

The Scoop News
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The Scoop Southwest Michigan Seek and Search Club

August 2024 - Edition

When: The Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7 P.M.

Who: Meetings are open to the public

Where: Kalamazoo Rod & Gun Club
7533 North Sprinkle Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49004

How: From U.S. 131 come North to D Ave. take D Ave. East to North Sprinkle (road curves right and heads south), club is .25 miles on the right from int. of D. Ave. and Sprinkle.

Or

Take U.S. 131 South to D. Ave. exit, take D. Ave. East to N. Sprinkle (directions from here same as Northbound (above)).



July 2024 - Finds of the Month

WINNER...#1 Keith P.



JEWELRY

Entries:

1. 14K gold two ring wedding set with 5 diamonds - Keith P.
2. Vintage silver dolphin ring - Mike W.

WINNER...#2 Kerry S.



COIN

Entries:

1. Two wheat pennies in one scoop, lake find - Mike W.
2. 1876 "S" Seated Liberty dime - Kerry S.
3. 2000 D Sacajawea dollar coin - John M.
4. 1864 2 Cent piece - Rick S.

WINNER...#2 Tom H.

Entries:

1. St. Florian token, patron saint of firefighters - Kerry S.
2. CC Wormer Machinery Co, Detroit, MI, 1861 to 1923 - Tom H.



FOB, BADGE, TOKEN

WINNER...#1 Kerry S.



MOST UNUSUAL

Entries:

1. Grand Army of the Republic button front - Kerry S.
2. CW era general service button - Brian T.
3. Old bell stamped "India" - Tim T.
4. Fenix tactical flashlight - Mike W.
5. Fishing pole bell - Deb. W.
6. Multi tool, water find - Keith P.

FOM notes:

- All items must be found or acquired since the last meeting.
- Multiples must be found in the same hole.
- One entry per category per member.
- Must be a paid member to enter find of the month.
- Write your name on the back of the entry slip.
- Do not look at names on the back of find of the month slips.
- Check with the President or Vice President if you have any questions as to what category to put an item in.

August Mtg.

Ice Cream Night!!!



Enjoy a tasty treat to beat this end of summer heat!!!

Feature Raffle!!!

A Fisher F44 metal detector will be the feature raffle at the August meeting to help raise funds for the upcoming Youth Day.



Sept. - Feature - CC Morgan!

October Pot luck

The club will be hosting a Pot luck October 19th with games for prizes!!!

Oct. Meeting

- Pizza Night!!!



- Feature Raffle will be **\$100!!**

***Raffle Tickets must be purchased before the beginning of the meeting.**

**You don't have to be a member to purchase tickets for the Silver Dollar or the 50/50 raffles.

SW MSS CLUB MEMBER BENEFITS

1. Find of the Month Entries
 2. Find of the Year Entry
 3. Door Prizes
 4. All Raffle's & the Feature Raffle
 5. Newsletter, Mail and / or Email
 6. Participate in Seeded Hunts
 7. * Voting Rights
 8. * Fish Bowl Prize (drawing every meeting)
 9. Perfect Attendance (Jan. through Dec.) prize
 10. To Sell or Trade at the "Buy, Sell & Trade Night".
- Exception:** *These items are not extended to associate members.

An "Associate" membership is extended to a paid member's spouse, their children and grandchildren. Anyone 18 years and older are considered an adult and will need to purchase their own membership.

A new member can enter their finds in the "Find of the Month" after 1 full month's membership.**

A "new" member is someone that has never been a member before.

Renewal Memberships are due before the meeting starts to participate in the "Find of the Month".

Club Membership is \$25 for the calendar year (January Through December).

Members, Please, "Sign in" at every club meeting. The "Sign In Book" is used to keep record of perfect attendance for the year. The sign in book is on the table with the name tags.

Be sure to renew your membership before the meeting starts to get in on the drawings and raffles.

****Please note:**

To be guaranteed a photo in the slide show for "Find of the Month", there is a **6:45** cut off time.

Please be mindful of this as Anne and Bradley our photographers most months have 60+ photos to take and incorporate into the slide show for judging. We need to maintain this cutoff if we are to finish in a timely manner and ensure everyone has a chance to compete.

***** If any club members would like to be added to the SWMSS Club Facebook group, please contact Mike Walker or Brian Tobias**

Look us up on the web
www.mytreasureclub.com

What to do when NOT detecting??

Attribution of Roman Coins:

Continuing on from our last installment of the "What to do when Not detecting" I wanted to give a quick introduction to the attribution "attributing" of ancient roman coins.

Attribution is: *the process of identifying a coin and describing it. It can help you identify the ruler who issued the coin, the type of coin, the denomination, and possibly the time and place it was minted*

Attribution is not an easy process per se and would be nearly impossible for the average person without reference the internet or countless books on the subject, but it is not impossible if you look at **6 key characteristics**:

1.) Physical Characteristics

- 2.) Obverse Legend (wording on front)
- 3.) Obverse Device (picture on front)
- 4.) Reverse Legend (wording on back)
- 5.) Reverse Device (picture on back)
- 6.) Mint Mark and/or other markings other markings



1.) Physical Characteristics:

Physical measurements weight as well as diameter can be used to reference each coin from many source online Die alignment or rotation can also help determine the type, age and mint of a coin as many were specific to a those attributes. These were hammered coins and so the alignment could vary a lot, flipping a coin on its vertical access with the front and back images face the same orientation is called "medal", if they are 180 degrees rotated it is called "coin". Knowing a coins metal material (bronze, copper, silver, gold) can also aid in attributing a coin.

2.) 3.) 4.) and 5.) 6.) Wording, pictures, mint marks:

Since ancient roman coins were minted from the 3rd century BC to the 5th century AD and the empire and its territories spanned most of present day Southern Europe, Northern Africa, the UK and a good part of the middle east, the types of coins, denomination, mints (and associate mint marks) and above all wording and imagery is endless. Also the wording is familiar "roman" alphabet but written in Latin. Once more, they often abbreviated words to fit them on the coin. The Devices or "motifs" PICTURES, front and back will also take many resources to match up imagery but there are several sites below that can show you these. Locate one item at a time, and be patient, it will take a bit to get used to the different wording and picture conventions but eventually these also become familiar, good luck! :) I can go into deeper depth on this in the future if enough people are interested :)

Resources for looking up the legends (wording) devices (pictures) and mint marks:

<http://www.wnccoins.com/0022.htm>

<https://www.forumancientcoins.com/numiswiki/view.asp?key=Roman%20Coin%20Attribution%20101>

<https://www.all-your-coins.com/en/blog/antique/comment-identifier-les-monnaies-romaines>

Also: The following links show a catalog of imagery and mint location wording:

<https://www.romancoin.info/>

<https://tesorillo.com/aes/home.htm>