MIDWEST COINSHOOTERS AND HISTORICAL CLUB

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NEWSLETTER-

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

Time: 7:00 PM- 3RD THURSDAY

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MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2018 MEETING-Next Meeting: FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Attendees: 26 plus 2 board members

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MEETING MINUTES: There was a great turnout for the meeting even though it was raining pretty good. We reviewed 2018 club plans with many members looking forward to our traditional (Spring Hunt/fall Hunt) activities and new traditions (Scavenger hunt/new hunt sites). Hope you ae looking forward to an exciting year also!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pam Popp presented the Treasurer's report for Tim as he was not feeling well. Hope he gets better soon!

MEETING LOCATION:

The meeting site is the **Old Woodson Terrace City Hall Building**, 9351 Guthrie Ave in
Woodson Terrace, MO 63134. 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.

FEBRUARY MEETING:

Doug gave a presentation on how to tell what silver content is in foreign coins and what websites to look them up on. Very interesting and something we all could use. Upcoming presentations include: silversmithing (March), England trip, antique advertising, and old coins to name a few. Additional presentations for 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.

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!!

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.

The club held a long discussion on finding new hunt sites and many members suggested new places. Doug re-affirmed the club will be looking for "Destination" sites to hunt, with the member obtaining permission for the club to hunt new sites getting a sliver round or silver dollar. These "Destination" hunts will be open to current, paid club members only.

FEBRUARY CLUB HUNT:

The February Club Hunt was held at Wild Acres Park in Overland, MO. Too snowy for me, so let me know if anyone went.

"BUDDY LIST"

Numerous club members are interested in having a list of other members to call/e-mail to have a partner to hunt with. This list would have Name, e-mail, phone, city, state for each one for you to call someone close-by to detect. This list would only be shared with club members. If you do NOT want to be on this list, please e-mail John Quinn at jquinn135@yahoo.com and your information will not be shared.

NEW "SCAVENGER HUNT" CONTEST FOR 2018!!

Our "Scavenger Hunt" for 2017 was a huge success and we decided to have another Scavenger Hunt for 2018!! The specific finds to detect were finalized at the meeting and are listed below. Prizes will again 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 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: Remain the same. 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. 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.

FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:

Oldest US Coin: 1915 Barber Dime – Mike

Heisler

Most Valuable US Coin: 1918 Standing

Liberty Quarter – Tom Miller

Most Valuable Item: Sterling Silver Sand

dollar pendant – John Quinn

Oddity: Giant Biker ring – Carl Boekmeier Consolation Prize: Gold ring – Don Herberts Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing.

Our raffle winners were:

Tom Miller – Morgan dollar; Pam Popp and Ben Quinn – Barber Halves; Mike Sass and Larry Hardester – Barber Quarters, and Jerry Ganhal, Kelly Linder, John Webb, and Larry Hardester winning Barber dimes. Congrats to all!

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. Also, for members who are due in January, it was agreed the club dues will rise from \$25 to \$30 if not paid by the April 2018 meeting. This change is due to the timeconsuming 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 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: There will be no group hunt due to the weather in January. A schedule of 2018 monthly informal group hunt sites will be e-mailed to all and is also listed below. As in the past, these hunts provide new inexperienced members and the more experienced members to get together to share comradery, provide quidance, 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.

February: Wild Acres Park, Overland, MO

March: TBD

April: Winery Hunt (Members only)

May: SPRING HUNT!!

June: New Permission (possibly)

July: TBD August: TBD

September: FALL HUNT!!

October: TBD

November: TBD (weather permitting)

contact Leonard Maierhoffer at 314-647-4431

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 ides 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 accommodate 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!

FOR SALE:

X-1 Probe from Sun-Ray – used in MineLab Explorer II - \$150.00 15" WOT coil – used on Explorer II - \$75.00 12" coil used on Fisher CZ-70 Pro – \$75.00 Heavy duty digger with saw-tooth edge. Never used - \$25.00 or best offer If interested in any of the above, please