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JANUARY MEETING: Notice the new location for the club meetings starting with the January through June meetings. As the new officers become familiar with their new duties, the meetings may not have a pre-determined outline of meeting activities, but the finds of the month and the silver and 50/50 raffles will continue. Special presentations will be put into to place as plans and details of arranging them are worked out. Inputs from members as to what they want to see take place at meetings is welcomed and should any member wish to do a presentation or knows of someone that would be willing to do a presentation, can inform Tim McNiff, Programs and Presentations committee chairman, or one of the Board members. Suggestions for informal hunt sites or other special hunt events can also be provided to Board members.

FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS: (

Oldest US Coin:

1877CC Seated Dime-Mike Tiemann

Most Valuable us Coin:

1892 Barber Quarter-Roger Horrom

Most Valuable Item:

14Kt Gold Ring-Eric Hanewinkel

Oddity:

One Penny Token-Susan Kuenzel

Consolation Prize:

Old Jail house lock-Doug Bierce

Silver raffle winners:

Bobby Lewis, Kelly Linder (2), Bob Wilderman, Mike Heisler, Mike Tiemann (2), Mark Avery, and one other

50/50 winner: Heather Tiemann

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.



Finds of the month: 14Kt gold ring-Eric Hanewinkel; Sterling silver ring-Mark Avery; Silver item-unknown; 1892 Barber Quarter-Roger Horrom; One Penny token-Susan Kuenzel; 1877CC Seated Dime-Mike Tiemann; and old jailhouse lock-Doug Bierce

CLUB DUES: Club dues for 2017 will 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. Notices of dues payment will continue to be sent with newsletters (via email or regular mail). Pay at a meeting or mail your dues payment to our treasurer, Kelly Linder, at the address at the beginning of this newsletter.

CLUB WEBSITE: The club website:

www.midwestcoinshooters.com is still in place. As this year begins, I will serve as webmaster and update the site as necessary with help from the new officers. If you have a good metal detecting story or another item you would like to add to the website, you can email me at rhorrom@charter.net with the write-up and it will be added to the website.

FMDAC: Membership payments for the FMDAC for 2017 will begin at the January meeting. If you want to learn more about the FMDAC and its activities, you can check it all out at their website: www.fmdac.org . It is assumed the membership cost will again be \$5.00 for 2017 and the new officers will bring you up to date on this early next year. The club treasurer will accept payment and mail payment off to the FMDAC and new membership cards will be distributed once received. It takes five members to become an "official FMDAC club" and currently our club is not listed on the FMDAC website as there are not five members who joined last year.

INFORMAL GROUP HUNT: The members at the November meeting decided to hold an informal group hunt at Creve Coeur Park, and some members did attend the hunt. Results of any finds at this time are unknown. As the new year begins, an informal group hunt schedule will be developed with dates and locations provided. It will be posted on the club website and in a future newsletter with hunts starting in March or April pending weather conditions. Inputs for sites to hunt are welcomed. As in the past, these hunts provide new inexperienced members and the more experienced members to get together to share comradery, provide guidance, share tips, and provide a teaching experience. Detector machines can be compared as well as retrieval techniques, new types of equipment and technology can be demonstrated, and finds can be compared and enjoyed by all. These hunts are, as the name implies, completely informal with starting time and quitting time at the attendees' discretion. Hunt sites are determined by their potential chance to provide older, historic finds and are available with proper permission for a group of members to hunt. These sites include older parks, school grounds, or even private

property.

WIRELESS HEADPHONE SYSTEM: Garrett Electronics has put together a wireless headphone package that allows the user to separate him from being "tethered" to his detector by the typical headphone cord. This allows for easier retrieval of the target as the cord is out of the way, does not pull the headphones off your head should you attempt to move to far from your detector while digging. The system known as Z-Lynk wireless adapter consists of a transmitter that easily attaches to the shaft of the detector and plugs into the headphone jack. There is a receiver which has a ¼ inch headphone socket that works with most all headphones and can be attached to one's belt or carried in a pocket. The receiver and transmitter are powered by batteries that can be recharged using the provided USB cables taking about 5 hours to recharge to achieve about 30 hours of use. While there are already various types of wireless headphone systems that exist for use with metal detectors, and some detectors already have built in wireless headphone systems, this package allows any detector and set of headphones to be made into a wireless set and provide very fast signal response while detecting. Garret indicates that the Garrett AT Pro detector will be updated in the future to an AT Pro 2 detector with the wireless system built in. Details including cost and a video demonstrating the use of this system can be found at the following internet link:

http://www.garrett.com/hobbysite/hbby_garrett_wireless_system.aspx

A video about the new AT Pro 2 machine for 2017 can be seen at:

<http://md-hunter.com/garrett-at-pro-2-new-2017/>

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