

# GMDC NEWS

August 2019



“Can you dig it?  
We can!”

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*from Susannah*

I hope you were all surprised by the game the officers sprung on you at the August meeting! We always aim to make our meetings interesting and fun, but lately it's been business and more business. With such a large club (123+) that's understandable, but the officers decided we had ALL had enough of THAT! So you all got your surprise and we hope you liked it!

The next big item on the agenda is our family BBQ. You can sign up by club email, or at the next meeting. WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING MONEY OR EXTRA PEOPLE THE DAY OF THE BBQ! Send your money to GMDC, 3505 Sunland Garden Ct., St. Louis, MO 63129, along with how many are attending. \$10 person, children 11 and under are free. Please help our committee members out by signing up early so we know how much meat etc. to buy. The BBQ information is on the website under the CALENDAR page as usual.

Casie will be sending out a survey shortly to get your vote for or against liability insurance. We have missed several good hunts due to no insurance, plus what's more important is that the officers feel that in today's world, having insurance is a must. But you decide. If we don't get a vote from you, we will assume you agree to go ahead with getting it.

Going along with that, we've had several discussions about raising our membership fee. We have been at rock bottom for 4 years now, and have been doing OK, but only just. But with our growing membership, and therefore some bigger expenses, the officers feel that our dues need to keep pace. We will vote on this at a future meeting, when things settle down a bit.

Our new gold coin raffle has geared up. It's a \$175 coin this time, so get your chances in! \$5 a ticket, or buy 5, get the 6th free.

For those of you new to the club, welcome! Please be sure to go on the LINKS page of the website for rules and regulations about hunting, and parks that you may not hunt at all.

***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 - Mathilda Park
Jul 02:	GMDC Meeting
Jul 06:	Monthly Hunt - Blake Snyder Park
Aug 06:	GMDC Meeting
Aug 10:	Monthly Hunt - Tower Tee
Sep 03:	GMDC Meeting
Sep 07:	BBQ
Oct 01:	GMDC Meeting
Oct 05:	Monthly Hunt -Rolla
Nov 05:	GMDC Meeting
Nov 09:	Monthly Hunt - Relleke Pumpkin Patch
Dec 03:	Christmas Party!

*\*\* All dates are weather dependent \*\**

Any questions?  
Check out the club's website  
<https://gatewaymetaldetectingclub.com/>



## MEETING NOTES

*from Casie*



*45 people joined us for August's meeting. 7 of them were guests who all ended up joining by the time the meeting was over. Welcome aboard!*

Sign-up for the annual BBQ has begun! If you plan on attending please make sure you ***sign up by next meeting*** so we have an accurate head count for food purchasing. It's \$10 a person. Family is welcome.

John Higdon with Hogan Insurance Group came to speak. He discussed options for club liability insurance. This topic has come up several times in recent months. As our club grows it is becoming more and more important. There will be a survey sent out to vote on the purchase of the insurance. So be on the look-out!

Second Gold Coin raffle of the year has begun! Tickets are \$5 each or buy 5, get 1 free. Don't miss your chance to win a gold coin valued at \$175.

Vote was held on the location of the August Hunt. Tower Tee won the vote.

### Attendance Prizes

1934 walking liberty half dollar won by	Heather T.
1929 standing liberty quarter won by	Kathy C.
1853 seated liberty dime won by	Rick C.
50/50 -- \$62 won by	Rob W.

### Treasurer's Report

For the month of July, the club started with a balance of \$2,745.07. The club had revenue of \$273 and expenditures of \$101. Ending with a balance of \$2,917.07

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

# FINDS OF THE MONTH

## Interesting Artifact



**Lee Nunnally: Piece of Candlestick Holder  
19<sup>th</sup> Century**

*Found with: Garrett 400*

*Depth: 10''*

*Prize: 1910 quarter*

## Oldest Coin



**Mike Tiemann: 1830 Large Cent Counter  
stamped**

*Found with: Equinox 600*

*Depth: 8''*

*Prize: 1964 Kennedy half dollar*

## Interesting Jewelry



**Eric Hanewinkel: 14k Gold Ring with 8  
diamonds**

*Found with: Garret AT/Pro*

*Depth: 2'*

*Prize: 1898 Barber quarter*

## 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**.

# METAL DETECTING IN OUR OWN FRONT YARD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 10-11:30 A.M.

(rain date Tuesday, October 15)

## CHESTERFIELD VALLEY ATHLETIC COMPLEX

West Parking A&B Lot.

