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## Record Breaker

I've been to a lot of coin shows, bigger and smaller, but there is nothing to compare to our Great Southwest Coin Expo held April 19th to 21<sup>st</sup> at the Marriott Pyramid North hotel – it was outstanding in every respect! Everyone connected with the show, the attending public, the dealers, and volunteers, went away happy. We recorded 754 in paid attendance over the three days – the highest number we've seen in the last 5 years.

Our great showing was no accident; we invested a tremendous effort in preparation starting many months earlier. Contracting with the hotel started more than six months earlier. The club acted to buy raffle tickets and prizes, arrange for security, set up advertising on radio and in print, and send out postcards to previous attendees. We of course had to line up dealers and recruit volunteers to make the show happen.

Our show was especially graced by the presence of Mr. Tom Uram, ANA President. Tom made the rounds greeting people throughout the bourse. He joined Phil on TV at KRQE Thursday morning to talk about National Coin Week. He distributed challenge coins to many club members and participants and joined members of the team at dinner Friday and Saturday night. Tom also presented a Presidential Award (more on this later).



As a special treat to our visitors, we had a live remote radio broadcast on Saturday. The crew from KDSK, featuring Bobby Box, played oldies to the delight of everyone.

Matt Peacock, our show chair, deserves great credit for making everything come together. Matt was the essential element in working with the dealers, mapping the bourse floor, working with the hotel and supervising (*continued Page 2*)

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

**(Record from page 1)** the setup and teardown of the show. Sharing in the credit is Tim Fuller who marshalled the volunteer squad.

Speaking of volunteers, our coin shows are run with an all-volunteer team. Thirty club members stepped up to do all of the jobs that had to be done; many of them worked all three days. These great folks include: David Miera, Brian Smith, Doug Wilson, Gary Fabian, Steve Loftus, Bill DeWeese, John Saiz, Marian Wrage, Byron Kesner, Rex Borders, Peter Tabet, Cruz Peacock, Pat Vitale, Benjamin Eckert, Jim Derrick, Phil Vitale, Tom Stone, Ed Deye, Peggy Deurloo, Bob Deurloo, Alfred Gomez, Kathy O’Neill, Peter Rechkemmer, Rod Frechette, Jane Fuller, Tim Fuller, Tim Cox and Matt Peacock. Thank you one and all for making our show a success.



Last but not least, Kathy O’Neill operated a Veterans table. Kids spread out and interviewed veterans throughout the show areas. The children got a good appreciation for veterans’ sacrifices and earned some nice prizes in the process.

Our next Great Southwest Coin Expo will be on Veterans Day weekend, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Plaza hotel (the Marriott will be undergoing renovation). I look forward to seeing you all there.

## **Phil Receives Presidential Award**



In a surprise event, ANA President Tom Uram presented only his third Presidential Award To Phil Vitale in recognition of his dedicated service to the ANA and our hobby. The plaque will be displayed in a place of honor in Phil’s den.



## ANA Staff Profile

by: Phil Vitale

### *Bryan Clark*

#### *Finance Guru*

I'm happy to have the opportunity to introduce another great ANA Staff member to our readers. Bryan Clark, ANA's Controller, manages the organization's finances and accounting with the help of a staff accountant. With the broad variety of activities going on at the ANA, this is a really big job that gets done seamlessly day in and day out.

Bryan was born in Denver, CO, but was raised in Limon on Colorado's eastern plains. He earned a Business Administration bachelor's degree in accounting from Colorado State University and has an active CPA license. Bryan has a long financial career serving the government and private sector. He climbed the ladder from accountant to Chief Financial Officer in government contracting, Kaiser Permanente, and a radiology group. He was also the controller of a successful startup called RT Logic.

I asked Bryan what brought him to the ANA.

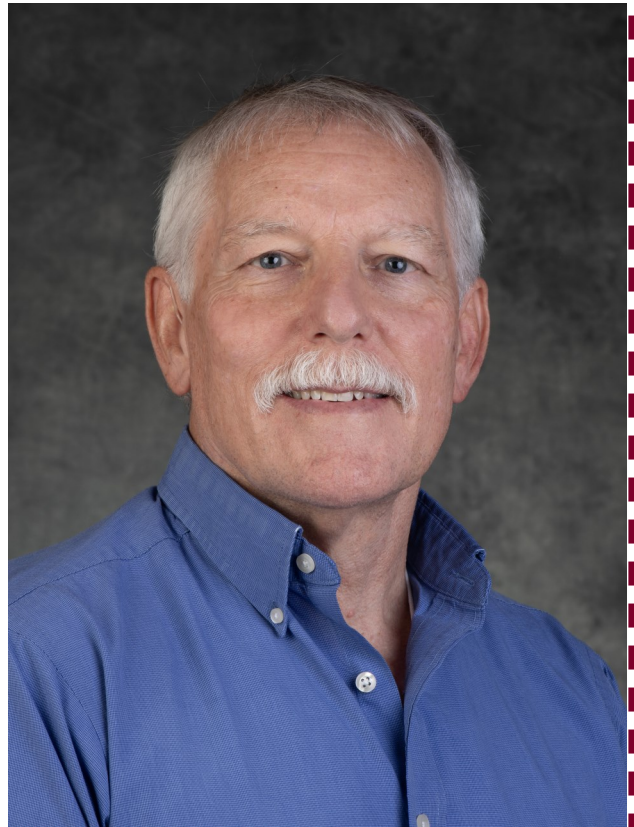
"Recruiters brought me to the ANA. I was intrigued by the variety that the position offers, but it was the people here and their commitment to the association and their members that peaked my interest."

