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TYRANT

A Numismatic Gift to the World



by Phil Vitale

Billionaire Dan O'Dowd is a coin collector par excellence. He has amassed wonderful collections of the best, or near best, examples of coinage in regional groups arranged by the rivers or bodies of water that define the areas. Rulers in these areas have defined their kingdom's coinage; these rulers, good or bad, are the "tyrants" associated with these collections.

Deemed the world's most valuable private coin collection(s), these collections are special. A number of years ago Mr. O'Dowd decided to share his collections with the public. With the help of close associates, he developed a display system to show off the coins with individual documentation in an attractive easy to view arrangement.



There are nine "Tyrant" collections: Tyrants of the Nile, Tyrants of the Thames, Tyrants of the New World, US Type Coins, Eagles of the Tyrants, Tyrants of the Seine, Tyrants of the Tiber, Tyrants of the Tyrrhenian & Adriatic Seas, and Tyrants of the Tigris & Euphrates. I have viewed three of these collections displayed at the ANA's World's Fair of Money: Tyrants of the Nile, Tyrants of the Thames, and US Type Coins. In a word, they are **MAGNIFICENT!**



There are 350+ coins in the Tyrants of the Nile collection covering from about 350 BC to recent times. The 2000+ years of Egyptian history covers coins from the Pharos, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Islamic Arabs, Ottomans, Napoleonic French, British, and finally Independent Egypt. My favorite is the gold Mnaieion of Ptolemy III (Struck posthumously by Ptolemy IV). This collection is valued at over \$5 million.

The Tyrants of the Thames collection will blow you away. The collection covers coins from the diverse peoples who inhabited the British Isles from the seventh century forward. The hundreds of coins in this collection (*continued page 2*)

(Tyrant continued) provide a wonderful history of these peoples of the British Isles with, of course, emphasis on the coins of all the English kings. This set includes one of the 5 king Edward VIII proof sets – the only set in private hands. My favorites in this collection are the 1818 George III gold Sovereign and the Victoria 5 pound gold “Una & the Lion.”



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



The US Type Coins collection was the first Tyrant collection I saw. As a collector of half dimes, I was excited to see the 1792 Half Disme (pronounced deem). The stated objective of the collection is to “focus on the beauty, patriotism and history of America’s coinage”. The 400+ coins in the collection include circulation

strikes, proofs, and different finishes. A prominent feature of this collection is the *King of Siam Set* produced as a gift for the King of Siam (now Thailand). There are so many wonderful coins in this collection that deciding on a “favorite” is impossible for me. **Phil**



Happy March Birthdays

Lyle Daly	3/2
Rod Frechette	3/6
Ron Ross	3/7
John Mattern	3/8
Mike Fleenor	3/11
Tom Stone	3/11
Michael Mitchell	3/14
Bruce Ruprecht	3/15
Daniel Anaya	3/16



Josie Gurule-Kelly	3/16
Matt Peacock	3/20
Michael Wester	3/27
Gisela Beasley	3/31

Member Profile

by: Phil Vitale

Peter Tabet

Making Things Happen

An infectious smile and can-do attitude are the hallmarks of Peter Tabet, a key member of our club. You can count on him to do whatever it takes to get any job done. Peter is one of the club's directors and we're grateful to have him.

Peter was born and raised in Albuquerque and now resides in Corrales Heights, Rio Rancho. After high school, Peter was in the NM National Guard for five years. He received his contractor license and mainly did flooring and kitchen/bathroom remodels. Peter owned several businesses over the years: Albuquerque Bolt and Fastener, Danbies Jazz Bar in NW Albuquerque and Allaround Services, a construction company. He built two homes in Corrales, NM.

Peter was always interested in coins because his dad had a modest coin collection, and they would enjoy it together. When James Derrick was his physician's assistant, he encouraged Peter to join the coin club. Peter likes all coins,

collecting mostly Morgan silver dollars, Peace dollars and Franklin half dollars. He has an assortment of other coins.



