

Pocket Change

VOLUME 72 ISSUE 8

AUGUST 2025

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Tricky Halfs**
- **Birthdays**
- **Merit Badge**
- **Editorial**
- **Thematic
Collecting**

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Feature Article	1
Pat's Pittance	6
Coin Cabinet	5
Editorial	4
Rex's Record	6
Dates To Remember	7
ACC Information	8

Two Tricky Half Dollar Sets

by **Scott Bucholtz**

Last year, I completed what I dub the "Obtainable" US Type Set which is a type set of US Coins that I could reasonably afford. I decided it would be a fun challenge to try and complete date and mint mark sets of specific types of older US regular strike coins. However, two half dollar sub-type sets have really spoken to me and presented some fun challenges as a numismatist.

The first is Capped Bust Reeded Edge Half Dollars which are actually two distinct types unto themselves. The Type 2 is distinguished by the legend "50 CENTS" on the bottom of the reverse whereas the Type 3 coins were updated to say "HALF DOL." Each of these sub-types were only minted for 2 years (Type 2, 1836-1837 and Type 3, 1838-1839). For US Type collectors, the 1837 is readily available and reasonably priced. However, the 1836 Capped Bust, Reeded Edge Half Dollar boasts a mintage of a mere 5,000 coins and an estimated survival of approximately 1,000. Even in low grades, this coin sells for thousands of dollars so it was clear I would need to acquire a slabbed, certified example. I was able to win a PCGS-certified example in Fine, Detail grade. On the Type 3, "HALF DOL.", the challenging coin is the 1839-O. Not only is this the only Capped Bust Half Dollar made outside of Philadelphia, it is also nearly 10 times rarer than the 1838 Capped Bust Half Dollar. This coin features an additional, unique footnote as the only half dollar made at the New Orleans mint with the mint mark on the obverse. Rumor has it that this was done as a "mark of pride" on their first larger diameter production run in silver.



The other tricky half dollar sub-type complete set that posed a real collecting challenge was the Seated Liberty With Motto, Arrows at Date (Type 6) Half Dollars. With only 6 coins in this sub-type set (produced by the US Mint from 1873-1874), it may not seem too difficult a hill to climb. However, when you get into the nitty-gritty of this Type 6 collection, I realized the mints are the key. For both years, the lion share of the production was coined at The Philadelphia Mint. Survival estimates from 2,500 and 3,000 respectively make these (*continued page 2*)

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

(Tricky Halfs from page 1) "no mint mark" examples a straight-forward acquisition. The San Francisco mint 1873-S (survival estimate of 350) and 1874-S (survival estimate of 500) would easily make them key dates in almost any other set. However, as per usual, the Carson City mint takes the cake here. The 1873-CC Seated Liberty Half Dollar has an estimated survival of a mere 250 specimens. This alone would be daunting but the 1874-CC was only minted to the tune of 59,000 pieces so its survival estimate of 180 total coins is not surprising at all! These two S and two CC examples took me more than a year to acquire in the G to VF range.



survival estimate of 180 total coins is not surprising at all! These two S and two CC examples took me more than a year to acquire in the G to VF range.



All-in-all, I am having great fun working on the challenge of sub-type complete sets. It is a great way to expand your knowledge of a coin type that collectors might otherwise simply acquire a single example of and move on.

Happy August Birthdays

Tom McCain	8/3
Peter Bilan	8/4
Peggy Deurloo	8/6
Dennis Rishell	8/8
Charles Stein	8/8
Peter Tabet	8/8
Carl Zdunczyk	8/8
Scott Mathison	8/11
Clifford Mishler	8/11
Charles Moore	8/14
Gary Coomber	8/15
Barry Deutsch	8/17
Kim Kiick	8/17



Colleen Knapp	8/17
Mark Blackburn	8/18
Jim Renshaw	8/18
George Sanders	8/24
Bettie Elwell	8/27
Bill Arnold	8/30
Kenneth Jewell	8/30

Member Article

by: Peter Rechkemmer

Boy Scout Coin Merit Badge

On July 29th, Peter Rechkemmer, the Young Numismatist's Coordinator, met with eleven scouts from Albuquerque's Boy Scout Troop One to discuss coin collecting. They discussed the requirements for earning the Coin Collecting Merit Badge, including handling, storing, collecting, and different types of coins. One Boy Scout brought in his inherited collection from his grandfather, which included a complete wheat cent collection.

Each Boy Scout must complete ten tasks to earn the merit badge. To assist them, the Albuquerque Coin Club provided them with the following materials to get started:

- Whitman Coin Collecting Merit badge Coin Folder
 - Task booklet explaining each task
 - Worksheet booklet
 - Instructions booklet to help them with their tasks
- To complete four of the ten tasks, they received:
- Five different state quarters for the commemorative quarter task.
 - A Lincoln Cent, a Jefferson Nickel, a Roosevelt Dime, a Washington Quarter, a Kennedy Half Dollar, and a Sacagawea Dollar for their type set task.
 - A copy of the *Numismatist*, *Coin World*, and a copy of the ACC's *Pocket Change* for the reading task.
 - For the foreign coin task a coin hunt where each Boy Scout had to select twenty foreign coins and identify their countries of origin.

