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IN MEMORIAM Steve Acre 1954 - 2024

Life member, hard worker, Mr. Lincoln, friend—in fact there are no one set of words that convey the essence of this man and his contributions to the Albuquerque Coin Club and community. Steve Acre's passing on January 7th has left a hole in our club and in our hearts.

Steve was an enthusiastic collector of Mexican 20 Centavo coins and Lincoln cents. He was always a 'jack of all trades' (electrician, upholsterer, DJ, landscaper, etc.) and used those skills to serve whatever the club needed. When it came to laying out power for coin show tables, Steve was there. When it came to acting Lincoln at numerous Magical History Tours in schools, Steve had all the kids coming to him. When it was time to run coin shows, Steve's "Mr. Lincoln" roamed the floor handing out Wheat Cents and Whitman folders to the delight of children and adults alike.

Steve was the club's driving force for our State Fair displays and lectures. A one-man dynamo setting up, getting volunteers, and tearing down.

Steve will be missed by all; rest in peace.



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

Introduction to Modern Commemorative Coins

by Jim Derrick

Early commemorative coins were minted by the U.S. Mint from 1892 – 1954. For these coin programs, sponsors petitioned the U.S. Congress for approval and then later marketed the coins produced by the U.S. Mint to support their programs. Sponsor organizations reaped the benefit of the coin sales. Due to problems with the program, it was ended in 1954.

In 1982 following a 28-year pause, the U.S. Congress authorized the “George Washington Commemorative Coin Program” to celebrate the 250th anniversary of his birth (pictured: 1982 D George Washington Comm. Half Dollar). This was the beginning of the Modern Commemorative Coin Program.



Since 1982, there have been 119 modern commemorative coin programs authorized by the U.S. Congress with coins produced or scheduled for future release by the U.S. Mint. Many of these programs include multiple denominations of minted coins.

Modern Commemorative Coin Programs are authorized by the U.S. Congress to honor a person, place, or event. The enabling legislation dictates the coins specification, mint-ages, cost considerations, and the surcharge amount to be collected. The Mint introduced the concept of a surcharge in 1984 with a certain amount designated to beneficiary organizations to help build new museums, maintain national monuments, preserve historical homes/sites, and support the Olympic Games.



The “1986 U.S. Statue of Liberty 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program” has been the most successful modern commemorative coin program financially. Sales raised approximately 78 million dollars to support the statue and facilities (pictured: 1986 D Statue of Liberty Comm. Half Dollar).

There are several firsts for the US Mint and Modern Commemorative Coins. The “2010 Library of Congress \$10 Commemorative Gold Coin” is the first bimetallic coin produced by the Mint. It is 48% gold, 48% platinum and 4% other metals (pictured: 2010 \$10 PR70 DCAM).



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(commemoratives from page 2) The “2019 Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin” is the first U.S. Mint 5-oz. uncirculated and Proof Silver Coin, which was given a \$1.00 denomination. It is also, the very first curved 5-ounce silver coin. (pictured coin shown in PF70DCAM).



No modern commemorative coins were authorized in 1985 and 2023. This year, there are two commemorative coin programs authorized and currently in production. The “Harriet Tubman Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Program” recognizes the 200th anniversary of the birth of Harriet Tubman. It celebrates her life and legacy as a hero of freedom. The coins include the \$5 gold, \$1 silver, and half dollar clad coins (pictured, U.S. Mint Artistic Design for the \$5 Gold Coin Obverse). Also scheduled for minting this year is “The Greatest Generation Commemorative Coin Program”, which commemorates the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The 3 coins in production are the same denominations as above with designs that are emblematic of the National World War II Memorial and commemorate the service and sacrifice of American soldiers and civilians during World War II (pictured, U.S. Mint Artistic Design for the \$1.00 Silver Coin Obverse).



For 2025, Congress is working to pass a 3-coin modern commemorative coin program to recognize the “250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps”. In 2026, the U.S. Mint will commemorate the 250th anniversary of our nation’s founding with redesigned circulating coins as part of the Semi quinquennial Coin Program. For more information on modern commemorative coins go to: <https://www.usmint.gov/learn/coin-and-medal-programs/commemorative-coins> .

