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Summer Seminar People Connection

The Best Dividend

I recently returned from Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, CO. The course material was engaging and the instructors were real experts; I came away enriched. However, the people you meet provide a wonderful source of expertise and comradery – this “dividend” is perhaps as valuable as the course you take.

It takes no effort to recognize the hobby’s luminaries from the moment you check in. Ken Bressett, Red Book Editor Emeritus, Ken Hallenbeck, past ANA President and instructor, Jeff Garrett, Red Book Editor, Joe Boling, ANA Legend with too many awards to list and instructor (and ACC member), and Bob Campbell, ANA Past President and instructor for 31 years and winner of every award there is. The great thing about these folks is that they are very approachable and happy to help with anything they are asked.

The people you get to know in class and at meals are a great source of information on coins and currency. The course instructors from all courses are there for you and ready to share their expertise. Many students are skilled numismatists looking to expand their knowledge in other areas; they provide additional resources for students. In every session there are international



Bob Campbell



Maria-Jose Martinez

ANA students from an array of countries. A regular attendee is Thomas from Berlin, Germany. Maria, from Mexico City, Mexico, was in my class and provided a wealth of knowledge on colonial Spanish coinage and modern Mexican currency.

Of course, the ANA staff and headquarters resources are also available to students during the week. Executive Director Kim Kiick, Museum Director Doug Mudd, Education Director Christian Strayhorn, Librarian Akio Lis, and Membership Director Donna Frater are ready to assist with any problem. Seminars Director Jennifer Ackerman, assisted by Sheila Fortenberry and a small host of volunteers, ensured the wheels of education kept turning for us all.

There is no finer numismatic education in the world. The experience is greatly enhanced by the people you meet. I hope to see you there next year.

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

State Fair Magic

The Albuquerque Coin Club has displayed coins and currency at the NM State Fair since its founding in 1953. It allows club members to educate the public, an essential part of the club's mission (and enjoy the Fair).

The club needs its members to exhibit displays to compete for ribbons. Displays need to be submitted on either August 22nd or 23rd. You will need to use Gate 6 when bringing in displays on either day between 9 AM and 5 PM. The state collects \$5 from each exhibitor.

We also need volunteers to man our display area every day of the Fair. These folks will introduce people to numismatics, answer questions and encourage people to join our club. Volunteers get free parking and entrance to the Fair. Please call Tom Stone at sansui1099@gmail.com or 505-292-5347.

(Shutterly from page 3) He has three sons: lawyer Jeffrey, CPA Andrew, and fire-fighter Nicholas. They have one granddaughter, Margaux, who is almost 4.

In their spare time the Shutterly's garden and travel; they have visited 35 countries and will add two more soon. Michael enjoys reading and music. He learned to speak Russian in order to listen to Russian opera without relying on a translation.

I am thrilled that this exceptional individual is a member of our club. I hope many of you will get the opportunity to meet him.

Welcome New Members

Anne Mitchell Christopher & Stephanie Griego Dave Frank Denny Woolsey

Happy July Birthdays

Peter Lindstrom	7/6
Shilyn Fisher	7/10
John McCathair	7/10
John Berg	7/12
James Dawson	7/17
Ray Gonzales	7/19
Daryl Conley	7/20
Chuck Avent	7/20
John Saiz	7/24



Byron Kesner	7/30
Carl Silva	7/30
Steve Whitman	7/31

Member Profile

by: Phil Vitale

Michael Shutterly Making A Difference

I am excited to introduce an outstanding member to the club today. Michael Shutterly is an award-winning author, speaker, and coin displayer.

Michael was born in Florida, but was raised in Maryland. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physiological Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and a Juris Doctorate degree from Boston University School of Law. He pursued the legal profession as a trial lawyer and then a financial institution staff lawyer until he retired.