They also received coin show flyers, information about the A's for Coins program, the ABQ YN program, and details about the club. The troop was provided with a *Red Book* to aid in coin identification and a 63-page pamphlet containing information about the coin collecting merit badge.



Welcome New Members

David Martinez

Myles Pick

Edgar Vela

Editorial

by: Phil Vitale

Pocket Change Future



The Pocket Change newsletter has been a mainstay for providing information to our members over many years. It is recognized nationally for excellence.

I have been the editor of the pocket Change for the last nine years and I find myself torn by my love for the club while looking to reduce my volunteer load for my future retired years. I would like to be able to train someone new to carry on this vital function, but as of yet no one has stepped up.

The time has come for me to focus on my other endeavors. I admit that I'm tired of begging for inputs and articles, and demands to include materials not usually covered; I won't miss these. I will miss my service to the club in this area. None the less, I intend to part ways with the Pocket Change at the end of the year.

Phil

July Presentation

by Phil Vitale

Collecting Thematic World Coins

Our July meeting saw Byron Kesner doing a great presentation on Thematic collecting. This approach is defined by gathering coins based upon a specific theme or topic. There are any number of themes high lighting a subject, country, type and period. Many topical collections feature flora and fauna, transportation, personages, the arts and engravers. Byron collects Israeli theme collections (i.e. Birds of Israel – pictured), constellations, and Tesla coinage to name a few.

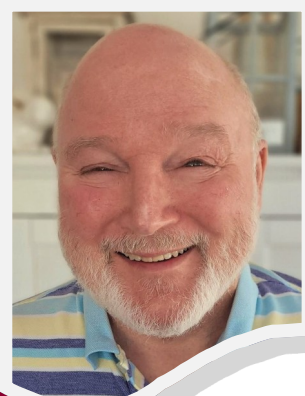
Perhaps the biggest advantage of thematic collecting is that it can help focus one's interest and ability to organize a diverse collection.



The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick

Kicking off our fall events is the **Summer Coin Show / Trade Fair**, which is scheduled for **10AM - 4PM, Saturday, August 16, 2025**. This one-day event is open to the public and will be held at the **UNM Continuing Education Center, North Building, Rooms B/C, 1634 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87131** (Same location ACC Membership Meetings are held). Please join the fun to buy, sell and trade.



The **State Fair Numismatic Competition and Display** is scheduled for **September 4-14, 2025**. We need your displays to exhibit the many aspects of coin collecting and numismatics. You can also compete for awards (see picture). **Registration to display or compete is rapidly approaching and takes place from 8 AM – 5 PM on Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23, 2025, and will be held in the Creative Arts Building at the Fairgrounds.** For more information about the State Fair Numismatic Competition/Display, please see the State Fair Website at <https://statefair.exponm.com/participate> and select onscreen links for “Competitions”, “Participate”, “Creative Arts”, and “Numismatics”. There will also be live Hand Hammered Coin Demonstrations and educational classes available.



COIN SHOW
Great Southwest Coin Expo

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 7	November 8	November 9
12:30pm-5:30pm	9:00am-5:30pm	9:30am-2:00pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel
1901 University Blvd NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

80+ Tables of Numismatic Items **Buy • Sell • Trade**
38+ Dealers **Free Appraisals**
5+ States **Silver & Gold**
ADULTS \$6.00 • KIDS (UNDER 18) FREE
FREE PARKING

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE

albuquerquecoinclub.com

The ACC's Great Southwest Coin Expo is scheduled for Friday – Sunday, November 7-9, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1901 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Hours for the show are Friday, 12:30PM – 5:30PM, Saturday, 9:00AM – 5:30PM, and Sunday, 9:30AM – 2:00PM. A special room reservation rate is available until October 31, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Please see our website at <https://albuquerquecoinclub.com> for specific Fall Coin Show information and reservation information. Many coin and paper money specialists will be available to help with your coin collecting needs and there will be special treasure hunt activities for children. It is free for kids 17 or under, military/veterans, as well as police in uniform.

Volunteers are needed for all the ACC events. If you are interested in volunteering for a few hours at these upcoming events, please email Byron Kesner at bkesner1@comcast.net. Volunteers at the Trade Fair and Fall SW Coin Expo

earn Club Bucks to use for supplies, coins and upcoming events. Volunteers for the State Fair receive free entry and parking for the fair on the dates they are volunteering. Have a great and safe fall 2025.

