

# Pocket Change

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Cameo
- New Memebrrs
- Birthday
- Frank
- Kisluk

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## Cameo, Cameo, Cameo

By Jim Derrick

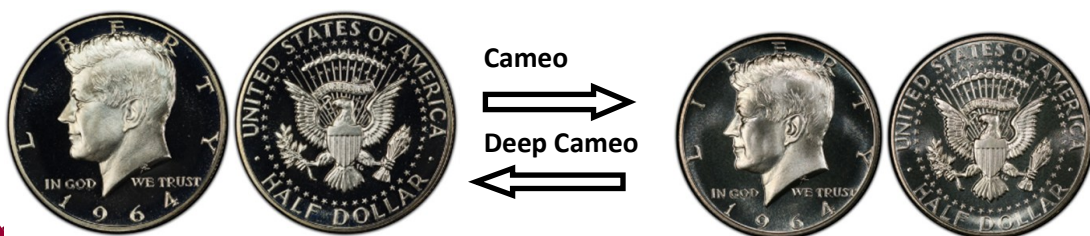
**Deep/Ultra Cameo coins are the standard for Proof Coins made today by the U.S. Mint.** Cameo refers to the strong contrast between the frosted devices (design elements on the obverse and reverse), and the mirror-like, smooth background (fields) on a proof coin. The contrast portrayed in newly minted proofs are stunning for eye appeal and value.

Today's Cameos are made by using specially prepared **polished planchets** that are flawless in appearance before striking. Since 2013, **coin dies** have been specially prepared by the Mint using modern polishing technology to create intensely brilliant and mirror-like surfaces. **The surface of the die is frosted with computer-controlled laser-etching, with varying degrees of contrast.** The polished planchets are hand-fed into the modern coin press and struck multiple times under extremely high pressure. **The creation is a beautiful proof coin with nearly perfect mirrored fields and raised cameo frosted design elements.** The Mint inspects finished Proofs by hand and encapsulates the coin in a protective capsule and special packaging.



Both the **Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC)** and the **Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS)** have adopted grading standards for Cameo Coins. These standards differ somewhat in the names and abbreviations but are very similar for grading.

For PCGS, there are three (3) standards for giving proof coins a **Cameo Strike Designation**, including **Proof (PF/PR)**, with none or little cameo appearance, and more brilliant uncirculated, **Deep Cameo (DCAM)**, the highest level of cameo contrast on both the obverse and reverse), and **Cameo (CAM)**, with not enough frosting to qualify for DCAM). *(continued page 2)*



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

*(Cameo from page 1)*

While almost all new Proofs achieve the Deep or Ultra Cameo appearance, dies made in the 1950-1970s era only produced a few Cameo Proof coins. At the upcoming October 27, 2025, Membership Meeting, I will be discussing Franklin Half Dollar Proofs and Cameo coin production for this era. I hope you can attend.



## Welcome New Members

*Terri Ybarra*

*Frank Antonich*

*Taylor Antonich*

*Valerie Archuleta*

*Angelo Medina*

*Cathy Awe*

*Kevin McCandless*

## Happy September Birthdays

Paul Bradley	9/XX
Angelo Medina	9/5
Matt Peacock	9/6
Kenny Sammut	9/7
Dave Barber	9/9
Linda Vitale	9/9
Walt Ostromecki	9/18
Alex Dimitrov	9/20
Roger Walker	9/20
Tim Cox	9/23
Eric Kibbey	9/23
Kelvin Gillham	9/27
Keith Morgan	9/27



# Member Profile

by: Phil Vitale

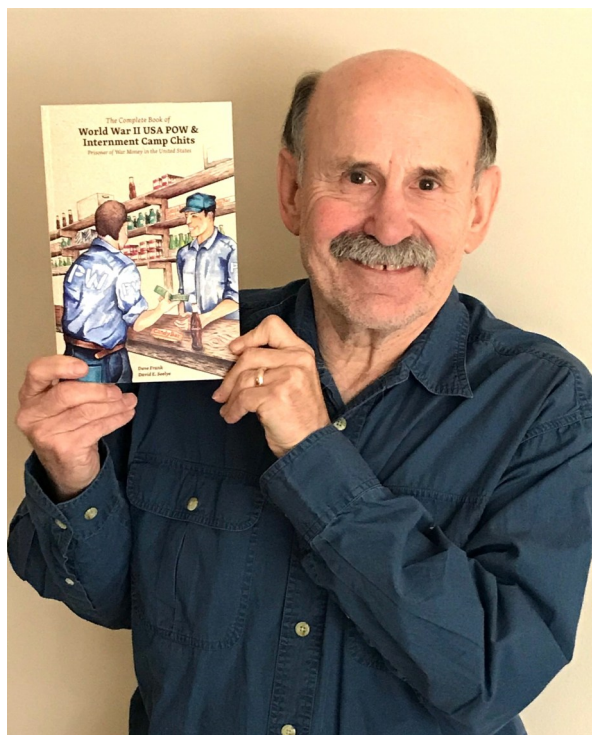
## Dave Frank

### Numismatic Warrior

I get to meet many interesting people in my travels around the country. It is my pleasure to introduce you to one of these who is very engaged in furthering our hobby: Dave Frank.

