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Remembering Our Friend Tim Fuller

(May 11, 1958 – June 3, 2026)

It is with a great sadness that we announce the passing of our friend and ACC Vice President, Tim Fuller, who succumbed after fighting a long medical illness on June 3, 2026. Tim's passing is a tremendous loss for everyone that knew and worked with him. He was loved by many and was an important leader of our Club who gave his heart and soul to make the ACC the best Coin Club in America.



Just 4 weeks ago, many of us enjoyed visiting with Tim and Jane at ACC's annual picnic. Tim put together the prizes for the event as he had done in previous years. He was very happy and enjoyed visiting with the members who were present.

Pressing Matters Master of the Mint

Tim was a member of the ACC for about 10 years but was a lifelong Numismatist. He was a regular volunteer and participant in all the Club's activities. He served on the ACC Board of Directors following COVID and was elected to the position of ACC Vice President serving from January 2024 to the present. Tim's volunteer activities included the planning and security for coins shows, revising Club By-Laws and other documents, investment planning recommendations, researching and making equipment purchases, State Fair numismatic competition management, evaluating Club donations and many other programs. He spent his own money representing the Club at National Coin Shows and always wore his Yellow Director's Vest with pride.

Tim was an avid numismatist, active member and great leader of the Club. He was recognized for his leadership by winning the ACC "Johnny Plath Numismatist of the Year Award" in 2024 and the ACC President's Award for his volunteerism in 2025. He was a graduate of the ANA Numismatic Scholar's Program in 2023. Tim was a Life Member of the ANA and will be greatly missed in the Club. Our hearts and condolences go out to Jane, his mother, 4 daughters and the entire Fuller Family. We will not forget you Tim but will miss you dearly. Rest easy our friend.

July 18th Trade Fair Coin Show Canceled

August State Fair Display set up Fri. 21 & Sat.22

State Fair Sept. 10—20 Do a shift for FREE admission

SPECIAL CURRENCIES OF WORLD WAR II

By Rex Borders

During WWII military personnel were paid in cash, no direct deposit, no credit cards, no electronic transfers. Early on it was recognized that introducing large amounts of cash into another economy wreaked havoc by causing inflation, disruption of purchasing and other problems. Military occupying forces wanted to control the economy and the money supply of the occupied country. In addition, leaders also worried that if large amount of US dollars were captured, the enemy could easily use the funds for their own needs.

To address these concerns, early in 1942, the War and Treasury Departments met and recommended the production of notes that were easily recognizable and could be declared invalid if the situation required it. Collectively these are known as the "Special Currencies" of WWII.

The first instance of production of special currencies was the creation of Hawaii banknotes. Hawaii notes were first issued in June 1942 when Hawaii was under threat of Japanese occupation. These note were rushed into production and made by overprinting the word "HAWAII" and a brown Treasury seal on pre-existing series 1934, 1934A, and 1935 notes. Hawaii notes were issued in $1, 5, 10, and 20 denominations. A five dollar note is shown here.



Also rushed into production were yellow seal North Africa notes. These too were produced by overprinting pre-existing series 1934, 1934A, and 1935 notes. U.S. involvement in North Africa began on November 8, 1942 when U.S. and British forces launched massive amphibious landings in Morocco and Algeria. A one dollar yellow-seal note is shown below.

By 1943 the US and UK formed the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories (AMGOT). The first test of this command-and-control organization was the invasion of Sicily in July 1943. The allies carried with them newly produced overprinting pre-existing series 1934, 1934A, and 1935 notes. U.S. involvement in North Africa began on November 8, 1942 when U.S. and British forces launched massive amphibious landings in Morocco and Algeria.

You are the expert.

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



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in the respective local units. This was an effort to improve acceptance by the local population. Upon invasion of Sicily the military commander issued a directive to the civilian citizens mandating use of this currency. Current local currencies were declared invalid. The 1-lira denomination series 1943 note is shown here.

The use of AMC was considered a success and the AMGOT created issues for Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Denmark, and Japan (the entire Pacific theater). These notes continued to be used immediately after the war while AMGOT administered the occupied governments.

A final issue of special currency is the Philippine Victory notes. These note were carried into the Philippines with Gen. MacArthur in October 1944. These notes were produced by the US Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The U.S. BEP overprinted pre-war Philippine Treasury Certificates with the word "VICTORY" on the back. The front includes the words “Victory Series No. 66”.

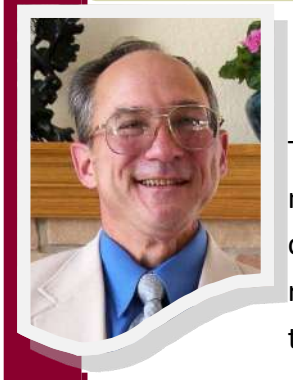




World War II was responsible for tremendous variety of normal currencies, emergency currencies, and special currencies. I urge you to explore these fascinating emissions and add a few pieces to your own collection.