As a kid Bryan was always looking for unusual or rare coins in the family's businesses cash registers. There was excitement in finding wheat cents, buffalo nickels, and other dated coins. While not actively collecting, he still has an appreciation for numismatics from his childhood.

Bryan is a long-term resident of Monument, CO, where he lives with his wife. All three of his daughters and their families live close by. "I was able recently to share the museum with my granddaughters for National Coin Week. They had a wonderful time and we may have a budding numismatist in our family."

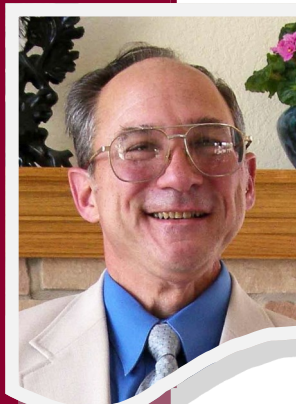
Like many living around the beautiful Colorado Springs area, Bryan likes to spend any spare time outdoors. He enjoys camping with the family, hunting, and fishing.

Should you travel to the ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs, stop and say hello to this interesting and accomplished individual.



## ANA News

by: Phil Vitale



As I write this month's column I must admit that I'm behind the curve to get the Pocket

Change out and prepare for the mini-seminar that I'll be teaching at Summer Seminar along with Eric and Jennifer Kibbey. As usual, I've bit off a little more that I can chew at once.

That said, the ANA is in high gear getting ready for Summer Seminar and the World's Fair of Money. Both events are really big deals, and all of the hard work preparing pays off in a great experience for all attending.

There is still time to sign up for Summer Seminar – the very best numismatic education anywhere in the world. Please contact me if you're interested. *Phil*



## April Presentation

by Phil Vitale

### Shipwreck Coins

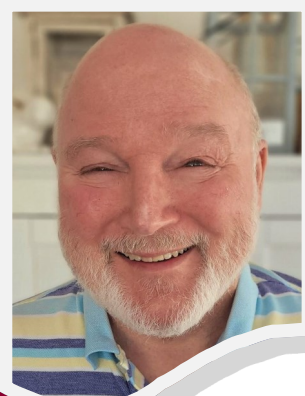
Our April meeting saw Tim Cox educating our members about the El Cazador shipwreck and the treasure in silver that went down with her. The El Cazador was a relatively small ship – 90ft – and had 37,500 pounds of silver in her holds. She was sailing from Vera Cruz, Mexico, to New Orleans. The ship sunk in 1784 about 50 miles south of New Orleans in 300 feet of water. This loss was a key factor in the chain of events leading to the Louisiana Purchase.

Clumps of coins from the 700,000 on board have been recovered. The salt water has pitted and corroded the coins making conservation a must. The conserved coins are available for purchase at relatively reasonable prices.



## The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick



I can't say enough about how proud I am of the Great Southwest Coin Expo held last month at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel. Bourse Director Matthew Peacock, led the way with record numbers of tables sold (79) and dealers present (39). Matt was at the helm the entire weekend and it went off without a hitch. Super job Matt! It's a huge undertaking and our volunteers made the show a total success. We had 31 volunteers to conduct show operations over the 3 day event led by ACC Vice President Tim Fuller. Tim was also responsible for our new Security Camera System, Thank you Tim, for your outstanding planning and work.

Advertising is important to get the word out and Ed Deye delivered in an outstanding way with DJ Bobby Box broadcasting on Saturday from KDSK 92.7 FM. Starr Powell from the Station, did a number of radio interviews to help make the show a success. Thank you Ed for your hard work advertising the show in print and radio media. Our thanks to Eddie Tudor of Tudor Coins for sharing half of our advertising costs. Thank you for supporting the ACC. The Silent Auction, led by Club Secretary Rod Frechette was very successful with many bids and participation by attendees and dealers. The funds raised from Auction and Show Raffle go back into the club coffers to help with our primary mission of education. With about 750 attendees, including 60 youth, and gaining about 20 new ACC members, and with about 1800 raffle tickets sold, the ACC performance to make this a success was outstanding. My sincere thanks to all of the volunteers for making this show a special one.

