



members park across Guthrie in the North end of the Dollar General parking lot. Meeting start time and the third Thursday of the month remains the same. Doors will open between 6:00 and 6:30 PM.

Meeting dates:

July 20th

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

Discussions were held for next year on a club officer hiding a "club coin/token" around the local area and developing hints each week as to location. The finder of the coin/token would win a prize, as yet TBD.

Special thanks to Barbara Weeks and Ellen Alwood for giving an outstanding presentation on collecting Victorian era (and newer) buttons. Fascinating and interesting brief, AND one in which it is possible to find an interesting button with a metal detector!

In June, we will have an expert in pocket knives brief, so be prepared to bring those knives, you have detected! In July, we will have a presentation by a ham radio operator. Finally, still looking for members to give a short presentation or talk on themselves, their machines, and favorite finds was held. 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.

### **MAY SPRING HUNT:**

The May Spring Hunt was held at Carondelet Park at Loughborough and Grand in St. Louis on 21 May. Many hunters found wheat pennies, jewelry, and several found silver coins. We had seventeen members participate in the hunt and nine members won prize coins for their finds. Andrew Machens found the one ounce silver round "special coin" using the clue sheet provided at the beginning of the hunt. It was in the center of the round-about circle located in the park. Each participant would win a prize in one category, so if one person had qualifying finds in multiple categories, such as John Quinn who found the diamond ring, had the most coins found (70), and the most total coin value (\$4.89), he won the prize for the ring. Only two people found any nickels, so that is why the nickel date was 2015. It is noted that of the members who filled in their finds results, there was total of 255 coins found and the total value was \$20.34.

Winners of either a Franklin half dollar or a Barber quarter for their finds in the various categories are;

Oldest Cent-1927-Kelly Carroll

Oldest Nickel-2015-Chris Koehler

Oldest Dime-1967-Tim McNiff

Oldest Quarter-1979-Bill Harrington

Total Number of coins-41-Roger Horrom

Total coin value-\$2.86-Jesse Draper

Oldest U.S. Coin-1887 Indian cent-Jake Carroll

Most Valuable U.S. coin-1900 Barber Dime-Gabe Young

Most valuable Jewelry item-14K Men's gold ring with diamonds-John Quinn

Oddity-Chuckee Cheeze token-Carl Boekemier

### **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 May Meeting:**

NAME	POINTS
Richard Thies	4
Eric Hanewinkel	8
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	5
Chris Koehler	4
Carl Boekemier	3
Mike Tiemann	7
Jesse Draper	8

**FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:**

Oldest US Coin: 1892 Indian Head Penny – Pam Popp

Most Valuable US Coin: 1907 Barber Half – Andrew Machens

Most Valuable Item: 18K gold ring – Tim McNiff

Oddity: Railway Watch Fob – Tom Miller

Consolation Prize: Sterling silver ring – Doug Bierce

**Silver raffle winners:**

Jesse Draper (3), Andrew Machens (2), Eric

Hanewinkel, Tim McNiff, Jerry Craft, and Kelly Linder. Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.

**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](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 [rhorrrom@charter.net](mailto:rhorrrom@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](http://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 a 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.