

FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS: (Due to low coins found, categories were revised)

Oldest Coin:

1859 Canadian one cent-Amberly Brown
Small silver baseball glove-Tim McNiff
RCF Initiation Medallion-Mike Tiemann
Large Cardinals baseball glove-R. Horrom
Old Ice House Padlock-Andrew Machens

Silver raffle winners:

Bob Teich (2), Kelly Faust, Doug Bierce, Lois Tobin, Tim McNiff, Andrew Machens, and Mike Heisler

50/50 winner: Mike Sass

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.



Finds of the month: Portable radio-Mike Sass, small silver ball glove-Tim McNiff, 1897 Barber Dime-Dan Forth, Cardinals ball glove- Roger Horrom, Old Padlock-Andrew Machens, Oxygen valve-Kelly Linder, 1859 Canadian Cent-Amberly Brown, RCF Initiation Medallion-Mike Tiemann

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 club website:

www.midwestcoinshooters.com is still in place. 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: 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 .

INFORMAL GROUP HUNT: The September informal group hunt was held at Carondolet Park with quit a few coins found, however, none of them that I know of were old or silver. This month's group hunt will be held on the 23rd at Forest Park at Highway 40/64 and Hampton. Old coins have been found in this park in the past and there may still be more waiting for us to find. This is a good opportunity for the newer members to work with those with more detecting experience to hone their skills. Come as early as you wish and stay as late as you care to.

LETTER TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS: Here is the letter I sent by email to members regarding volunteers to serve as new club officers:

As many of you know, our club has been in existence since the early 1980's. It has been successful over all these years due to a continuing strong and generous membership. Our club represents a hobby that all of us enjoy-metal detecting and the excitement of finding "treasure" and helping us to understand the history of the past that surrounds all of us. I am submitting this letter to each of you in an effort to determine if,

you as an individual wish to see the club continue to provide the opportunity for each of us to participate in this hobby as a group and an organized club. The current Board members: Roger Horrom, President; Bill Mathews, Vice President; and Kelly Faust, Treasurer have served in their respective positions for many years. Here is the first paragraph from the January 1995 club meeting minutes: "Roger introduced himself as the new President and Libby Truetken as the Vice President and he thanked all for braving the lousy weather". It is beyond my comprehension that now, 21 years after that point in time, that I would still be holding that rewarding position. Having worked hard for all these years to keep the club going, I have reached point where I feel that it is time to turn over this job to a new, perhaps younger person, who has the energy and compassion to continue my goals of making this club enjoyable for all, to maintain the interest in this great hobby for the current members and those who may join us in the future, and to continue, in general, to support the hobby in the St. Louis area and throughout the country. In talking with both Bill and Kelly, they have informed me that they also are ready to allow their positions to be filled by new people. It is based on these decisions that I am asking you to consider whether you are interested in volunteering to step forward to fill a position on the Board. Positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and according to our club Constitution and Bylaws (yes, these documents do exist), Associate Board members include: Publicity Chairman, Program Chairman, Librarian, Membership Chairman, and an Ad Hoc Committee Chairman. Though the club has been operating for some time without all these positions being filled, perhaps it is time to consider filling all of these to allow for smoother operation and more personal involvement by more members. Based on

the previous discussion, the current Board would like to have new Board members in place for the start of year in January 2017. To be successful in accomplishing this, I am encouraging members to attend the October and November club meetings where any members wishing to fill the Board positions will be announced and elections or appointments to those positions will be determined. If you have an interest in filling a Board position, you may make it known by emailing or calling one of us prior to the October meeting, or letting members know at the meeting. Current Board members will provide all necessary training, Club materials, and anything required by the new Board members to allow for a smooth and complete transition from old to new. Should you have any questions about specific requirements for each of the Board positions, you may call me for more details. It is hoped that a sufficient response is received to fill the Board positions, and of course, should this not occur, the existence of the club is put into jeopardy. I really do not want to see this happen, but should that situation result, a plan to dissolve the club and disperse all its holdings will be developed. Please do not let this happen to this wonderful club. With new blood, new ideas, and new enthusiasm, this club can continue to exist, to grow, and to provide the wonderful experience of participating in the hobby of metal detecting and sharing those experiences with people who have the same interest. We are hoping to hear from you, your Midwest Coinshooters and Historical Club Board members. Responses may be emailed or called to a Board member using the information at the top of this newsletter.

FALL HUNT RESULTS: Following is the write up of the annual Fall Hunt. Thanks to all who helped make it a great success. The cake was made by Susan Kuenzel.

The annual Fall Hunt was held on September 18th with the day starting out a bit humid, some overcast, but fairly warm. The day before club members Eric and Emma Hendricks, Jim and Kathy Simon, Dan Forth, Michael Sass, Tim and Pam Popp, Drew Smith, Paul Cords, and Roger Horrom buried targets in the three fields and prepared the area for the next day's activities-a big thanks to them for their help. On Sunday morning, the 73 hunters and 16 family members registered and the raffle ticket sales began. Members discussed the day's upcoming hunts as they readied their detecting equipment. At 10:00 AM the Cash Payout hunt began with \$5.00 cash prize targets waiting to be found as well as a one good for a gold coin found by Joe Hettel and another for a Garrett Pro Pinpointer found by Ted Parker. Thirty six members found the 60 cash prize targets and twelve members went home with a nice Garrett prize. The first all silver coins hunt began at 11:00 AM where members could find targets good for silver dimes or half dollars and another gold coin found by John Quinn and a pinpointer found by John Kozlowski. Following this hunt the pot luck picnic lunch was set up and members lined up to partake in the excellent food dishes brought by members. The hamburgers and hot dogs had been cooked prior to this and thanks go to helpers Tim McNiff, Dennis Machens, Doug Bierce, Jim Simon, Susan Kuenzel, and Micha Popp. Later in the day members voted the best main dish item was the Spinach Casserole made by Andrew Machens' mother and the best desert was the Apple coffee cake made by Jane Hanewinkel. Each received a nice silver half dollar as a prize. The second all silver coins hunt began about 1:00 PM with targets good for Morgan dollars, one ounce silver rounds, and silver quarters. The gold coin target was found by Roland Kuenzel and the pinpointer target by Mark Avery. Susan Kunzel found the Charlie Guthrie memorial prize token

good for a nice coin provided by David Guthrie and the Guthrie family members. Following this last hunt, members returned to the main building where tickets for the 50/50 raffle, the Garrett products raffle, and the one ounce rounds raffle took place. Thanks go to young member Jacob Moutray for helping on the ticket drawing and Drew Smith for coordinating these raffles. Amberly Brown took home a nice cash prize from the 50/50 raffle, Mike Sass won the Garrett AT Pro detector, A. J. Phillips won the Ace 350 detector, Roger Horrom won the Pro Pinpointer, and several other members took home headphones, digger tools, carrying cases, and other Garrett products. Thanks go again this year to Garrett for their support of our Fall Hunt. Thirty-one members won one ounce silver rounds in the rounds raffle. With the raffles all complete members gathered up their equipment and the area was cleaned up and members began to leave. I want to thank those members Lisa Smith, Kelly Faust, and Drew Smith who helped with the raffle ticket sales and registration. Thanks go to those that helped throughout the day with various chores such as the lunch set-up, clean-up, and cooking and those that helped me at the end of the day with packing my car including Tim and Pam Popp, Doug Bierce, and perhaps others that I am forgetting at this time. It was a very successful hunt and could only have happened because of the generosity of the time and help our members provided.