Peter has a full life spending time with his wife, five kids, two young grandsons and another two grandchildren on the way. Peter loves to spend time around his pool in the summer with friends, family, and grandchildren. He is an art appreciator and loves to cook. Peter collects Indian pottery, Kachinas and old cameras. In his younger years, he would go to Mexico to scuba dive. But his favorite spot to travel is Disneyland!



Getting Closer

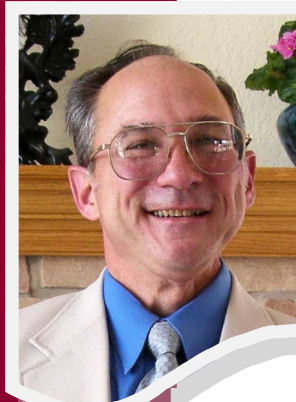
The Albuquerque Coin Club has supported displays at the State Fair since its inception. The club awards a grand prize for the best display - a great ribbon, \$35 in club bucks & one year of free membership



ANA News

by: Phil Vitale

ACC Does National Money Show



I always enjoy the big national coin shows – hundreds of tables, competitive displays, lectures, rare coins and currency – and the National Money Show in Atlanta, GA, was no exception. Your club was represented by Byron Kesner, Jennifer Kibbey, Eric Kibbey and me; while this was a small crew as compared to other shows closer to home, we made a big impact. Our table at the show participated in the kids treasure hunt, and each kid that provided the right answer to our question got a proof Chaco Canyon quarter. Jennifer and Eric worked



an ANA Membership booth in the mornings and signed up well over 100 new members. Phil ran a District Representative meeting, and we all did a little shopping.

The next big ANA show is the World's Fair of Money being held this year in Oklahoma City, OK, in August. With the show within a day's drive of Albuquerque, I'm hoping lots of club members will choose to make the trip.

February Presentation

by Phil Vitale

The Mercury Dime

Our February meeting saw Doug Wilson and Brian Smith educating our members on the Mercury dime. The public saw the coin as the Roman God Mercury and the name stuck regardless of the official name: Winged Liberty Head dime. Adolph Weinman designed the coin and executed the plaster mold in early 1916. Difficulties in producing the coin resulted in production beginning in late 1916 at the Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver mints. The Denver mint did not receive the dies for the coin until December and only produced 264,000 pieces, making them somewhat rare today. A measure of a good strike for this coin is having the three bands on the reverse fully separated.



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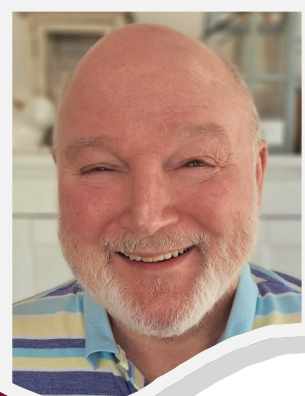
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The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick

The monthly auction is one of the most fun events for all members and guests at ACC membership meetings. It is usually held at the end of the regular meeting and may contain coins, paper money or other numismatic items. Members and guests may bid on the items. You can download a copy of the **ACC Auction Program Guidelines** from the website or request a copy at the registration table at meetings. This document includes an **Auction Item Request Form** where you can list and submit up to 10 Items for month. You can submit the form directly to Jane Fuller, Auction Manager, in-person, by mail, or electronically. Jane will get your items scheduled for an upcoming membership meeting. **You may also complete and submit the Auction Item Request Form electronically from the website.**



The **ACC Spring 2025 Great Southwest Coin Expo** event is less than 1 month away. Please mark your calendars and join us for a great coin show. The show is scheduled for **April 11-13, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel**. Please make your room reservations by calling the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 877-227-6963 and reference Albuquerque Coin Club Spring 2025, Block Code AC4, by March 25th. Dealers wishing to participate should complete a dealer contract form.

News: The 2025 Bylaw revisions were approved at the membership meeting on February 24, 2025, and I thank everyone for working with the Board to implement these minor changes.

Please congratulate ACC Young Numismatist, Master Xavier Analla, for his outstanding educational presentation on the "Introduction to Numismatics" including ancients coins, early U.S. coinage and modern era coinage, to Nuestra Senora La Conquistador Academy, St Peter & St Paul Roman Catholic Church, on February 21. Xavier spent a great deal of preparation time making posters, presentation notes, and a final quiz. He presented those kids with correct answers with the gift of a coin. For his efforts, Xavier was presented with the **ACC Young Numismatist Educational Achievement Award and Ten Dollars in Club Bucks**. Excellent!

