



FALL HUNT IS COMING!!!

Our Fall Hunt will be held on Sunday, 23 Sept at Turner Camp again this year! A hunt flyer is included in this 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 22^d 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! We will have three hunts and our picnic again, but I expect the Huntmaster will have a few surprises for everyone this year!

SAVE THOSE BLUE TICKETS!! Save your blue attendance prize tickets as the club will have several prize drawings at the Fall Hunt specifically for those who attended the meetings. Increase your chances to win by attending!!

2018 "SCAVENGER HUNT" CONTEST !!

Our 2018 "Scavenger Hunt" is well underway. The specific finds to detect are listed below. Prizes will be three silver rounds for first place, two for second, and one for third. (With the option to forgo a silver round for free dues next year). The hunt begins 19 January 2018 and will end at the 15 November 2018

Meeting.

ITEMS TO FIND: (must be detected)

1. Blue toy car
2. Bicentennial Quarter
3. Silver ring
4. Any wheat penny dated 1920-1925
5. Religious cross
6. Any 1800s dime or nickel
7. Any half dollar
8. Silver pendant
9. 10K or more gold ring
10. 2 Non-Canadian Foreign Coins (half credit given for one)
11. Car key ring with 2 or more keys
12. State tax token
13. Year-of-birth coin
14. Padlock
15. Marble
16. Zipper part (or whole)
17. Anything returned to owner
18. 2009 penny (ones with the different Lincoln backgrounds)
19. Dollar coin of any type
20. Zippo-type lighter
21. Token, non-state tax

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. 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. Please contact a board member if you have any questions. As of our July meeting, Status of the Scavenger Hunt is:

Member	TOTAL
John Quinn	16
Eric Hanewinkel	14
Chris Koehler	12
Tim McNiff	13

Christine Zika	10
Amberly Brown	8
Tom Miller	7
Mark Avery	5
Ron Corbin	5
Bill Gittemeier	4
Kathy Crowell	6
Burt Thompson	12
Kelly Linder	2
Ed Meyer	2

FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:

Oldest US Coin: 1834 Large Cent – Michael Sass
 Most Valuable Coin: 1911 D Barber Dime – Doug Bierce
 Most Valuable Item: 14K gold wedding band – Eric Hanewinkel
 Oddity: Silver plated Persian Head Pendant – Bobby Lewis
 Consolation Prize: 1840-1862 Federal Engineering Button – Kathy Crowell
 Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing. **FIFTEEN** people won in our raffle as we added an additional “V” nickels and a five dollar silver certificate to the raffle!!

CLUB DUES CHANGED!!!!: Club dues process has CHANGED!! Dues will now be due during January for that year. It was agreed the club dues will rise from \$25 to \$30 if not paid by the April meeting. 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, Tim Popp, 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 rhorrrom@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 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 at least five members didn’t join last year.

INFORMAL GROUP HUNT: We are always looking for areas to hold a monthly club hunt. If anyone has more ideas, please bring them up! 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. 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.

September: FALL HUNT!!
 October: TBD
 November: TBD (weather permitting)

NEW HUNT SITES: We are always looking for new sites as the same old parks become boring and decent finds getting fewer. If any member has an idea or access to an informal hunt site – one that would accommodate about 20 hunters, please let an officer know. **To encourage members obtaining new hunt sites able to handle 20-30 members, the club agreed that a member will get a silver round or dollar for finding a spot for the club to have a monthly hunt!**

Jerry Ganahl has a Garrett Ace 250 for sale for \$200. If interested, contact him at 314-434-6590.