



winner of each game receiving a prize. I will have a short business session before the fun begins where we will discuss our meeting location for next year and other plans on what the club wants to see done at the meetings and other activities. Give this some thought and come prepared with any thoughts and ideas you want to present and discuss-i.e. meeting content/theme ideas, group hunt locations, and short term club trips. If you want to bring in your favorite finds made this year to show and tell us about, feel free to do so, we all enjoy seeing what other members have found.

**SCHOOL PRESENTATION:** On October 6<sup>th</sup> at Flint Hill, MO, Tim McNiff, Bill Mathews, and I gave two presentations, one to a sixth and a second one to a seventh grade class, during which we covered the history of the metal detector, operation and controls of a detector, and how to hunt safely. We included display items such as detectors, finds, retrieval equipment, and safety equipment. The students listened intently to all we had to say and asked many good questions at the end, which we did our best to answer. Following each presentation we took the students outside to a grassy area which we had seeded with pennies dimes and quarters prior to their arrival. Each student paired up with another and had a turn at using either a detector or a pinpointer until they had all found a coin. It was a good experience and an enjoyable one for each of us and hopefully the students learned a bit about the hobby of metal detecting and maybe we even planted a seed of excitement in their mind which may result in some of them pursuing the hobby in the future.

**ENGLAND TRIPS PRESENTATION:** Mary and Burt Thompson, and Jack and Joyce Kountz brought in many items for display found while on metal detecting trips to England

that they had taken several times in the past.



Joyce & Jack Kountz; Mary & Burt Thompson

Their trips were typically for two week periods and were arranged through Discovery Tours International which was created by renowned treasure hunter, Jimmy Sierra. Mary Thompson told members that all the details of the trips- hunt sites, local travel, hotels, coordination and tracking of detecting finds, and arranging for shipment of items found after England officials completed their reviews, were all handled by the tour agency. Hunts were conducted typically on private grounds, in open fields, and all finds were cataloged by local archaeologists, dated, and at all times the "code of conduct" rules were followed by all participants. Finds included all sorts of items from all ages of the past, even dating to BC. The presenters had wonderful photos of their trips, many display cases with finds that we in America would never find here. They did a wonderful job giving their presentation, answering questions from members and going into detail about many of their "more special" finds which they cherish to this day. Some of their finds were kept by English officials if they met the requirements of suitable for inclusion into museum displays, but each hunter was provided a detailed list of their finds and were given an export license form to sign when they left England,

and this was used to ship the finds back to America to those who made the finds for their retention. This was a very good presentation and was well received by members, some of which left with the thoughts of perhaps taking such a trip themselves.

**FMDAC:** The FMDAC website can be looked at to check out upcoming activities: [www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org). The FMDAC National Convention was held at Gettysburg, PA on October 24/25 in conjunction with the Civil War Show. When I learn of the results of the convention, I will provide it in a future newsletter. Membership into the FMDAC for 2016 will be accepted at the November meeting and future meetings, if you wish to become a member-cost is \$5.00 again for next year as far as is known at this time.

**FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:**

Oldest US Coin:

1902 "S" Barber Quarter

Dan Forth

Most Valuable US coin:

1957 Franklin Half dollar

Mike Tiemann

Most Valuable Item:

None submitted

Oddity:

Iron weather vane rooster

Tim McNiff

Consolation Prize:

None submitted

Silver raffle winners:

Rick Moore (2), Kathy Simon (2), Dan Forth (2), Kelly Faust, Mike Tiemann, and Bob Teich,

50/50 winner: Jerry Ganahl

Seven members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing. (2 from FOM were added).

**CLUB WEBSITE:** The upgraded new club website: [www.midwestcoinshooters.com](http://www.midwestcoinshooters.com) is up and running. If you have a good metal detecting story you would like to add to the website, send me an email with the write-up and it will be added to the website.

**CLUB DUES:** Club dues for 2016 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 October group hunt was at Carondolet Park. We had a good turnout and most members found several modern coins. Rick Moore found a silver quarter and Mercury dime, I found a Roosevelt dime, and Jake Carroll found a nice old token. There may have been some other good finds made that I am not aware of to report on. The informal hunt for November is dependent on the weather forecast for November 22<sup>nd</sup>, so we will discuss it at the meeting and if the forecast looks suitable to hold a hunt, a park to hunt will be decided on. I will put out an email on the 20<sup>th</sup> to let those know if there is to be a hunt and the location. 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.

