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Coins and Tokens and Medals, Oh My!

by John Fryar

2026 brings a wide variety of collecting opportunities. On July 4, 2026, Our Nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In celebration of the Nation's Semiquincentennial, the United States Mint redesigned most of our circulating coins and began shipping them in January of this year. The coins include the dime, half dollar, and the first of five quarter dollars.



In early February, former ACC Member, Michael Itamura, posted on Facebook that he had received the Mayflower Compact Quarter in circulation.

For more information about the Semiquincentennial coin program and description of the coins to be released, visit the U.S. Mint Website at; <https://www.usmint.gov/coins/>

[coin-programs/semiquincentennial/](https://www.usmint.gov/coins/coin-programs/semiquincentennial/)

Across the country, Americans are planning unique and exciting ways to celebrate the 250th anniversary, and the Albuquerque Coin Club is no exception. We plan to commemorate this historic moment in history with the release of a set of commemorative Club Buck coins (see February's issue of Pocket Change). Additional information will be forth coming.



In addition to the United States 250th Anniversary, we are also celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Historic Route 66. The "Mother Road" traditionally starts at the intersection of East Adams Street and South Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago, Illinois. The road stretches 2,448 miles westward through New Mexico on its way to its end at the Santa Monica Pier in California.

An intersection in downtown Albuquerque, located at 4th Street and Central Avenue, is the only place where the intersection of the original 1926 route and the 1937 realignment crossed. The 1926 route went through Santa Fe, NM, then down through 4th St, and the 1937 alignment moved the route to Central Avenue.



Some items are available for collectors include: The New Mexico Route 66 Association's Centennial Coin, a one ounce silver round as well as many varieties of tokens and medals.

Something new coming at the March Meeting

By Peter Rechkemmer, Young Numismatics Activities Coordinator

(A reminder from the previous month)

At the March 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 have 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 are greatly appreciated.

Your donations 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.

You are the expert.

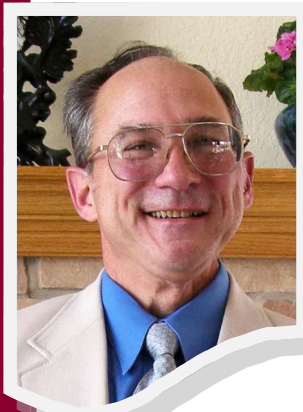
Do a presentation at a club meeting and share your expertise.

March Birthdays



Lyle Daly	2nd	Marc Calderwood	5th
James McLoughlin	5th	Doug Doonan	6th
Rod Frechette	6th	Natalia Prieto-Jimenez	6th
Ron Ross	7th	John Mattern	8th
Mike Fleenor	11th	Joel Stevenson	11th
Brenda Joyce	12th	Jonas Thaler	13th
Michael Mitchell	14th	Bruce Ruprecht	15th
Daniel Anaya	16th	Chad Cooper	16th
Josie Gurule-Kelly	16th	Cruz Peacock	20th
David Teel	23th	Kendal Ritter	24th
Michael Wester	27th	Gisela Beasley	31st

National Money Show Recap



Byron Kesner, Pat & Phil Vitale traveled to Savannah, Georgia, at the end of last month for the ANA’s National Money Show. As expected, there were hundreds of tables with many dealers that we don’t normally see out West. In addition, there were free lectures, rare coin displays, competitive displays, games for kids and a large US Mint store (the mint store was incredibly busy with the first issue of two 250th anniversary coins). Our team was busy telling folks about the Albuquerque Coin Club and participating in the kids treasure hunt. While the show wasn’t as well attended as some other NMS we attended, it was still a lot of fun.

I’m sure some of you are wondering why we travel far and wide to attend these events. As the biggest and most active club in the Southwest, we are advertising us. People notice the guys in the yellow vests in their midst and want to know how we do things. Our notoriety is a good reason for us to have members from 10 states and sold out coin shows.



