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The Case for Coin Shows

by Phil Vitale

I hear people say that the days of coin shows are numbered. Dealers are aging out. People are buying everything online. The availability and cost of show facilities are making it more difficult. The club people running the shows are getting too old for the rigors of the work involved. To some extent all these things are true; however, there are good reasons to continue having coin shows as part of our club's mainstays.



The Albuquerque Coin Club runs two large coin shows a year. Among other things, they fund the club's activities for the year. The shows provide us with benefits beyond the monetary income. Working together to do all of the tasks to be

done builds esprit de corps among our volunteers. The shows provide us with direct contact and educational opportunities with the public. Coin shows bring the numismatic community – club, dealers & public - together. Last, but not least, coin shows club members and the public the opportunity to see and buy a broad array of coins and currency.



Offsetting these benefits is the great effort required to plan and execute a successful show. As much as a year and a half ahead of the show, the contract effort with the hotel venue kicks off. Dealer contracts have to be ready more than six months prior to showtime. An advertising plan (flyers, radio, posters, postcards, etc.) is determined and executed months ahead until the day of the show.

Volunteers have to be recruited and assigned for all of the show tasks. These are the big deal tasks, there are many other things that need to be done. The actual show is the climax of all these actions. *(continued page 2)*

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

(Coin Shows continued)) A few weeks ago, we had a very successful Great Southwest Coin Expo; we did well financially, and the public, dealers, and club volunteers were all happy. Rod Frechette was the leader of our efforts dealing with the dealers, the hotel and public, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the great group of volunteers that worked hard to make the show come off without a hitch. Our group included: Tom Stone, Rod Frechette, Peter Rechkemmer, Byron Kesner, Brenda Joyce, Rex Borders, Jim Derrick, Bill DeWeese, Kathy O'Neill, Jane Fuller, Phil Vitale, Pat Vitale, Tim Cox, Peter Tabet, Matt Peacock, Steve Loftus, Marian Wrage, Ed Deye, Bob Coffey, Brain Smith, Doug Wilson, Alfred Gomez, Michelle Harkins, John Saiz, Robert Torres, and Tim Fuller. We are very thankful for Christian Stray-



horn, ANA Education Director, for joining us and working with the children who came to the show. These people did the work for the good of the club; consider joining them for our next show.



I am a big proponent of our coin shows. There is no question in my mind that the benefits outweigh the work involved. In my position as the ANA Outreach Programs Coordinator, I see a lot of clubs and coin shows. As our various guests have noted, we know how to do it right.

Happy April Birthdays



Lewis Rudeau	5/2
Robert Torres	5/2
Charles Gurule	5/8
Xavier Analla	5/10
Brian Smith	5/10
John Brabson	5/11
Tim Fuller	5/11
Jeff Rosinia	5/11
Geneviere Lawson	5/18
Alan P. Neuman	

Jules Klapper	5/19
Doug Wilson	5/20
Andrew Ulivarri	5/22
Peter Rechkemmer	5/24
Shirley Logue	5/27

Member Profile

by: Phil Vitale

Ken Sammut ***Making Things Happen***

I have been fortunate to associate with Ken Sammut over the last several years. He is someone who gets things done and never fails to make suggestions on how to better the ANA and gain new members. I was excited to find he had joined the Albuquerque Coin Club, and it is my pleasure to introduce him to our readers.

Ken was born in Brooklyn, NY, but grew up in New Jersey. He earned a BA in psychology from St. Louis University. He was involved with athletics there, coaching women's varsity sports and as a Sales Director for the men's revenue producing teams. After college it was an easy transition to be the Sales Director for the St. Louis Blues professional hockey team. The sale of the team brought a career change that would last through the rest of his career – physician recruiting. He has pursued this career for almost 40 years, starting as a recruiter and ending as a Senior Vice President for Cejka Search corporation.



Ken, and his son Kenny, are very much into numismatics. Although it was Kenny that rekindled the collecting fire in his father. Kenny caught the coin collecting bug when he was 8 years old and there was no turning back. Kenny got an ANA scholarship when he was 13, and father and son have attended Summer Seminar for the last 12 years (with exception for the COVID year). Ken is more of a bullion guy, while Kenny is a serious collector. Ken has been an ANA District Representative for almost 8 years and serves on ANA committees sharing his ideas on marketing and outreach. He says he might eventually run for an ANA Governor position.

