

Young Numismatist's News Letter

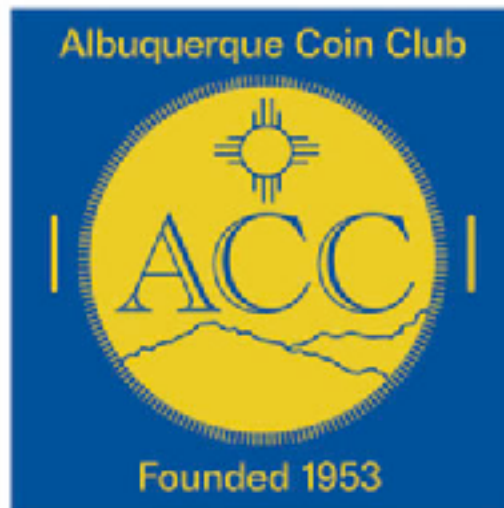
Albuquerque Coin Club

February 2026 News Letter

The next YN meeting will be on March 30th, 2026. 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. At the March meeting there will be a Foreign coin hunt. Each person attending will be able to hunt for Foreign coins and keep them for their collection. There will also be a trivia contest with prizes. A show and tell session. So bring in a coin or bill from your collection and tell us about it. If this will be 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.

Important Information

If you have not renewed your membership for 2026 please do so. If you just joined or renewed recently then just ignore this information. To renew your membership or sign someone up to be a Albuquerque Coin Club Young Numismatist's go to the club's web site at: albuquerquecoinclub.com under Join and renew.



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Last Meetings Recap



We had an old Lincoln cent 1909 to 1940 coin hunt. A trivia contest, and class on elongated cents.



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Albuquerque Coin Club My Collecting Start

Hello! I am Rod Frechette. I started collecting coins when I was 7 years old. Easter Sunday at my Grandfather Dennis' house in Manchester CT. with lots of uncles, aunts and over a dozen cousins. My Grandfather called me to come to him and then put something in my hand. He held his finger to his lips and winked. This was a secret between us. I carefully looked in my hand when no one could see. It was a weird looking old nickel from 1886! I had never seen something like that before and got very excited. I now have very expensive coins, but I tell reporters that this is my most VALUABLE coin because it is what started me on my lifelong passion.



A few hours later we went to my other Grandfather, Elmo's house. I showed him the coin, and he took me into the formal dining room and pulled out a wooden cigar box from the buffet. In it there were many weird coins I did not know existed. He found these in the garden from the 1930s through the 1950s. A large cent, 1/2, 2, 3, 20 cent, eagle & Indian cents and old half dollars & silver dollars. I was blown away.

My parents, Rod and Teri, bought me a brand new 1968 Red Book and I started going through our change. Then I would go through the cash register change drawer in our paint & wallpaper stores. They, our relatives and their friends would come back from trips with foreign coins and paper money for me. I stayed with the teacher at school in the cafeteria after lunch going through the milk money twice a week. Mom started buying from the US Mint for me over the next 25 years. Dad hooked me up with his buddies whose collections he would buy for me.

I started a coin club with my school and neighbor friends. We met every two weeks at my house in East Granby CT less than 4 miles from Old New Gate Prison and copper mine. These were the 1st copper coins made in the colonies. So, you too can travel throughout history and the world just by holding these little time capsules and closing your eyes. Have a blast and let your imagination go wild! You will be amazed at what you learn and who you will meet. Happy hunting!

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Upcoming Club Events

- **2026 Membership Meeting Dates at UNM CE Center. Dates: 03/30, 04/27, 05/18, 06/29, 07/27, 08/31, 09/28, 10/26, 11/30.**
- **Spring Show: April 17-19, 2026, Marriott Pyramid North Hotel.**
- **Spring Picnic: Saturday, May 9, 2026, 1-4PM, Jewish Community Center**
- **Summer Coin Show: Saturday July 18, 2026, 10AM – 4PM, UNM Cont. Ed Ctr.**
- **Fall Coin Show: November 13-15, 2026, Marriott Pyramid Hotel**
- **Holiday Dinner: Monday Evening, December 7, 2026, Black Angus Restaurant**

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 or paper money. We look forward to hearing from you. You can send your articles to me Peter at hamer@hammers-africaners.com or bring them to a meeting and we will put it in the news letter.

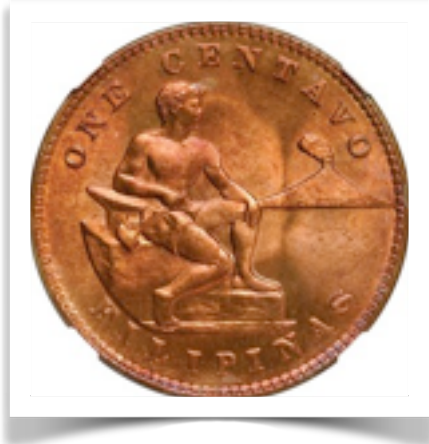
Show and Tell

Don't forget to bring something coin related and tell us about it at the next meeting. A coin you found, bought, or were given to you by someone. A coin that has a special meaning to you. A coin with a story behind it

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Did you know?



The 1941 Philippines one centavo coin is a bronze coin minted in Manila during the United States Commonwealth era. It is part of the "U.S.-Philippines" coinage series and is considered a piece of World War II-era history. US/Philippine coins reflected the status for the Philippines as a Commonwealth of the United States.

The obverse features a seated Filipina with a hammer, while the reverse shows the "Commonwealth" design with the U.S. shield. Obverse Designer: Melicio Figueroa and Charles Barber, Reverse Designer: Ambrosio Morales. The coins have a "M" mint mark (for the city of Manila mint). Manila is the capital of the Philippines. 5,000,000 coins produced in 1941.

***See you at the next meeting! Bring your brother, your sister and your friends.
Bring a whole bus full!***

Remember you don't have to be a club member to participate! We welcome everyone! In the mean time, Happy Hunting!