Dave was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri; he still lives there with his family. He attended Washington University in St. Louis and received a DDS degree in 1972, and he practiced dentistry for the next 45 years. While he enjoys gardening and travel, his after-retirement job is numismatics.

He “became involved in numismatics in 1957 (9 years old) when I went to a hobby shop with my dad to look at model airplane kits and instead bought a Whitman folder for Lincoln cents 1909-1940. When we came home, I asked my mother if I could check her change and she had a 1934 Lincoln cent which became my first coin, and I still have it.” Dave collects US coins, US paper money, world coins, world paper money, tokens, and camp money of World War I and II.



Dave has a passion for presenting programs for numismatic organizations. He has presented programs for the St. Louis clubs as well as FUN, Women in Numismatics, Central States, Chicago Coin Club, Ozark Coin Club, MPC Fest, Huron Valley and Flint Coin Clubs in Michigan and ANA Summer Seminar. He is a member of 12 numismatic organizations. He serves as treasurer of the Internal Bank Note Society and board member of the National Association of Token Collectors and has served as president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, board member and bourse chairman of the Missouri Numismatic Society. I have also served as president and board member of World Coin Club of St. Louis.

There is no slowing Dave down. He has written a book in 2019, “the complete Book of World War II USA POW & Internment Camp Chits. Prisoner of War Money in the United States”, and created an educational website [www.campmoneynotes.com](http://www.campmoneynotes.com), and is working on a book on World War I & II scrip and tokens used in camps (POW, Concentration, Internment, Displaced Persons, and Ghettos).

Dave is a great guy. I hope you’ll get to meet him some day.



## ANA News

by: Phil Vitale



The World's Fair of Money is the ANA's last big event of the year. The organization is catching its breath and shifting

gears to get a new Board of Governors grounded. Jennifer Ackerman's crew has started planning for the next Summer Seminar and the National Money Show. Speaking of the National Money Show, it will be held in Savannah, GA, February 26-28; you'll get more info as we get closer.

Start thinking about scholarship applications for the next Summer Seminar. Applications normally become available in late November, with applications due sometime from mid-January to mid-February.

### Pocket Change Takes Second!



## July Presentation

by Phil Vitale

### Three Cent Pieces

Our August meeting saw Scott Bucholtz instructing the membership on 3 cent coinage. Initially authorized by the postage act of 1851, these coins with a low silver content were intended for the public to buy stamps. The Philadelphia mint produced these coins (with the exception of 1851 where some were made in New Orleans) from 1851 to 1873. They were produced in three design types: Type I from 1851 to 1853 having an obverse star with no outline, Type II from 1854 to 1858 with two lines bordering the star, and Type III from 1859 to 1873 with a one-line border around the star.

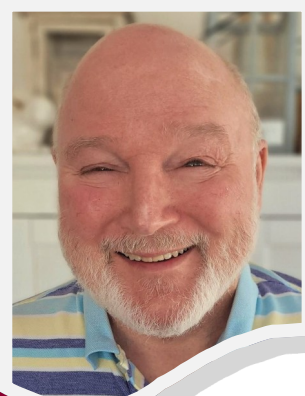
A copper-nickel alloy 3 cent coin was introduced in 1865 to further reduce the amount of silver in coinage. This coin was continued until 1889; there was no real demand for it in the later years.



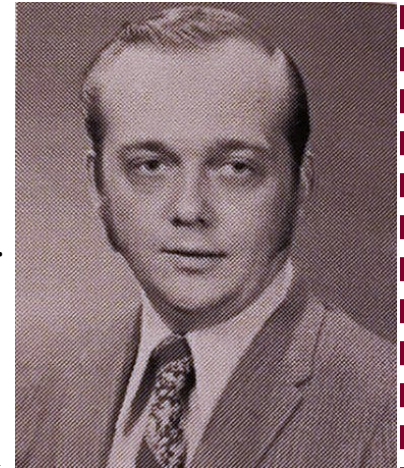
## The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick

About three years ago, the ACC received a very valued and treasured coin donation from long time member, **Mr. Dick Kisluk (pictured)**. Dick passed away on September 13, 2022.



