

Code of Ethics to be available at stores selling metal detectors and possibly included with purchase to promote metal detecting and our club. A discussion was also held on forming a Community Service Committee, where volunteers would look for lost items by the public. John Quinn will get a copy of the Gateway Club's rules and agreements for the PR Committee to decide if this will work for our club. Finally, any club member who finds hazardous material (needles, ammo, razor blades, broken glass, etc.), can e-mail a picture and where found to John Quinn. He will include it in the newsletter as a way to demonstrate to civilian leaders the benefits of allowing metal detecting in parks, etc. Also, if anyone has any more ideas please contact any club officer.

Special thanks to Cliff, Rozar, Bill Carroll, and Kyle ???? from the St. Louis Suburban Radio Club for giving an outstanding presentation on Ham radio operations and community assistance. It was a fascinating brief.

In August, Mark Avery will give a presentation on coins from the Frankincense trade. In Sept we will have a brief by a pigeon racing club in St. Louis. In Oct, Mike Moutray will give a presentation on his Forest Park collection. 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 are being put into to place as plans and details of arranging them are worked out. Inputs from members was 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, can 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.

JULY HUNT:

The July Hunt was held at Creve Coeur Park in St. Louis, MO. Several people showed up despite the prediction of 103+ degree heat. Brave souls!!

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	10
Tom Miller	14
Sam Allard	2
Andrew Machens	3
Sam Monroe	2
Tim McNiff	4
John Quinn	12
Jerry Ganahl	3
Jim Russell	1
Christine Zika	4
Chris Koehler	5
Carl Boekemier	5
Mike Tiemann	7
Jesse Draper	8

FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:

Oldest US Coin: 1909 Barber dime – Eric Hanewinkel
 Most Valuable US Coin: 1900 Barber Quarter – Amberly Brown
 Most Valuable Item: 14K gold/diamond earring – Mike Sass
 Oddity: Cupid Statue – Doug Bierce
 Consolation Prize: 1690's Military Button – Andrew Machens

Silver raffle winners:

Tim McNiff, Bill Harrington (2), Amberly Brown, Andrew Machens, John Quinn, Duke Hardester, Mark Avery, and Tim White. Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.

FALL HUNT – 24 Sept: Included in this month's newsletter is an information sheet on the Fall Hunt on 24 Sept at Turner Camp Park. We hope to see you all there!

Beginning next meeting, we will begin selling the raffle tickets for the metal detectors, pin pointers, metal detecting equipment and silver rounds!

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.

CLUB WEBSITE: The club website: 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 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: 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. Inputs for sites to hunt are welcomed and members were asked if they know of sites large enough to allow up to 20 hunters. 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 real good book by Andy Sabiscott called "Mastering the Minelab Explorer XS & S". Please contact Jerry if interested.

MIDWEST COINSHOOTERS AND HISTORICAL CLUB
37th ANNUAL FALL HUNT
SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 24th, 2017
TURNER CAMP PARK-CLUB & FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY

A FUN DAY OF HUNTS INCLUDING:

A CASH PAYOUT HUNT AND TWO ALL SILVER HUNTS

POT LUCK PICNIC LUNCH (HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, AND SODAS PROVIDED BY THE CLUB)-MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING A FOOD ITEM TO SHARE,

RAFFLES: SILVER COIN MINI-RAFFLES, A 50/50, GARRETT DETECTORS AND PRODUCTS RAFFLE, AND A SILVER ROUNDS/ MORGAN DOLLARS RAFFLE

9:00-REGISTRATION- \$25.00 ENTRY FEE TO HUNT IN ALL THREE HUNTS

\$5.00 ENTRY FEE FOR EACH ATTENDEE (HUNTING OR NOT) TO COVER PARK USE FEE.

10:00-CASH PAYOUT HUNT-A 30 MINUTE TIMED CASH PAYBACK TYPE HUNT- \$5.00 CASH PRIZE FOR EACH SPECIALLY MARKED TARGET PAID TO THE FINDER FOR EACH ONE FOUND. TOKENS INCLUDED FOR A GARRETT PRO PINPOINTER, OTHER GARRETT ITEMS, AND A TWO PESO GOLD COIN.

11:00-SILVER HUNT #1- HUNT FOR PAID-UP MEMBERS.TARGETS INCLUDE ALL SILVER HALVES AND DIMES, AND TOKENS FOR A GARRETT PRO PINPOINTER AND A TWO PESO GOLD COIN. SPECIALLY MARKED TARGETS CAN BE REDEEMED FOR THE HALVES AND DIMES FOLLOWING THE HUNT.

12:00-LUNCH TIME-HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS AND SODAS PROVIDED BY CLUB. MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING A FOOD ITEM TO SHARE; A PRIZE GOES TO THE MEMBER THAT IS VOTED FOR AS BRINGING THE BEST FOOD ITEM. THANKS FOR SHARING! VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SET UP AND PREPARE THE COOKED FOOD ARE APPRECIATED.

1:30-SILVER HUNT#2-OPEN TO ALL PAID-UP DUES MEMBERS. THIS BIG HUNT OF THE DAY INCLUDES SPECIALLY MARKED TARGETS FOR MORGAN SILVER DOLLARS, ONE OUNCE SILVER ROUNDS, SILVER QUARTERS AND TOKENS FOR A GARRETT PRO PINPOINTER AND A TWO PESO GOLD COIN.

2:45-RAFFLE DRAWINGS/PRIZE COLLECTION- DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD FOR THE 50/50 RAFFLE, THE ROUNDS/ MORGAN DOLLARS RAFFLE (ONE PRIZE ADDED FOR EACH \$20 OF TICKETS SOLD), AND THE GARRETT PRODUCTS RAFFLE WITH AN AT-PRO GOLD DETECTOR, ACE 250, DETECTOR, A PRO PINPOINTER, PLUS OTHER GARRETT ITEMS. TICKET SALES GO ALL DAY. THREE MINI-RAFFLES FOR SILVER COINS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE DAY AT CERTAIN TIMES.

3:30-CLOSE OF HUNT AND CLEAN UP- HELP WITH CLEANING UP THE PARK WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED, ALL LEFT-OVER FOOD SHOULD BE REMOVED BY OWNER. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

RULES: PAID UP-TO-DATE MEMBERSHIP, NO RENEWALS ON HUNT DAY.

MAKE SURE YOUR DUES ARE PAID BY THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

FILL ALL HOLES!!! TARGETS ARE SHALLOW. NO LARGE DIGGING TOOLS. SMALL TROWELS, KNIVES, AND PROBES ALLOWED. NO TEAM HUNTING (EXCEPT FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN).

HUNTMASTER'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL. NEITHER MIDWEST COINSHOOTERS AND HISTORICAL CLUB NOR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS AND OR PERSONAL PROPERTY. DO NOT LEAVE DETECTORS AND EQUIPMENT UNATTENDED.

HUNT IS HELD RAIN OR SHINE, SO COME PREPARED.

DIRECTIONS: FROM ST. LOUIS TAKE 55 SOUTH TO RICHARDSON ROAD/ WEST OUTER ROAD EXIT 190, GO SOUTH 2 ½ MILES ON OUTER ROAD, TURNER CAMP IS ON THE RIGHT. LOOK FOR SIGNS

HAVE FUN-BE CAREFUL-GOOD LUCK TO ALL