

Manhattan Coin Club Minutes

September 11, 2018

Vice-President Doyle R. called the meeting to order. There were a smaller number of members in attendance and the program presenter did not respond when contacted.

Old Business

VP Doyle told the club that President Randy L. had taken on bus driving for school district 475 in Junction City and we in Topeka with a group. Doyle reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting.

New Business

Treasurer Dave S. reminded everyone that club dues were payable as of tonight. VP Doyle noted that elections were to be held next month. A motion from the floor was made to re-elect Randy as the club President. He was unanimously elected. Another motion was made to retain all officers and the officers were unanimously elected.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dave reported a club balance of \$2,886.10.

Auctions

Doyle reviewed upcoming and you may find a listing of auctions at:

<https://kansasauctions.net/calendar/>.

Matt O. reminded us that we can no longer bring food into the show but the hotel will have a waiter to take orders for vendors. Matt also brought up that he was presenting a program for Boy Scouts for them to obtain a coin collecting merit badge at the First Presbyterian Church of Manhattan on Monday, September 17, starting at 6:30 pm. He explained the requirements for the merit badge.

1. Understand how coins are made, and where the active U.S. mint facilities are located.
2. Explain these terms: obverse, reverse, reeding, clad, type set, date set.
3. Explain the grading terms: Poor, Good, Very Good, Fine, Very Fine, Extremely Fine and Uncirculated. Show five different grade examples of the same type coin. Explain the term 'Proof' and explain why it is not a grade. Tell what 'encapsulated' coins are.



4. Know three different ways to store a collection, and describe the benefits, drawbacks and expense of each of these methods. Pick one to use when completing requirements.
5. Do the following:
 - a. Identify the persons depicted on the following denominations of current U.S. paper money: \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100.
 - b. Explain 'Legal Tender.'
 - c. Describe the role the Federal Reserve System plays in the distribution of currency.
6. Do the following:
 - a. Demonstrate to your counselor that you know how to use two U.S. or world coin reference catalogs.
 - b. Read a numismatic magazine or newspaper and tell your counselor about what you learned.
7. Describe the 1999-2008 50 state quarter program. Collect and show your counselor five different state quarters you have acquired from circulation.
8. Collect from circulation a set of currently circulating U.S. coins (cent, nickel, dime, quarter, half dollar, and dollar). For each coin, locate the mint marks and designers' initials, if any.
9. Do one of the following:
 - a. Collect and identify 50 foreign coins from at least 10 different countries.
 - b. Collect and identify 20 bank notes from at least 5 different countries.
 - c. Collect and identify 15 different tokens or medals.
 - d. Collect a date set of a single type since the year of your birth.
10. Do one of the following:
 - a. Tour a U.S. Mint facility, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, or a Federal Reserve Bank and describe what you learned to your counselor.
 - b. With your parent's permission, attend a coin show or a coin club meeting, or view the Web site of the U.S. Mint or a coin dealer, and report on what you learned.
 - c. Give a talk about coin collecting to your troop or class at school.
 - d. Do drawings of five colonial-era U.S. coins.

This prompted the group to discuss why they started coin collecting and why and other subjects.

The Museum of Osteology in Oklahoma City provides quality educational opportunities and allows school groups and the public to explore the form and function of the skeletal system. The museum currently displays over 300 skeletons from all corners of the world, visitors have a unique opportunity to compare and contrast many rare species normally not seen in museum exhibits. The museum



features a variety of North American specimens ranging from tiny mice and shrew skeletons to a 40-foot humpback whale.

The discussion also cover introducing children to coin collecting and then into geology. Before the glaciation of Kansas, the ancestral Missouri River was a lesser tributary to a larger ancestral Kansas River but advancing ice pushed the drainage from a now-buried river valley that flowed past Tarkio and Chillicothe, Missouri, into the present-day Missouri River, The Big and Little Blue rivers in Marshall and Pottawatomie counties probably developed as ice-margin streams or spillways to a proglacial lake near Atchison <http://www.kgs.ku.edu/Publications/PIC/PIC28.pdf>

Special Offer For 30 days only!

MORE SILVER HALF DOLLARS 1964 KENNEDYS

Once again Tidy House has made arrangements for us to supply their customers with additional coins at prices which are well below today's normal retail. For 30 days only you can order additional quantities of uncirculated 1964 Kennedy Half Dollars... the last of the silver halves.

