

GMDC NEWS

May 2019



“Can you dig it?
We can!”

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

from Susannah

Hello fellow dirtfishers!

I'm sure we are all waiting for a break in the rains so we can detect, but the reality is that when we DO get a break, we have to run and cut grass! But hopefully you are still sneaking in some time for fun.

Our May club hunt gave us a taste of England--rain, cold, and mud. But over 15 people braved the elements anyway and got tons of clad, a minie ball, a possible silver earring, and more.

As we brought up at the last meeting, the officers are working on several logo designs which will be voted on. These include two new designs, which many want, and our old design, which many are partial to. So your vote is important!

At the June meeting we will come to the end of our first gold coin raffle. The winning ticket will be pulled at the meeting. A \$220 value! You can still purchase last minute tickets before the meeting. \$5/ticket or buy 5, get 6th free.

As you know, we periodically find Model A or T parts while detecting. If you are interested in seeing Model As up close and personal, the Model A car club will be displaying their cars at the MO Civil War Museum on June 29th from 10:30am-noon.

We are still in need of one more Mystery Hunt site. If you know of a site that can handle about 40 people, let an officer know. Think of all the fun sites we've had in the past!

Well, I guess threatening to send Casie after people for articles worked, LOL! Several of you have come forward with offers of articles in the near future. Please submit them soon. Also, several of you have promised In the Loupe articles, and we would love to start getting them into our June newsletter. Don't forget a photo of yourself!

HAPPY HUNTING!

CALENDAR

Feb 05:	GMDC Meeting NO HUNT IN FEB
Mar 05:	GMDC Meeting
Mar 16:	MYSTERY HUNT!
Mar 23:	Metal Detecting Class
Apr 02:	GMDC Meeting
Apr 06:	ABT Park Day
Apr 13:	MYSTERY HUNT!
Apr 19:	Metal Detecting Class
May 07:	GMDC Meeting
May 11:	Monthly Hunt - St. Bernadette's
Jun 04:	GMDC Meeting
Jun 08:	Monthly Hunt - TBA
Jul 02:	GMDC Meeting
Jul 06:	Monthly Hunt - TBA
Aug 06:	GMDC Meeting
Aug 10:	Monthly Hunt - TBA
Sep 03:	GMDC Meeting
Sep 07:	BBQ
Oct 01:	GMDC Meeting
Oct 05:	Monthly Hunt -TBA
Nov 05:	GMDC Meeting
Nov 09:	Monthly Hunt -TBA
Dec 03:	Christmas Party!

*** All hunt dates are
weather dependent ***

Any questions?

You can go on the club's
website

<https://gatewaymetaldetectingclub.com/>



MEETING NOTES

from Casie



2019 is turning out to be our biggest year ever!

In the past five months, we have had 31 new members sign up. Every outing we've had so far has exceeded the count of participation as the one before.

Attendance at May's meeting had 30 members attend and 4 guests became members. Welcome!

May's meeting didn't have a guest speaker--instead we focused on reconnecting and interacting with our fellow club members.

There will be a vote held soon on changing the logo. Additionally, we will start selling hats and zip-up hoodies with the voted upon logo. There was a vote to move the logo to the back of the shirt.

Attendance Prices

1946-P Standing Liberty Half Dollar – won by: Dan Harvey

1956-D Quarter – won by: Rick Crowell

1877-P Seated Liberty Dime – won by: Rick Moore

50/50: won by Scott Phillips - \$62.00

Treasurer's Report

For the month of April, the club started with a balance of \$2,398.07. The club had revenue of \$344 and expenditures of \$115 ending with a balance of \$2,627.07.

A copy of the full report is available upon request from the treasurer.

A friendly reminder!

Send us your articles, research, or fun stories so others can enjoy them in this nifty newsletter!

Please send them here:

detectinghistory@yahoo.com



FINDS OF THE MONTH

Interesting Artifact



*Scott Phillips: Civil War era Artillery Button
Prize: 1853 Large Cent*

Interesting Jewelry



*Pat Reece: Silver Ring
Prize: 1948-P Half Dollar*

Oldest Coin



*Ken Plant: 1905 Barber Quarter
Prize: 1905 V Nickel*

FOM Contest Rules:

1. Fill out an entry form at the beginning of the meeting, and hand it to a member of the FOM committee.
2. Only one entry, per person, is allowed
3. (not one entry per category).
4. **Finds must ONLY be from the previous month** (honor system).
5. Everyone making a submission will receive one point. Category winners will receive two points.

Points will be recorded and tallied by the FOM committee. At the end of the year, the winner will receive a **FABULOUS prize**.

Summer Vacation is almost here!

Fun events to put on your calendar

Missouri Mines Rock Swap

June 14 -16, 2019 At 4000 Missouri 32
Park Hills, MO 63601

The historic site's museum will be open free of charge during regularly scheduled hours throughout the event. For more

information: <https://mostateparks.com/event/77886/22nd-annual-missouri-mines-rock-swap>

Missouri Numismatic Society's Annual Coin Show

Jul 18th - 20th, 2019 at the St. Charles Convention Center.
Free Admission & Free Parking. For more information click here:

<http://www.coinzip.com/missouri-numismatic-society-coin-show>





C.A.T. Success Story

John Quinn of our CAT team went to Linda's house to find her gold wedding ring. She

thought possibly she had lost it in her basement and called for our CAT team to help. When informed that we couldn't detect in a house, she was crestfallen, but then recalled she had also



walked outside to her garage. There was a small area of grass. John detected it and found the ring within 5 minutes. Way to go John!

The Genevieve Method

As our not so little club continues to grow, we would like to remind you the detecting ethos that allows our club to continue to win hunt sites others can't. This is the simple concept that we show all uncleaned finds and trash to the owner of the property so that they may choose if they want to keep anything for themselves. (A full description is on our website under the "Genevieve Method" tab).

Begin with a shoe box or other container large enough to contain every find plus every piece of trash. Next, before you begin, ask the landowner if he has lost anything, and ask him to describe it. If you find this item, it must be returned promptly to the landowner. Tell the landowner that you will be bringing him everything you find for him to look at.

Hunt the property, placing every single thing in your box. Don't clean it, rub the dirt off, break off rust, straighten it, or do anything else to it. This includes trash.

When finished with the hunt, you will have a box full of dirty, rusty pieces of trash and finds. Now take it to the landowner and let him pick what he wants. Invariably, he won't want anything because it looks like junk, but you have now established trust--and that's where your next hunt could come from!



April Gateway Mystery Hunt



58 Members joined us for a cool and cloudy day in Rolla for a two-site hunt.



The first site is a former Civil War firing range and the second was an encampment.



The owner was just as gracious as always and our group found some fun stuff

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CLASSIFIEDS

If you want an ad in the CLASSIFIEDS
please send them through:
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Club short- and long-sleeved tee shirts
and fleece hoodies are available in
various sizes. \$15 tee, \$20 long sleeve,
\$25 hoodie. See a club officer for more
information.

WHO WE ARE

We are a group of detecting enthusiasts whose aim is to get out there and have fun, find fellowship, and find and preserve our nation's history. We dig responsibly, act respectfully, and operate legally. We invite you to join us. You won't be disappointed!



MEETINGS

We meet on the first Tuesday of
every month at:

Missouri Civil War Museum
1918 Exchange Building
222 Worth Road
St. Louis, MO 63125
7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm)

Always open to the public!