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TWIN CITY ANCIENT COIN CLUB

SPECIAL GUEST MEETING

Did you know that the Twin Cities has one of the most active ancient coin clubs in the nation? Despite the club's almost 20 year history, many local collectors are still unaware of our existence. We eagerly encourage new membership.

This newsletter is being sent to a select group of people who have indicated an interest in ancient coins at coin shows, etc. If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, please consider this an invitation to attend our special October meeting.

Monthly meetings are held from September through June. Although these are rather informal, we make it a point to include a presentation on some aspect of ancient numismatics at each meeting. In addition, auctions are regularly held and members have ample time to interact with one another, sharing ideas, knowledge, questions and coins. Our format affords beginners and advanced collectors alike an opportunity to learn more about their hobby.

If you would like to attend this special meeting for new members, please R.S.V.P. by calling Kenn Hollister at 822-8157 evenings. We look forward to having you join us.

CALENDAR

October 24	- Second Meeting
October 26-27	- M.O.O.N Coin Show, Mpls.
November 16	- Holiday Coin Show, Mpls.
November 21	- Third Meeting
Nov. 29 - Dec. 1	- New York Int'l Coin Show
December 11	- Christmas Party

AHEAD TO THE PAST

If Steven Spielberg can create "Back To The Future" then we can create "Ahead To The Past"! Our action-packed October meeting is going to mix the new with the old new members and old coins!

Kenn Hollister will lead a discussion reviewing the basics of getting started in ancient coin collecting. Some of the topics that will be covered will be:

- * Where ancient coins come from
- * How to grade ancients
- * Topical collections
- * What about counterfeits
- * How to buy ancients
- * Books you can't live without

The objective of the presentation is to generate interest with prospective members. But the best way to accomplish this is to show them some coins! If you have a coin that you can call your favorite or one with particular historical importance, bring it to the meeting.

With your help this meeting should be a lot of fun for us and our guests.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Yes, we will have membership cards. You will get one when you have paid your dues. Why, the card itself is worth the cost of membership!

HATS OFF TO BEA

Our thanks to Bea Lindwall for her hard work as TCACC secretary for well as long as many of us have been with the club.

Bea has decided that it's time to share those responsibilities with our other members. She has certainly contributed more than her share.

Her dedication in holding things together with meeting arrangements and newsletter have helped keep our organization strong all these years.

Thank you Bea.

WE'VE GOT A REALLY BIG SHEW

Ed Sullivan couldn't be here to tell us about it so I will. The M.O.O.N. Coin Show will be held on October 26-27 (Saturday and Sunday), 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. It's at the Holiday Inn International Airport at Three Appletree Square in Bloomington. Take the 34th Ave. exit off I-494. Moneta and Doyle Numismatic Services will be sharing a table there so stop by and visit fellow members Kenn and Don. There will be 49 other dealers as well but don't pay any attention to them!

For coin show junkies, the Holiday Coin Show will be held at the same location on Saturday, November 16, from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Moneta will have a table at this show as well.

MEETING AGENDA

We're going to try something new this year to make our meetings more fun. We're going to run our monthly auction before the presentation. Too often our auction has been drowned out by the other activities at the end of the meeting. Therefore our new meeting agenda will be:

- 7:30-8:00 Socializing
- 8:00-8:15 Auction
- 8:15-8:45 Presentation
- 8:45-END More Socializing

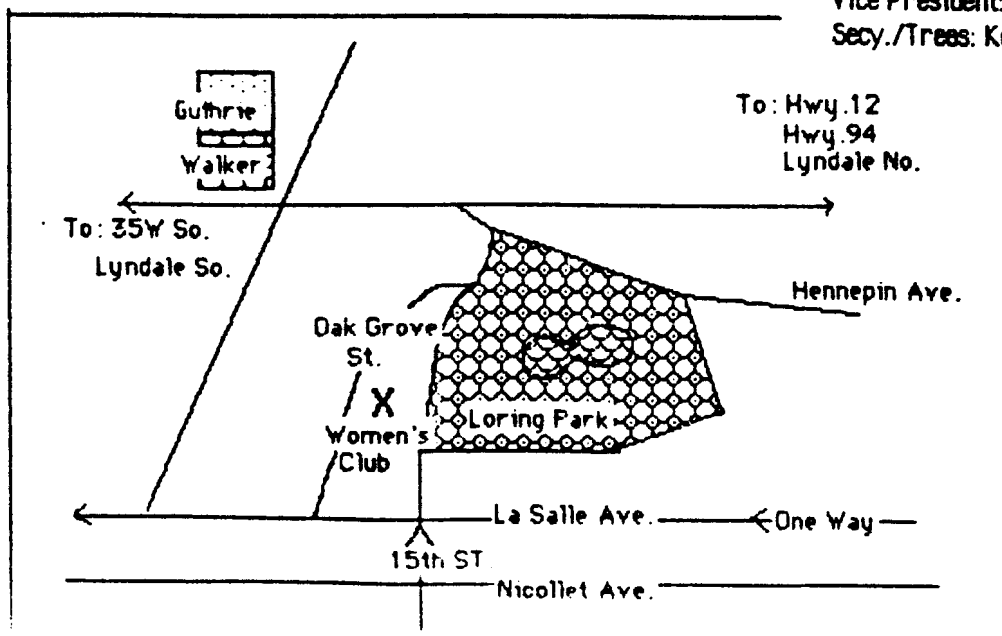
INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

