

Pocket Change

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Two Heads
- Birthdays
- Fullers
- WFM
- Deutsche

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A Two-Headed Coin? by Phil Vitale

On May 15th, 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition (officially named the Corps of Discovery) left St. Louis to explore the vast reaches of the recently acquired Louisiana Purchase. President Jefferson had great faith in the expedition to report on the land, forge good relations with native tribes, and document flora and fauna not known to the eastern colonies. The expedition was led by Merriwether Lewis (Jefferson's personal secretary), and William Clark. Over the next two plus years the expedition accomplished its mission expertly.







There was little national fanfare in the 19th century, but as the centennial of the expedition neared there was an upswelling of interest and appreciation in their accomplishments. The St Louis Exposition in 1903 celebrated the Louisiana Purchase. The Portland Lewis and Clark Exposition focused on the achievements of the expedition. The government released the ten dollar "Bison" note in 1901. A number of medals and souvenir coins were issued for both expositions. Among the special issues at the Portland Exposition was a unique \$1 gold coin; this commemorative coin had Lewis on one side, and Clark on the other. It is the only two-headed coin ever issued by the US Mint.

More than 60,000 of these tiny (14.3 mm, 1.7g) coins, designed by Charles Barber, were minted for the Portland Exposition. However, demand for this commemorative did not materialize and 85% were returned to the Mint and melted. The official mintage is 10,025. These coins are available in the marketplace and are pricey. An MS-63 example will cost about \$1,000.

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(HERE YE!! HERE YE!!! THE STATE FAIR IS COMING!!

THE CLUB WILL BE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE 2025 NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR (EXPO NEW MEXICO).

HELP WILL BE NEEDED WITH SETUP & JUDGING COMPETITIVE DISPLAYS BEFORE THE FAIR STARTS, DURING THE FAIR AND WITH TEARDOWN AFTER THE FAIR IS OVER.

Magical History Tour

Rod Frechette and you (?) are going to have another Magical History Tour on July 15th at the Corrales Library. Come dressed up in a costume and try out a State Fair exhibit or show an old one. We'll be showing off our hobby with 2 dozen display cases. There'll be coin and stamp handouts and a hammered coin demo as well.

We need club membership help to make this event happen. Set up will start at 9 AM, with public access from 10:30 to 3:30. Call Rod if you can participate, 505-379-5207.

Welcome New Members

Patrick Cota

Genevieve Lawson

James Dawson Julian Warthen

Penny Barber

Happy June Birthdays

Kevin Tessneer	6/4
Bret Sant	6/7
Jace Reeves	6/9
Lee Caruana	6/13
Patrick Cota	6/16
John Cornell	6/23



6/28

by: Jim Derrick

Member Profile

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An Outstanding ACC Volunteer Family

Our Board recently discussed our Awards for 2025 and recommended honoring a family who have been continually giving as volunteers for several years, members Tim and Jane Fuller. Tim joined the ACC in 2018, and Jane followed in 2021. Both family members have been involved and engaged in many of the Club's programs. Tim was elected as ACC Director in 2022 and 2023 and is currently serving as Vice President in both 2024 and 2025. Jane has been a "Board Appointee" managing the Club's Monthly Auction program and revised Membership Program since 2023. While both Tim and Jane are both great candidates to serve on our Board of Directors, only one can serve on the Board as specified in the current Bylaws, and that position is currently held by Tim, as Vice President. The Club's revised Bylaws were adopted in 2024 and



added a new provision recognizing "Board Appointees" to help manage the many operations of the ACC. Jane is an inaugural "Board Appointee" and has been serving in her roles as mentioned above.

It was my honor to present both Tim and Jane Fuller with the 2025 ACC President's Award at the May membership meeting. This award "recognizes a member who has provided outstanding leadership, participation in ACC club activities, achievement in the field of numismatics, and volunteerism in club activities." I'll share some of their accomplishments that led to the awards. Both Tim and Jane are graduates of the ANA Diploma program. When the Board decided to lighten the workload of the Treasurer in 2023, Jane volunteered to serve as the Club's new Membership Director and has continually worked to increase the membership of the Club. That same year, she also agreed to manage the improved monthly Auction Program. She participates in educational events at Libraries and the State Fair and represents the Club during national ANA events. Tim researched, led procurement and implemented a new security camera system for our coin shows, improving security to protect high value numismatic coins and paper money. He has led the way to improving our supplies and equipment including storage shelves, YN supplies, and new display cases. Tim has managed the highly valued Dick Kisluk coins. Tim volunteered to manage the State Fair Numismatic Display and Competition, following the unexpected death of long-time member Steve Acre. Tim also managed our volunteers for coin shows for the last two years.

Our club is fortunate to have these dedicated contributors serving us.

ANA News

by: Phil Vitale

The highlights of the ANA's year, Summer Seminar and the World's Fair of Money are fast approaching.. Unfortunately, life events have limited our attend-



ance at Summer Seminar. Some of our members will be there to wave the ACC flag.

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. We could

use a few more

members to cover the all the days. If you're planning to go to the Fair and want to volunteer, please contact me with your availability.



May Presentation

by Phil Vitale

Going Deutsche

Our May meeting saw Rex Borders educating the membership on German banknotes for the first 80 years of its existence. Germany became a "state" in 1871. Banknotes were issued shortly after the founding of the country and the founding of the German Central Bank in 1875.

After World War One, the allied countries punished Germany, and the country saw

hyper inflation from 1918 to 1933. Inflation was finally brought under control by a new bank, the Rentenbank, which issued notes from 1923 to 1937.