Michael collected coins as a kid into adulthood, but stopped in 1977 when his collection was stolen. He started collecting again in 1982 and has continued ever since. Michael collects Byzantine coinage, Roman Republican denarii and early Medieval coins from western Europe. He also has a number of “just for fun” collections that include US Cents, Roosevelt Dimes and denarii of the Severan Dynasty. His focus now is on research and writing articles more than collecting.

Should you venture to the National Money show or World’s Fair of Money you will undoubtedly see Michael’s outstanding displays which always win ribbons and accolades. He has written award winning articles for the *Numismatist* and the *Asylum*. His exhibits for the Maryland State Numismatic Association, the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists and Virginia Numismatic Association have also garnered awards. Michael also does presentations for the ANA’s “Numisma” talks and participates in discussion groups on Roman Coinage.

Michael is a cancer survivor. He has beaten the odds and had at least one “Glad I’m Not Dead Yet” party at least 5 years out from chemo; another party is on the horizon.

The Shutterly’s live in Virginia. He lost his first wife, Margret, after 23 years of marriage. His second wife, Darling Pat,” has been married to him for 16 years. (*continued page 2*)



ANA News

by: Phil Vitale



Now that Summer Seminar is over, the main focus for the ANA is the World's Fair of Money being held in Oklahoma City in August. In addition to the great coin show, the organization will install a new Board of Governors and bestow awards in a number of categories. Your club will have a table at the show and be represented by six of our members.



In other news, the ANA has released a new discounted membership form for District Representatives to use for new members and renewals. The new form has a 15% discount across all categories. I will bring forms to our meetings—come see me if you want to join or renew.



June Presentation

by Phil Vitale

Pre Euro Currency

Our June meeting saw John Saiz educating the membership about the pre-Euro coinage and currency from European Union countries. The Euro was adopted by 11 European countries in 1999, with the actual coin and currency not appearing until 2002. In this presentation, John focused upon the coinage from France, Spain, Germany, Ireland and the Netherlands. The bottom line is that pre-Euro currency had a colorful and unique coinage history.

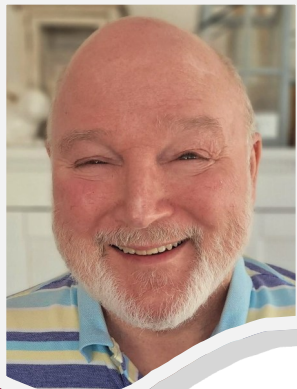
John described the history of the pre-Euro currency for each country. France had the oldest currency dating back to 1360 when the Franc was introduced. Spain's Peseta was introduced in 1868 but was preceded by the Reales for hundreds of years. Germany's Mark was introduced in 1871 after the country's unification; the Deutschmark was the West German currency in 1948 and was carried forward after West Germany and East Germany united. Ireland's Irish Pound (aka punt) was introduced in 1928. The Netherlands first issued Guilders in 1434.



The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick

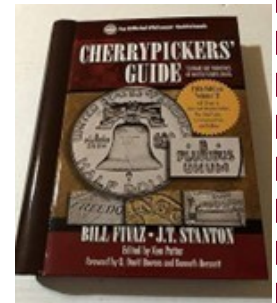
I love being a Numismatist and being in a hobby where I can study, learn and participate with others to acquire coins and improve my collections. This past month I was able to acquire a coin that I thought was impossible to obtain. I am a Franklin Half Dollar Collector who is always looking for ways to acquire coins without breaking the bank.



As many know, the ACC sponsors a Coin Breakfast every Saturday with a few exceptions (Balloon Fiesta and holidays). About fifteen members regularly attend and we meet at Weck's Restaurant, 4500 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, from about 8:15 AM to 9:30 AM. We bring coins, paper money, and numismatic articles to share with each other as we enjoy breakfast and tell delightful stories of collecting. It is a fun event, and I'd encourage any members interested to come join the fun with us.

