



away some prizes to members who could answer some questions he posed to them to see how well they had paid attention. Another great job by Mark was appreciated by those in attendance.

### **REMAINING MEETINGS:**

In September, it is hoped to have a demonstration by a St. Louis pigeon racing club. In October, Mike Moutray will give a presentation on his Forest Park collection. The November meeting will be our last meeting of the year and will be our party meeting with members who wish to do so, bringing a snack item to share and as has been done in the past, we will play Bingo and some prizes will be awarded. Finally, still looking for members to give a short presentation or talk on themselves, their machines, and favorite finds. This would be a terrific way for the club members to get to know each other better. Additional presentations for next year's meetings are being put into to place as plans and details of arranging them are worked out. Inputs from members is requested as to what they want to see take place at meetings and should any member wish to do a presentation or knows of someone that would be willing to do a presentation, please inform Tim McNiff, Programs and Presentations committee chairman, or one of the Board members. As we try to bring exciting new opportunities or ideas to our club, suggestions for informal hunt sites or other special hunt events are welcomed by the Board members.

### **AUGUST INFORMAL HUNT:**

The August Hunt was held at Willmore Park in St. Louis, MO. About 12 to 15 members were there amongst the Frisbee tournament that was taking place in the park. At least one Mercury dime was found (John Kozlowski) along with a few wheat cents and some other interesting items such as the two-foot-long metal skewer by Christine Zika, and an

interesting bus token by Mark Avery.

### **TRADE/SWAP/SELL:**

We are starting another new aspect to our meetings! Bring your extra detectors, detecting equipment (hats, pouches, headphones, etc.), finds (coins, tokens, etc.) For those interested in trading, swapping, or selling, show up 30 minutes early (6:30-7:00) to meet with other members. How many of us have extra gear to trade or sell? How many folks collect coins, but are missing a relatively common date and have extras of other dates? If members are interested, this will become a monthly thing!

### **NEW "SCAVENGER HUNT" CONTEST FOR 2017!!**

The club has decided to host a "Scavenger Hunt" for 2017. The hunt began 20 January and will end at the November Meeting. Prizes will be for the first, second, and third place winners. Below is the list of things to find and the rules:

ITEMS TO FIND: (must be detected)

1. National Park US Quarter
2. Metal Toy – Soldier, Cowboy, or Indian
3. Box or Open-end wrench
4. Red, Green, and Black pulltab
5. Brass hinge, architectural knocker, knob, or drawer handle
6. Ammunition
7. Pocket knife
8. Pre-1970 Dog License or Vaccination Tag
9. Token, not a Tax Token (see #16)
10. 2 Foreign Coins
11. 1958 Wheat penny
12. Skeleton Key
13. Gold Ring with Stone
14. Religious Item
15. Old Car or House Key
16. State Tax Token
17. Silver Charm
18. Knife, Fork, AND Spoon
19. Button with Maker name
20. A RED Die cast or Matchbox-type vehicle

**RULES:** Member with the highest number of finds is the winner. A found item can be used in only one category and only one item per category. Tracking sheets are at each meeting, and summary is below. The Honor System will apply, but it would be interesting if the items were brought to the monthly meeting so we can keep a status of who is currently leading and what items were found. Tie breaker will be by date. Prizes are 3 silver rounds (or free membership and 2 silver rounds) for first, 2 silver rounds for second, and 1 silver round for third. Please contact a board member if you have any questions.

**CURRENT STANDINGS as of the July Meeting:**

NAME	POINTS
Richard Thies	4
Eric Hanewinkel	11
Tom Miller	14
Sam Allard	2
Andrew Machens	5
Sam Monroe	2
Tim McNiff	5
John Quinn	12
Jerry Ganahl	3
Jim Russell	1
Christine Zika	4
Chris Koehler	6
Carl Boekemier	5
Mike Tiemann	7
Jesse Draper	8
Amberly Brown	2
Mark Avery	2

**FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:**

Only five finds were submitted so the categories were adjusted-here are the finds:  
 1893 Post office button-Eric Hanewinkel  
 One-dollar Missouri tax token-Kathy Crowell  
 Gold ring with stones-Doug Bierce  
 1861 Russian Copec coin-Tom Miller  
 Sterling silver spoon from Union Lounge club-

Mark Avery

Silver raffle winners:

Bill Dalton (3), Bill Harrington, Rich Crowell, Richard Thies, Mark Avery, Bobby Hughes, and Roger Horrom,

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.

**FALL HUNT – 24 Sept:** A hunt flyer was included in last month’s newsletter and can be seen on the club website. We hope to see you all there! Volunteers to bury targets and prepare the site are needed on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> about 9:00 AM. At the September meeting, we will be selling the raffle tickets for the metal detectors, pin pointers, metal detecting equipment and silver rounds in case you can’t make it to the hunt and still want a chance to win!

**CLUB DUES CHANGED!!!!:** Club dues for 2018 process has CHANGED!! Dues will now be due during January of 2018 for the 2018 year. Members whose dues are normally due in OCT/NOV/DEC 2017 will NOT have to pay for this year. This change is due to the time-consuming task of attempting to keep track of the by-month system. This will save the officers a significant amount of time each month. The dues will remain at \$25.00 for individual membership and \$10.00 for each additional family member living at the same address. Pay at a meeting or mail your dues payment to our treasurer, Kelly Linder, at the address at the beginning of this newsletter.

**Note:** Dues for 2017 must be paid up through September 2017 to participate in this year’s Fall Hunt. If you are due in September (check your current membership card), please pay at the September meeting or mail your payment by September 23<sup>rd</sup> to Kelly Linder, Treasurer.

**CLUB WEBSITE:** The club website: [www.midwestcoinshooters.com](http://www.midwestcoinshooters.com) is still in place. Roger 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 him at [rhorrorm@charter.net](mailto:rhorrorm@charter.net) with the write-up and it will be added to the website.

**FMDAC:** Membership payments for the FMDAC for 2018 will begin at the January 2018 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](http://www.fmdac.org). It is assumed the membership cost will again be \$5.00 for 2018. 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:** A schedule of informal groups has not been made for this year as locations have been determined at each club meeting. With the Fall Hunt on September 24<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> the day we will be burying targets, there will not be an informal hunt that weekend. In years past the September informal hunt has been held the weekend BEFORE THE CLUB MEETING which would be on the 16<sup>th</sup> this year. The Board members will be consulted and if they decide to hold a hunt then, an email will be sent out to members with the location. 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 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.

**MINELAB EXPLORER XS FOR SALE:** Jerry Ganahl, 314-434-6590, has for sale a Minelab Explorer XS for \$400. This detector includes 2 coils (8 and 11 inch), headphones, 2 battery packs (1 rechargeable, 1 for 8 batteries), the manual, a hip mount kit, and a really good book by Andy Sabisch called "Mastering the Minelab Explorer XS & S". Please contact Jerry if interested.