Covered pavilion by the restrooms and concession stand.

Join Gateway Metal Detecting Club as they introduce metal detecting. The seminar will start with an informal presentation with time for questions and answers. Join the group for hands-on metal detecting while we search for treasures in the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex. Participants may bring their own equipment or use the equipment provided by Gateway Metal Detecting Club members.

Register at [olderadults@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:olderadults@chesterfield.mo.us) or call 636.812.9500.

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PARKS, RECREATION & ARTS  
APPROVED

*Fellow club member Rick Crowell is leading an introduction to Metal Detecting. If you are interested in helping him out please contact him here 314-882-5441*

## Community Calendar

9/2 - 9 am Fort D Historic Site, Cape Girardeau  
Fall Muster  
9/7 - 10am. Fort de Chartres, IL  
Muzzle Loading Black Powder Artillery Safety School  
10/4 Pea Ridge, AR  
Reenactment of 1862 Battle of Pea Ridge

## Annual BBQ

This year's BBQ will be held at Kircher Park, 45 Williams Rd., Eureka, MO 63025.

The price is \$10 per person. Starting at 10 am with fun, food, and games until 2pm.

You are free to detect at the park after the event. Please remember to sign up and to bring a side dish.



# August's Gateway Monthly Hunt

*25 members braved the heat to search for golf balls and lost treasures!*



## Fake Confederate Coin

by *Jim Hammond*

When the Confederate Army captured the U.S. Mint in New Orleans in 1881, it was renamed the Confederate States Mint. The CSA issued two types of coinage: a one-cent piece and a half dollar. The half dollar's obverse bore a representation of the Goddess of Liberty, surrounded by 13 stars, denoting the 13 states from which the Confederacy sprung, and a date of 1861 on the lower rim. On the reverse was a shield with 7 stars, representing the seceding states, above that was a liberty cap, and all were framed by stalks of sugar cane and cotton, plus "Confederate States of America". Only 4 were ever struck, and they are so rare that coin catalogs don't even list them.



In addition to the four genuine coins, a man named J.W. Scott obtained the reverse die used to make the CSA half dollar shortly after the Civil War. Scott used it to mint a small quantity of restrike coins. The restrikes have only the reverse of the original CSA coin--the obverse has other designs, such as verses or the Lady Liberty figure from Union half dollars.



Virtually all CSA half dollars you see today are replica or fantasy coins. *Replicas* are completely different than *restrikes*. Restrikes are valuable and are produced on genuine dies, while replicas and fantasy coins are worth about zero and are produced by modern, non-CSA dies.

In the 1960s, around the time of the Civil War Centennial, someone tried to peddle a CSA half dollar which had the phrase "Nulla Patria Amictae Fidei", imprinted on a banner underneath a shield on the reverse side of the coin. It was being hawked as being an "original" restrike and was offered for around \$1000 in 1960s dollars. The Latin phrase was a crude amateur attempt to create a motto, but was never actually used by the Confederacy. This fraudulent attempt, while interesting, is only worth about \$7 today. It is now considered a "fantasy" coin.



(CSA fraudulent coin from the collection of Jim Hammond. Excerpts from CoinAuctionsHelp.com "Confederate States of America Coins & Restrikes", American Civil War message board, and excerpts and pictures from CoinQuest.com "US Confederate Half Dollar (fakes are possible) 1861")

## Gateway MD Club

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### **CLASSIFIEDS**

If you want an ad in the CLASSIFIEDS  
please send them through:  
[detectinghistory@yahoo.com](mailto:detectinghistory@yahoo.com)



Club short- and long-sleeved tee shirts,  
sweatshirts and hoodies are available in various  
sizes. \$15 short and long sleeve tees, \$20 crew  
sweat, \$25 sweat hoodie, \$30 zip front 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)  
Use the rear entrance ramp.

**Always open to the public!**