

Albuquerque fall show a success

More than 600 visitors, which included 85 youth and families, attended the annual fall coin show of the Albuquerque, N.M., Coin Club Nov. 10-12 at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Show Coordinator and Club Treasurer Rod Frechette credited family and youth focused activities under Walt Ostromecki, Past ANA president, for the boost in overall show attendance.

Club President Bill DeWeese commented, "Our fall show main focus was to offer a more fun filled and enriching numismatic hobby experience for youth, families and non-collectors. Walt Ostromecki along with President Lincoln (Steve Acre) provided that special educational hands-on outreach focus touch we were seeking. And, it really paid off!"

A large exhibit put together by an ACC club member entitled, "Kid's and Young People on World Currency," provided the backdrop for the youth and family Kid's Zone area, which featured a coin treasure hunt and trivia activity. A world paper money country-to-name match was where youngsters and families could earn foreign currency to start a collection. A treasures in your pocket activity let youth search through rolls of U.S. coins to find minting errors such as clips, die cracks, broad strikes, large and small letters, repunched mintmarks, etc. The area also helped kids build their collections of America the Beautiful quarters (P and S mints) by correctly answering questions.

Bourse activity was brisk on all three days, with many dealers giving a thumbs up on sales.

North Dakota paper money dealer Glen Jorde said, "I did well on both public and collector sales as well as purchasing some new inventory, most notably a substantial private party collection of outstanding quality U.S. Fractional currency."

Amy of Garland Coins said, "Our table saw a lot of beginner coin collector sales, which was probably due in part to our being a stop on the youth treasure hunt. The kids and families who found our treasure stop ID card where so excited and eager to learn more about coins and the coin hobby. We planted many a future seed for the



American Numismatic Association Past President Walt Ostromecki and ACC President Bill DeWeese at the dedication and opening ceremony of the 2017 ACC fall show Kid's Zone activity and education area.



President Lincoln provides advice to a mother and son working on the world currency country match challenge in the Kid's Zone activity area.

next generation of collectors!"

The ACC Spring 2018 show to be held again at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque is slated for April

6-8. Eighty-five bourse tables, plus an array of educational displays and youth activities have been scheduled. Visit abqcc.org for more information.