

consisting of silver dimes and halves in the first hunt and silver quarters and silver one ounce rounds and Morgan silver dollars in the second hunt. Registration starts at 9:00 AM and the \$5.00 park use fee will be collected for each person (hunting or not) attending the Fall Hunt. Raffle tickets for the detector raffle and silver one ounce rounds will be sold at the September club meeting for those who may not be able to attend the hunt, but want a chance to win a prize. Tickets, of course will also be sold on hunt day. There will be a pot luck picnic lunch with the club providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and sodas and members are asked to bring a food item to share. A silver coin will be awarded to the food item voted as best. Just a reminder: **your club dues must be paid up to date prior to hunt day and no new memberships will be sold on hunt day.**

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS: Our club has been asked to give a metal detecting presentation at two different schools and we are working on getting the dates set. Tim McNiff, Bill Mathews, and I will be giving these presentations which will include the history of the metal detector, operation and controls of a detector, and how to hunt safely. We will have display items such as detectors, finds, retrieval equipment, and safety equipment.

FMDAC: The FMDAC website can be looked at to check out upcoming activities: www.fmdac.org . The FMDAC National Convention will be held at Gettysburg, PA on October 24/25 in conjunction with the Civil War Show. There will be an open hunt on Saturday and two hunts, some seminars, and other activities on Sunday. You must be an FMDAC member to participate and for more details and the registration form, go to the website.

FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:

Oldest US Coin:

1856 Half Dime

Doug Bierce

Most Valuable US coin:

1881 Indian Head cent

Susan Kuenzel

Most Valuable Item:

1812 Military Button

A. J. Phillips

Oddity:

Antique cuff link

Roland Kuenzel

Consolation Prize:

Sterling Silver business card

Eric Yeager

Silver raffle winners:

John burke (2), Tim McNiff, A. J. Phillips (2), Amberly Brown, Gabe Young, Eric Yeager, and Susan Kuenzel

50/50 winner: Roger Horrom

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.

CLUB WEBSITE: The upgraded new club website: www.midwestcoinsshooters.com is up and running. If you have a good metal detecting story you would like to add to the website, send me an email with the write-up and it will be added to the website.

CLUB DUES: Club dues for 2015 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 August group

hunt was at Lafayette Park near Lafayette and Mississippi Streets. We had a good turnout and most members found several modern coins. Rick Moore found two wheat cents, and John Quinn and I each found a sterling silver earring. The informal hunt for September will be held before the next club meeting due to the Fall Hunt on the 20th. The informal hunt will be on September 13th at Creve Coeur Park near Dorsett and Marine roads. Good coins have been found here in the past and there may be some more just waiting to be found. As you know, informal group 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. Come to these hunts as early as you wish and stay as late as you want. Most are in an area where you can visit a local eatery for lunch or you may bring your own sack lunch. We ask that members act in a professional manner and follow the Treasure Hunter's Code of Ethics when participating in these informal group hunts.

OCTOBER MEETING PRESENTATION: I have been contacted by members Jack Kountz, and Burt and Mary Thompson who have made several trips to England in past years and they are planning on giving a presentation about their experiences during these trips. This will be a very interesting meeting to attend to see some of their finds from England, hear their stories, and learn about how to get in on one of these trips if you are interested. I will have more details in the next newsletter, but I encourage you to plan on being at the October meeting.

NOVEMBER MEETING: As in past years, the November meeting will be our "Party Meeting" and we will discuss what we want to do this year and typically members can bring in a snack item to share. Remember the fun Bingo games from last year?

COIN HOARD FOUND: The discovery of a Roman coin hoard in Leominster, near the border with Wales, is a reminder that around 1,700 years ago, Roman soldiers were a common sight in the West Midlands region of England. In early August 2015, the Portable Antiquities Scheme based at the British Museum, which records archaeological finds made by the public in England and Wales, announced details of a coin hoard that was discovered in July 2013 near Leominster. The hoard comprised 518 mixed copper coins struck in the second half of the third century A.D.

Finding the hoard: The discovery was made by Jeremy Daw and Martin Fulloway, two metal detector enthusiasts who worked together as paramedics. Although the hoard is not a particularly large one, it is important, as it is well-preserved and the action of the treasure seekers allowed a full methodical examination of the site by professional archaeologists.

Fulloway described the day that the treasure-seeking duo struck lucky. "We thought it might be a horseshoe or some such rubbish," he said, when one of the metal detectors indicated a "significant" indication that metal lay underfoot. "As we were digging down through the soil with our hands, I spotted Jeremy had a handful of Roman coins. I shouted 'STOP! I think we've got a hoard.' We looked at each other and 'punched' the air." The PAS's local representative Peter Reavill, the finds liaison officer for Shropshire and Herefordshire, really appreciated this restraint. The coins were left in situ (at the site, as they were found) in the ground, which enabled a full-scale investigation to be mounted. With the help of the finders and the landowners, the hoard was removed as one block with soil around it, after the surrounding features had been investigated.

