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APRIL MEETING PRESENTATION: I have an individual, Ted Allison, lined up to give a presentation at the April meeting on the History of U. S. Coins. He has suggested that members bring in any of their old coins they would like him to look at and have him tell more about them.

APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTED FIND: It was decided at the March meeting that TOKENS found while metal detecting will be the highlighted item to bring in for show and tell. So if you have some interesting tokens that you may have researched on the internet that you have found, or just a token collection, in general, you would like to show everyone, bring them to the meeting and tell us all about them

TREASURE/RELIC EXPO: Club member, Jerry Rowe, had 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 included inviting clubs and detector manufacturers located throughout the Midwestern states to participate with displays, booths, seminars, and detector manufacturers equipment displays. I presented this at our March meeting to see if our members felt 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. Following a lengthy discussion among members, there seemed to be more questions on how such an extensive endeavor could be put together, the cost of such an event, who would do all the work to make it happen, who would handle all of the coordination of planning, sending out information, and actually making it happen. I have since talked with Jerry Rowe and told him that at this time I personally did not feel like it was something I felt I could handle with

the appropriate effort it would take to make it successful. Jerry may contact Keith Wills in Texas, or perhaps some other people he knows, to see if any are interested in making such an event happen.

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 not 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. 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. 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 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 four items were turned in so the extra silver dime went into the door prize raffle.

Oldest US Coin:

None submitted

Most Valuable US coin:

1893"O" Barber dime

Dan Forth

Most Valuable item:

Sterling silver bracelet

John Quinn

Oddity:

Old Masonic token

Ben Neff

Consolation Prize:

Massive toy car collection

Mike Heisler

Silver raffle winners:

Ed Meyer(2), Ben Neff, Leonard Maierhoffer, Jerry Ganahl, Bob Wilderman, Doug Bierce, John Burke, and Robert Bierce

50/50 winner: Dan Forth

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: April's informal hunt will be held at Rock Springs Park in Alton, Illinois which is on Rock Springs Drive off College Avenue. 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. At the March meeting, it was decided to hold a hunt on Saturday the 21st due to the weather forecast instead of Sunday and the park chosen was Frances Park. There was a good turnout with most members finding several newer coins and there were several silver coin finds including a 1909 Barber dime, a couple of Mercury dimes, a silver quarter, and some pieces of silver jewelry. The find of the day was a large sterling silver ring by Kelly Carroll. The weather was great for early spring and the digging conditions were just right. Thanks to all who showed up. Some members had newer machines and John Kozlowski had a set of wireless headphones he got from Amazon that he was using. I was impressed with them and ordered some for myself. I will have them at the April meeting and will tell you about my experience using them this last week at Forest Park.

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE TREASURE HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS.