MIDWEST COINSHOOTERS AND HISTORICAL CLUB

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Member FMDAC

Club Website: http://www.midwestcoinshooters.com

NEWSLETTER- JANUARY 21, 2016 VOLUME 32, ISSUE 1

MEETING LOCATION: Tharp Civic Center (Jennings),

8720 Jennings Station Road <u>Time:</u> 7:30 PM- 3rd Thursday (Except December)

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2016 MEETING-Next Meeting: FEBRUARY 18, 2016 Attendees: 32 plus 3 board members

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<u>MEETING MINUTES:</u> There was a good turnout for the meeting with first time attendees, Gregg Reichert and Michael Steimel, welcomed to the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Kelly Faust read the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted as read.

JANUARY MEETING: At the January meeting I discussed with members our upcoming plans for meetings, group hunts, presentation ideas, meeting themes, and other items that members want to see accomplished to make the club interesting and rewarding for them. There were "idea sheets" provided for members to write down any suggestions or ideas they have for the various categories above. Several good suggestions were provided and the Board members will work on incorporating them into the monthly meeting plans, the informal group hunts, and other activities the club will provide this year.

I told members about a new metal detecting club that is starting up in the South St. Louis area-the Gateway Metal Detecting Club which holds monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the Civil War Museum located at 222 Worth Road. Their website is:

www.gatewaymetaldetectingclub.com

FEBRUARY MEETING: Thanks to club member, Tim McNiff, for putting me in contact with an individual who is a Master Falconer. His name is Michael Beran and he will be at our February meeting to give a presentation on "Falconry". He will talk about his profession of falconry based bird abatement and told me he will bring along some birds to have on display during his presentation including an Eagle Owl, a Barn Owl, and a Harris Hawk. He indicated members will be provided a chance for a "hands on" experience with the birds. This should be a very informative presentation and provides an excellent

opportunity for our members to have an upclose interaction that you may never get again. Hope to see many of you at the meeting to take this all in. We will follow up on our plans for the year and, as usual, I will have some other topics for discussion.

SUGGESTIONS/IDEAS RECEIVED: Following are some of the suggestions and ideas received from members at the January meeting that will be looked into and incorporated into our activities in 2016 if possible. Contact a Board member if you have additional suggestions.

Potential hunt sites:

- -Older local parks
- -Private home sites
- -Out of state locations
- -Old farm sites
- -Parks Air College near Cahokia
- -Frank Holten State Park
- -Rock Road Parks/Public land

Any other suggestions welcomed

Finds Themes for meetings:

- -"Dangerous" finds (weapons, brass knuckles, knives, etc.)
- -Tokens
- -Rings/jewelry
- -Religious items
- -Civil War items (buttons, bullets, medals)
- -Marbles

Any other suggestions welcomed

Meeting themes/presentations:

- -Coin collecting
- -Preserving/restoring finds
- -Metal detecting/recovery methods
- -Story Telling
- -Civil War battles (Missouri and others)
- -Displaying your finds

Any other suggestions welcomed

Meeting Presentations:

- -From other hobby clubs
- -Local historians

- -Coin Dealers
- -Auction Dealers in St. Louis
- Collectors

Any other suggestions welcomed

Club hunt add ons:

- -One on One hunt
- -Accuracy Hunt
- -Artifact Hunt
- -Hula hoop hunt

Any other suggestions welcomed

If any member knows of an organization, hobby club, or individual and have a point of contact for one of these, please let the Board know and action will be taken to get in touch with that contact to see if arrangements can be made to have them come and give a presentation to the club. As usual, if a member has something interesting to pass onto our members such as a hobby, a skill, a good story, a collection, or anything else, just let a Board member know about it and time at a meeting will be made available to give a presentation. We love to hear from our members about their experiences and interests other than metal detecting.

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.

<u>CLUB WEBSITE:</u> 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.

INFORMAL GROUP HUNT: No hunt is planned for February. A schedule and locations will be developed and provided on the club website and in a future newsletter. Location ideas are appreciated.

FMDAC: Membership into the FMDAC for 2016 will be accepted at the February meeting and 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:

1898 Indian Head cent

Michael Steimel

Most Valuable US coin:

1898 Barber dime

Dan Forth

Most Valuable Item:

Diamond and emerald gold ring

Jack Kountz

Oddity:

Small brass signal cannon

Rick Moore

Consolation Prize:

Euclid Heavy Equipment watch fob

Robert Bierce

Silver raffle winners:

Roger Horrom (2), Greg Reichert, Tim Popp, Bob Wilderman, Carl Boekemier, Dan Forth, Rick Moore, and Pam Popp

50/50 winner: Kathy Crowell

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.

POTENTIAL METAL DETECTING SITES;

With winter weather still keeping us pretty much inside and unable to get out to metal detect, I thought that a list of potential sites might come in handy to stir your brain cells and get you thinking about places to go once the weather improves. While many of these are familiar to all of us, perhaps one or two might be new to you. Of Course, always get proper permission and do not trespass, and follow the treasure hunter's code of ethics at all times.

- 1. Parks
- 2. Schoolyards
- 3. Playgrounds
- 4. Fairgrounds
- 5. Picnic Areas
- 6. Recreational Vehicle Parks
- 7. Amusement Parks
- 8. Carnival Sites
- Swimming Areas such as Lakes and Rivers
- 10. Seaside Beaches
- 11. Sand, Dirt or Grassy Parking Areas
- 12. Old Home Sites
- 13. Old School Sites
- 14. Children's Summer Camps
- 15. Fishing Camps
- 16. Hunting Camps
- 17. Under Grandstands and Bleachers
- 18. Under Ski Lifts
- 19. Churchyards
- 20. Old Military Bases
- 21. Old Campgrounds
- 22. Roadside Produce Stands
- 23. Around any Resort Area
- 24. Stock Car Speedway
- 25. Small Circus Grounds
- 26. Abandoned areas
- 27. Winter sledding hills
- 28. Ice cream truck routes
- 29. Old railroad lines
- 30. Bus Stops
- 31. Airport public viewing areas