

NEW MEETING LOCATION: The May club meeting on at the St. Louis County Library-Rock Road worked out great for our first meeting. I want to thank those who helped set up the room (which really was quite minimal compared to our old location), those that helped with the raffle ticket sales, and the clean-up and carry out of the equipment when we left.

(Repeat of the remaining meeting schedule)

Meetings at the Rock Road branch library at

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

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

SPECIAL HUNT RESULTS: A special hunt was held on May 21st at the Every Child's Hope facility located at 8240 St. Charles Rock Road. The site dates back to 1858 so members were excited to get the opportunity to metal detect there. The weather was great and a larger than expected turn-out resulted. Within moments of getting started A. J. Phillips and his son Zach recovered a Shield nickel dated 1867. As the day went along, finds included Indian Cents from the 1800's and early 1900's, Mercury dimes and Roosevelt dimes were found, quite a few wheat cents, and, as usual, a large number of modern and clad coins were pulled from the ground. Some rings including gold and sterling silver came to see the light of day for the first time in a long time as well as a few jewelry items, oddities, tokens, and quite a bit of trash items including the typical pull tabs. It is hoped that all who participated enjoyed the chance to hunt such a site and went home

with at least a few "treasures". It is appreciated how all acted in a "professional manner" by filling all holes and removing all dug trash and disposing of it properly. Kelly will give a more detailed report at the June meeting of the finds made based on a summary of what was reported back to me by our members. I have also put together a letter to the Director of the facility, Mr. Mike Brennan thanking him for the opportunity to hunt the site along with the summary of finds. A big thanks goes to club members Tim McNiff and Carl Boekemier for their participation in giving a presentation to some of the boys who live at this facility and especially Tim for his work in setting up this whole endeavor and making it possible.

SPRING HUNT RESULTS: The Spring Hunt on May 22nd was held at Benton Park with seventeen members participating. The participation was a bit lower than expected- perhaps everyone was worn down from the day-long special hunt just the day before. The hunt went from about 8:00 AM to about 2:00 PM and silver halves and quarters were awarded for various categories of finds made. Twelve members reported their total money finds which came to \$26.23 from 383 coins found. The most valuable coin ended up being a 1962 Roosevelt dime, and the oldest coin was a 1919 cent. Prizes were also awarded for the oldest individual coins, most coins found, best jewelry, and best oddity. I arrived early and buried a special metal object which was good for a silver Kennedy half dollar figuring that as the day went along someone would surely find it and turn it in. That did not happen. After lunch, I told those still hunting the general direction to where it was buried and they headed out to find. After some amount of time and no success, I narrowed down the location and it was finally discovered by Christine Zika. She also won a prize for a jewelry item she found- a rather ornate cross. A man passing through

the park stopped and asked if anyone had found an ornate cross that his wife had lost about three weeks previously. When Christine showed us her cross find, we told her about the man's loss. He later stopped back and Christine showed him the cross, and he told her that it was not the one he lost. Here is a picture of her find:



Christine Zika's ornate cross find

Coin prize winners: Eric Hendricks, John Quinn, Roger Horrom, Duke Hardester, Mike Tiemann, Carl Boekemier, Rick Moore, Dan Forth, Jerry Ganahl, and Christine Zika (2)

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:

1895 Barber Dime-Tim McNiff

Most Valuable US coin:

1902S Barber Dime-Pam Popp

Most Valuable Item:

Sterling Silver ring-Jerry Ganahl

Oddity:

Devil Worship Pendant-John Quinn

Consolation Prize:

1897 Barber Quarter-Tim Popp

Silver raffle winners:

Mike Tiemann, Tim Popp, Pam Popp(2), Bobby Lewis, Heather Tiemann, Doug Bierce, Rick Moore, and Sam Monroe

50/50 winner: Tim McNiff

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.

INFORMAL GROUP HUNT: The informal group hunt will be held Sunday June 16th at Jones-Hall Park in East St. Louis, Illinois across from the Jackie Joyner Kersey recreation complex. Highway 64 at the 25th Street exit. Old coins have been found in this park in the past and there may still be more waiting for us to find.