ANA News

by: Phil Vitale



The Times They Are A Changing

The ANA has been operating in a Budget constrained environment for the last eight months. Belt tightening is forcing the organization to trim back on benefits we have come to expect. Looking into my crystal ball, I can see discounted memberships (and renewals) going by the wayside, and the fees to attend events inching up. I will keep the club informed as the actions are announced.

Twenty Cent

by: Rod for Scott Bucholtz



Absolutely spellbinding! Our treasured Treasurer, Pat Vitale, gave a master class with her May presentation of Fractional Currency. Combined with her husband Phil's Power Point integration of the gorgeous photographs showing her own high quality mint state examples. She had complete knowledge of the subject and answered many questions from the audience. We learned of the US civil War economics which created a shortage in coinage and necessitated the use of stamps and then Postal Currency in 1862. This then led to 4 issues of Fractional Currency which ended in 1876. Denominations were : 3, 5, 10, 15, 25 & 50 cents depending on the issue. The law against having a living person on our money was passed due to a US Treasury official putting his face on one.

Welcome to our New Members

Courtney Thomas

Jason Pearce

Loomis Pearce

Magical History Tours

The Magical History Tour appeared at Apachee Elementary School thanks to Tim Cox, Rod Frechette & YN, Matthew Kucharz-Frechette on May 8th with two dozen exhibits. 40 1st graders , many faculty, staff and even the Principle enjoyed themselves.
June 9th saw 33 exhibits plus 6 stamp and paper money exhibits placed on display at the Corrales Library. Rod Frechette, Jim Derick, Tom Stone, Tim Cox, and Peter Reckhammer entertained over 50 people including many potential Yns.
This is always a lot of fun and any member is welcome to join in this exciting opportunity to share your collection and knowledge with the public. Reach out to us with any questions.



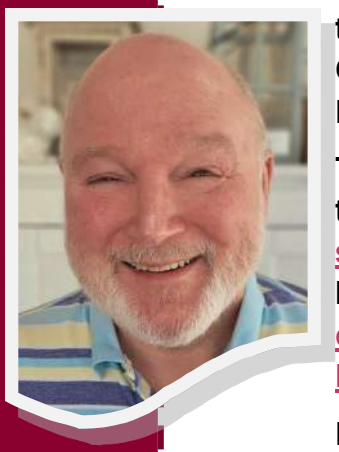




Kevin Tessneer	Lee Caruana	Javier Murdock
Jace Reeves	Brian Pick	James Montanez
Jason Pearce	John Gervers	Penny Barber

The Coin Cabinet

by: Jim Derrick



The Albuquerque Coin Club's (ACC) **Summer Coin Show / Trade Fair** is rapidly approaching, and we are asking members to participate in this one-day July 18, 2026, fun event. **Please join us to shop, trade, or sell your numismatic merchandise. While it is designed for members to buy-sell-trade numismatics, it is also open to the public to attend. The one-day show is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2026, from 10AM-4PM at the UNM Continuing Education Center, 1634 University Blvd, North Building, Classrooms B & C.** While you are required to be a member to rent a table, several Coin Dealer who are Club members will be participating in this show.

The ACC Summer Coin Show / Trade Fair information is available at the ACC Website at https://albuquerquecoinclub.com/summer-coin-show-trade-fair/ , or for a table application you can follow this link or by copy it to you browser at https://albuquerquecoinclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Summer-Coin-Show-Trade-Fair-2026-Dealer-Contract-01-15-2026.pdf. Table rental is $75 per table.

Please join us and bring the family to this once-a-year member trading opportunity. The event is promoted and advertised locally by the Club and open to the public. **Entry fee is $3 for adults or $5 for couples, and free for youth under 18 years old.** Volunteers are also needed for the Show. If you'd like to participate and earn Club Bucks please contact Byron Kesner, Volunteer Coordinator by email at bkesner1@comcast.net.



