

# FRONT RANGE COIN CLUB

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Second Thursday of Each Month

August 14, 2025

## Attendance

27 members attended, including 3 Young Numismatists. One guest was in attendance.

## Meeting Minutes

### **Old Business:**

No old business was discussed at the meeting.

### **New Business:**

Dave A announced that he has Women's quarter and Native American dollar rolls and single coins for sale. This will be the last year of the Women's quarters. He has quarters available going back to the National Park series of quarters. Pricing is \$12.50/roll for quarters and \$31/roll for dollar coins

## President's Corner

Dave thanked Dan for hosting us last meeting at the Moonlight Mint. He also thanked Joe for providing the pizza and

refreshments. Joe indicated that the party was paid for through raffle prizes so he appreciates the support.

The Secretary role has been fully transitioned from Dalton to John F. John asked folks to let him know if anyone is not getting the newsletters.

Ken provided a show report for the upcoming Sept 20-21 FRCC Coin Show. We are in a backorder situation for tables, which have been sold out for a month. Ken is getting ready to send out postcard reminders for the show. Trying a new layout design for the show tables to increase the number of tables from 66 to 72 tables. Purchased twenty of the smaller 18-inch wide tables for the back tables to create more space. Ken will be looking for show volunteers next month.

The date for next year's show has been locked in with the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

The club trailer for the tables has been relocated to a new property free of charge.

Dan R. discussed the Denver Coin club show on August 15th and 16th. He gave out postcards with two free ANACS submissions for coin grading at the show. This year they have added 30 tables and another room. Club medals produced by Dan Carr will be available for purchase through Saturday of the show.

Dan also discussed some new coins coming out from the US Mint: a 20th anniversary ½ oz gold Sacagawea dollar and a Superman medal. Other superhero coins will be coming out later this year.

Finally, Dan reported that a new US Mint Director, Paul Hollis, has been appointed pending Senate confirmation, and, more importantly for us, he is a coin collector.

### Presentation(s)

President Dave J. gave a very informative and interesting presentation on the North Carolina gold rush and the Bechtler private label gold coins.

Dave said he wanted to correct a huge error: the first gold rush in the US was in North Carolina, not Georgia as some people think.

In 1799 a 12 year old boy found a 17 pound nugget of gold that was used as a doorstep until it was sold in 1802 to a jeweler for \$3.50 - its true value was 1000x that amount. A 28 pound nugget was also found in the area which kicked off the gold fever.

Most of the gold that was found in the

region was shallow, placer gold. Gold mining became an industry in the area in the mid-1820s.

Christopher Bechtler, a jeweler in Philadelphia, moved to the area in 1830 and established a private mint in Rutherford County. Bechtler and his son, August, and his nephew, Christopher, produced \$1.00, \$2.5, and \$5.00 gold coins from 1831 through the 1850s. The purity and weight were printed on the Bechtler coins which gave them a competitive advantage.

The Bechtlers produced over \$2.5 million in face value coins. For comparison, the Charlotte mint only produced about \$5 million in face value. Bechtler gold marked Georgia and produced in NC are very rare.

Dave visited this area, which was greatly affected by Hurricane Helene. He indicated that the Bechtler house and museum are only open on Fridays.



## **Treasurer's Report**

As of the meeting the club's account balance was \$17,680.58.

### **Drawings/Door Prizes**

The August silver coin drawing was held.

The coin won was a 2023 Silver Eagle, and the winner was Lou L!

The monthly door prize drawings were held.

The winners were Wyatt T and Glen D.!

The 3rd quarterly gold coin drawing of 2025 will be held on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at the club meeting. The price per ticket is currently \$2.00. The prize is TBD.

### **Coin and Currency News**

**Stacks Bowers auctioning of rare solid gold 2000 and 2025 Sacagawea dollars:**

[Stack's Bowers | Legendary Space Flown 2000-W 22 Karat Gold and #1 Struck 2025-W 24 Karat Gold Sacagawea Dollars to be Auctioned by Stack's Bowers Galleries](#)

Featured in a dedicated auction on Friday, September 12 will be a special group of seven 2000-W Sacagawea dollars struck in 22 Karat gold which traveled nearly 2 million miles in orbit aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia in July 1999. These coins have since been stored at the Fort Knox Bullion Depository for more than two decades.

## **Upcoming Programs**

If there is a topic or a discussion you would like to see or present, let Joe Garguilo or Rebecca Murren know and they will try to get it scheduled for a future meeting.

### **Local Area Coin Clubs**

\*On average, doors open 30 minutes before the start of a meeting:

#### **Front Range Coin Club:**

7:00 PM, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 640 Alpine St, Longmont, CO;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly.

#### **Northside Coin Club:**

7:00 PM, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 12099 Lowell Blvd, Broomfield, CO;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly.

#### **South Suburban & DAWN Coin Club:**

6:00 PM, Calvary South Denver Church, 9052 W Ken Caryl Ave, Littleton, CO 80128;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly.

#### **Denver Coin Club:**

7:00 PM, Salem United Church of Christ, 5300 E. Florida Ave, Denver, CO;  
Last Thursday monthly.

#### **Fort Collins Coin Club:**

6:30 PM, Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive, Fort Collins, CO;  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday monthly except July & December.

## Greeley Coin Club:

7:00 PM, Moose Lodge, 3456 11<sup>th</sup> Ave,  
Evans, CO;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly. No meetings in July  
and August.

## Cheyenne Coin Club:

7:00 PM, Ascension Lutheran Church, 712  
Storey Boulevard, Cheyenne, WY;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly.

## 2025 Coin Shows

### September:

20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Front Range Coin Club Fall Show Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont, CO Ken Davis, 303-772-6706
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### October:

9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Denver Coin Expo National Western Complex, Denver, CO Neal Hatgi, 720-773-1175
21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Western Slope Coin Club Fall Show Clarion Inn, 25 Horizon Dr., Grand Junction, CO 81501 Lewis Miller, 970-640-3765
16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	The Vegas National by CK Shows Tuscany Suites & Casino, 255 E. Flamingo, Las Vegas, NV 89102 888-330-5188

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**The next FRCC Monthly Meeting will be held on  
 Thursday, Sept 11, 2025 @ 7:00 PM**