Important Meeting Announcement

Due to scheduling conflicts at the UNM Continuing Education Center, our **February meeting** will be held at the Greater Albuquerque Association of Realtors, 1635 University NE (across the street from the Continuing Education Center). All of the normal activities and Zoom access will be the same.

ANA News

by: Phil Vitale



The Summer Seminar course catalog is now available on the ANA website. Session I, June 16-19, has 15 courses and 4 mini seminars to choose from. Session II, June 23-25, has 20 courses and 4 mini seminars to choose from. Summer Seminar is a great educational opportunity for an in depth look at one subject area without distractions from home and work.

The ANA is having a new members membership sale. New members can sign up for a one year Gold membership (on line access only) for \$5, or a Platinum (on line plus Numismatist paper copy delivered) for just \$25. Prices are good through March of 2024. Please see me for an application if you are interested in this special offer.

The National Money show is two months away. This year's event is around the corner in Colorado Springs on March 14-16 at the beautiful Broadmoor resort. Hundreds of tables, free lectures, special displays and great comradery await participants. Your club will have a table at the show. Block your calendar and make plans to attend today. Please see me for information.

A Hobby for a Changing World

100 Years of National Coin Week

Collecting coins has reflected societal trends, collector collaboration and shifting interests throughout the years. National Coin Week is celebrating 100 years of reflecting on the art, history, and significance of coins and currency.

Coin week started in 1924 to "attract the general public to our hobby." An instant success, National Coin Week stressed the principals for which the American Numismatic Association was founded. In 1942, the observance of coin week was set as the third week of April every year. This year the observance will be April 21st to April 27th.

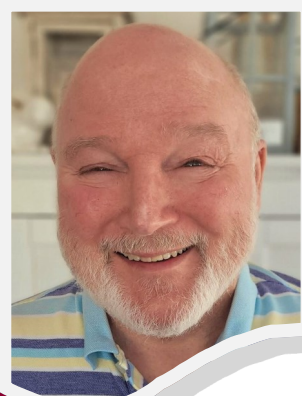
The ANA will provide educational and promotional materials for the weeklong celebration. These include the annual Club Trivia Challenge, daily online trivia questions, articles and objects from the ANA collection. Tim Fuller will be the club's point of contact for these activities.



The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick

It is my honor to serve as your President and to lead our Club for 2024 – Thank You. The Holiday Dinner was a fun event this year. During the dinner, accolades and plaques were given to the outgoing Board of Directors and Board Appointees by Past President Byron Kesner. The new Board of Directors (see last page) were welcomed, inducted and recognized for 2024. At the Dinner, I appointed and recognized Member Ed Deye, as our new Club Parliamentarian. I thanked Past President Byron Kesner for his outstanding leadership of the ACC over the past 27 months. He was recognized with many accolades and presented with a beautiful Past President Plaque. Thank you to Past Secretary, Peggy Deuloo, for organizing and managing a superb Holiday Dinner. Pictured here is Eddie Tudor of Tudor Coins, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the ACC, for all his past contributions. Thank you, Eddie, for all your assistance to the ACC.



The ACC Website, www.abqcc.org, is being updated after a few months with no activity. First, new Life Member, Rex Borders, has made some key updates on the website for scheduled activities in 2024; and second, we are working with a contractor to help us with monthly updates. Our goal is to improve our website and add more interactive processes over time.

It is important to note the February Membership Meeting will be held at the “Greater Albuquerque Association of Realtors (GAAR)” Building, 1635 University Avenue, NE, which is directly across University Blvd. and within eyesight from the UNM Continuing Education Center, where we normally meet. The meeting times will remain the same for this meeting. Also, the May and July meetings will be held one-week early this year so please pick-up a 2024 meeting schedule from the front table at the next meeting.

The final draft Bylaws are available for review and the By-Laws Committee will be presenting these changes with copies available at the upcoming board and membership meetings in January 2024. You will have one-month to review and consider the revised Club By-Laws and my hope is to hold a membership vote, after any recommended changes, at the February or March Membership meeting to complete this revision. The new By-Laws will hopefully serve the Club for the next five (5) years.

