

Young Numismatist's News Letter

Albuquerque Coin Club

May 2025

The next YN meeting will be on June 30th. It will be at the UNM Continuing Education Building on University Street, from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM. Same day and place as the monthly Albuquerque Coin Club meeting. You do not have to be a member to come to the meetings.

At the June meeting there will be a Lincoln Head cent and possibly a two cent piece coin hunt. Each member attending will receive a batch of Lincoln Wheat cents, a batch of Lincoln Memorial cents, and a Whitman Lincoln Cent Folder to store them in. There will also be a Two Cent Piece trivia contest with prizes. As well as a Show and Tell session. So bring in a coin or coins from your collection and tell us about it.

Don't forget to bring your penny folders, so you can hunt for the ones you are missing and looking for.

If this is your first meeting or if you missed a meeting don't worry we will catch you up and get you started on whatever projects you missed.

Last Meetings Recap

In May there wasn't any young numismatists at the meeting. Nothing to report.

We will see you at the next meeting. In the mean time, Happy Hunting!

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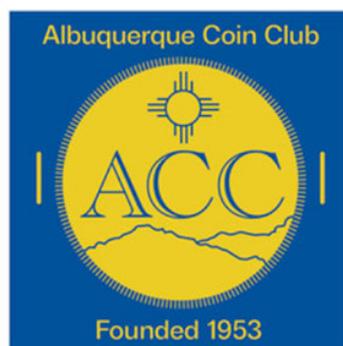
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WHY I STARTED COLLECTING COINS

By Xavier Analla

Have you ever had that time when the summer day seems long and boring where nothing would appease your boredom? I'm sure you've had those days just like I had three years ago. While I was looking for something to do, I stumbled upon my little bank. For sometime I had been collecting money from my grandparents and change that I found on the sidewalk. As I started to pickup all the coins that fell, I thought about using the pennies to build with. After I built something I noticed that some of the pennies were heavier and thicker than the normal ones. Puzzled, I slowly tore down the structure I had built that had taken so long to build and separated the ones I had questions about. When I looked closer At these questionable pieces I noticed that some of them, instead of having the regular design I was accustomed to, had in it place wheat stalks encircling the legend "One Cent". Further examination proved that these were very old pennies.

A month later my mom and I were doing art project when we ran out of supplies. My mom with a heavy sign, decided the best place to get these specific supplies was none-other than Hobby-Lobby. We then left the house and soon arrived at our destination. As we were looking for all the supplies, I happened to come across the coin section and saw the "Red Book".The book contained all the answers to my questions. As I unearthed all the questions I had, I knew that I never wanted to put this book down. When I saw that there were other coins to collect, my interest for numismatics grew, as it still does to this day. Coin collecting never ceases to impress me and I don't see, anytime soon, that I will cease to collect coins.



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Did you Know

That the United States had two cent piece coins?



Let's Learn More About the U.S. Two-Cent Piece

Two-cent pieces were minted from 1864 to 1873 while the Civil War was still being fought. Made of 95% copper and 5% tin/zinc, these coins are slightly larger than today's nickel. The two-cent coin was the first coin to bear the familiar coin motto, "In God We Trust." Designed by James Longacre, the motto is displayed on a ribbon above a shield on the obverse. The reverse side features a simple wreath surrounding the 2 CENTS value of the coin.

There were two types of 1864 two-cent pieces: the Large Motto and the Small Motto. The motto letters in large version are taller and thinner than those in the small version which are shorter and fatter. The Small Motto pieces, only minted in 1864, are scarcer than their Large Motto counterparts.

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Let's Learn Even More About the U.S. Two-Cent Piece

The 1864 two-cent piece has two main varieties: the Small Motto and the Large Motto. A better description of the differences between the small and large motto on the two cent piece.

The Small Motto has:

Letters are smaller and fatter.

The "O" in "GOD" is almost round and higher than the "D".

The "S" in "TRUST" has no serifs.

The Large Motto has:

Letters are taller and thinner.

The "O" is oval and lower than the "D" in "GOD"

The "S" in "TRUST" has marked serifs.

The most common version, becoming standard for the remaining years of the Two Cent series.

Used for all but a few thousand of the 1864 two-cent pieces.

SMALL MOTTO



LARGE MOTTO

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OTHER NEWS

Writers wanted

Writers are wanted for the Young Numismatists News Letter! Write a short story about why you collect coins. You could even write an article about a certain types of coins or coin. Or anything about coins. We look forward to hearing from you.

Show and Tell

Bring something coin related and tell us about it at the next meeting. A coin you found, bought or were given by someone. A coin that has a special meaning to you.

Club Bucks

Don't forget if you have some ABQ Coin Club, club bucks you can use them, spend them at the dealers booth and get some coins for your collection.

Why did the comedian carry a two-cent coin in his pocket?

So he could always *put in his two cents!*

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