2025 Club Awards

Every fall, the ACC Board of Directors considers Award Nominations for our members. If you would like to nominate someone for one of the ACC Awards available. Please submit your nominations as soon as possible to President Jim Derrick, email: jder-rick0702@msn.com, so it can be considered at an upcoming Board of Director's meeting. Please provide a few written paragraphs regarding the nomination (not to exceed 1 page) for the members you would like to nominate. **Nomination criteria, exclusions and submission dates can be found on the ACC Website <https://albuquerquecoinclub.com> and select “About”, “Club Documents” and Awards & Rewards Program Document.**

Rex's Record

by Rex Borders



Our club exists to serve our members.

Get involved and enjoy it more.

Our July meeting was well attended with 51 people including several YNs. There were 5 Zoom participants included. Thanks to Byron Kesner who presented Collecting Coins Thematically. He talked about bringing common themes together to make a collection, being buildings, animals, or anything of interest. Coins of certain metals, shapes, or colors can be a theme as well.

State Fair - 2025 NM State Fair will soon be upon us. We need displays and volunteers. Tom Stone and Byron Kesner are coordinating these, respectively. The Albuquerque Coin Club has had a long association with the NM State Fair. We set up displays, provide club information, and give away free coins in the Creative Arts Building. Historically we have done well in attracting new members from the general public. We encourage members to enter a display at the fair. The rules for these are spelled out in document that can be found on the state fair website. The club sets up 30 cases at the Fair. You can enter a display competitively, where it will be judged by 3 volunteer judges, or non-competitively just for fun. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons are awarded to each of the eight classes. As you may know, we ask people to vote for their favorite display and then allow them a free coin from the treasure chest. A special ribbon is awarded to the display receiving the most votes. A Best of Show ribbon is awarded in each section (Youth, Adult, Professional) and finally a Special Grand Award for the best judged display is awarded. These displays are what attracts visitors to our area.

Fall Coin Show - The Fall Coin Show will be at the Crowne Plaza Nov 7-9. Plans are well underway for an exciting show. The club is planning on renting a bill board right outside the hotel. Ed Deye has been working hard on getting this in place. A special shout-out to Eddie Tudor Coins in Rio Rancho for contributing to our advertising budget for both radio and the billboard.

Pat's Pittance



Happy August to everyone. By the time you read this the Trade Fair for this year will just about be history. We started out July with a bank balance of \$63,796.75. We had deposits totaling \$2,630.34 from table fees, memberships, and a refund for the display case locks that we replaced. Our expenses totaled \$2,160.84 for show advertising, storage rental, and website updating. We also transferred \$25,000.00 to our Vanguard account bringing that amount up to \$56,847.56. Our closing checking account stood at \$38,088.12. Our total monetary net worth for July was \$94,935.68. If you have any questions regarding your Club's money, please feel free to contact 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. **Meeting ID: 986 808 5956 Passcode: u6fN73**

August 25, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Scott Bucholtz
	Topic: Three Cent Pieces	
September 29, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Rod Frechette
	Topic: For the Love of Cob (1566-1733)	
October 27, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Jim Derrick
	Topic: Franklin Half Dollars	
November 24, 2025	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Alex Dimitrov
	Topic: Mexican Libertads	
December 8, 2025	Holiday Party	
	Albuquerque, NM	

ANA EVENTS

August 19 - 23, 2025	World's Fair of Money
	Oklahoma City, OK
February 26-28, 2026	National Money Show
	Savanna, GA

UPCOMING AREA AND MAJOR COIN SHOWS

August 16, 2025	ACC Trade Fair
	UNM Continuing Education Center
October 16 - 18, 2025	US Mexican Numismatic Association Convention
	Scottsdale, AZ
October 9 - 11, 2025	Denver Coin Expo
	Denver, CO
November 1-2, 2025	Phoenix Coin Club Show
	Mesa, AZ
November 7 - 9, 2025	Great Southwest Coin Expo
	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albuquerque, NM

Promoting Numismatics Through Education

Albuquerque Coin Club



**P.O. Box 11602
Albuquerque, NM
87192**

Albuquerquecoinclub.com

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

ANA Member Club # C1063082



Promoting Numismatics Through Education

2025 ACC Board of Directors

President: Jim Derrick
505-220--3219

Vice President: Tim Fuller
479-252-2206

Secretary: Rex Borders
505-715-1999

Treasurer: Pat Vitale
505-298-6765

Director: Tim Cox
505-340-5832

Director: Rod Frechette
505-379-5207

Director: Peter Tabet
505-280-9683

Director: Steve Loftus
505-280-4876

Director: Marian Wrage
505-554-4465

ANA Rep.: Byron Kesner

Website Guru: Rex Borders

Parliamentarian: Ed Deye

Pocket Change is published every month by the Albuquerque Coin Club. If you are interested in writing an article to be published in the newsletter, want to receive it via email, or just have ideas, please contact one of our publishers at the following email addresses. Phil Vitale: moneyman75x@outlook.com - or Pat Vitale: patvitale49msn.com