The ANA’s National Money Show is scheduled for March 14-16, 2024 in Colorado Springs. Our Club will have a table there and entry is free for members of the ANA. Upcoming Club events are the Spring Southwest Coin Expo at the Marriott (Pyramid) Hotel in Albuquerque, April 19-21, 2024; The Spring Picnic, scheduled to be held in May 2024, with details coming soon; the Summer Coin Show scheduled at the UNM Continuing Education Center on Saturday, August 17, 2024; and the Fall Southwest Coin Expo, scheduled for November 8-10, 2024, location to be announced soon. We will need many volunteers for all these events to be successful. Please volunteer and thank you to everyone who continually sacrifices to make our Club activities so successful.

Rod's Two Cents

by: Rod Frechette

We had a great time at the holiday party in December and it was one of the best attended ones in the past decade. Thank you very much Peggy for ALL YOU DO to make this such a success. Steve Acre was in his element MCing the gift exchange. Saying I, and the club, will miss Steve very much is an extreme understatement.

I had the pleasure of displaying Dick Kisluk's bequest to the club. He left us a lovely and valuable set of early US Early Dollars and complete sets of Trade Dollars and Peace Dollars. There are lots of other coins, including many Double Eagles. The Board will decide how best to honor Dick's wishes to keep the sets as part of a permanent collection for the club and how to raise money dispersing the rest.

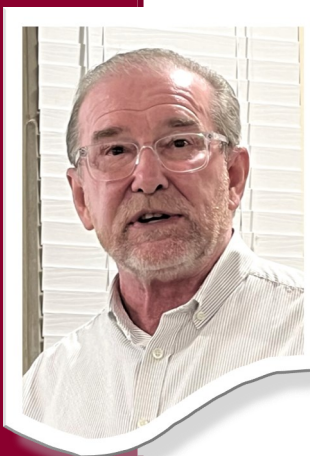
Dick was a long-time member of the club, secretly/ anonymously generous, relished his role as an irascible curmudgeon! He was a retired attorney from Connecticut, as am I, and a Veteran of the US Army. With these two long time and well-known members passings it underlines that we need to provide some basic contact info so we can assist members who have few or distant family with relating their health info and providing assistance with their collections. Also, what I and others have said before; Carpe diem, for tomorrow is promised to no one. Peace.



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

Rick's Two Bits

by: Rick Tope



Rick

I'm honored to be elected as the new treasurer of the club. I'm hoping to make a few changes to modernize procedures. But first I'll be working on making sure our extra cash is earning the best possible interest rates.

For December we had revenues of \$3,452. There were expenditures of \$8,198.67. The largest part of those expenses went to cover the holiday dinner and the meeting room rental. Those two expenses alone amounted to \$5,485. We currently have \$33,334.63 in checking and two CDs worth a combined total of \$20,280.02. We are planning to cash in one of the CDs within the next week and get a new one with a much higher interest rate. Also, part of the cash in checking will be invested into either a high earning CD or a treasury bill.

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/85171996352?pwd=fXMfTrvAKNP2UFdCiUA3GRm6051NYq.1>

January 29, 2024 **Membership Meeting** **Speaker: Scott Bucholtz**

Topic: Two-Cent Pieces

February 26, 2024 **Membership Meeting** **Speaker: Rod Frechette**

Topic: New Mexico's Alamo

March 25, 2024 **Membership Meeting** **Speaker: Rex Borders**

Topic: Ways to Collect - Type Collecting

ANA EVENTS

March 14 - 16, 2023 **National Money Show**

Colorado Springs, CO

June 16 - 19, 2024 **Summer Seminar Session I**

Colorado Springs

June 23 - 26, 2024 **Summer Seminar Session II**

Colorado Springs, CO

August 6 - 10, 2023 **World's Fair of Money**

Chicago, IL

UPCOMING AREA AND MAJOR COIN SHOWS

January 19 - 20, 2024 **Tucson Invitational Coin & Currency Expo**

Tucson, AZ

January 27 - 28, 2024 **54th Annual Mesa Coin Show**

Phoenix, AZ

February 23 - 25, 2024 **60th Annual El Paso Coin Show**

El Maida Shrine, El Paso, TX

April 19 - 21, 2024 **Great Southwest Coin Expo**

Marriott Pyramid Hotel, Albuquerque, NM

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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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