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Rio Rancho Coins

by Matthew Peacock

Being the owner of a collectibles shop always seemed like a fun and rewarding way to earn a living. As a child between the ages of 10 and 12, I spent much of my time at a shop called The Pocket Change, a coin and sports card store in Alamogordo owned by a tough old veteran named Butch. I would often ask him what he was looking to buy, then spend the following week trading with friends to track down those cards and coins.



It was a great arrangement for a young collector. I enjoyed the process and the satisfaction of earning a little pocket money along the way.

Fast forward thirty years, and I was earning my living as a vest-pocket coin dealer. My friendship with Eddie Tudor began when I was a collector and customer, and it deepened as I transitioned into doing business with him on a dealer-to-dealer basis. After about a year of generously answering my questions and helping me navigate inventory, Eddie offered me a position at his shop—Tudor Coins in Rio Rancho, a name many in the community recognize.

I could not have asked for a better mentor in the business, and it was always my intention to learn as much as possible from Eddie. His transparency and ethics are second to none, and those principles have been a major factor in the reputation and success he built over the years.

About four years into my time at Tudor Coins, Eddie approached me with an offer to purchase the coin shop. I was extremely excited by the opportunity but understood the importance of carefully considering such a major decision. After taking a day to reflect and consult with my family, I confidently accepted the offer—and never looked back.



While the name on the door and the billing have changed, our approach has not. I operate the shop using the same proven methods developed during my years at Tudor Coins, emphasizing transparency, one-on-one service, and liquidity. With the re-branding of Rio Rancho Coins Inc., we are proud to continue our role as sponsors of the Great Southwest Coin Expo.

(Rio Rancho Coins... continued from page 1)

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



The shop remains appointment only, with an emphasis on buying collections and participating in large national coin shows. We do not seek to compete with Jim Coad's inventory or Albuquerque Coin's retail coin shop model. Without display cases or a casual browsing environment, our business is intentionally positioned in a distinct niche.

If you're considering selling, our shop offers expertise and capacity to deliver top value. We maintain high transaction volume in coins, currency, jewelry, and men's watches, enabling us to pay top dollar through a strong focus on liquidity. No collection is too large, and we evaluate every opportunity carefully. Written appraisals for collections are available at an hourly rate. If we purchase your collection, the appraisal is provided at no additional cost.

Celebrating
FEBRUARY
Birthdays

Bill Norfleet	1 st	Jane Fuller	5 th
Stuart Simon	7 th	Sandra Rudeau	9 th
David Watters	13 th	Jennifer Kibbey	14 th
David Frank	16 th	Tom Thurman	20 th
Taylor Antonich	21 st	Gerald Hazelbaker	21 st
Al Moss	25 th	Noah Falter	27 th
Ray Shelton	27 th		

ANA News

by: Phil Vitale



The ANA Summer Seminar course catalogue is now available on the ANA website. There are 20 courses offered in Session 1, June 20th through 25th. In addition, there are 5 “mini seminars” which are offered during the evenings. The session, June 27th through July 2nd, has 17 courses offered along with 6 “minis”. Please contact me should you have any questions.

The National Money Show is being held February 26th through 28th in Savannah, Georgia. There will be hundreds of dealers, great displays, lectures and competitive displays. The Albuquerque Coin Club will have a table there staffed by members from New Mexico and Indiana.

Lastly, District Representatives (like me) can offer new or renewing ANA members a \$15 discount. Please contact me for an application.

Something new coming at the March Meeting

By: Peter Rechkemmer, Young Numismatics Activities Coordinator

At the March general membership meeting, we are planning to do something a little different and have a “**Supply Night**”. There will be extra tables set up for this event. The supply night is where everyone is invited to bring in their extra supplies or unwanted items to buy, sell, and trade.

I imagine that many of you, like me, have extra stuff that you’ve accumulated as you’ve changed your collecting habits or just bought too much of. Those things you no longer need or probably never plan to use in the future. Items like coin albums, coin holders, coin tubes, currency holders, three-ring binders, 2x2s, 1 1/2x1 1/2s coin holders, coin sheets etc. Anything coin or currency related, is welcome. This would also be a good time to get rid of old numismatic reference books, pamphlets, magazines, catalogs, and other numismatic printed material. Items donated for the Club’s Library or Young Numismatics program would be greatly appreciated.

Your donated items to the Young Numismatics helps encourage their interest in coin and currency collecting. The kids really enjoy the items they get at the YN meetings. Hopefully it will make for an interesting night and will become something we as club members can do once a year.

Welcome
to our
New Members

Serafin Martinez (YN)

Kevin Roybal

Nicholas Quartemont

Jennifer West

Richard Moody

Jonas Thaler

Member Profile

by: John Fryar

Meet Michael Wester:

Michael was born and lived most of his life in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He has a wide variety of interests and has embarked on many great adventures. This is his story...



I earned a PhD (and lesser degrees) in Applied Mathematics from the University of New Mexico (UNM).

I have worked on a variety of endeavors, all involving mathematics and computers, starting with nuclear reactor safety as a contractor at Sandia National Labs. For my PhD, I worked on computer algebra (CA) algorithms (getting computers to do symbolic math), co-founding with my PhD advisor a series of international conferences on applications of CA that's been going on 30 years now. As a UNM staff scientist, I worked with physicists and biologists to create and analyze super-resolution (nanometer scale) images of interacting proteins, and for many

years, have been involved with protein folding (determining 3D structures of proteins) as well as dabbling with computers in music/education/computer science with various collaborators.

I got involved in numismatics through my parents. My dad was a coin collector, and my mother a stamp collector, so I was foreordained to collect as well! My father would bring home sacks of pennies from a retailer he knew and we would sort through them. One time I found a 1914-D and I was hooked. I moved to foreign and non-US coins when US coins became too expensive and the price was determined by minor variations in grade and/or small errors.

I tend to collect what appeals to me, often interesting or unusual items. For example, I like primitive monies, cut and countermarked coins (where else can one find a coin minted in one continent, cut in a second, and countermarked in a third?), ancients, British and related coins/tokens, Papal, money of unusual compositions, etc.

I enjoy traveling, hiking/walking, photography, reading (I attend Bubonicon, Albuquerque's annual science fiction convention), playing board games, writing/editing.

I also collect historical New Mexico maps, which along with coin collecting, feeds into my interest in anthropology and archaeology.

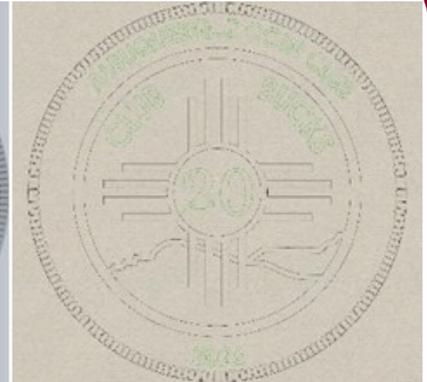
The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick

The 250th anniversary of the United States (Sesquicentennial) is being celebrated around the Country this year, and the Albuquerque Coin Club is celebrating also (See early drawings Right).



At the January 26, 2026, Membership Meeting, a motion was approved by the membership to produce/purchase special Club Bucks celebrating this important anniversary.



The Club is working with Pressing Matters, LLC, to produce three (3) different denomination anniversary Club Buck (CB) coins. These include 100 each \$20 US Liberty CB Coins (1.25" copper), 75 each \$15 Mexican Libertad CB coins (1" brass), and 75 each \$10 French Liberte CB coins (0.75" bronze). These commemorative coins can be earned by members who volunteer with the Club at scheduled events such as the Spring, Summer and Fall Coin Shows, or members will be able to purchase these in limited quantity as a collectible at their face value.

The cost of the project is \$1,400 and was approved by the Board and the members present at the meeting in January. My thanks to "Pressing Matters" (Rod Frechette, et al.) for making these special production coins. These should be available in April or May 2026.

COIN SHOW

Great Southwest Coin Expo

FRIDAY April 17 Noon-5:00pm	SATURDAY April 18 9:00am-5:00pm	SUNDAY April 19 9:00am-2:00pm
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Marriott Pyramid North
5151 San Francisco Rd NE (south of Paseo del Norte)
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

80+ Tables of Numismatic Items	Buy • Sell • Trade
35+ Dealers	Free Appraisals
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The Spring 2026 Great SW Coin Show sponsored by the Albuquerque Coin Club and Rio Rancho Coins (Matt Peacock) is scheduled at the Marriott Pyramid North Hotel in Albuquerque from April 17-19, 2026. It will feature about 35 Dealers from the Southwest and will include around 78 Dealer Tables. The Marriott Pyramid North Hotel has been completely renovated and updated since we held our show there in the Spring of 2024. If you'd like to volunteer for the Show, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Byron Kesner by email at bknesner1@comcast.net or see him at the weekly Saturday Morning Coin Breakfast at Weck's on Osuna from 8:30AM – 9:30AM or at the upcoming Membership Meetings to sign up.

Our February meeting is one week earlier than normal and will be held on Monday, February 16, 2026, at the UNM Continuing Education Center on University Blvd, in Albuquerque. Floor trading and YN's meet at 6PM, with meeting beginning at 7PM.

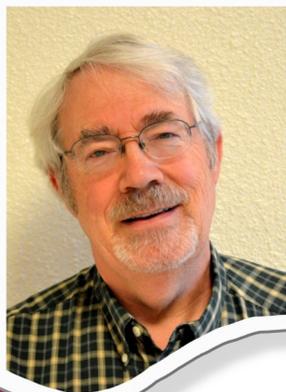
To attend Club meetings by ZOOM, please go to <https://zoom.us/join> and select Join Meeting. Use Meeting ID

Code: **986 808 5956** and Passcode: **u6fN73** . These attendance codes are also found on the last page of the Pocket Change Newsletter. They are the same for each monthly meeting. I hope this helps with attending meetings by Zoom.

Rex's Record

by Rex Borders

Welcome to February. The Groundhog saw his shadow and Valentine's Day is upon us. I hope you are all well. Please renew your membership before March 31, 2026.



Your Board of Director's met on January 10th. Being the first board meeting of the year, we welcomed the new board members. Your club operates in accordance with a set of by-laws available to everyone on our web site. Jim passed out a copy these and reminded us all of this fact. He further asked all board members to become familiar with their contents. The club is financially sound. The Treasurer and the Finance Committee oversee our money and report on this right here in this newsletter. One thing we talked about was the planned development and issuance of a commemorative club buck in honor of the 250th anniversary of our country this year. See Jim's article for more about these. Schedule and plans for all club upcoming events were discussed. Our Spring Coin Expo is April 17-19; our picnic will be May 9, 2026. One other issue of note is we would collectively like to push participation in the State Fair

this year.

January's General Membership was held on January 26th. The meeting was of to a great start to the year with about 51 attendees including new members and guests. Strong attendance makes the meetings more vibrant so please come join the fun. Peter Rechkemmer gave the evenings presentation on Indian Quarter Eagle gold coins. It was very well received. Both he and Scott Bucholtz shared example from their own collections. Thank you. Club business for the evening included award presentations, ANA updates, and show and tell. Following the business portion of the meeting the monthly auction was held.

REMINDER: The February General Membership meeting is a week early on Feb. 16, 2026. I hope to see you there.

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

Pat's Pittance

by: Pat Vitale



Happy Valentine's Day to you all. For those of you who have not renewed their dues as yet, please take care of this as soon as possible.

Our total deposits for the month of January were \$7,562.46 mainly from show fees and dues. Our expenses totaled \$3,696.99 mainly due to recurring bills from facility rentals for the Spring picnic, library, and Trade Fair along with our usual Storage facility and Website upkeep fees. Our closing checking balance was \$44,005.02. The Vanguard account stands at \$57,988.31 for a total monetary asset of \$101,993.33. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding your Club's money.

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 in person and concurrently on Zoom. **Meeting ID: 986 808 5956 Passcode: u6fN73**

February 16, 2026	Membership Meeting	Speaker: John Saiz
	Topic: Pre-Euro Currencies Part 2	
March 30, 2026	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Scott Bucholtz
	Topic: Attempt At Winter-15	
April 27, 2026	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Brian Smith
	Topic: 20 cent Pieces	
May 18, 2026	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Pat Vitale
	Topic: Overview of Fractionals	

ANA EVENTS

February 26-28, 2026	National Money Show
	Savannah, GA
June 19 - July 2, 2026	Summer Seminar
	Session 1: June 20 - 25
	Session 2: June 27 - July 2
	Colorado Springs, CO
August 25 - 29, 2026	World's Fair of Money
	Pittsburgh, PA

UPCOMING AREA AND MAJOR COIN SHOWS

February 20 - 22, 2026	El Paso Coin Show 2026
	El Paso, TX
April 17 - 19, 2026	Great Southwest Coin Expo
	Marriott Pyramid, Albuquerque, NM
April 30 - May 2, 2026	Fort Collins Coin Club Spring Coin Show
	Larimer County Fairgrounds

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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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