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Modern Morgan & Peace Silver Dollars

by Jim Derrick

In 2021, the United States celebrated the Centennial (100th) Anniversary of both the Morgan Silver Dollar Coin Series (which started in 1878 and completed mintage in 1921), and the beginning of the Peace Silver Dollar Coin series (which commenced coinage in 1921, and ended in 1935), with new congressional authorization to resume minting these beautiful silver coins.

The authorizing congressional legislation, dated January 21, 2021, U.S. Public Law 116-286, is titled the "Silver Dollar Coin Anniversary Act", and authorized the minting of these historic coins. The Act states that "The conversion from the Morgan Silver Dollar to the Peace Silver Dollar design reflected a pivotal moment in American History. The Morgan Silver Dollar represents country's westward expansion and industrial development in the late 19th century. The Peace Silver Dollar symbolizes the country's coming of age as an international power while recognizing the sacrifices made by her citizens in World War I and celebrating the victory and peace that ensued."



In 2021, the U.S. Mint released a limited production of 5 Morgan Silver Dollar uncirculated coins including: one coin from each mint, the Philadelphia Mint (no mint mark), San Francisco Mint ("S" mint mark), and Denver Mint ("D" mint mark); and 2 coins representing the long-closed historic mints of Carson City ("CC" privy mint mark)" and New Orleans ("O" privy mint mark), which were minted at the Philadelphia Mint. The

U.S. Mint also released one uncirculated Peace Silver Dollar with no mint mark from the Philadelphia Mint.

There was no production of these coins in 2022 due to a lack of silver blanks. In 2023, the U.S. Mint restarted the series adding Morgan and Peace Dollar proofs and reverse proof coins. These additions are minted at the San Francisco Mint ("S" mint mark) and were added to the uncirculated coins minted in Philadelphia. The six-coin series have continued to be minted in 2024 and 2025, and the series is expected to continue. (continued on page 2)

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

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The Morgan Dollar was designed by Mint Chief Engraver George T. Morgan (1845 – 1925) and minted from 1878 to 1904 and again in 1921. The Peace Dollar was designed by Italian American Sculptor Anthony de Francisci (1887 – 1964) and minted from 1921-1935. The coins are \$1 dollar in denomination and are 99.9% (.859 troy oz.) silver and have a diameter of 38.10mm, with a reeded edge. You can view the obverse and reverse designs at the online web address listed below.



It is early in this modern series, and one can find these coins (2021 -2025) at the U.S. Mint (still available limited quantities 2023, 2024 and 2025 coins) or through local and online dealers for all years since minting re-started. Pricing for the series from the US Mint is currently \$95 for individual proof coins, \$91 for uncirculated coins, and \$215 for the two-coin reverse proof sets. The U.S. Mint Subscription Service is available online and may be used to automatically receive these coins minted each year. It includes releases in uncirculated, proof, and reverse proof, with two coins each shipped usually in the months of July, September, and November. It is a wonderful way to collect this historic series that reflect so much of our rich U.S. history and the future in numismatics.

Happy January Birthdays

- Paula Shelton 4th
- Valerie Archuleta 6th
- Jason Elwell 6th
- Sai Thant 9th
- Devon O’Keefe 10th
- Phil Vitale 15th
- Frank Antonich 18th
- Earl Bennett 20th
- Bob Deurloo 23rd
- John Krist 29th



- Pat Vitale 11th
- Michael Sullivan 16th
- Ed Deye 19th
- David Destromp, Sr. 20th
- Alan Neuman 24th
- Alex Barrios 31st

ANA News

by: Phil Vitale

REMINDER: Summer Seminar scholarship applications are due by January 31st. If you're planning to submit an application, **Now is the Time!**

By the time you read this the course catalogue for the Summer Seminar (Session I: June 20-25; Session II: June 27-July 1) will be published. If past years are

our guide, there will be at least 30 courses over the two sessions and an offering of several "mini seminars" for each session. Please contact me should you have questions (moneyman75x@outlook.com or 505-270-3936).

The ANA is moving to paperless operations. Applications, course materials, coin week submissions, etc., will soon have to be submitted electronically. Please let me know if you need help with something.



