

Pinpointer, and a second token good for a 2 Pesos gold coin. The silver hunts will also include some prize tokens for various prizes such as Garrett products and items that have been donated to the club by members, or may have been left over from previous year's hunts. As in past years, there will be mini-raffles held during hunt day for Morgan dollars and Barber coins. Also, included will be a one ounce silver round raffle with one silver round for every twenty dollars of tickets sold to be given away. This year's detector raffle will include a Garrett Pro Pinpointer, a Garrett Ace 250 detector, a Garrett AT Pro Detector, and some other Garrett products. As usual, members are asked to bring a food item to share for the pot luck picnic lunch and the club will provide hamburgers hot dogs, and sodas. The \$5.00 park use fee will be collected for each person (hunting or not) attending the Fall Hunt. I will include a fully detailed Fall Hunt flyer in next month's newsletter and raffle tickets for the detector raffle and silver one ounce rounds will be sold at the August and September club meetings 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. 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.

FLINT HILL, MO HUNT: As discussed at the last meeting, the first Saturday, August 1st has been set for the Flint Hill informal hunt. Directions on how to get to the hunt site were provided in last month's newsletter. Parking is available at the Knights of Columbus across the road from the picnic area hunt site. We will start about 8:00 AM, you might want to plan on bringing a sack lunch, and, as usual, be sure to fill all holes and respect the property in a professional manner. I want to thank Tim for making this outing possible and hopefully the ground

won't be too dry and some good finds will be made.

FMDAC: Payment of \$5.00 is still being accepted to join the FMDAC for 2015. Just make payment to Kelly, our club treasurer at a meeting or by mail. Payments received so far have been submitted to the FMDAC, and you will receive your membership card for 2015 when we get it from the 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. For details and registration form, go to the website.

FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:

Oldest US Coin:

1914 D Barber Dime

Rick Moore

Most Valuable US coin:

1947 Wheat Penny

Ed Meyer

Most Valuable item:

Silver Ring

Bobby Lewis

Oddity:

Skeleton Key

Doug Bierce

Consolation Prize:

Class ring

Mike Tiemann

Silver raffle winners:

Dan Forth, Bill Mathews, Mike Tiemann, John Quinn, Bob Teich, Bobby Lewis, Jerry Ganahl, Bob Wilderman, and Roger Horrom

50/50 winner: Bobby Lewis

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 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 June hunt was to be held at three parks: Lyon, Benton, and Cherokee parks but due to the very rainy and wet conditions, only a couple of members tried to hunt the parks. The informal hunt on July 19th will be at Gravois, Marquette, and Laclede Parks located near each other along Gasconade and Louisiana off Broadway. We will start at Laclede Park and will move to the other parks as the day progresses. 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.

CENTENNIAL COIN REPLICAS FOR 2016:

The U. S. Mint is planning on producing gold replicas of three famous coins first issued in 1916 to be released for sale in 2016. This will include 24 karat gold coins in a 1/10 ounce version of the Winged Liberty Head Dime, a 1/4 ounce Standing Liberty Quarter, and a 1/2 ounce Walking Liberty Half dollar. There are unanswered questions regarding how thick the coins will be and whether they will carry a mint mark which remain at this time. Each coin will be marked that it is composed of 24K gold and how much of the metal is in each respective coin. Collectors are interested in seeing if the coins will carry a mint mark as many would want to purchase a 1916 gold dime with a 1916 D mint mark, citing the rarity of the original 1916 D silver dime of 100 years ago. Since mint officials have not decided where the coins will be produced, they are not sure it would be proper to produce a coin with a particular mint mark if it was not actually produced at that mint. Testing remains to be done to determine what thickness each of the coins will have. Coin collectors are excited about the program and are eager to get the opportunity to own gold replicas of these three famous coins and sales will most likely reflect the popularity the original coins have among collectors.

COIN SHOW COMING UP: The Missouri Numismatic Society's 55th Annual Coin Show will be held July 23rd-25th at the St. Charles Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, MO. Hours are: Thursday 12 PM to 7 PM; Friday 10 AM to 6 PM; and Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM. There will be 180 dealers, admission and parking are free. This is a great coin show and provides a good opportunity for anyone who may wish to add to their coin collection or perhaps even consider purchasing coins as an investment.