

Manhattan Coin Club Minutes

October 10, 2017

In-coming President Randy called the meeting to order.

Old Business

Club members thanked John for his excellent program last month.

President Randy reviewed the officers elected last meeting with all continuing in their positions with the exception of Randy being elected as the new president. He also reviewed that the club had voted to purchase a bill for the coin show in March.

The coffee pot has been retired until someone chooses to take it over.

New Business

Allan reminded the membership that the U.S. Mint's decision to discontinue all mail-in orders for mint products, effective September 30, 2017. All future orders will have to be placed on-line. It was also brought up that a 225th Anniversary Enhanced Uncirculated Coin Set containing 10 coins with enhanced uncirculated finishes and each bearing the "S" mint mark of the United States Mint at San Francisco are available from the U.S. Mint for \$29.95.

Dave reported that we have a balance of \$2,277.03 that had to be repeatedly for the benefit of the secretary.

Auctions

Doyle told the membership of these auctions:

- Coin Auction on Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10 AM, Best Western Hotel: 3021 W. US Hwy. 50 Emporia, KS, Preview Saturday 8:30 am-10 am. Coin list: https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/48b95efa-a29d-4f21-a3a4-84cac451e0c0/downloads/1bqvkusol_401967.pdf
- Brown's Auction, November 12th in Junction City
- Johnson County Numismatic Society Coin, Stamp & Card show, Oct 14th - 15th, 2017, Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak St, Lenexa, KS 66215
- Topeka Coin & Stamp Show, Saturday, November 15, Heritage Hall, 17 Topeka Blvd. Topeka, Kansas

The following dates and programs were set:

November: Doyle - Coin Preservation; December - Christmas Party; January - Alternate Collections; February - British Coins; March- Coin show; April – to be determined; May – Mystery Grader; June – Club Picnic; July – Chuck, To be determined; August - To be determined; September - To be determined; October - To be determined; November - To be determined.

Matt gave an update on the coin show and has started advertising on-line and will be sending out flyers.

Program

Randy presented a trivia quiz that was very well received.

1: What was the first coin ever made by the U.S. Mint?

A: The large cent of 1793 and was minted in Philadelphia

2: What was the primary reason the U.S. Mint made 3-cent coins?

A: To accommodate the purchase of stamps.

3: In what year were the restrictions lifted, enabling you to be able own all the gold and gold coins you can afford?

A: 1974, December 31, 1974

4: What is a "Double Eagle"?

A: A gold coin with a face value of \$20. * Matt brought up another 'double eagle' quarter. The 1965 Washington quarter-dollar struck from two reverse dies have been authenticated by one of the nation's top coin certification services, which estimated its value at between \$75,00 and \$100,000. Fred Weinberg, 51, of Encino, a professional coin collector and a leading expert in mint errors for 30 years, discovered the one-of-a-kind coin among a lot of 350 coins he purchased in May from the California controller's office at an auction of unclaimed property from bank safe-deposit boxes.



5: The Motto, "IN GOD WE TRUST" first appeared on a United States coin in what year?

A: 1864

6: What does the motto "E PLURIBUS UNUM" mean?

A: One composed of many

7: What was the original name for the abbreviation "ANACS"?

A: American Numismatic Association Certification Service

8: What mints have operated at one time or another to strike U.S. coins?

A: There have been 8 mints striking coins in the United States

CC, Carson City NV

C, Charlotte, NC (gold coins only)

D, Dahlonega GA (gold coins only)

D, Denver CO

O, New Orleans LA

P, Philadelphia PA

S, San Francisco CA

W, West Point NY

Allan brought up the question of the 'M' mintmark. If you consider US coins to include issues struck for the Philippines both under Sovereignty of the US and as a Commonwealth, you would have to add the 'M' mintmark for the Manila mint to the above list.

For the most part, mintmarks on circulating coins appear on the reverse of the coin if the coin was dated 1964 or earlier. No mintmarks appeared on any US coins dated 1965-67, but in 1968, the four circulating coins that had not already had an obverse mintmark had the mintmark moved to the obverse.

9: What years were "Special Mint Sets" produced?

A: 1965,1966,1967

10: In what year did mint marks first appear on U.S. coins?

A: first appeared in 1838 with the establishment of the branch mints at New Orleans, (O) Dahlonega, (D) and Charlotte (C)

11: What year did the U.S. mint change circulating coins from large cents to the small cent?

A: Flying Eagle cent 1857

12: Who was the first identifiable person to appear on a U.S. coin?

A: Abraham Lincoln in 1909

Allan brought up the Columbian Exposition commemorative half-dollar. The Bureau of the Mint issued the coin in 1892 and 1893. The first United States commemorative coin, it was issued both to raise funds for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition and to mark the quadricentennial of the first voyage to the Americas of Christopher Columbus, whose portrait it bears. The Columbian half dollar was the first American coin to depict a historical person.



13: How many nickels were officially struck in 1913?

A: None, however there were 5 illegally struck.

14: Hawaii overprint notes were printed in what denominations?

A: \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills

15: Small sized Federal Reserve notes were first issued in what year?

A: 1929, silver certificates were issued.

16: What is known as a "BARR" note and why are they considered rare?

A: \$1.00 notes that were signed by Joseph W. Barr. Joseph W. Barr served as Secretary of The Treasury for only one month (Dec 20 1968 to Jan 20 1969).

17: Why is there a very small eagle incorporated in the reverse design of the Franklin half-dollar.

A: It was an afterthought, one that was required to make the coin legal

18: What is a silver nickel?

A: The term is applied to the wartime five-cent piece 1942-1945, 45% copper, 35% silver, and 9% manganese.

Doyle won the door prize, a silver 1879 half and Sarah won a Columbian Commemorative coin.

Following the silent auction with no further business the meeting adjourned.