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Established in March of 2025, the YNA or Young Numismatists of America is a virtual coin club for youth members of the ANA. Starting with a group of around 20 young numismatists, the club has grown to include over 100 kids from 34 states in 3 countries.

Any ANA member in grades 6-12 can join the YNA for free. Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month. Led by the elected president, Elliot Eng, the meetings have presentations, committee updates, guest speakers, and drawings for donated prizes. Guest speakers thus far have included Harlan Berk's COO Russ Bega, renowned numismatist Jeff Garrett, and Money Museum curator, Doug Mudd. The YNA also publishes a monthly newsletter full of numismatic research.

More information can be found at <https://www.money.org/yn-america/>

Welcome
to our
New Members

Donald Dry, Sai Thant, Kyae Thinn,
Miguel Angel Moran, and Ibis Lastre

Member Profile

by: John Fryar

I am an enrolled Tribal Member from the Pueblo of Acoma and grew up near Grants, New Mexico.

I began my professional career with the U.S. Forest Service on the Mt. Taylor Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest as a helicopter manager and an assistant Fire Management Officer. In 1980 I worked with the Redding Hotshot crew in Northern California traveling around the country fighting fires. I later transferred to the Sandia Ranger District as an Assistant Fire Mgt. Officer in charge of Law Enforcement and a helicopter crew. That year I started a helicopter rappel program to rappel onto remote areas to fight fires.



In 1991, I transferred to the Bureau of Land Management, N.M. State Office as a Special Agent investigating natural resource and cultural resource crimes. Then in 1995 and I transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Washington Office, stationed in Albuquerque, N.M. I was the only Special Agent in the United States who specialized in cultural resource crimes. I traveled the country assisting Tribes and other agencies with investigations and providing training. In 1998, I was named Investigator of the Year by the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association for a two year undercover case centered in Arizona relating to grave robbery, looting, and the illegal sales of cultural resources. I retired from my career with over 31 years of service.

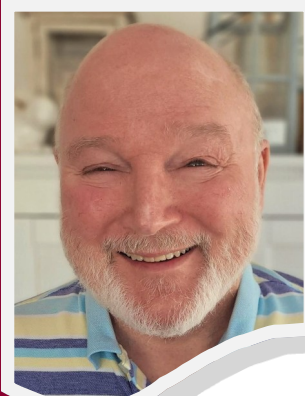
As a youngster, I started collecting new pennies as they came out each year. That progressed through the years into my collecting U.S. and Foreign coins and currency. My favorite collection being traditional money, commonly referred to as Odd and Curious. I was fortunate to have been able to travel this past year to the Island of Yap with my wife Jerri, and fellow coin club member, Michael Wester. It was a treat to see examples of Yap Stone Money. I do have a small example in my collection that I was able to acquire a few years ago.

In the year 2000, Adolph "Skully" Scolovino talked me into joining the Albuquerque Coin Club, where I later served several years as a board member, Vice President, and President on two different occasions. I helped create, start, and maintain the Coin Club Library and the Young Numismatist Program. During that period, the YN's were able to meet several dignitaries, including Ed Moy, Director of the US Mint, RandyL Teton, model for the Sacagawea Dollar, and Lyndall Bass, Designer of the shield reverse on the Lincoln Cent.

I am not the only member of my family to have fun with the Albuquerque Coin Club. My daughter, Erin, was the initial President of the YN program, before we moved to Morocco. Today, my Grandson Jace is an active member of the ACC YN Program.

The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick



Happy 2026 everyone. There are a few important changes for our Club in 2026. As many already know, Phil Vitale, has stepped away from the Pocket Change Editorship after 10 years of excellence and winning 8 annual national awards. Well done, Phil! As such, past President, John Fryar, is temporarily volunteering to manage the Pocket Change from January to March 2026. Past President and Life Member, Rod Frechette, will become the regular Pocket Change Editor starting in April, 2026. Both John and Rod have managed the newsletter in the past. Phil Vitale has been appointed as our 2026 Show Chairman and Bourse Manager. My thanks to all for volunteering.

