

NOVEMBER MEETING: To make everything official in putting the new officers into place, members attending this meeting will participate in a formal vote to elect the new officers. This will also provide the opportunity for any other member(s) to enter their name for consideration to serve on the Board as we don't want anyone to feel that they may have been left out of the process. Don't be shy if you wish to serve as an officer just because volunteers came forth. I hope we can get a good turnout so that all members have the opportunity to meet the new officers and welcome them their new positions and thank them for the future services they are about to provide. The November meeting is usually our "Party Meeting", but due to the rules of the library about having food in their meeting rooms, we will not have that type of meeting this year. We will have coffee as usual. Depending on time constraints, I will have some material to present if we need to fill time including the outlook for the club for 2017.

FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS: (

Oldest US Coin:
1836 Capped Bust half dime-Mike Tiemann
Most Valuable us Coin:
1852"O" Seated Liberty Half-Tim McNiff
Most Valuable Item:
Monster Gold Cross: Burt Thompson
Oddity:
1812 Infantry Button-Didn't get name
Consolation Prize:
Sterling Silver Cross-John Quinn

Silver raffle winners:

Mike Heisler (2), Bill Mathews, Burt Thompson, Jesse Draper (2), John Quinn, Libby Truetken, and Kelly Faust

50/50 winner: Sam Monroe

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.



Finds of the month: 1836 Capped bust half dime-Mike Tiemann; sterling ring-unknown; 1812 military button-unknown; monster gold cross-Burt Thompson; sterling silver cross, John Quinn; 1852"O" barber half-Tim McNiff

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 Faust, at the address at the beginning of this newsletter.

CLUB WEBSITE: The club website: www.midwestcoinshooters.com is still in place. As next 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: As it is late in the year, we will wait until next year to again take membership payments for the FMDAC for 2017. 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.

INFORMAL GROUP HUNT: The October informal group hunt was held at Forest Park with quit a few coins found, including a silver Roosevelt dime, a 1942 Mercury dime, an 1892 Barber quarter, and several older wheat cents by various members. This month's group hunt will be dependent on the weather forecast for Sunday the 20th. If the weather looks like it will be good, a decision will be made at the meeting on a park to hunt and an email will be sent out on Friday the 18th to let those know who were not at the club meeting.

SOME LAST THOUGHTS: I want to finish off this newsletter with the following thoughts. I have served as President of this club for 21 years and it has been a very enjoyable endeavor. I have had several different members who have served with me on the Board in various positions and I want to thank all of them for their service and the fine job they did and the help they provided in many ways to make the club the success it has been over all these years. And of course, my thanks goes to all the club members who are currently with the club, may no longer be with the club, and those members who were with us who have passed away but continue to remain in our memories. The club has remained successful due to the generosity of all its members which includes the volunteering of their time at club events, the support of the club treasury through the purchase of raffle tickets, and their donations of prizes and other items for various club events. I have a ton of

wonderful memories and stories, good times shared among others with the same interest as mine in this great and rewarding hobby of metal detecting, the comradery shared with members at club hunts, meetings, and events, and the knowledge gained about the history of our area from the many metal detecting finds we have all made over these many years. We are all truly lucky to live in such an historic location as St. Louis, Missouri and the surrounding communities. In gathering up and organizing the large amount of material, to be passed on to the new Board members, related to the many years of club activities, many great memories were freshened in my mind. These included the several evidence searches, in association with various law enforcement groups, that some of our members participated in and the recognition we received for our efforts. Of course, all the good times shared by members at the annual Fall Hunts were brought back to mind as I reviewed the photos taken at them. Many highlights during my service were the wonderful and various themed presentations given at club meetings by club members and various guests-what a range of topics were covered-remember the live birds, the working honey bee hive, and the authentically dressed Civil War re-enactor who addressed us? Also, included in my memory are the photos of people who lost a ring or other valuable personal item with a large smile on their face as me or one of our members returned the item to them? I do plan to stay active with the club and look forward to many years of enjoying this hobby with club members, but it has come time to pass the reigns on to others who will continue the legacy of this great club that has been around since January of 1980. Thanks to all of you for allowing me to serve you for so long.