



opportunity for our members to have an up-close 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.

**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.

**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](http://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
9. 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