



cooking! Also, Drew and his wife for running all the raffles! We could not have had such a successful day without the help of them and lots of other folks. Congrats to Larry Hardester for winning all the top three prizes, including both metal detectors – the AT Max AND the ACE 400!!!

Thanks also to the Charlie Guthrie Family for their annual generous donation of an old half dollar coin for the hunt. Congrats to Kelly Linder for finding the coin!!

Tim McNiff donated a fantastic leather made digger/pinpointer holder for the Blue ticket raffle. Thanks Tim!!!

**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	17
Eric Hanewinkel	14
Chris Koehler	13
Tim McNiff	14
Christine Zika	12
Amberly Brown	8
Tom Miller	7
Mark Avery	5
Ron Corbin	5
Bill Gittemeier	4
Kathy Crowell	6
Burt Thompson	14
Kelly Linder	2
Ed Meyer	2

**FINDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS:**

Oldest US Coin: 1882 Indian Head Cent – Chris Koehler  
 Most Valuable Coin: 1929 Standing Liberty Quarter – Christine Zika  
 Most Valuable Item: 14K gold ring – Burt Thompson  
 Oddity: 1500s pottery piece – Ed Meyer

Consolation Prize: silver ring with rubies – Eric Hanewinkel

Five members won silver dimes in the door prize drawing. **FIFTEEN** people won in total for our 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](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 [rhorrom@charter.net](mailto: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](http://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.

October: TBD possibly the ski logge  
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 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 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!**