The **State Fair Numismatic Display/Competition is rapidly approaching and is scheduled for September 10-20, 2026.** Entry Dates to participate in the numismatic display or competition are Friday August 21, and Saturday August 22, from 9AM – 5PM, at the Creative Arts Center. If you wish to do a numismatic display, please see the official rules at https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=NewMexicoStateFair&f=16-2026_Numismatics_-_guides_website.pdf&cb=4F5CA062 for more information. The ACC Sponsors the Numismatic Display/Competition and many volunteers are needed to host the event over the 10-day State Fair. Volunteers will receive free parking and free Fair entry on the days you are there to work one or more shifts. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Byron Kesner bkesner1@comcast.net if you are interested in volunteering

Have a safe and happy summer and we hope to see everyone at the scheduled meetings and events. Thanks for participating in the hobby and being a member of the best numismatic club in the Southwest USA - Albuquerque Coin Club. Jim

Making the ACC 2026 Club Buck Tokens

By: Rod Frechette







ACC President Jim Derick asked Pressing Matters to submit a bid and work on designing a new Club Buck celebrating our nation's 250th anniversary in October 2025. The Board of Directors agreed with our proposal to mint three different designs and denominations instead of one. This article will explain the concept behind and process of making these tokens with numerous setbacks and details along with some historical context.

ANA's best left-handed Hobo Nickle carver as summer seminar instructor, Joe Paonessa, sold me a "30 ton" 88-year-old screw press for some green backs and 2 bags of fresh roasted Hatch NM green chili! Albuquerque Coin Club Director and buddy, Tim Cox and I picked it up from him in Racine Wisconsin in late August 2023 on a 72-hour round trip back to ABQ. ACC member friends wanted to join in the fun and gave money to form *Pressing Matters*, a nonprofit educational endeavor with hands on training in many aspects of making coinage prior to steam presses. In 1732 Mexico City's mint became the first mint of the Americas to strike milled, machine (screw press) made coinage.



The 1938 Brooklyn cast iron manual Screw Press weighs about 2,300 pounds. Its top bar for moving the screw with weights and handles is about another 200 pounds. It's bolted onto a steel table that weighs about 300 pounds. Another 900 pounds of weight is on the undercarriage. The whole thing is on top of ½' thick nonskid rubber pads in lieu of bolting it to the floor in Tim & Jane Fullers garage.

The inspiration came from the ANA Museum's Money "Mini Mint" overseen by Curator Doug Mudd. It's in the basement with multiple tools for squeezing strips of metal through a hand cranked rolling press to obtain the proper thickness or gauge. Then they punch out the individual blanks with a blanking hand press, shearing the blanks off by pressure instead of cutting them with a sharp tool. The blanks are then upset with a raised rim and simultaneously receive edge lettering or designs in an old fashioned "Castaing." The three Castaings I am aware of in this country, that are in use, were made by Joe Paonessa with Dan Carr of the Moonlight Mint, north of Denver, the ANA Museum in Colorado Springs and Joe P. in Racine having them. Then the planchette is placed on the anvil die of the (three ton) screw press and struck with a vigorous turn of the screw. Viola! A "coin" is minted. You can see and learn the process by going onto the ANA website and looking up the museum and mini mint. The "milled" or machine-made coinage with a metal roller, blank punch, up setter and screw press dates to 1550 in Augsburg and then was further developed in France under King Henry II. In 1585 France went back to hammering coinage. They picked up milled coinage again in 1639 and stopped hammering coinage in 1645. They also stopped using Castaing's 1686 machine in Paris1836.

England saw milled coinage from 1571 – 85 and reinstated 1656 - 58 for Cromwell's coinage struck with captured Spanish silver. Then again in 1661 for King Charles II.

Spanish colonial Mexico started using the screw press and other machines for minting in 1732, under Philip V, replacing 175 years of the crude hand hammered cobs by 1733.

The US mint acquired the modern screw press and other machines when they opened in 1792 and utilized the Castaing until 1836 when steam took over. Now, back to the three ACC tokens.

First, the dies need to be designed and approved. The concept of three different Club Buck denominations and designs was approved of by the Board of Directors. The vision was to honor The United States' sesquicentennial founding.

One hundred of the 20 Club Bucks are 1 ¼" diameter, 14 gage copper feature the Capped Bust design of the early 1800s. The Liberty cap featured on the coinage of The United States of America dates to Brutus' Eid Mar coin with a cap and daggers commemorating his participation in the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44 BCE although struck 43 - 42 BCE.The liberty or Phrygian cap originated well before 800 BCE and was a soft felt cap worn by many people from Persia to Dacia and Anatolia. The Romans in the 1st century BCE would present it, brightly colored, to slaves they had freed. ***Continued next month****

State Fair



Those who wish to place 1 – 6 exhibit cases at the State Fair must do so in August on Friday 21st or Sat. 22nd . Free parking and admission but The Fair charges a $5 fee for entry regardless of how many cases. Rex Borders is available to assist those who need help with their displays. The club will reimburse 5 Club Bucks to members who provide a receipt. The rules and Judging system are on the state fair web site.

