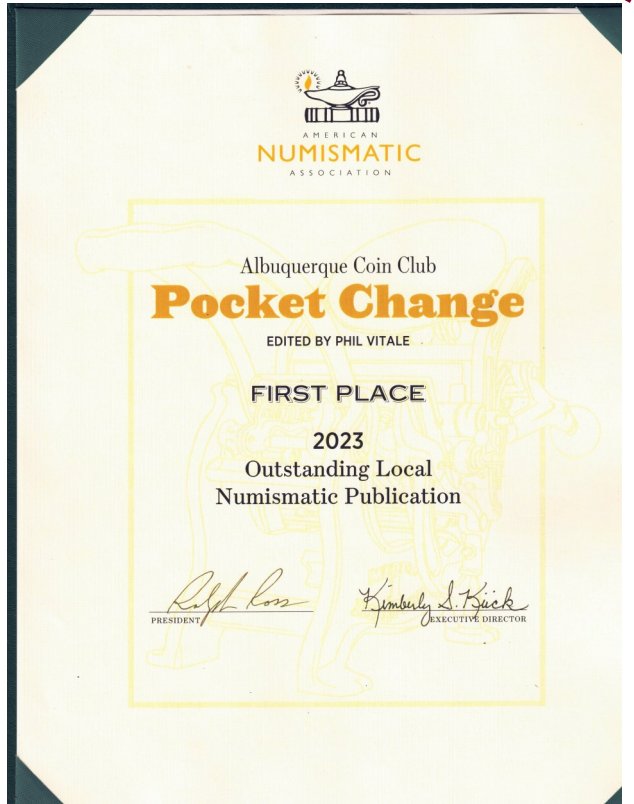
Our group availed itself of the many free lectures. We also all (including Byron's sweetheart Barbara) attended the PAN (Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists) welcome dinner at a great restaurant. The ambiance was enhanced by the Lincoln, Franklin, and Washington characters at the dinner and around the show. It appears that all of us were weighed down by extra cash, so we all traded that weight for those items we just had to have. I brought home an 1886 \$2 silver certificate graded at "63." *(continued page 5)*



(WFM from page 4) Once again, the club's large presence (seven at the table and another nine members attending) made a strong impression around the show floor. Everyone knows the guys in the yellow vests. Phil picked up his First-Place award for the Pocket Change. Although he didn't win a spot on the Board of Governors, he was tapped by new President Tom Uram to be the National District Representative Coordinator.

There were outstanding collector exhibits competing in 10 categories. Jeff Rosinia, a club member from the Chicago area took home three ribbons with his wife. Joe Boling, one of our club members from Indiana, who was the ANA Vice-President, was inducted into the ANA Hall of Fame; he has a long history of service to the hobby and the ANA.

There were meetings for 30 groups/clubs over the course of the show. They included



Phil's Newsletter Editor's Workshop and a District Representatives meeting. Both were very well attended.

Alas, all good shows must come to an end. Saturday saw us all heading for home. Between airline chaos and turbulent weather, some of our journeys were very, very long. Regardless of the difficulties, everyone would agree that the journey was well worthwhile. Please consider coming out to one of the national shows in the future.



## August Presentation

by: Phil Vitale

August's presentation was a double header with Rex Borders and Jim Derrick covering 'Commemorative Coins of the United States.' Commemorative coins are legal tender created to raise funds for a sponsoring organization and/or honor a person, place, thing or event of special significance. Early commemoratives were minted between 1892 and 1954. Modern commemoratives were minted starting in 1982 to the present.



All commemoratives require authorization from Congress based upon a sponsor's petition. For early commemoratives the sponsor has the coin modeled and designed. The first early commemorative half dollar was the Columbian in 1892-93. There were many abuses associated with the early commemoratives leading to the termination of the program in 1954.

Modern commemorative coinage started in 1982 with a coin to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of George Washington's birth. Since then there have been 116 commemorative coin programs authorized by congress and 310 issues by the Mint. The enabling legislation dictates coin specifications, mintages, cost and surcharge to be collected. The surcharge goes to the beneficiary organizations. One of the most popular modern commemoratives is the 2019 Apollo 11 Silver Proof \$1.



## September Presentation

by: Phil Vitale

Our September meeting saw Byron Kesner educating members on "Numismatic Lessons Learned" based upon his Summer Seminar class on Morgan Dollars. Beyond the specifics of Morgans, much of what was covered can be applied to collecting anything.



Byron stressed that starting out it is important to determine what type of collector you want to be: traditional fill the holes in a collection book, type by putting together a set of related items, or specialty focusing on collecting a specific denomination or series. Of course, your disposable income level will help shape your collecting approach.

Like any other purchase, you need to know a sufficient amount of information about what it is you want to collect. "Buy the book before the coin" is expanded today to include software, internet, and dealer information which can provide a wealth of information. Byron also spent time to describe natural toning stages, and the means people use to accomplish artificial toning. He also touched upon the growing plague of counterfeiting.



