

either location would work for them while four members did indicate that they preferred to try the new location. Based on this, the decision was made to remain where we are currently, though we will keep open the possibility of finding a new location that would work for the majority of the club members would still be considered in the future. One of the key comments made at last month's meeting was that if a change was made in location and perhaps the day of the meeting, that as many members that would be gained by the change may be lost due to it.

FLINT HILL, MO HUNT: Club member, Tim Mcniff, and I took a trip to the Flint Hill area to review the proposed hunt site and talk with the church pastor about our plans to detect the site. The first Saturday, August 1st has been arranged for the hunt. There are actually two sites across the road from each other that are available. The first site is the Flint Hill Picnic grounds where the church holds events several times a year and consists of a large field where cars are parked, an area with buildings and walking paths covered with gravel where bingo and other games of chance take place and food is served. Across the road is the Knights of Columbus where members are asked to park for this hunt. There is a large grassy field at this site that may also be hunted. To get to the hunt, take Highway 70 West to the Highway 40/61 exit and go north to Grothe Road on the right (watch closely for the turn as there is no major indication it is coming up) or you can continue on the State Road P and turn right onto it. If you take Grothe Road the sites are just before you come to State Road P with the Picnic Grounds on the right and the K of C and where you park on the left. If you go to State Road P take it into the town and just past the church on the left, turn right onto Grothe Road and the hunt site will be just ahead. 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 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 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:
1883 "V" Nickel
Eric Hendricks
Most Valuable US coin:
1909 "O" Barber dime
Dan Forth
Most Valuable item:
Standing Liberty quarter-no date
John Quinn
Oddity:
18K Gold ring
Jerry Ganahl
Consolation Prize:
3 1944 wheat cents in same hole
Leonard Maierhoffer

Silver raffle winners:
Leonard Maierhoffer, John Quinn (2), Roger Horrom (2), Ed Meyer, John Quinn, and Eric

Hendricks

50/50 winner: Eric Hendricks

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.

SPRING HUNT RESULTS: The Spring Hunt was held on May 24th at Forest Park. The hunt began about 8:00 AM, and went to about 3:00 PM with 21 club members participating. I set up a table at the north end of the park near Confederate Drive and the Confederate Memorial Statue. Prize coins were given out for various categories of finds made throughout the day within the park. The weather was great for our Spring Hunt at Forest Park with the predicted storms taking place much later in the day. Everyone was able to find at least some coins, though the older coins and silver coins were a bit scarce to come up with. Fourteen of the twenty one hunters recorded the total value of their coin finds and the total for all them was \$24.43 with this amount coming from over 250 coins. Each hunter could win one of the eleven coins prizes being awarded for various

categories so it took a bit of figuring to make sure each winner received the best prize if they qualified for a prize in more than one of the categories. Obviously not everyone won a prize and some did not fill in all of the various categories as they did not find a coin for that category. Following is the list of winners:

Oldest cent: 1915D -Eric Hendricks

Oldest nickel: 1936 Buffalo Nickel-Susan Kuenzel

Oldest dime: 1914D Barber dime-Rick Moore

Oldest quarter: 1965-Jerry Ganahl

Total Number of coins: 48-Susan Kuenzel

Total coin value: \$4.45-John Kozlowski

Oldest U. S. coin: 1881 Indian cent-Mike Moutray

Most Valuable U. S. Coin: 1941 Washington Quarter-Leonard Maierhoffer

Most valuable jewelry item: Church medal-Roland Kuenzel

Oddity: old fashioned pewter chair-Jack Kountz

Everyone had a good time, and though not a lot of older coins were found, the excitement of the search is what it is all about.

INFORMAL GROUP HUNT: The June hunt will be at held at three parks: Lyon, Benton, and Cherokee parks near Arsenal and the Brewery. Let's start at Lyon Park and we can move to the others as the day goes along. 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.