Welcome
to our
New Members

Jon Nadon

Rowan Nadon

Miguel Roberts (YN)

Stephen Williams

Member Profile

by: Phil Vitale

A Family Affair

Pat and Phil Vitale are fully engaged in numismatics and the Albuquerque Coin Club. They are a team for over 52 years and have a strong sense of service before self. They are the products of hard-working parents that instilled independence and responsibility in them. Both were heavily involved in church programs after the child raising years and found an outlet for their energies in numismatics over the last 20 years.



Phil is a retired military officer with degrees in engineering and management. He was the club president for almost 3 years and the editor of the pocket Change newsletter for 10 which won 8 national awards. Phil is the club's ANA District Representative and also served as the ANA Outreach Programs Coordinator. Phil also lectures for the ANA and is a mentor for the ANA Kids' Club. He recently took over the role of show manager for the club's coin shows. He was recognized with the "Johnny" award in 2022.

Pat, a retired RN, became involved in numismatics after proofreading the Pocket Change for several years. She collects fractional currency and Roman coins and is the

club's treasurer. Pat has revamped the club's finances and initiated tax-free purchasing. She has also made new yellow vests, when the club could no longer purchase them. She was recognized with the "Johnny" award last year, 2025.

This duo is still going strong. They have just returned from the ANA's National Money Show in Savannah, GA, and plan to attend the World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh, PA, in August. In the meantime, you can see them at every club membership meeting working for the club.

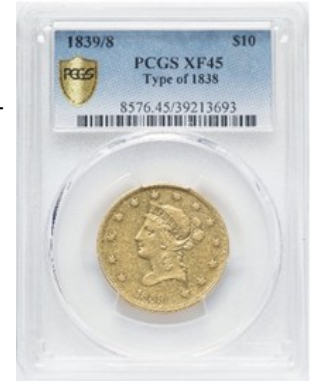
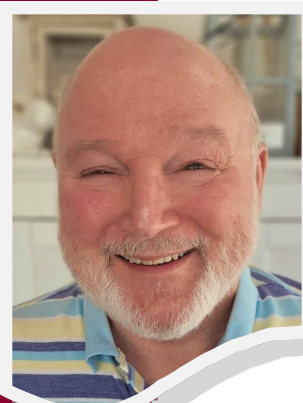


The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick

Happy Spring everyone. **Get ready for the Numismatic Supply Exchange Night at our upcoming March 30, 2026, Membership Meeting.** Bring in your excess coin collecting supplies and sell or trade these items and acquire other items you may need from other members. It will be a lot of fun so bring all you can.

Our March 30, 2026, Speaker is Board Director and Education Program Manager, Scott Bucholtz. He will be speaking about "An Attempt at Winter 15" – the 15 gold coins every collector should own as recommended by numismatic writer and collector Doug Winter. If you're interested in doing a future presentation at an upcoming Membership Meeting, please see Scott at the meeting or one of the other Director's present. Speakers receive recognition in the way of a signed Presentation Certificate from ANA President Mark Lighterman, and me, and \$25 in Club Bucks.



I am very excited as we are about one month away from the **Spring 2026 Great Southwest Coin Expo, which is scheduled for April 17-19, 2026, at the Marriott Pyramid North Hotel, 5151 San Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM.** The coin dealer tables are sold out, and we anticipate a great turn out for the show.

Attendees will be able to find U.S., ancient, world, confederate, and other coins and paper money, as well as, exonumia. There will be a kid's treasure hunt, raffle, Veteran's table, American Numismatic Association table and ACC Table for those interested in finding out about our mission or membership.