We need not remind you what has happened to silver in the past year. The commodity price has jumped from \$1.29 per ounce last summer to as high as \$2.78 at one point. That's more than double and most experts predict \$5.00 per ounce within the next two years.

No wonder all silver coins are in such demand! No wonder that even silver dimes and quarters have almost totally disappeared from circulation!

It is almost a certainty that we will never again be able to offer these UNCIRCULATED 1964 SILVER Kennedy Halves at these prices. We recommend that you order quickly because on last year's silver dollar offer many waited too long and we had to return their orders unfilled.

Don't be disappointed! Send your order today. All orders will be filled in the order they are received. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery, and be sure to include your zip code number.

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PRICE

\$10.95 A Ten (10) uncirculated silver Kennedy half dollars.

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I enclose check and my Tidy House membership card, if applicable. NO C.O.D.'s, please.

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Send sufficient money (money order or check only) to cover cost of order you indicate, plus a box fee or label from any Tidy House product. Use coupon below. Please print name and address clearly. Allow 2 to 3 weeks for delivery. Make check or money order payable to Omaha Coins. All prices include shipping.

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Commemorating
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Interesting and odd collections were talked about.

The Tidy House Products Company was located at 1400 Evans Street in North Omaha, the Tidy House Products Company was one of many small industries scattered throughout the community. A successful company, Tidy House had several products that helped you keep a tidy house. They included Perfex household cleaner, Dexol bleach, GlossTex laundry detergent, and Shina Dish dishwashing liquid. The company may have been founded in Shenandoah, Iowa. Tidy House built their large factory in North Omaha in 1926.

The Tidy House Company was started in the 1930s, when two radio station workers in Shenandoah, Iowa bought the rights to Perfex, a cleaning solution. Cy Rapp and Al Ramsey changed the name to Perfex and expanded their line. In 1960 they sold the company to Pillsbury. I haven't

found out who owned Perfex before these two, or who actually built the North Omaha plant in the 1920s.

At its peak, the company employed 200 people in several states.

In the 1950s, Tidy House sold their products across the Midwest, from Colorado to Pennsylvania, Oklahoma to the Canadian border. With headquarters in Omaha, they also had offices in Kansas City, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Minneapolis. According to trade journals from the 1950s, the Tidy House laboratories were located here. They employed a technical director, four chemists and a technician to study detergents, bleaches, waxes and other household cleaning goods. Apparently, a large part of Tidy House's success was also due to their progressive marketing techniques on radio and TV.

In 1960, the Pillsbury Company bought Tidy House, Cy Rapp joined their board of directors, and its brands were continued under the Tidy House label. Tidy House was Pillsbury's first nonfood purchase. After a nasty court case regarding corporate espionage in the late 1960s, Rapp resigned from the Pillsbury Board of Directors and bought the cleaning end of the business back. He resold the rights to Perfex, Dexol Bleach, Shina Dishwashing liquid and Gloss Tex starch in 1969 to the Arm and Hammer Corporation, which continues to own the trademarks today. Tidy House offered silver dollars and half dollar pairs as sales promotional items they gave away.



It was asked what things people DON'T collect and this came up. "A prolific and serial stealer of rare wild birds' eggs has been handed a fourth jail sentence for his activities after he admitted possessing eggs from such species as the osprey and golden eagle.

Matthew Gonshaw, 49, from Bow, east London, was described by prosecutors as one of the UK's most active and persistent egg thieves, whose targeting of osprey and golden eagle nests was

"unprecedented". He was found with almost 700 wild bird eggs at his home. Some of the golden eagle eggs were stolen just before the birds hatched, meaning Gonshaw removed almost full-term chicks. Gonshaw was jailed for six months by Thames magistrates after admitting 10 offences under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. He had been jailed for similar offences in 2002 and twice again in 2005."

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2011/dec/13/prolific-egg-thief-700-jailed>

Doyle won the door prize of an uncirculated walking liberty.

The upcoming programs are:

- October — Jess E., Elephants and Coins.
- November — Matt O., Using Online Resources.
- December — Christmas Party

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

(Reminder: Past newsletters may be found on our webpage at

<http://www.manhattancoinclub.org> or by contacting the newsletter editor.)