

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 an 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 sifting 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 1/2 Dime

Joe Pattan

Most Valuable item:

1877 Victorian Seated Quarter love token
Rick Moore

Oddity:

Monopoly race card 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- Carondelet Park: Highway 55
and Loughborough

November 22- TBD-weather permitting