

Manhattan Coin Club
October 2011

New President Chuck called the meeting to order. He immediately announced the bad news that Dell and Judy had sold their house and moved to Wichita. We will miss Dell and the goodies that Judy prepared for us each meeting. Our best wishes go to them and we hope they come and visit us from time to time. It is always sad for good members to move away but we know it is important to them to be close to their grandchildren.

There were 20 members and guests present. Jerry announced the Topeka Coin and Stamp Show on November 19 and 20 at the Ramada Inn Downtown.

There was a discussion on sales taxes on bullion with some members thinking it might be changed. Jack believes that reducing state taxes at this time will be difficult.

Myron passed around two silver bars he bought at a flea market thinking they were silver. He learned to his disappointment that they contain only 1/10 oz. of silver. One reason we have coin clubs is to share such information. Others were aware that such bars are out there. They contain a wash of silver over copper. They look great but looks are only skin deep so they say! Jack passed around an 1837 half-dollar and an 1803 large cent, which he had purchased from a dealer.

Dave announced that dues are due. They are \$10 for adults and \$5 for juniors.

President Chuck solicited programs for the coming year so that they may be advertised. He made several suggestions and soon the members had filled the open dates. Chuck will be sending out a list of these programs and presenters. It is very important that members know what the upcoming programs will be so they can prepare.

Jess presented the program on collecting Elephant Coins and Medals. Thailand has the most elephant coins. He had several republican elephant medals. Jess has purchased approximately 5,000 coins from eBay and only one did not show. It was from Spain. Approximately half of his purchases have been international. China has bullion elephant coins. Casino tokens weigh one oz. but it is not pure silver. Jess was asked if he had made friends in his elephant purchases. He has a friend in India with which he has traded duplicates. He has an elephant medal collector friend in Indiana.

Jess made an excellent presentation, which was very much enjoyed by the members. Again it is apparent the knowledge which is possessed by club members. Thanks Jess for sharing your elephants. He started the collection when he was caring for his wife during a time she was receiving several operations.

Matt introduced his brother-in-law, Chad who was visiting for the first time.

Myron won the Unc. 5 dollar 1953 Silver Certificate. T.J. won the 2 dollar 1928 Silver Certificate.

Members were very active during the silent auction. They had to be made to stop jotting down higher bids. Bring a friend to the meeting in November.