Volunteer shifts at the State Fair are filling up fast. There were 72, 3 ½ hour shifts to fill over the 10 days from September 10th - 20th. Now, there are 11 shifts left. A volunteer receives FREE Parking and FREE admission for the day 10 am – 9 pm. The remaining shifts are:

Thur. 10th 5 – 8:30 pm, Fri. 11th 1:30 – 5 pm & 5 – 8:30 pm, Sat, 12th 10 – 1:30 & two 5 – 8:30 pm, Sun. 13th 1:30 – 5 pm, Wed. 16th 1:30 – 5 pm, Fri. 18th 1:30 – 5 pm, Sat. 19th 10 – 1:30 pm, Sun. 20th 1;30 – 5 pm. There are usually last-minute changes and openings occur where we need someone. Contact Tim Cox or Byron Kesner if you want to be a volunteer for one of the open shifts and/or a backup volunteer.

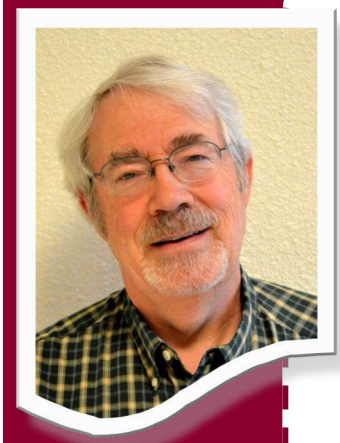
TNA Annual Show FT Worth May 15 –17th

Tim Cox and I went to the TNA on May 14th. We found treasure, friendship, and fun. Hanging with ACC member and former TNA President, Rick Ewing.



Rex's Record

by Rex Borders



The ACC held their annual spring picnic on May 9, 2026 at the Jewish Community Center. An estimated 50 people attended and were treated with a traditional barbecue. Byron Kesner and his son Isaac who was in town visiting provided all the cooking duties and did an excellent job. Thank you Byron and Isaac.

Our May monthly meeting was held on May 18th. The meeting was a week early due to the upcoming Memorial Day holiday and UNM being closed. Jim thanked the Coin Show volunteers and presented certificates of appreciation as well as club bucks. The 25 or so attendees were treated to an excellent educational presentation by Pat Vitale. She talked about Fractional Currency and brought a sizable collection with her to share. Her knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject were evident. Thank you Pat. Other routine business followed including: a State Fair update, club news and planned events, ANA updates, and our routine raffle drawings. Our monthly auction concluded the meeting.

The Board of Directors met on June 13. We took some time to honor and remember Tim Fuller. He was a loyal member of the ACC and served us in many ays. He will be missed. The board went on to discuss business including the State Fair and Fall Coin Show preparations. One thing in particular was the unanimous election of Byron Kesner to fill the Vice-President's position. Byron's election leaves a Director position open. If you ever wanted to serve on the Board of Directors, please let your desires be known. The position would be for the remainder of the calendar year.

Our club by-laws specify that we elect 4 officer positions (Pres, VP, Secretary, Treasure) and 5 Directors every year. Please consider serving the ACC by running for one of these positions when the fall rolls around. The only restriction is that the Presidential candidate must have served for 1 year on the board. All other positions are open. Run early! Run often!

The June meeting is the 29th. In addition to the educational talk we will be discussing "Everything You Want to Know about the State Fair but were Afraid to Ask". Everything is limited to creating a coin display and entering it into the Fair. You can do so competitively or for display only. Competitive awards are for ribbons and bragging rights. The Bernie Linhart Award also carries a monetary prize. So don't miss the June meeting. Hope to see you there!

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

Pat's Pittance

by: Pat Vitale



We have entered the dog days of Summer a little early this year, but our finances are cool. We had total deposits of $16,016.30, expenses totaling $5,838.13, leaving our checking account at $55,969.98. Our Vanguard accounts now total $68,124.58. This brings our total monetary assets to $124,094.56. As always, if you have any questions about your Club's finances you may call me anytime and I will try my best to answer them.

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 person and concurrently on

Zoom. Meeting ID: 986 808 5956 Passcode: u6fN73

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

July 27 **Membership Meeting** **Speaker: Steve Loftis**
Topic: Olympic commemorative Coins

August 21 & 22 **Bring Your State Fair Displays for set up**
Contact Rod Frechette or Rex Borders for help

August 31 **Membership Meeting** **Speaker: Byron Kessner**
Topic:

September 10—20 **State Fair** ***Volunteers needed***
free admission see Byron K., Rod F. or Tim C

ANA EVENTS

June 19 - July 2 **Summer Seminar**
Session 1: June 20 - 25
Session 2: June 27 - July 2
Colorado Springs, CO

August 25 - 29 **World's Fair of Money**
Pittsburgh, PA

UPCOMING AREA AND MAJOR COIN SHOWS

November 13 - 15, **Great Southwest Coin Expo**
Marriott Pyramid, Albuquerque, NM

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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, Numismatic 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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