



made for the Fall Hunt for 2015 will be reviewed with/voted on by members before complete finalization takes place. Be sure to review the write-up and feel free to offer suggestions or changes to the plan.

**NOVEMBER MEETING THEME:** The November meeting will be our annual "party meeting" and members are invited to bring a snack item to share (completely optional). Members may also bring in their best and favorite finds for 2014 just to share with the other members. I will conduct a short "business portion" as usual and I have a fun event planned that may even include some prizes being handed out, so be sure to attend if you want to eat some snacks while having fun. Depending on the weather forecast, we will discuss whether to hold an informal hunt on the Sunday after the meeting and where the hunt will be held. If we decide to have one, I will send out the info via email on Friday following the meeting or you may call me at 314-838-9755 to find out if we are having one

**PROPOSED 2015 FALL HUNT PLAN:** At last month's club meeting, I presented a proposal for next year's Fall Hunt. My proposal would simplify preparing for the hunt, provide a complete budgeted plan, allow for members to participate at basically no cost to them, and would still provide for a fun and exciting event for all. I am looking for members to review my proposal and I am asking for volunteers to serve on a Fall Hunt committee to help in the decision making process as to how to fully develop the final plan. My proposal sets a specific amount of money to be spent on the hunt at \$6000.00. This amount would be used to buy all the picnic supplies and food items, would pay the Turner Camp park fee, and would pay for the Garrett products such as the detector and pinpointers. These three items would cost about \$1200.00. The Fall Hunt would

consist of three hunts with the first being a timed hunt with no entry fee with 100 five dollar cash prizes and a pinpointer available to be found. The second hunt would have all silver dimes and halves as targets and a pinpointer token. The third hunt would have all silver quarters and dollars and a pinpointer token. These three hunts would be budgeted at approximately \$4800. By not having to spend time and money on obtaining prizes all year for the Main Hunt and the Main Raffle, the effort for the whole hunt would only involve buying the appropriate amount of silver coins based on the budget proposed and the current cost of silver. To help offset the entire cost of \$6000.00, a detector raffle would still be held and an effort would be made to see if Garrett would provide more items to be included in this raffle. The fifty-fifty raffle would still be held with half of the income being put into the club treasury and the other half given out as the prize. The mini raffles with four old silver coins as prizes would also be held with any profit from ticket sales going into the club treasury. As an option in place of a Main Raffle, a special one ounce silver round raffle could be held with the number of coins given as prizes based on ticket sales: i.e. if a silver round costs about \$20.00, for every twenty tickets sold a silver round would be placed into the raffle as a prize. Our current club treasury amount would allow us to do this next year, though at next year's end it would be lower by up to \$1800.00. If you have any comments or suggestions to this proposal, I would like to hear from you-all comments are welcome. If you are interested in serving on the Fall Hunt committee let me know as I definitely need some help on final decisions as to number of coins to buy, do we want to collect the \$360.00 dollar park use fee from attendees to help offset the hunt costs, do we want to adjust the budgeted amounts for any of the hunts, what ratio of targets, ie.

Dimes versus halves in the hunts is correct, and in general, help me to develop a final reasonable plan which is affordable, workable, simpler, and still fun and exciting for members. We will discuss this at the November meeting and future meetings, but I look forward to hearing from you if you have any suggestions for changes, are in favor or not in favor of the proposed plan as it now stands, and whether you would like to participate in developing the final plan. Email me or call me at 314-838-9755.

**FMDAC:** I assume the fee to join the FMDAC for 2015 will remain at \$5.00, so if you wish to join for 2015 we will begin collecting payment at the November meeting. Just let Kelly, our club treasurer know at the meeting or by mail and pay the membership fee and it will be submitted to the FMDAC and you will receive your membership card for 2015 when we get it from the FMDAC. Though the website is not currently up to date, you can check out the goings on at their website: [www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org). The FMDAC President, Mark Schuessler, did announce earlier this year that there would be no FMDAC National Convention this year siting decreasing attendance in recent past years. They have announced that they are now on Facebook for those of you who use that social media. I will keep members informed as to the activities of the FMDAC as they are announced and hope that the organization remains viable.

**FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:**

Oldest US Coin:  
1899 "O" Barber Half  
Jake Carroll  
Most Valuable US coin:  
1900 "P" Barber quarter  
Dan Forth  
Most Valuable item:  
Not recorded  
Oddity:

Chrystal White soap token  
Ed Meyer  
Consolation Prize:  
None recorded

**Silver raffle winners:**

Kelly Faust, Bob Wilderman, Dan Forth, Jake Carroll (2), Amberly Brown, Joe Whys, Bob Teich

**50/50 winner:** Bill Mathews

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.

**CLUB WEBSITE:** The club website:

[www.midwestcoinshooters.com](http://www.midwestcoinshooters.com) is up and running. If you have an article you would like to have posted on the site, send it to me via email or bring it to a meeting.

**CLUB DUES:** Club dues for 2015 will remain at \$25.00 for individual membership and \$10.00 for each additional family member living at the same address. Dues are due during the month which you joined the club. I will continue to send a notice of dues payment with newsletters (via email or regular mail). Pay at a meeting or mail your dues payment to our treasurer, Kelly Faust, at the address at the beginning of this newsletter.

**INFORMAL GROUP HUNT:** The October informal group hunt was held at Creve Coeur Park with about twelve who turned out for it. Dan Forth a nice sized sterling silver ring and he and Mike Tiemann each found one silver dime. I believe a silver quarter was also found. No hunt is planned for November and a decision and site will be discussed at the November meeting. As you know the informal hunts are held the Sunday following each meeting to help some of our newer club members who can learn a lot from members with more experience.