1. Meetings are held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 So. Snelling, St. Paul, at 7:30 p.m.
2. Directions: Snelling Avenue exit off of Interstate 94. Drive south on Snelling Ave. to the intersection of Goodrich and Snelling. The church is on your left.
3. Annual dues are only \$3.00. We pass the hat at meetings to pay for the use of the church facilities - 50¢ to \$1.00 is sufficient.
4. Meetings generally consist of a speaker, an auction, and social time for buying, selling, trading, gabbing, and eating goodies.
5. For information, please contact:

President: Bob Stumm 487-1569
Vice President: Tom Beniuk 722-3235
Secy./Treas: Kenn Hollister 822-8157

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sure - Men are welcome too!
Once again our Christmas party will be held at the Women's Club at 4410 Oak Grove St. This warm and stately mansion is the perfect setting for our annual gathering. The date is Wed, December 11. Cocktails will be available by the fireside in the main lounge beginning at 6:30. Dinner will be served in the Peacock Room at 7:30.



Rx FOR BRONZE DISEASE

Collectors love to talk about bronze disease but in reality it's a pretty rare affliction in its extreme form. The Center For Disease Control in Atlanta has identified two major varieties of this disease:

1. The Green Slime (*Slimus Verlus*)
2. It's Alive (*Spiritus Transcendus Mortus*)

Where Does It Hurt?

The "Green Slime" is the common variety that usually results from improper storage of nice bronze coins. In some cases it is more a result of deterioration of the packaging than of the coin. Its symptoms include sticky, oily deposits on the coin often accompanied by a yellowing or chemical breakdown of the packaging.

The "It's Alive" variety is usually found on large bronze coins, antiquities, weapons, etc., that came out of the ground. There is usually evidence of corrosion, possibly including mysterious holes which promise to open to caverns within the mass of the object. This is the dangerous variety. It is bacterial in nature and therefore subject to spreading to your other numismatic loved ones.

Lepor! - Unclean!

Don't buy a coin if it has "living" bronze disease. Leave these to the museums to treat. If you already own one, sell or trade it to a dealer or collector you don't like. Museums treat these coins much like items recovered from shipwrecks; by soaking them in preservatives. If your coins are slimed, you can do one of two things: Call Ghost Busters to remove them or try to clean them. The risk of green slime is twofold: A) It is ugly, and B) If left for an extended time it can cause permanent discoloration or pitting.

There Is A Cure

To preserve your bronze coins, prepare a solution of one teaspoon of sodium carbonate monohydrate and one teaspoon of baking soda in 1/4 cup of water. Sodium carbonate monohydrate can be purchased in a good photo store such as Brown Photo. Immerse your coins in this solution for 10-15 minutes. If your coins display only a spot or two of corrosion, you can apply the solution with a bit of cotton on a toothpick.

To complete the treatment, seal your coins with a solution of benzotriazole and rubbing alcohol. Start with a spoonful or two of alcohol and add the benzotriazole until no more will dissolve. Apply this solution with a cotton swab or a Q-Tip and allow the coin to dry without blotting or rubbing. Benzotriazole can also be purchased in photo stores.



Rx By A Specialist

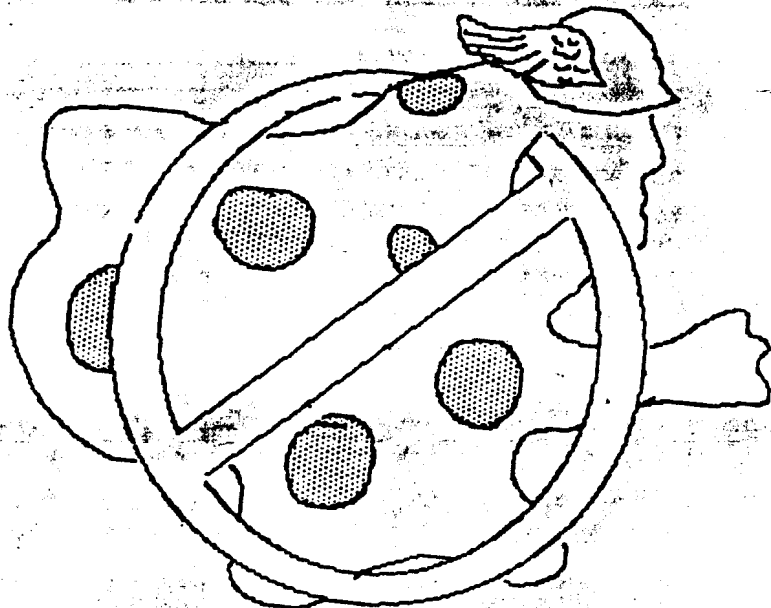
If your "slimed" objects don't respond to the efforts of the Ghost Busters, then maybe you should consider taking preventive actions next time. The ideal way to store your coins is in a chemical-free environment, which effectively precludes planet Earth. The next thing is to use inert coin flips and *Cointains*. Cointains have the advantage of protecting your coins but have the disadvantage of being sized for United States coins. Try to cram an Athenian tetradrachm into a quarter size holder. The U S mint has much to learn about striking high relief coins!

Look at the bright side. These coins have been around for hundreds, even thousands of years. They will surely outlast you and I!

Cointains and other "safe" coin supplies can be purchased directly from the manufacturer:

E&T Kointainer Co.
P O Box 103
Sidney, Ohio 45365

Or if there is sufficient interest among club members, Moneta will put together an order at a 20% discount. Please see Kenn Hollister if you are interested.



'SLIME BUSTERS'

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January 23 - Fourth Meeting