The end of World War Two saw Germany divided into four zones for the major allied countries: the US, UK, France and Russia. These countries issued "Allied Military Currency", or AMC, for the sections of Germany. However, there became the AMCs issued by the US, UK, and France, versus

those issued by Russia for its zone (which became East Germany).



The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick

Our next big ACC event this year is the ACC Summer Coin Show / Trade Fair, scheduled from 10 AM – 4 PM on Saturday, August 16, 2025. The Trade Fair is a one-day opportunity for members and member-dealers to sell or trade their coins and other numismatic items. If you are interested in taking part and renting a table or two, please act



soon to guarantee a spot. The Trade Fair will be held at the UNM Continuing Education Center, North Building, Rooms B/C,1634 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87131, which are the same rooms where we hold our monthly meetings. The Trade Fair information and exhibitor contract is available on the ACC website at https://abqcc.com. Click on the "Events Tab" to access the information and download the exhibitor Contract.

The State Fair Numismatic Competition/Display is also coming up soon on the calendar. The State Fair is scheduled for September 4-14, 2025, <u>but registration to display or compete takes place 8 AM – 5 PM on August 22 – 23,</u> <u>2025 (almost two weeks ahead of the event)</u>. Registration will be held in the **Creative Arts Building at the Fairgrounds**. The ACC manages this activity

including judging the competitive displays for awards, and the non-competitive displays that are submitted for viewing. My thanks to Tom Stone for managing this activity and By-

ron Kesner for managing volunteers to work at the State Fair. Volunteers receive free parking and entry for the days you are scheduled. It is a fun way to represent and promote the ACC, discuss displays with the public, and to educate kids and adults about the hobby. To volunteer, see Byron at the upcoming June/July meeting or weekly breakfast to sign-up. For more information about the State Fair Numismatic Competition/Display, please see the State Fair Website at <u>https://</u>

<u>statefair.exponm.com/p/participate</u> and view

"Competitions" and "Creative Arts" links to access Numismatic display 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 as Editor. If you have skills in this area, please contact Phil or me. **There are also many other ways to volunteer with the Club, so reach out to a Director or Appointee in a Yellow Vest if interested, and we will discuss all these opportunities.**

Educational Presentations are a fun way to participate in our membership meetings and educate members about your collection or numismatic interests. Please contact ACC Education Director, Scott Bucholtz to discuss presenting. If interested, you can visit with Scott at one of our upcoming meetings or email him at scott.m.bucholtz@gmail.com.

Rex's Record

by Rex Borders

Jim and Byron reviewed the success of our club picnic held May 10 at the Jewish Community Center. The picnic was attended by about 40 people, and Byron did an excellent job of cooking. Thanks to all who helped shop and set up.



Tom Stone advised the audience that its time to start thinking of the State Fair. Although the State Fair is September 4-14, entries to the numismatic displays and competitions must be entered August 22 or 23. Additionally, Tom encouraged people to volunteer to man our area this is our chance to interface with the public and advertise our hobby and club. He also mentioned the need for judges. Rules are on the State Fair web site.

Jim and Pat briefed the attendees on our need to acquire more club bucks. Club bucks are used to pay volunteers (over \$700) for the Spring

Show, as an honorarium to our presenters (\$25) and more. Our last club bucks were purchased from the Highland Mint in Florida. The membership approved a request to spend up to \$2,500 to procure more club bucks once the details are finalized and approved by the board. The board will act at their next meeting.

Jim reviewed the situation with display case locks and the club's plans to replace some of



them. A work party was scheduled (and since held) at the shed to replace them. Thanks to all who helped, especially: Tom Stone, Jim Derrick, Pat Vitale, Tim Cox and Peter Tabet.

Pat's Pittance



Happy Summer Everyone! The Club has had a busy year so far and it isn't slowing down for the dog days of Summer. Our income for the month of May was \$4,138.50 due to payments by Silent Auction winners, monthly auction winners, and 50/50 Raffle income. Our expenditures totaled \$8,391.17 mainly due to payments to consignees from the Silent Auction, monthly auction, and deposits for 2026 Spring and Fall Coin Shows. Yes, we are that far out already. Our closing checking balance is \$63,618.50. Our Vanguard account stands at \$31,581.30, so our total monetary assets for the month are \$95,199.80. If you have any questions concerning your Club's finances, feel free to contact me and I will try to help.

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

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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

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June 30, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: John Saiz
I	Topic: Pre Euro Coins	
July 28, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Byron Kesner
	Topic: Collecting Themati	c World Coins
August 25, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Scott Bucholtz
	Topic: Three Cent Pieces	
September29, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Rod Frechette
I	Topic: For the Love of Co	b (1566-1733)
	ANA EVENTS	
June 21 - July 3, 2025	Summer Seminar	
I.	Colorado Springs, CO	
August 19 - 23, 2025	World's Fair of Money	
1	Oklahoma City, OK	
UPCON	MING AREA AND MAJOR	COIN SHOWS
June 26 - 28, 2025	Springs Coin Show	
i	Colorado Springs, CO	
July 11 - 13, 2025	Amarillo Coin & Curren	cy Show
1	Amarillo, TX	
July 25 - 27, 2025	Vegas National Coin Sho	w
1	Las Vegas, NV	
August 16. 2025	ACC Trade Fair	
i	UNM Continuing Education	on Center
October 16 - 18, 2025	US Mexican Numismatic	Association Convention
	Scottsdale, AZ	
November 7 - 9, 2025	Great Southwest Coin Ex	кро
×	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albu	querque, NM

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