

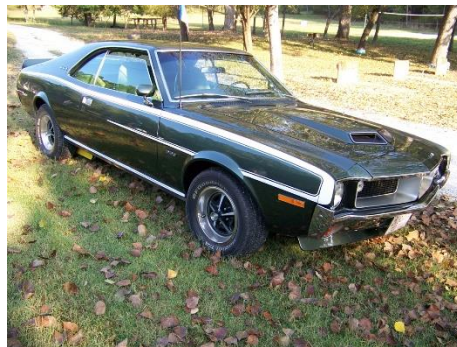
2017 FALL HUNT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

The Fall Hunt was a great success and thanks go to all that helped make it happen. On Saturday, club members John Quinn, Jerry Ganahl, Tim and Pam Popp, Drew Smith, Mark Conover, Paul Cordes, and myself arrived at Turner Camp Park early with the day already quite warm and humid. Following the unloading of items, three of us began arranging the inside of the building to accommodate registration, raffle ticket sales, and seating for the next day's activities. Upon completion of that as other volunteers arrived, we proceeded to the three hunt fields to accomplish the task of burying the many targets. As a final project for the day, the barbeque area was cleaned and made ready for the picnic lunch to be held on Sunday. Sunday morning arrived bright and sunny with high humidity and a predicted high temperature of 94 degrees. By eight o'clock, club members were already arriving and the registration process and raffle ticket sales began at a brisk pace. Huge thanks go to Drew and Lisa Smith, Melinda McNiff, and John Webb for volunteering to help with this very important task. Their effort helped greatly in permitting the registration of seventy-eight hunters, fourteen family members and guests, and the sales of literally hundreds of raffle tickets for the Garrett products raffle, the silver rounds/Morgan silver dollars raffle, and the 50/50 raffle to occur in a smooth and efficient manner. As this was all taking place, members gathered their equipment and discussed the upcoming day's hunts, making sure everything was in good working order and planning their strategy. Member, Mike Moutray, arrived and began readying the barbeque pit to cook the hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the club. As most members will attest to and I heard from as they consumed his final product, he did a fantastic job on a very hot day with Dennis Machens and a couple of helpers, though I did not get their names. As 10:00 arrived, members were gathered together and all proceeded to the first hunt field to participate in the Cash Payout Hunt. Hundreds of targets had been placed in the field with one token good for a gold coin, one for a Garrett pinpointer, and sixty of them each worth five dollars in cash to the lucky person who found one of them. While not every hunter found one of the prize targets, a few managed to find more than one and Robert Bierce was skillful (or lucky) enough to come out with five winners. Susan Kuenzel went home with the pinpointer and Gabe Young is now the owner of a nice 2-peso gold coin. While this hunt was scheduled to go for thirty minutes, due to the efficiency and tremendous skill of all our members most were in an upright position after about twenty minutes, indicating that most of the planted targets had been found. Following the first hunt, members began anticipating the start of Hunt #2 which consisted of targets good for either a silver dime or a silver half dollar and also another gold coin and pinpointer. Hunters could search as long as they wished and when done, they gathered at the "redemption center" table to turn in their targets and claim their silver coins. Ted Parker took home the gold coin and Kelly Faust left with the pinpointer. Thanks goes to Tim and Melinda McNiff (and others who helped though I didn't get all names) for the wonderful job they did in gathering all the delicious food items and setting them out for the picnic lunch which began about noon. Members waited patiently in line to fill their plates with such tasty items as their favorite, potato casserole, various pasta salads, and of course the many exciting desserts, including their favorite, treasure chest cupcakes, that members brought to share. As mentioned above, the hamburgers and hot dogs, prepared by Mike Moutray, were cooked to perfection and enjoyed by all who tried them. Due to the generosity of all our members and the many food items they prepared and brought to the event, there was plenty of food for everyone to enjoy. When all had completed their meal, the final of three popular mini-raffles was completed with thanks going to Drew Smith for handling all three raffles and also to the club members who generously bought tickets for the chance to win a Morgan silver dollar, a Barber half, quarter, or dime. The club members gathered together one more time for Hunt #3, the final hunt, and all headed off to the field to search for the targets that could be turned into silver one-ounce rounds, a silver Peace dollar, a silver quarter, or one of the three tokens redeemable for a gold coin, a pinpointer, or the special Charlie Guthrie commemorative coin, this year an 1837 Capped Bust half dollar, donated by David Guthrie, son of Charlie, and the Guthrie family. Burt Thompson successfully found the gold coin token, Michael Bierce has a new pinpointer, thanks to Mark Avery for passing the token he found to Michael, and Austin Wilken now owns a nice old Capped Bust half dollar. Though tired and hot, the members gathered in the building to complete the final activities of the day-the

exciting Garrett products raffle, the silver one-ounce rounds/Morgan dollars raffle, and the 50/50 raffle. Drew Smith served as MC for this and with the help of a young girl drawing tickets (though I did not get her name) the raffles began. There were four detectors to be given as a result of Garrett Products company providing two of them and two others donated by John Webb and Roger Horrom. Many other Garrett items such as digging tools, detector cases, headphones, and aprons and hats left with the various ticket holders who were lucky enough to have their ticket drawn. Detector winners included Randy Drake who took home the Garrett At Pro Gold machine, Tom Miller now owns a Garrett Ace 250 detector, and Zach Phillips and Heather Tiemann each won one of the donated detectors. Due to the generosity of club members buying 50/50 tickets, Ed Meyer is now \$169.00 richer as his ticket was the winner. The silver one-ounce rounds/Morgan dollars raffle completely exceeded the planned expectations of giving away about thirty prizes. There were thirty-seven coins ready to be given out, but due to the very generous purchase of tickets, and based on providing one prize for each twenty dollars of tickets sold, the proceeds taken in dictated that forty-eight prizes be awarded. All coins on hand were handed out as winning tickets were drawn and eleven names were recorded so that once additional silver rounds are obtained by the club, those eleven winners will receive their prize at a future meeting. The final task to be completed was deciding the favorite main dish and dessert prize winners. A vote by show of hands resulted in John Kozlowski's potato casserole dish and Jane Hanewinkel's treasure chest cupcakes being selected as winners with each taking home a nice silver half dollar. John had to leave the site early and after emailing him to see about getting his prize to him, he said he is donating it back to the club for use at a future event. Thank you, John. With everything completed, many members helped to clean up the park and make sure it was as clean as we found it, members packed up their cars, and all headed home, hopefully with the knowledge they had a wonderful time, shared in the comradery of being with others who enjoy this hobby, and perhaps with at least a few nice coins or prizes. Thanks to all who helped in many ways during the day and who so generously bought raffle tickets, resulting in this year's Fall Hunt being a great success. The Board members look forward to the future and the continuing success of our club, the Midwest Coinshooters and Historical Club. A few photos follow-all hunt photos were emailed separately to members.



Cash payout hunt



1973 AMC Javelin brought by Ed Meyer



Drew Smith co-huntmaster



Randy Drake
Garrett AT Pro Gold winner



Chef Mike Moutray



Picnic lunch line