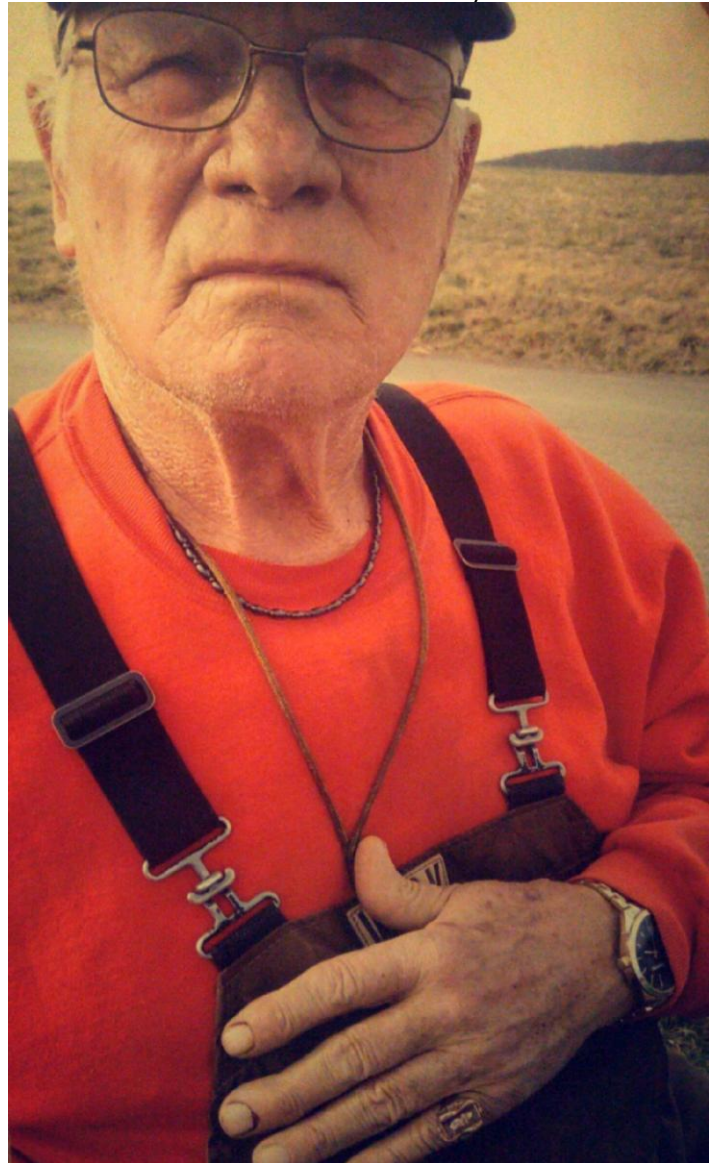


LOST RING RETURNED: I sent out the following story to our club members with email addresses, but wanted to include it here for those who get U. S. mail copies of the newsletter. From club member, David Guthrie: On February 2nd of this year, while hunting along the Hinkson Creek in Columbia, I found a beautiful man's gold class ring from Linn High School, class of 1959 with the initials E.S. on it. To find who E.S. was, I first tried the Linn H.S. Alumni site, but only the alumni had access. Then I called the High School and asked if anyone could help me find E.S. The school librarian took my number and said she would look at the yearbooks and get back to me. A week passed and I still had no word. Fortunately, my wife's boss just happened to be a Linn H.S. grad and her sister still worked at the school. With that connection, I finally received a name and a number of someone from the class of '59 with the initials E.S. and last they heard of him, he was living south of Chicago. I crossed my fingers, and called the number. Eugene S. answered and I asked him if he was, in fact, a 1959 grad from Linn High School in Missouri. He said yes!!! Then I asked him, if he had ever spent some time at Hinkson Creek, located in Columbia. He answered, all the time! Then I told him, i think I found something that belongs to you, and I would like to return it to you. Did you lose your class ring??? He said "I don't know!" As it turned out, that Eugene dated a girl back in '61-62, and he gave her his class ring. They went their separate ways, but she never gave the ring back. So it was her who either lost or threw the ring away. So Eugene and I think the ring had been in the ground since 1962. He was very happy and surprised I was returning the ring to him. He wanted to know what I wanted for finding the ring, I told him I just wanted the ring to be returned to where it belonged after all these years. Eugene was kind enough to send me a picture of him wearing the ring, after being

returned to him more than 50 years later.



Eugene S. with his ring after 50+ years

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:

1834 Capped Bust 5 cent-Eric Hanewinkel

Most Valuable US coin:

1895S Barber Half-Dan Forth

Most Valuable Item:

14K Gold Ring-Sam Monroe

Oddity:

Miniature Brass Dragon-Tim McNiff

Consolation Prize:

Civil War GAR Medal-Leo Kourtesis

Silver raffle winners:

Carl Boekemeier (2), Tom Miller (2), Pat Milligan, Jerry Ganahl, Michael Sass, Bill Dalton, and Sam Monroe

Bonus Silver Round donated by Ben Neff:
Mike Heisler

50/50 winner: Gabe Young

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.

INFORMAL GROUP HUNT: The informal group hunt will be at Spanish Lake Park on Spanish Pond Road off Bellefontaine Road in north St. Louis County. Good coins have been found here in the past and, perhaps, a few more can be coaxed from the ground. The hunt last month was impacted by snow

falling in the morning and I am not aware if any of our members attended-I did not. Come as early as you want to these hunts and stay as late as you wish. It is a good opportunity to learn from others who may have more experience.

CHECK THOSE PUDDLES: In the last Lost Treasure Magazine newsletter I emailed to members was a story about finding surface coins on parking lots, along roadsides, and other locations. Here is my recent experience that this method works. A few of us in my subdivision gather to clean a roadside ditch of trash once or twice a year just to keep the "neighborhood" looking tidy. I arrived early for this effort a couple of weeks ago and began picking up paper scraps and trash in a grassy area behind a local business. I was near the corner of a shopping center parking lot that sloped downhill next to the grassy area. I glanced over to the blacktop of the parking lot and noticed a puddle about 10" in diameter and I saw a quarter lying in the water. Seems the puddle was formed just below a drop off in the broken edge of the blacktop in a gravel runoff area. I reached into the puddle and retrieved the coin and, now being closer, I saw more coins in the puddle. With each time I scraped my hand along the bottom of the hole, I came up with more coins. When I finally completed this process, I had recovered \$2.76 in quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies and even one Spanish coin. In surveying the area, I determined that during heavy rains, this entire large parking lot floated coins along the surface and downhill into this "natural gathering area", the puddle at the edge of the blacktop. I am not sure how long these coins may have been collecting there, but I know I will be back to check it out after the next big rainstorm. Some of my detecting outings haven't produced as well as this one 10" puddle.

