

own coffee and the library has soda and coffee machines available, if you prefer that-there is a charge for these beverages. I have managed to find dates for the rest of the year to use for meetings and it is provided as follows (mark your calendar for future reference):

Meetings at the Rock Road branch library at

10267 ST. Charles Rock Road, St. Ann, MO

May 19, 2016 3rd thursday

June 16, 2016 3rd Thursday

July 20, 2016 3rd **Wednesday**

August 18th, 3rd Thursday

September 15, 3rd Thursday

Meetings at the Jamestown Bluff library at

4153 N. Highway 67, Florissant, MO

October 20th, 3rd Thursday

November 17th, 3rd Thursday

Note the two different locations due to the difficulty in finding meeting rooms available on a consistent day for each month at the same location due to the popularity of the library meeting rooms. If we continue to use the library rooms for 2017, hopefully I can get a single location on the same day for each month for the whole year.

SPECIAL HUNT ESTABLISHED: Club members, Tim McNiff and Carl Boekemier, and myself gave a metal detecting presentation on May 5th to a group of kids at the Every Child's Hope facility located at 8240 St. Charles Rock Road. Tim made the arrangements to do this with Mike Brennan, Director of the facility and in exchange, we have been given the opportunity to metal detect this facility as a group. The site dates back to 1858 and as far as Mike knows has only been metal detected once quite a few years ago. It is currently in use and has children homed and schooled there. We have set a date of Saturday, May 21st to hunt the site beginning at about 8:00 AM and going until about 3:00

PM. Anyone participating in this hunt shall keep any and all items dug, including trash in their own separate container as they hunt during the day as we may be asked to show it to facility officials so they can see what has been found. Anything of a personal or historical nature that may be pertinent to the history of the facility may want to be kept by them for their use. All rules of the Treasure Hunter's Code of Ethics must be followed as we hunt these grounds: holes filled, trash removed, act in a professional manner, etc.- we want to leave them with a good impression of our club and how we operate. There is free access to the entire grounds which are quite large, but we have been told to not detect too close to the buildings/homes where the children are housed. I have included a photomap of the location which is just east of Highway 170 in between Lackland Road and North and South. The main entrance is off St. Charles Rock Road where the two large entry columns are with the ECH and 8240 signs. Using this entrance, come in on the circular drive to the far end and go past the large building to the east end of it where you will see a driveway going into a parking lot just east of the main building (ignore the "do not enter" sign) and park in the lot. Another entrance is off North and South and takes you directly into the parking lot. There are some eating places in the area or bring a sack lunch and drinks if you prefer. Big thanks go to Tim for making this hunt possible and to Carl and Tim for their help in putting on the class presentation. The boys in the class enjoyed it and the highlight for them was when we took them outside to use the detectors and pinpointers to find coins that we had "seeded" for them to find. Drop me a note back if you have any questions-I will discuss this more at the club meeting on the 19th and our Spring Hunt on May 22nd at Benton Park is still on and details for it are in this club newsletter.



Upper left-Highway 170. Parking lot entry at "angle" East of center hunt site on North and South street

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.

CLUB WEBSITE: The upgraded new club website: 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.

FMDAC: Membership into the FMDAC for 2016 will be accepted at future meetings or you can mail payment to treasurer, Kelly Faust, at the address above (check made out to Midwest Coinshooters). If you wish to become a member-cost is \$5.00 again for this year. If you want to learn more about the FMDAC and its activities, you can check it all out at their website: www.fmdac.org .

FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:

Oldest US Coin:

1865 Indian head cent-Susan Kuenzel

Most Valuable US coin:

1817S Standing Liberty Quarter-Dan Forth

Most Valuable Item:

10K Gold Ring-John Quinn

Oddity:

Knights Templar Pendant-Eric Hanewinkel

Consolation Prize:

McKinley/Hobart Campaign Pendant-Sam Allard

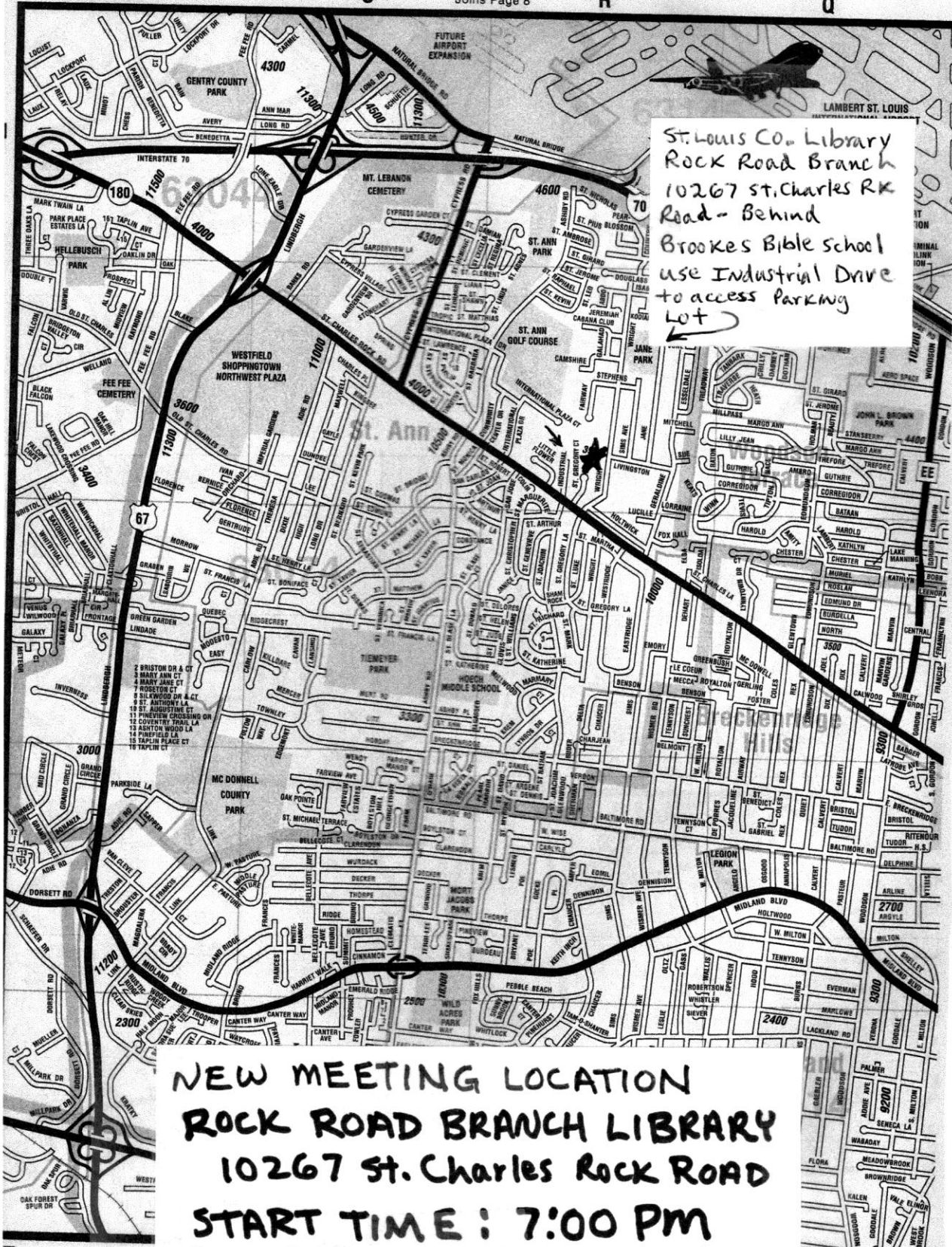
Silver raffle winners:

Ed Meyer (3), Dan Forth, Libby Truetken, Roger Horrom, Mike Zappia, Jim Russell, and Susan Kuenzel

50/50 winner: Dave Rayburn

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.

INFORMAL GROUP HUNT: The informal group hunt is being expanded to be our Spring Hunt and will be held Sunday May 22nd at Benton Park at Jefferson and Arsenal Streets. The hunt will start at 8:00 AM and go to about 3:00 PM. I will have a card table set up for members to meet at. Members will sign in when they arrive and may hunt until 3:00 or if they have to leave earlier, they can record their finds on the records sheet provided. Various finds categories have been established and silver coins (halves and quarters) will be given to winners of each category of find-Only one winning prize per entrant to allow for more winners. You do not have to be there at 3:00 to get your prize-it will be held for you. Hope to see you there as old coins have been found in this park in the past and there may still be more waiting for us to find. Judge's decision will be final and in event of a tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the winner.



St. Louis Co. Library
 Rock Road Branch
 10267 St. Charles Rk
 Road - Behind
 Brookes Bible school
 use Industrial Drive
 to access Parking
 Lot

NEW MEETING LOCATION
ROCK ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY
10267 St. Charles Rock Road
START TIME : 7:00 PM
Behind Brookes Bible School