Ken has lived in Chadds Ford, PA, for the last 30 years with his wife Dr. Tomi McCann. I asked Ken what he liked to do with his spare time and found out he has none. He runs Kenny's numismatic store on eBay to avoid any conflict of interest with Kenny's ANA Governor's position. He also runs a successful online women's and men's apparel business. Between the two businesses he now works more than full time.

Ken is a great guy. Keep an eye out for him; he's everywhere but he moves fast. He is definitely someone you'd want to know.

ANA News

by: Phil Vitale



The ANA is in high gear planning for Summer Seminar at the end of June and the World's Fair of Money in August; they are the biggest events of the year. A record number of people have signed up for this year's Summer Seminar. Unfortunately, life events have limited our club's attendance. Hopefully, we'll be at full strength next year.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
Summer Seminar

The election for a new Board of Governors will be held in June. A new president, vice president and seven board members will be elected to a two year term. ANA members – please vote when you get your ballot.

The World's Fair of Money will be held in Oklahoma City from August 19th to 23rd. More than just a show, this event offers outstanding displays, educational lectures, competitive displays, and mints from around the world. Our club will have a booth at the show. I am looking for volun-

teers to help man the booth across all of the days. If you're planning to go to the Fair and want to volunteer, please contact me with your availability.



April Presentation

by Phil Vitale

BEP Oops

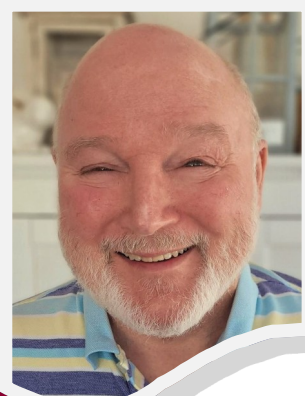
Our April meeting saw Rick Ewing educate the membership on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) errors on small sized notes. The BEP uses plate numbers during printing to track printed sheets and monitor their quality. Although the BEP is meticulous about engraving exactness over millions of sheets, there are still some errors that sneak through.

Rick highlighted engraving errors that have occurred over the years. These errors included plate numbers engraved in the wrong place, missing numbers from plate blocks, omitted plate block numbers, and numbers with the wrong size. Rick has a collection of thousands of error notes and is an expert on their printing and design.



The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick



APPRECIATION: The Spring Great SW Coin Expo was an enormous success, held April 11-13, 2025, at the Crown Plaza Hotel. The 7,790 sq. ft. New Mexico Ballroom was full with 43 dealers and 90 tables. It was a remarkable sight and my **many thanks to our Show Leader Rod Frechette, and Volunteer Manager Byron Kesner** for their outstanding planning and show operations. **I also attribute the overall success of the show to our 27 member – volunteers who worked countless hours to make everything run so smoothly.**

Of course, many activities take place before the coin show that contribute to its success. This includes working with dealers, processing contracts and collecting money, name badges, washing linens, inventories, scheduling volunteers, ordering supplies, working on cases, advertising, and repairing equipment. **My sincere appreciation goes out to those who worked hard before the Show including Pat Vitale, Peter Tabet, Tom Stone, Tim Cox, Steve Loftis, Tim Fuller, Ed Deye, Byron Kesner and Rod Frechette. Thank You!**

OUR NUMISMATIC FRIENDS: I would also like to thank Christian Strayhorn, Education Director, American Numismatic Association, for her participation in our kid's treasure hunt. Thank you Christian for all the goodies **AND COINS** enjoyed by the children provided by the ANA, and for being a valued part of our show. The Club also hosted Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) President, Rick Ewing and his wife Fran, for the Show. A warm thanks to Rick for his participation .

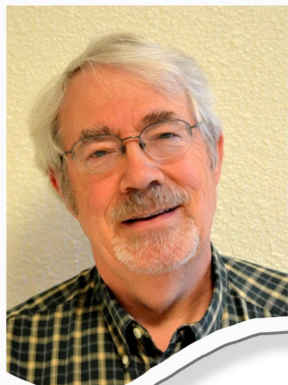
AWARDS RECOGNITION: If you would like to recognize a member for their contributions and volunteerism, please consider nominating them for an award. **The ACC Awards Program includes the “Life Membership Award”, the “Johnny Plath Numismatist of the Year Award”, the “Educator of the Year Award”, “YN Rising Star Award”, “YN Program Award”, and the “ACC President’s Award” which is awarded to members who consistently contribute and volunteer in an exceptional fashion.** Please see the **“Awards – Rewards Program Document”** in the “Club Documents” section of the ACC Website to learn more about our awards program, how to submit nominations, deadlines for submission, and any exclusions. The Awards – Rewards Document can be found at <https://albuquerquecoinclub.com/club-documents/>. Please see me for more information.



VOLUNTEERING: Our monthly **Pocket Change Newsletter** has won numerous awards due to the outstanding work by Editor Phil Vitale. Phil is looking for someone to replace him. If you have skills in this area, please contact Phil or me. There are many other ways to volunteer, so **reach out to a Director or Appointee in a Yellow Vest** if interested.

Rex's Record

by Rex Borders



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

April was a busy month of the Albuquerque Coin Club. The Great Southwest Coin Expo was held April 11-14 at the Crowne Plaza hotel and was a huge success. A personal thank you to all who helped put on a wonderful coin show. You do the Albuquerque Coin Club proud. We had about 750 paid attendees in addition to many youngsters. With paid attendees, volunteers, dealers and all the assistants it was a happening place. Also, thank you to ANA Director of Education, Christian Strayhorn, the ANA representative who supported our kid's table and passed out swag.

Rick Ewing from El Paso gave an informative talk on mistakes made by the BEP in printing of modern dollars. Things like omitted or misaligned plate numbers and incorrect font sizes were pointed out. Bill series with common mistakes were discussed. We appreciated his efforts and encourage other remote members to contribute.

recognized 27 volunteers who supported the coin show. It takes a lot of people to set up, tear down, and man all the various positions like the admissions table. Jim recognized everyone and passed out certificates. A group photo was taken. I passed out the club bucks volunteers earned.

Bill DeWeese updated the attendees on the National Coin Week trivia contest. We as a club, under Bill's leadership, have participated in this contest for many years. We also do well and always place well.

Club ANA representative, Byron Kesner, brought us up to date on all things ANA. He discussed the ANA Summer Seminar and educational offerings on their website. Webinars, member library access, and schedules of events were reviewed.

The May board meeting was held a week early on May 3, 2025. Much of the meeting was spent in an "After-action-review" of the spring show. We will be back at the Crowne Plaza for fall of 2025. 2026 venues are being investigated. Remember, the May general membership meeting is a week early, on May 19.

Pat's Pittance

by: Pat Vitale



Happy Memorial Day to everyone! Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership and provided us with the information needed to update our records. Our Membership Picnic is already in the past and the Trade Fair is coming up quickly in August. Our financials are really looking good this month. Thanks to a Stacks Bowers Auction of two of Dick Kisluk's coins we netted \$31,000.00. We also did well with the Spring Coin Show so our income for the month of April was \$64,423.83. Along with Show income comes Show Expenses. Those totaled \$15,789.01. The Vanguard account now sits at \$31,468.67. Our total of monetary assets for the month is \$97,730.95. If you have any questions regarding these assets, please feel free to contact me.

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. **Meeting ID: 986 808 5956 Passcode: u6fN73**

May 19, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Rex Borders
	Topic: "Going Deutsch"	
June 30, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: John Saiz
	Topic: Pre Euro Coins	
July 28, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Byron Kesner
	Topic: Collecting Thematic World Coins	
August 25, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Scott Bucholtz
	Topic: Three Cent Pieces	

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

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
August 16, 2025	ACC Trade Fair
	UNM Continuing Education Center
November 7 - 9, 2025	Great Southwest Coin Expo
	Crowne Plaza 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.

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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