Welcome to the new 2026 Board of Directors that were sworn in on December 8, 2025, at the Holiday Dinner. **The two new members for 2026 are Board Directors Byron Kesner and Scott Bucholtz.** A big thank you for their outgoing Board Directors Steve Loftis and Marian Wrage. The Board of Directors was featured in the December 2025 issue, and you can see the entire board on the last page of this month's Pocket Change. **New for 2026 is the ACC Parliamentarian, and we welcome past President and Life Member, Bill DeWeese, to this role.** A big thank you to outgoing Parliamentarian, Ed Deye, who has done an outstanding job for the past two years.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have a great deal of activities scheduled for the year and I refer you to the separate box listing all of these upcoming events. **The Club's activities cannot be accomplished without a dedicated group of volunteers.** Many serve as Board Appointees to help manage the day-to-day activities of the Club. If you are interested in becoming more involved as a volunteer, please see me at an upcoming meeting. We are currently seeking a monthly Auction Manager, so please let me know if you are interested.

Speaking of the Pocket Change Newsletter, please consider writing a numismatic article about coins, paper money, or numismatics that you are interested in. **New for 2026, you can receive Club Bucks for writing.** Each author for articles accepted or published will receive \$10 in Club Bucks to use for supplies, coins, holiday dinner or annual picnic.

This year is the 250th Anniversary of the United States (sesquicentennial) and the ACC is developing (with a local contractor) a set of commemorative Club Buck coins to help celebrate the year. There will be more information about these commemorative coins in the next couple of months and how to pre-order these for your collection or use.

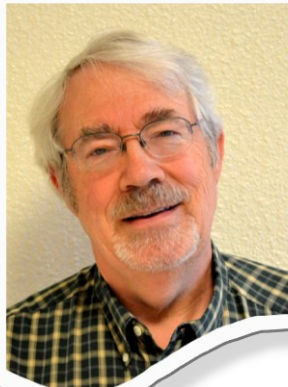
In closing, I wish to congratulate all the Club Award Winners for 2025. Thank you to all the members for electing me to serve again this year as Club President. It is an honor and a privilege to continue this role. Have a great year.

Rex's Record

by Rex Borders

Hello and Happy New Year!

2026 promises to be a busy year for the Albuquerque Coin Club.



We plan to have 11 general membership meetings, including 11 educational presentations and coin auctions, 11 YN meetings, 11 Board of Director meetings, two 3-day coin shows, one one-day coin show, a spring picnic and a Holiday dinner. The club also is a big participant in the New Mexico State fair. We man our table throughout the fair, 10 days or maybe more. To top it off we probably have coin breakfast 50 times a year. If you're not along for the ride, you're missing out. The schedule for all these activities is on the coin club website: albuquerquecoinclub.com.

Please renew your membership before March 31.

In March, at our general membership meeting, we are planning to have a supply night. The supply night is where everyone is invited to bring in their extra supplies to buy, sell and trade. I anticipate that many of you, like me, have extra stuff that we've accumulated as we've changed our collecting habits. Things like coin albums, coin holders, coin tubes, currency holders, three-ring binders, 2x2s, etc. We also asking for supply donations to the YN program. Also, this would be a good time to get rid of old numismatic reference books. More information about this will be coming.

Please welcome John Fryar and thank him for taking on the job of interim editor of the Pocket Change newsletter. Let's support him by providing written information and articles of general numismatic interest.

Our club exists to serve our members.

Get involved and enjoy it more.

Pat's Pittance

by: Pat Vitale



Happy New Year everyone!

Can you believe that we are already half way through the month already? For the month of December we had deposits of \$3,541.06. Our expenses totaled \$4,486.55 most of which was the Holiday Dinner and awards. Our closing checking amount was \$40,096.53. The Vanguard account closed out the year at \$57,809.52. This brings our total monetary assets to \$97,906.05.

If you have any questions regarding your Club's money, please feel free to contact 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 in person and concurrently on Zoom. **Meeting ID: 986 808 5956 Passcode: u6fN73**

January 26, 2026	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Steve Loftus
	Topic: American Silver Eagles	
February 23, 2026	Membership Meeting	Speaker: John Saiz
	Topic: Pre-Euro Currencies Part 2	
March 30, 2026	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Tom Stone
	Topic: Serial Currency	
April 27, 2026	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Brian Smith
	Topic: 20 cent Pieces	

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

January 16 - 17, 2026	Tucson Invitational Coin & Currency Show
	Tucson, AZ
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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