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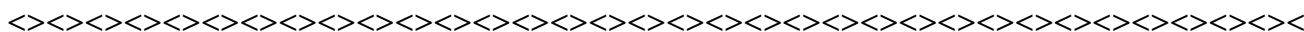
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NEWSLETTER-

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MEETING LOCATION: 9351 Guthrie Ave, Woodson Terrace, MO 63136

Time: 7:00 PM- 3RD THURSDAY



MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2017 MEETING-Next Meeting: NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Attendees: 37 plus 2 board members!!!!

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MEETING MINUTES: There was a nice turnout as many members wanted to take advantage of seeing member Mike Moutray's presentation and displays of his detecting finds from many years of hunting Forest Park. Guests Mary Goheen and Rodney Adams were welcomed to the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Kelly Linder, reported on the current status of the club treasury and Roger Horrom gave a detailed financial report on the results of the Fall Hunt. The treasury is in good shape for the start of the upcoming year. Kelly did let the club members know that due to personal reasons he would not be able to remain Treasurer beginning with January of 2018. This is a key position on the Board and it is hoped that a member will come forward and volunteer to

fill this position. Training will be provided and while not completely necessary, some experience in handling financial records, preparing treasurers reports, and some computer skills would be helpful. If you would like to volunteer, contact Doug Bierce or Kelly Linder soon so the transition process can begin and a new treasurer can be in place to begin work in January. As a Board member, your club dues are waived. Attendance at each club meeting by the new treasurer will assure that timely reporting and membership renewal takes place.

MEETING LOCATION:

The meeting site, the **Old Woodson Terrace City Hall Building**, 9351 Guthrie Ave in Woodson Terrace, MO 63134 is working out well and our use of the facility for 2018 has been arranged. It is one block South of

Natural Bridge Road at the intersection of Woodson Road (Highway EE) and Guthrie on the East side of Woodson Road just behind the 7-11 located on the corner.

OCTOBER MEETING:

Discussion took place on working with St. Louis County park officials to re-write the metal detecting rules for hunting in County Parks. Chris Koehler has been in contact with them and will provide the county with proposed set of rules for their review and potential approval. Chris will update the members at a future meeting. The "save your dug trash" program continues and members may bring their trash to club meetings and turn it in to Doug Bierce. It will be used to demonstrate how much trash is being removed from parks and other sites to help sell our plans to park officials. The highlight of the meeting was Mike Moutray's presentation on his Forest Park collection. Mike enjoys doing his presentation to club members from time to time as he feels he demonstrates to members that if one is willing to do research, have perseverance, are willing to put in the time and effort, they too, can be successful as a metal detectorist and end up with results such as Mike had on display. Mike has hunted Forest Park, site of the 1904 World's Fair, for many years and with his many tables filled with coins, artifacts, and other collectibles demonstrates he has had great success. From several gold pocket watch cases found in the muck of a drained lake bottom, from 1000's of silver coins and bullets, from old bottles and jewelry, from porcelain insulators dating to the World's Fair, to various badges, toys, foreign coins Mike has a tremendous amount of finds. His diligence in cataloging all his finds and even creating a map of the park with 1000's of pins marking the location of those finds, demonstrates Mike's dedication to learning about the history of the park and sharing that information with others. As he

has done in the past, Mike gave a wonderful presentation and while he is the first to admit it is a lot of work to put on such a display and tell about his finds, he truly enjoys sharing his experience with members and hopes it will encourage at least some of them to dedicate themselves to the hobby as Mike has done. Photos from the presentation:



Mike Moutray telling his stories



Drained lake cache finds



NOVEMBER MEETING:

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 silver coin prizes will be awarded. Other old and new business items will be discussed and plans for next year will be covered such as meeting presentations, a new Treasurer, informal hunt schedule, spring hunt, and the annual Fall Hunt. Club membership is remaining steady, we have a fine meeting place, and meeting attendance remains good, so the future of the club looks promising and with all members help will continue for some time.

NEW "SCAVENGER HUNT" CONTEST FOR 2017!!

Our "Scavenger Hunt" for 2017 ends at the November meeting and following final tally of finds, prizes will be awarded. They are three silver rounds for first place (or free membership and two silver rounds), two rounds for second, and one round for third. Below is the finds list.

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

CURRENT STANDINGS as of October Meeting:

NAME	POINTS
Tom Miller	15
John Quinn	14
Jesse Draper	13
Eric Hanewinkel	12
Mike Tiemann	10
Mark Avery	9
Carl Boekemier	9
Tim McNiff	7
Chris Koehler	6
Christine Zika	5
Andrew Machens	5
Richard Thies	4
Jerry Ganahl	3
Sam Monroe	2
Sam Allard	2
Amberly Brown	2
Jim Russell	1
Ed Meyer	1
Bill Harrington	1

As you can see, the standings are close and it will be exciting to see who is the winner. Tiebreaker will be decided by date or another process. It has been decided that we will have another Scavenger Hunt in 2018, with the 20 categories to be decided at the January meeting. Bring your ideas!

FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:

Oldest U. S. coin:

1898 Indian cent-Andrew Machens

Most valuable U. S. coin:

1899 "V" nickel-Kelly Linder

Most valuable item:

1944 Mercury dime-Mike Heisler

Oddity:

2002 Russian 50 Kopek coin-Karen Voigt

Consolation winner:

NASCAR 50th anniversary pendant-Carl Boekemeir

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing and nine others won silver coins in the silver raffle.

CLUB DUES CHANGED!!!!!!: Club dues process for 2018 has CHANGED!! Dues for 2018 will now be due during January of 2018. 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. Note: if you wish to pay early for 2018, you can do so by mail now to our treasurer, Kelly Linder, at the address at the beginning of this newsletter or at the November meeting. When a new treasurer is named, contact info will be provided.

FUTURE MEETING PRESENTATIONS:

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. 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, 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. Potential presentations include: Silversmithing by John Kozlowski, Old coins by Ted Parker, and displaying your finds by Roger Horrom.

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 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 . 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:

The October hunt was held at Norm Meyers Park and the only feedback received was that Kathy Crowell found two rings, one sterling silver, and some coins. Not sure how many turned out for the hunt. If the weather looks good for the Saturday after the November club meeting, it will be decided whether to hold a hunt or not and where it will be-info will be emailed if there is to be a hunt.

MINELAB SE FOR SALE: For Sale: Minelab SE with X1 Probe, new Head Phones, rain cover \$700 or make offer! Used X1 Probe runs \$350 used at this time on eBay!
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