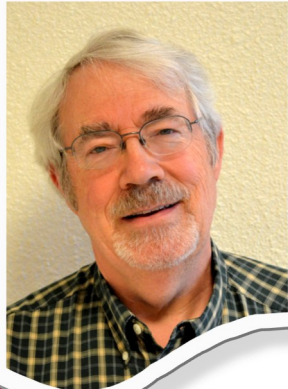


Young Numismatist (YN's) meet from 6-7 PM on the same evening as the ACC Membership Meeting with YN Program Leader, Peter Rechkemmer. Meetings are usually held in the atrium of the UNM Continuing Education Center. Our next Membership and YN Meetings are scheduled for Monday evening, March 31. Please join us if you can. **Peter Rechkemmer will be presenting the educational presentation on "The \$100,000 Dollar Note"**. I hope to see you there. Jim.

Rex's Record

by Rex Borders

The ACC Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on February 8, 2025 with 12 officers and appointees. Highlights of the meeting included updates on new case purchases and Spring Coin Show preparations including security and advertising. A reminder that anyone can attend the board meeting if desired on the second Saturday of the month, 10:00 @ the Bear Canyon Senior Center.



The general membership meeting was held February 24, 2025. There were about 41 in attendance and 6 others online. Peter R., the YN Program Manager, was there by 6 o'clock to hold a YN meeting. Jim opened the regular business meeting with presentation of certificates for volunteers. Pat V. reminded everyone to renew their membership prior to March 31 or they would be dripped from the rolls. She reported the membership at 145 to date.

Jim nominated a well-known member for Life Membership. The membership approved the nomination and the nominee will be awarded at the Spring Show.

Several business items were accomplished. The revised bylaws were voted on and passed. These will be posted on the website once the final version is available. Jim briefed the attendees on our need for professional financial help for this tax season. The membership approved up to \$2000 to hire a CPA to assist with the club's financial filings.

Our club exists to serve our members.

Get involved and enjoy it more.

Pat's Pittance

by: Pat Vitale



Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all. Things certainly are greening up outside for the occasion. We started out the month of February with \$27,859.59 in the checking account. Our income for the month was \$2,688.09 mainly due to Dealer Show fees and Membership renewals. Our expenses for the month were \$3,790.08 to pay for annual insurance, printing, advertising, and supplies. Our closing balance was \$27,007.60. Our Vanguard account now has a balance of \$31,247.49. Total monetary assets for the month are \$58,254.93. Please remember to send your membership renewal in by the end of this month. If you have any questions concerning your Club's finances, please call me and I will do my best to answer them.

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 person and concurrently on Zoom. The Zoom invite is:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9868085956?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9868085956?pwd=VU9lWlZQVJaQWJ2OG55SXI1R095QT09&omn=85707699052)

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March 31 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Peter Rechhammer
	Topic: \$100,000 Note	
April 28, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Rick Ewing
	Topic: Oopses of the BEP	
May 10, 2025	Club Picnic	
	Jewish Community Center	
May 19, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Rex Borders
	Topic: "Going Deutsch"	

ANA EVENTS

June 21 - July 3, 2025	Summer Seminar
	Colorado Springs, CO
August 19 - 23, 2025	World's Fair of Money
	Oklahoma City, OK

UPCOMING AREA AND MAJOR COIN SHOWS

April 11 - 13, 2025	Great Southwest Coin Expo
	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albuquerque, NM
May 30 - June 1, 2025	TNA Coin & Currency Show
	Conroe, TX
June 26 - 28, 2025	Springs Coin Show
	Colorado Springs, CO
July 11 - 13, 2025	Amarillo Coin & Currency Show
	Amarillo, TX
July 25 - 27, 2025	Vegas National Coin Show
	Las Vegas, NV

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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.

6:00 - 6:45 YN Meeting

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

Payment of auction winnings

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