

Manhattan Coin Club Minutes

July 9, 2013

Vice-President Zeke called the meeting to order. Treasurer Dave was unable to provide a financial report as he forgot his materials. He did say that we do have one new, paid up member.

Doyle announced an upcoming T&A auction (<http://tandaauction.com/2013/07/13/>) on Saturday, July 13th with 500 lots. Doyle also said there is a Brown auction (<http://kansasauctions.net/brown/07/13/>) on the same day with 100 lot of coins. He said that at a previous auction the family was buying and that prices were very high.

Zeke said that the K&A show had a number of items at reasonable prices. Dave said he was able to buy stock from other dealers but there were not a lot of sales for him.

Guy asked when the Feds had taken the half-dollar out of circulation. Various people explained that people were hoarding them and the United States mint has not produced Kennedy half-dollars for distribution to banks in over 10 years. Therefore you will not be able to get them from your local bank. The only way you will be able to acquire the 2012 issue of the Kennedy half dollar is to either buy them directly from the mint or from your favorite coin dealer (if he happens to have them). Unfortunately, you will not be able to buy them directly from the mint individually either. You'll have to buy them in either a 20 coin rolls (one roll from the Philadelphia mint and one from the Denver mint) or 100 coin bags.

Jess announced he will be at the Wamego Senior Center, 501 Ash, Wamego, KS 66547 ~ (785) 456-2260, July 19th doing providing information on coins people bring in from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

The program was, "All About Tokens" by Kent Johnson. Kent is the co-author of "Kansas Trade Tokens" along with Larry Oller. Kent & Larry have over 80 years of collecting experience. The book is a great catalog of all known Kansas tokens and has token descriptions and an approximate rarity. It was published in 2005 and is the only book since the 1990 work of Bill Waken.

Kent, with his wife running the computer spoke about what tokens are and are not. He displayed many varieties of tokens and spoke of the costs involved in collecting most tokens.

The National Token Collectors newsletter and membership application in .pdf format can be obtained at http://tokencollectors.org/Talkin%20Tokens/TT_00221.pdf. Kent also said that the web site, Token Central (<http://76117.activeboard.com/>), is the place to find out about token and related items. More information can be found at, The National Token Collectors Association web site (<http://www.tokencollectors.org/>).

Following the silent auction the meeting was adjourned.

Chuck T.