MIDWEST COINSHOOTERS AND HISTORICAL CLUB

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Member FMDAC

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MEETING LOCATION: Tharp Civic Center (Jennings),

8720 Jennings Station Road <u>Time:</u> 7:30 PM- 3rd Thursday (Except December)

MINUTES OF THE February 15, 2015 MEETING-Next Meeting: March 19, 2015 Attendees: 30 plus 2 board member

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MEETING MINUTES: There was a good turnout for the meeting with first time attendees Gabe Young and Ben Neff being welcomed to the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Kelly Faust read the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted as read.

FEBRUARY MEETING: This meeting included discussion of ideas and themes for the upcoming meetings for 2015, a review of the planning committee for the annual Fall Hunt, and a presentation about the history of the 1715 Spanish Fleet that sank in a hurricane off the coast of Florida 300 years ago. Other topics covered were various hunt flyers from other clubs, some interesting articles from the Garrett Searcher publication, and a comment of a potential Civil War battlefield study that may take place this year.

MARCH MEETING THEME: I will have

presentation put together for the meeting and have been given an idea to incorporate into this meeting and those in the future. Member, Mike Hiesler, contacted me with an idea that I feel will be interesting for our members. He suggested that members bring in a particular category of metal detecting finds and do a "show and tell" about them. The category for March will be TOYS found while detecting. So gather up all those Tootsie toy cars, toy guns, and all other toy related items you have found and bring them to the meeting and tell us all about them. Mike says he knows we all have tons of detecting finds that can be categorized such as rings, Boy Scout items, rings, tokens, jewelry, bullets, lipstick, and many others. Starting with the next meeting with the toys, we will pick a new category for each following meeting this year to highlight, with members bringing in items that fall into that category. Go through all your finds and get them organized by category and plan

on participating each month in the show and tell. I am continuing in getting a set of themes arranged for the 2015 meetings and if you have ideas for presentations you would like to see done, if you would like to give a presentation, or know someone we could invite to do a presentation, please let us know by email or at a meeting. I have and individual lined up to give a presentation at the April meeting on the History of U. S. Coins, a couple of potential presentations which include a member from the Falconer's Club and another from a club member who is into model railroading.

TREASURE/RELIC EXPO: Club member, Jerry Rowe, has contacted me with a proposal to put on a "Midwest Treasure/Relic Expo" to be held in the St. Louis area perhaps in 2016. His concept includes inviting clubs and detector manufacturers located throughout the Midwestern states to participate with displays, booths, seminars, and detector manufacturers equipment displays. I will be presenting this at our March meeting to see if our members feel this is something they would be willing to support and participate in developing the planning, the organizing, and all other requirements to put on such an expo. It would indeed be a tremendous task but is achievable and would require a high level of support from clubs and the manufacturers throughout the country to make it successful.

FLINT HILL, MO HUNT: Club member, Tim Mcniff, is working on setting up an outing to a site in Flint Hill, MO sometime later this summer. Club members would be allowed to hunt a school yard, a picnic area, and an old cemetery in exchange for the club giving a metal detecting presentation to a class of students at the school, perhaps in the September timeframe. Details will be worked out and a date and location will be provided once they are completed.

CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD STUDY: I have been contacted by Professor of Archaeology at Lindenwood College, Steve Dashovich, about the possibility of our club being invited to participate with him and his group in doing a Civil War battlefield study somewhere in Missouri this year. He is working up the plans and will let me know if it is finalized. We have worked with Steve in the past and typically participants pay their own expenses, are not allowed to keep any of the Civil War artifacts found, and it is strictly a chance to help Steve and his group reconstruct the history of a Civil War battle that took place in Missouri. I will provide more details should I hear back from Steve in case you are interested in participating.

FMDAC: Payment of \$5.00 is now being accepted to join the FMDAC for 2015. Just make payment to Kelly, our club treasurer at a meeting or by mail, it will be submitted to the FMDAC, and you will receive your membership card for 2015 when we get it from the FMDAC. The FMDAC website is now currently up to date, you can check out the goings on at their website: 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.

FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:

Only three items were turned in so the extra two silver dimes went into the door prize raffle.

Oldest US Coin: 1850 Large Cent Mike Tiemann Most Valuable US coin: 1855 Seated Liberty ½ Dime Joe Pattan Most Valuable item:

1877 Victorian Seated Quarter love token Rick Moore

Oddity:

Monopoly race care play piece Mike Heisler

Consolation Prize:

Four dog license tags from 50's and 60's Doug Bierce

Silver raffle winners:

Bob Teich (2), Ed Meyer, Pam Popp, Rick Moore (2), Heather Tiemann, 50/50 winner: Tim Popp

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.

CLUB WEBSITE: The upgraded new club website: www.midwestcoinshooters.com is up and running. If you have a comment or idea you would like to provide about changes to the site, send it to me via email or bring it to a meeting and we will see if we can incorporate it.

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: 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. A schedule with dates and locations has been developed and provided below and will also

be posted on the club website. 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. The hunt in May will most likely be an "expanded hunt" and will include some coins for prizes for various categories of finds made during that day. The hunt in September will take place the weekend before the Annual Fall Hunt which will be the Sunday following the September club meeting. The following schedule may be modified as the year commences, but info will be provided ahead of the hunt date to keep members aware of the changes. Save this newsletter for future reference or refer to the club website for possible updates.

2015 INFORMAL GROUP HUNT SCHEDULE

March 22-TBD-weather permitting

April 19-Rock Springs Park-Alton, Illinois: Broadway to Washington, to left on College to right on Rock Springs Drive

May 24-Forest Park: Highway 40/64 and Compton

June 21-Lyon, Benton, Cherokee Parks: Arsenal near the Brewery

July 19- Gravois, Marquette, and Laclede Parks: Louisiana North and South of Broadway

August 23- Lafayette Park: Lafayette and Mississippi

September 13- Creve Coeur Park: Dorsett and Marine Drive

September 20- Fall Hunt: Turner Camp Park **October 18-** Carondolet Park: Highway 55 and Loughborough

November 22- TBD-weather permitting