**The Kisluk Donation** was appraised by several member Numismatists from the Club using current price guides. A Donations Committee was established to manage the donated coins. **Based on their recommendations and the approval of the Board of Directors, the most valued part of the Kisluk Donation is now a permanent collection of the Albuquerque Coin Club. The Kisluk Permanent Collection includes Early American Dollars from 1795-1803, Trade Dollars from 1873-1883, and a complete Peace Dollar Collection from 1921-1935.**



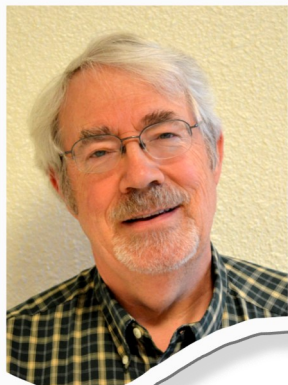
All of the Kisluk Permanent Collection Coins have been submitted to either NGC (Numismatic Guaranty Corporation) or ANACS (American Numismatics Association Certification Service) for conservation, certification, and encapsulation, to protect the coins and ensure their longevity. To raise funds for the Club, the Board has authorized the sale of assorted gold and silver coins over the past two years. These coins were auctioned at Club Shows, Membership Meeting Auctions, and at National Auctions. Many of our members have been able to participate in the auction sales and acquire some of the coins donated by Mr. Kisluk. There are only a few coins that remain that are not part of the Kisluk Permanent Collection, and these may be available in the future.

**The Kisluk Donation was originally appraised at about \$180,000 dollars. A part of the collection is maintained as a Permanent Collection, and is stored in the Club's Bank Safety Deposit Box and removed for display only at Club Shows and special events. Funds generated through auction sales raised about \$66,830 dollars over the past two years.** Some of the funds raised by the ACC Auction Sales have been authorized to upgrade the Club's equipment and supplies, including purchasing 86 new display cases, 56 new tables, and a state-of-the-art security system we use at Club coin shows. The remainder of the funds raised have been placed in our Club's bank or savings accounts. These funds will continue to be managed by the ACC Board of Directors and may be used over time to support our Club operations and our mission of numismatic education.

The Kisluk Permanent Collection will be available for viewing at the upcoming Fall 2025 Great SW Coin Expo, scheduled for November 7-9, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. We will continue to remember Dick Kisluk for his great donation to the ACC. One of our members who knew Dick recently said that although he did not show it outwardly, he was a kind, generous and caring man. Thank you very much Dick.

## Rex's Record

by Rex Borders



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

**State Fair** - Similar to the July meeting, Tom Stone and myself reviewed the rules for State Fair display entry. But by now the numismatic displays have been set up in the Creative Arts building for this year's fair which runs September 4th-14th. Volunteer judges have completed their work and the winners will be recognized at the September general membership meeting. The People's Choice Award will not be finalized until the last day of the Fair. Please attend the fair, stop by the Creative Arts building to support your club, and vote on your favorite display.

**Trade Fair** - Volunteers were recognized at the meeting who worked at the Trade Fair. The Trade Fair was held on Aug 16th and was well attended. Over 200 attendees participated in the one-day show providing a steady flow of numismatic enthusiasts. Thank you to all who attended and helped stage this event.

**The August auction** saw some lively bidding. If you care to participate in this fun event consult the web site for complete details. You may submit up to 10 items to Jane Fuller, Auction Manager, by the 10th of the month to be included in that month's auction. You can use the web site to submit items or hand-write a list. The auction provides an outlet for your excess material and the club only collects 5% of the sale price.

**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

by: Pat Vitale



The State Fair will be over with by the time you read this, but I hope everyone had the opportunity to spend some time at our Club's display in the Creative Arts Building. The Trade Fair was smaller this year, only 24 tables, but we had a greater attendance – 125 adults and 25 children. We made a profit of \$1,235.40. For the month of August we had deposits totaling \$5,134.02 and expenses totaling \$3,022.98. We have \$1,171.26 in outstanding checks so our checking account closes out the month at \$39,612.17. The Vanguard account stands at \$57,050.95 so our total monetary assets are \$96,663.12. If you should have any questions about your Club's money you know how to find 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**

<b>September 29, 2025</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker: Rod Frechette</b>
	Topic: For the Love of Cob (1566-1733)	
<b>October 27, 2025</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker: Jim Derrick</b>
	Topic: Franklin Half Dollars	
<b>November 24, 2025</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker: Alex Dimitrov</b>
	Topic: Mexican Libertads	
<b>December 8, 2025</b>	<b>Holiday Party</b>	
	Albuquerque, NM	
<b>January 26, 2026</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Speaker: Steve Loftis</b>
	Topic: American Silver Eagles	

## ANA EVENTS

<b>February 26-28, 2026</b>	<b>National Money Show</b>
	Savanna, GA
<b>August 25 - 29, 2026</b>	<b>World's Fair of Money</b>
	Pittsburgh, PA

## UPCOMING AREA AND MAJOR COIN SHOWS

<b>October 9 - 11, 2025</b>	<b>Denver Coin Expo</b>
	Denver, CO
<b>October 16 - 18, 2025</b>	<b>US Mexican Numismatic Association Convention</b>
	Scottsdale, AZ
<b>November 1-2, 2025</b>	<b>Phoenix Coin Club Show</b>
	Mesa, AZ
<b>November 7 - 9, 2025</b>	<b>Great Southwest Coin Expo</b>
	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albuquerque, NM
<b>April 30 - May 2, 2026</b>	<b>Fort Collins Coin Club Spring Coin Show</b>
	Larimer County Fairgrounds

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## Albuquerque Coin Club



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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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