Thank you also to ANA President Tom Uram, for participating in the show and contributing to our show's success. He manned the ANA table, passed out ANA literature to visitors and staff, and joined the ACC as a new member. President Uram presented a special award to honor our own Past-President and Pocket-Change Newsletter Editor, Phil Vitale, who received the coveted ANA Presidential Award. This was a great surprise and a well-deserved honor to Phil, who volunteers continuously to make national and local numismatics in NM a huge success. Congrats to Phil for winning this prestigious award.



The month of May is when we celebrate the ACC with the Spring Picnic, scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) on Wyoming Boulevard. If you have not signed up and would like to attend, please contact Director Marian Wrage and she can sign you and your family up to attend this fun event.

The ACC has started auctioning some of the donated coins given to the Club by past member Dick Kisluk. These are available at our monthly membership meeting auctions through the end of the year. I would encourage our members to participate to win some of Dick's beautiful coins. I was lucky and won an 1879 Morgan Silver Dollar at the April membership meeting. There's nothing like the feel of a beautiful Morgan in your hand.

## Mea duo Sestertius

by: Rodette Frechatary



Another great monthly meeting in the books. Tim Cox presented on the 1783 Colonial Mexican shipwreck of the El Cazador and the loss of its 50 crew with mega tons of silver reals. The attendees had many guests and new members asking questions in a lengthy Q & A. Well done Tim! Jim Derrick and Matt Peacock expressed appreciation to the volunteers of the Spring Show by handing out certificates of appreciation and well-earned Club Bucks. We had an awesome show with our best attendance since COVID and back to a dealer waiting list for tables. Great

job Matt! Phil Vitale received a Presidential award from ANA President Tom Uram at the show! Congratulations Phil! Thank you to Peter Rechkemmer and Bill DeWeese for researching and submitting answers for the National Coin Week Quiz.

The old small storage unit was moved to a bigger unit at the same place by Jim Derrick, Tim Fuller, Rod Frechette, Tim Cox, Marian Wrage and special thanks to "Quarter Master" Tom Stone. Thanks to Rex Borders for his hours in bringing order to the library and updating our master list after moving it and supplies into the new club office. Tim and Jane Fuller, Jim Derrick, Rod Frechette, Tom Stone. and Tim Cox gave their time for this endeavor. Lots to do and fun to have. Happy hunting.

**\*REMEMBER: MAY MONTHLY MEETING is on MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

## Pat's Pittance

by: Pat Vitale



First, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for placing their trust in me as your Interim Treasurer for the remainder of 2024. I promise the Board and you, the Club members, to do my best to be a watchdog of the Club's finances.

April was a very active month for the Club. Our beginning checking balance was \$14,460.59. We had deposits totaling \$27,046.50 due to income from the Spring Coin Show and the cashing in of \$10,000 from the Vanguard account to ensure having enough funds to cover the month's expenses before the Show. Expenses for April totaled \$19,115.25. Our closing balance is \$22,391.84. We still have \$15,000 in the Vanguard account as well as \$10,000 in a bank CD. If you have any concerns about our finances please contact me via e-mail or phone, both of which are listed in the Pocket Change. I will be happy to answer

your inquiries.

## 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/89951910505?pwd=rqmTMf16K2JbAYOEpya5H1RusgvZfP.1>

Meeting ID: 899 5191 0505 Passcode: 598674

<b>May 18, 2024</b>	<b>Club Picnic (1-4 PM)</b> Jewish Community Center	
<b>May 20, 2024</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Topic: Washington Pieces	<b>Speaker: Matt Peacock</b>
<b>June 24, 2024</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Topic: Challenge Coins	<b>Speaker: Peter Rechkemmer</b>
<b>July 29, 2024</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Topic: TBA	<b>Speaker: TBA</b>

### ANA EVENTS

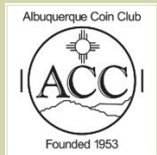
<b>June 16 - 19, 2024</b>	<b>Summer Seminar Session I</b> Colorado Springs
<b>June 23 - 26, 2024</b>	<b>Summer Seminar Session II</b> Colorado Springs, CO
<b>August 6 - 10, 2023</b>	<b>World's Fair of Money</b> Chicago, IL

### UPCOMING AREA AND MAJOR COIN SHOWS

<b>May 9 - 11, 2024</b>	<b>Denver Coin Expo</b> Denver, CO
<b>June 21 - 22, 2024</b>	<b>Springs Coin Show</b> Colorado Springs, CO
<b>July 12 - 14, 2024</b>	<b>TNA Coin &amp; Currency Show</b> Conroe, 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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