## ANA News

by: Phil Vitale



The 2024 ANA National Money Show will be held on March 14-16 at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Since the show is less than a day's drive from Albuquerque, it is a great opportunity to attend this outstanding event. If you've never been to a big national show before, here's your chance. There'll be hundreds of dealers and tables, great numismatic displays and free lectures on many topics pre-

sented by experts. As a bonus, you'll have access to hobby greats and many of the ANA Staff.

The ANA's Summer Seminar is held every year in June in Colorado Springs; this is the premier numismatic educational opportunity in the country. The 30+ courses offered over two weeks touch upon almost everyone's interests. While June is still a good way away, we need to be thinking about scholarship opportunities. Typically, scholarship applications are accepted in December and January. As we did last year, I can review your application and provide you with pointers to make a winning application.

Last year we were four scholarships for four applications. Summer Seminar is great, but it's even better if you don't have to pay for it!



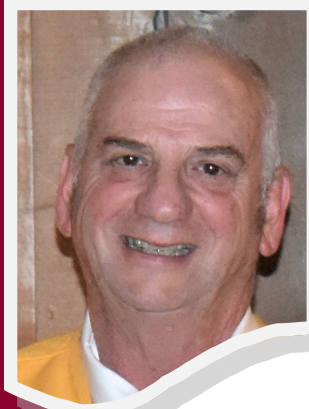
## Coining Comes to Albuquerque

A group of avid coiners has brought a new capability to town with the acquisition of a 6 ton coin press. The press is not owned by the club, but rather by members who have formed an LLC for production. The first strike was accomplished on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, with a large crowd looking on.



## The Coin Cabinet

by: Byron Kesner



Well, its Autumn – my favorite time of year. I love the cool mornings, the smell of roasting green chile, and the excitement of all of the fall festivals. I planted five fruit and olive trees this week. It was a lot of work, but I'm very proud of the result. By the end of the effort, I felt like someone had beat me with a bat. I'm recovering slowly from all of the body aches. Enjoy the fall, it's the best time of the year in New Mexico.

This past month I also had the honor of presenting the educational program at the September meeting. I have to admit that it was a lot of preparation and work. However, I noticed something: Summer Seminar was the impetus for my presentation on Morgans; however, it was only the beginning. The more I read and delved into the subject of Morgans, the more I learned and became enthused about collecting Morgans. To me, the moral of this observation is to find your passion in Numismatics and get involved.

I'd like to extend this observation to ACC members: Get involved and become passionate about being an active member. We have officer and ACC Board Member nominations in process. Consider taking a chance on investing your time at a higher level of club involvement. Our Club needs and requires fresh faces on the Board to bring in new ideas and enthusiasm. Board membership does not require a large investment of time, and the rewards of getting involved are numerous. In the five or so years that I've been involved with the Board, I've developed a lot of close friendships, honed some leadership skills that I didn't believe I had, and even learned to tell jokes in public – kind of.

If being on the Board is not your cup of tea, consider researching and presenting something on your collection specialty at a monthly membership meeting. Like me, you will be amazed at how much you can learn about a subject that you believe you knew everything about. In addition, you'll receive 25 Club bucks for your efforts. Another way to grow your knowledge is to research an article for our award-winning, nationally recognized newsletter "Pocket Change". Phil is always looking for feature articles. Again, the more you invest in researching your numismatic passion, the more passionate you will become about it.

Finally, consider volunteering at our Coin Shows, the Club's Fall NM Expo exhibition and the Annual Trade Show, planning and helping with events like our annual picnic. We have an amazing core group of Coordinators and Program Managers; however, we need to and would love to see some new faces helping out.

## Welcome New Members

ACC would like to give a warm welcome to our newest members ("new"mismatists):

Robert Torres  
Kathryn Martinez  
Marsha Chandler  
Derek Clifton

Benjamin Eckert  
Scott Bucholtz  
Ron Widner  
Hector Aguirre

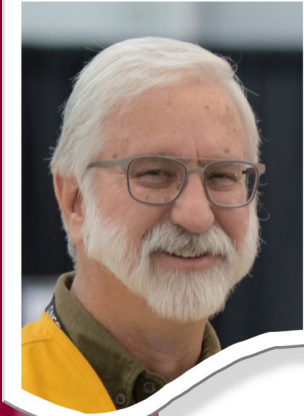
Daniel Martinez  
Joseph Linzalone  
Elaine Lockard



## Bill's Two Bits

Hello Fellow Numismatists,

The August Financials are looking good. The Trade Fair took place in early August. Total revenues for the Trade Fair were \$3,507.50 and total expenditures were \$2,397.65 for a profit on the Trade Fair of \$1,109.85 (this was spread over a couple of months). For the month of August the club had revenues of \$2,044.00 and expenditures of \$630.6 for a monthly profit of \$1,413.64. This reduces our year-to-date loss to \$3,963.48. We are looking fairly good with our regular fall coin show coming up in November. Our checking account has an improved reconciled balance of \$21,704.14 and we still have over \$30,700 in CD's.



