

Manhattan Coin Club
February 2012

President Chuck called the meeting to order on a very nice February evening. An outstanding group of 23 members were in attendance and it was Valentine's Day. Dave reported that there was \$2,271 in the treasury. This includes some payments for the upcoming Show.

It was asked about having a gun safe in an unheated garage for keeping coins and currency. It was the overwhelming opinion of the group that a bank box would be a better choice.

It was announced that there would be a coin auction in Emporia on March 3rd and that there would be a Coin Show in Wichita this weekend.

Matt presented his report on what he had learned on getting a web page for the club. He reported that free sites are limited and that few pictures are possible. He found a site which charges and has unlimited space, free perks, etc. After considerable discussion, it was eventually decided and passed to set up a web site for 3 years. Matt will move forward to firming this up signing for a 3 year time period, as this is more economical. Matt will be the web master and will set up a site which members and non members will want to check into to keep up-to-date on various coin topics like auctions, shows, other state club activities, etc.

Guy mentioned that banks would no longer be handling face value president dollar coins. The mint has over one billion president dollars in the vaults. This has brought on a lot of seigniorage for the government but it has not brought on a lesser use of paper dollars in daily commerce. It was announced that Chuck had given a talk at the Senior center on the History of Currency. Doyle facilitated Chuck with the talk. Jerry commented that if the nation could do away with dollar bills, it would encourage the use of dollar coins.

The program topic was hobbies other than coin collecting. Alan chose to present his transportation tokens for bus lines, subways, taxis, ferries, and trains. He suggests there is a book by Atwood that lists transportation tokens by state. Dave has an older edition of this book. Alan has collected tokens from all over the nation. He finds them to be attractive and inexpensive. He has framed a US Map and has placed a star on the cities from which he has collected a transportation token.

Matt presented his winemaking hobby by stating that there are 4 stages in the process. He even brought samples which this person can vouch were good! He enjoys this hobby very much. Chuck presented his Trench Art of WW I and larger dummy ammunition. He had excellent examples to show how the items were made. Myron brought some miniature toy tractors. This prompted him to tell of his pedal car activities through the years. In 1988 he sold 74 of his tractors in Iowa at a price much higher than what he had expected. Robert presented his hobby of Barber Shop Singing. His quartet has been on call today to go sing for someone's loved one. Robert invited our members to attend and join the Barbershoppers. Ray showed his KSC and KSAC items, which had been made for open houses. Claude spoke up, as he had been involved in the making of the KSU items. Since he was there, he could

give a first hand explanation. Claude's remarks were a bonus to Ray's other hobby!

Next coin club meeting will be to talk of the show and put the final touches on it. We appreciate the Valentine goodies from Judy.