COIN SHOW
Great Southwest Coin Expo

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 17	April 18	April 19
Noon-5:00pm	9:00am-5:00pm	9:00am-2:00pm

Marriott Pyramid North
5151 San Francisco Rd NE (south of Paseo del Norte)
Albuquerque, NM 87109

80+ Tables of Numismatic Items and 35+ Dealers from 5+ States

SELL • BUY • TRADE
FREE APPRAISALS
BOOKS • SUPPLIES
EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS
SILVER & GOLD

ADULTS \$6.00
KIDS UNDER 12 FREE
FREE PARKING

Drawing on Sunday for Raffle Prizes
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE
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KIDS' ACTIVITIES

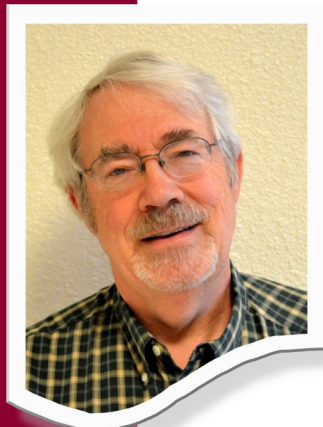
If you're volunteering to work at the show, you'll be able to earn one or more 250th USA Anniversary Club Bucks in denominations of 10, 15 or 20 dollars club bucks, which are currently being made to celebrate this important birthday of our Country. **The show times are 12PM to 5PM on Friday, April 17, 9AM to 5PM on Saturday, April 18, and 9AM to 2:00PM on Sunday, April 19. Admission is \$6 for Adults and free for children 17 and younger.**

The Club's Spring Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 1-4PM, at the Jewish Community Center, 5520 Wyoming Blvd NE, in Albuquerque. This is always a fun time to visit with other members and eat some great food. Tickets will be sold at the March and April Membership Meetings. The cost is \$2.00 per person, and children get in for free. Club Bucks may also be used. Chef and Board Director, Byron Kesner, will be cooking up burgers, dogs and other goodies. Guests are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts. There will also be some games and prizes. This event is sponsored by the ACC for all members and their families and guests. Please join us.

Rex's Record

by Rex Borders

The ACC Board of Directors met on February 14th. The Board works to ensure current and future events of the club are executed well, within budget and are enjoyed by all. See any board member for information on:



Treasurer's Report	Spring Show Update	Awards/Rewards	Pocket Change
Club Bucks/250th anniversary	Summer Trade Fair	Education	Auction position
Red Books	Fall Show	Membership	Supply night
Club Coin Sets	2027 Show dates	YN Report	Stipends
By-laws	State Fair	Schedule of events	

We had about 45 people, including YNs at our membership meeting on February 16th. John Saiz provided an educational presentation on the second half of Pre-Euro Coinage. He talked about coinage countries that converted to Euros prior to their adoption of Euros. John earned \$25 club bucks for his efforts. During the business part of the meeting, information was provided on upcoming events such as "Supply Night".

What is Supply Night? We don't know. This is the first time we've tried it. The general idea was to ask everyone who has extra numismatic supplies or books to bring them to the March meeting on March 30, 2026. We will make space available for you to buy/sell/trade any supplies you bring in. Don't have anything? Maybe you'll find what you need or maybe you can stock up on things you use.

As you know, we run the YN Supply table at our shows and offer supplies for sale to the public. At the end of the night we ask that you donate your extra stuff to the YN's. This is purely voluntary and any YN donations will be offered at the coming shows. Any books will be offered to our library.

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

Pat's Pittance

by: Pat Vitale



Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone!

Everyone is Irish on this day, so wear your green. Our bank account is looking very green as well. We had total deposits of \$9,215.88, mainly Show Fees and Dues. Expenses totaled \$3,074.69, mainly monthly expenses and advertising for the Show.

The checking account closed at \$50,113.71. Our Vanguard account closed at \$58,148.23. This brings our total monetary assets to \$108,261.94. Just a reminder – if you have not paid your 2026 Dues, please do so. I will be sending out reminders around mid-March.

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**

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	
June 29, 2026	Membership Meeting	Speaker: Rex Borders
	Topic: Learning Your AMC's	

ANA EVENTS

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

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 Young Numismatists Activities
Coin hunt, Show and tell, Trivia contest, Class and more...
- 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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