We had several one-off expenses in September so we ended up with a loss of \$2,467.48 for the month. We bought a new supply of tri-fold flyers for \$272.69, we needed to order some more checks and deposit slips for \$337.54, we paid the final installment for our new website in the amount of \$685.00 and issued stipends for the World's Fair of Money

ANA show. Revenues for the month were only \$216.09. Our checking account has a reconciled balance of \$20,969.02 and we still have over \$30,700 in CD's.

A reminder to everyone that the plastic club bucks that we are currently using will be demonetized as of November 30, 2023. So spend whatever you have before then.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to give you an answer.

Numismatically,

Bill DeWeese

*Our club exists  
to serve our  
members.*

*Get involved  
and enjoy it  
more.*

Jennifer and Eric Kibbey were interviewed by Larry Jewett and Jeff Starck on the Coin World Podcast. It is Episode 214: Coin Club Confidential. We were able to speak about the new Richmond Coin and Currency Club. We also spoke about the Albuquerque Coin Club and the ANA. This podcast can be accessed on many podcast platforms such as Apple and many more. This can also be accessed <https://www.coinworld.com/coinworld-podcast/>



## Peggy's Two Cents

by: Peggy Deurloo



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

EGAD !! It's October ALREADY !!

First – let me remind all of you that after November 30<sup>th</sup> your plastic Club Bucks will no longer be accepted as tender for ACC merchandise and activities. Soooo . . . gather them all up and use them for a couple of events coming up. You can use them for admission and for most purchases at the November Great Southwest Coin Expo (Nov 10-11-12) and they can be used to pay for your December Holiday Dinners ! Don't let them just lay around in a jar somewhere – they will not become “collectable” (they are plastic – although they do have a very nice image of one of our members on the obverse . . .).

Nominations for the 2024 Calendar Year will be taken at the Membership Meeting on Monday, and again, I am reminding you that Bill DeWeese cannot accept that position again. Please think about taking on this responsibility yourself or nominating a reasonably qualified individual; Bill will be happy to assist in learning which column the numbers go in. We cannot continue as a non-profit organization without this seat being filled. Final nominations will be accepted at the October Membership Meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> and ballots will be mailed out on November 1<sup>st</sup> – please make sure they are in the return mail no later than November 23<sup>rd</sup> – any return envelope postmarked after that date will be disqualified.

We've got the Great Southwest Coin Expo at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel November 10-11-12 . Clifford Mishler, the recipient of every award ever made will be our special guest at the show. Matt Peacock would like to talk with you about volunteering some hours during that week-end . . . we sure appreciate his hard work and dedication to make this another fantastic show. And don't forget to bring your Club Bucks to the Show – you can use them for admission and also to purchase items from most of the vendors.



And we've got the Holiday Dinner where the new Board of Directors will be sworn in and a few awards might be presented to some of our members. Dinner is December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Black Angus Steak House on Wyoming near Menaul (there's lots of road construction going on in that area and it might be a bit tricky to get to the parking lot – but worth the effort); the cost is \$25 per person – dinner includes salad, choice of entrée (steak, chicken or salmon) and dessert. I will have the registration sheets at the October and November meetings, and I will accept cash, check or Club Bucks - they can be used to pay for your December Holiday Dinners.



## 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/82050037791?pwd=P1nQdzsgFqrpzgOlvAPtpas4L49mpY.1>

Meeting ID: 820 5003 7791

Passcode: 581440

<b>October 30, 2023</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker: Tim Cox</b>
	Topic: Indian Head Cents	
<b>November 27, 2023</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker: Phil Vitale</b>
	Topic: Silver Certificates	
<b>December 11, 2023</b>	<b>Holiday Party</b>	
<b>January 29, 2024</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker: Paul Spray</b>
	Topic: Collecting Dollars on a Budget	

### ANA EVENTS

<b>March 14 - 16, 2023</b>	<b>National Money Show</b>
	Colorado Springs, CO
<b>June 16 - 19, 2024</b>	<b>Summer Seminar Session I</b>
	Colorado Springs
<b>June 23 - 26, 2024</b>	<b>Summer Seminar Session II</b>
	Colorado Springs, CO
<b>August 6 - 10, 2023</b>	<b>World's Fair of Money</b>
	Chicago, IL

### UPCOMING AREA AND MAJOR COIN SHOWS

<b>November 10-12, 2023</b>	<b>Great Southwest Coin Expo</b>
	Marriott Pyramid Hotel, Albuquerque
<b>January 19 - 20, 2024</b>	<b>Tucson Invitational Coin &amp; Currency Expo</b>
	Tucson, AZ
<b>February 23 - 25, 2024</b>	<b>60th Annual El Paso Coin Show</b>
	El Maida Shrine, El Paso, TX

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## Albuquerque Coin Club



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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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