In early June 2025, a Member-Dealer joined the meeting and shared coins he was interested in selling. He brought over a Franklin Half Dollar to show me. It was a rare **1961 PF 67**

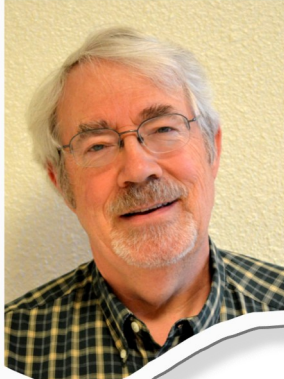
Doubled Die Reverse error variety coin. This coin is so rare that I never thought I would see one firsthand or even hold one. For many years, the 1961 PF Franklin Half Dollar DDR was shown on the cover of the "Cherrypickers' Guide to Rare Die Varieties of United States Coins, Volume 2: Half Dimes Through Gold, Commemoratives, and Bullion Coinage", written by Bill Fivaz and JT Stanton. (Franklin Proof DDR pictured here on the cover is from October 1, 2011, hard-cover edition). It shows die doubling, which is visible to the naked eye particularly in "E. Pluribus Unum," "Half Dollar," and "United States of America." I hesitated, as I did not feel I could afford this coin. The total Proof Mintage for the 1961 Franklin Half Dollar was 3,028,244 coins. It is one of only twenty-seven (27) certified by PCGS and only four (4) are graded higher. I called the Dealer a couple of days later to decline his offer. I lamented because another excellent opportunity just slipped through my hands.



A couple of weeks later, the same Dealer attended the weekly breakfast again and I asked, is the DDR still available? He said yes and was open to trading for both coins and cash for the coin. Later that week I was able to obtain the coin and could not have been happier (pictured). It is an absolute rarity. Its PCGS price guide value is \$5,750.00 and this coin sold at auction in May 2017 for about the same price. Rick Tomaska, Author of "A Guidebook of Franklin and Kennedy Half Dollars," states "**This is the king of twentieth-century Proof half dollar error varieties.**" In his fourth edition book, he estimates the Proof 67 value between \$6,000 - \$10,000 dollars for a brilliant Proof. A single Cameo Proof sold for over \$20,000.

Rex's Record

by Rex Borders



Our club exists to serve our members.

Get involved and enjoy it more.

Club Bucks - Club bucks are an essential part of making the ACC operate. These are monies created by the club and paid to the membership for acts of service to the club such as volunteering at shows. We paid out over \$700 in club bucks to volunteers at the Spring Coin Show. We pay our monthly educational presenter \$25 as an honorarium as a thank you for their efforts. Club bucks can be used to pay for numismatic items at coin shows and monthly meetings. Club bucks can also be used to pay for certain club activities like the picnic and holiday dinner. Many people do not spend the club bucks they receive, Result: we've **run out of club bucks**. In 2023 we made a commercial purchase from the Highland Mint in Florida for \$5 and \$10 club bucks. The membership approved the BOD to spend up to

\$2500 on new club bucks but the board found some more cost-effective ideas. The board debated options and looked at cost, value for our money and turn around time. The Board ended up authorizing a three-prong approach. We will develop about 250 each of the \$5 and \$10 club bucks, including:

- 1: Foreign paper currency over stamped with ACC and denomination
- 2: Pewter coins cast by Tom McCain using cast models of the 2023 coins.
- 3: Pewter struck by Pressing Matters' LLC using dies from Highland mint.



Pat's Pittance

by: Pat Vitale



Hope that everyone had a great 4th of July. It was a beautiful and hot one for sure. June was a fairly slow month, financially. We had deposits of \$772.12 from various sources. Expenses totaled \$520.37 leaving our closing checking account with \$63,796.75. The Vanguard account now stands at \$31,690.57. Our total monetary assets are \$95,487.32. If you should have any questions about your Club's finances, please call me and I will be happy to find you answers. Stay cool, see ya next month.

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**

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	
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 Liberdads	

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

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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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