

The Scoop News
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The Scoop Southwest Michigan Seek and Search Club

November 2024 - Edition

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

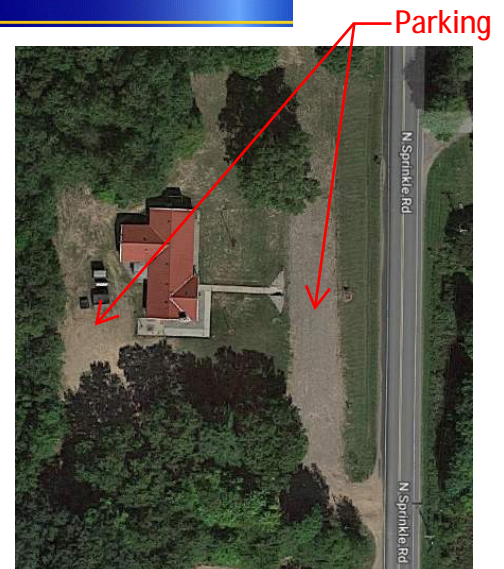
Who: Meetings are open to the public

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)).



October 2024 - Finds of the Month

WINNER...#1 Mike W.



JEWELRY

Entries:

1. Antique Sterling Silver St. Christopher Pendant with 24" chain, inscribed David 3-3-68 – Mike W.
2. 10K Gold Ring with Opal Like Stone – Kerry S.

Entries:

1. Tax Token found at an old homestead – John M.
2. 1863 Civil War Store card, E.H. Sheldon "Buy Your Hardware", Of Constantine, MI – Kerry S.
3. Early 1900's Miller Furniture Token, Hastings, MI – Brian T.

WINNER...#2 Mike W.



MOST UNUSUAL

Entries:

1. Water Wrench, found on a construction site – Tom M.
2. 101-Year-Old Fishing Lure, Johnson's "Silver Minnow", ptd. Aug. 28th, 1923 – Mike W.
3. 1820 – 1830's Navy Cuff Button with an Eagle and Anchor – Kerry S.

WINNER...#5 Brian T.



COIN

Entries:

1. Planchet Error Penny, found at a "Tot Lot" – Jim O.
2. 2, Two-Cent pieces, 1-Counter Stamped "1865" the other holed and a "brothel token" both found in the same hole – Tom H.
3. 1943 D Silver Quarter – Mike W.
4. 1852 Large Cent – Kerry S.
5. 1852 "Trime", 3 Cent Silver Piece, my first! – Brian T.
6. 1936 Wheat Cent, found at 10 Mile Rd. and Wabasis Rd. – Kurt N.
7. 1857 Flying Eagle Cent – Rick S.

WINNER...#2 Kerry S.



FOB, BADGE, TOKEN

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.

November Meeting

- 4 Frozen Turkeys will be raffled away!!
- Feature Raffle will be **SILVER** Proof Set **Multiple Winners!!!**



December Meeting

- Christmas Party Meeting
- 4 Frozen Turkeys will be raffled away!!
- Buy, Sell, Trade, Show night!!
- Feature Raffle will be **2 oz. and 1 oz. Silver rounds!!!**

Miscellaneous category for FOM - First Month.

With the beginning of daylight savings time (November 3rd), the Miscellaneous category begins again.

- This is a **non-metal detecting** category, items can be metal but do not have to be metal and can **not be** found with a detector. Must be found/purchased/given to you since last meeting.
- This category is during the winter months only.

***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**



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Metal Detecting - The Great Unifier

Why I'm thankful this Thanksgiving ~ Brian Tobias

How this started

I'd kind of told myself I wasn't going to write this article, at first. I'd vacillated (a fancy word for mental coin flipping) on this for quite some time really, given the nature of the world today and the countless hours I should be sleeping each night but can't seem to turn off my brain. Honestly I blame myself for what you are about to read as I make a **LOT** of good points in my head between the hours of 10 pm and 2 am, problem is I am stubborn and arrogant when it comes to listening to myself and if I should or shouldn't proceed. Common sense lost the flip on this one, so forgive me. It may really have only "sounded good when I said it in my head" ;)

It's been a hard year, hasn't it?! That is a rhetorical question but even as I write this I'm hearing so many of you in my head saying "ain't that the truth!"

I lost my dad, many of your lost family, friends, loved ones. We've had as a country (and planet) horrible catastrophes, weather craziness, financial uncertainty, foreign conflicts and tragedies, and on and on. In short it is pretty easy to wake up on any given day, turn on the TV or stare at your idiot trap of a phone and think...life is one big dumpster fire, and well it kind of has been.

So what is a person to do?

Well aside from my own personal convictions and prayer, there is one thing I do, I assume maybe you do as well, the one thing that unites us all on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in a fish and gun club in Southwest Michigan, **I GO METAL DETECTING!!!**

Well duh, doesn't everyone?

That is the thing, no, not everyone shares the love of this hobby like we do...maybe they should. I've found no matter what is happening in my life, if I can just put my boots on, grab my equipment and head out to a fresh cut bean field in November, things are much better. I don't care if I dig a bunch of coins, or 5 lbs of trash (although I prefer coins), just the action of doing this is therapeutic.

I could also spend 100's of dollars on therapy sessions, or anxiety medication, or gym memberships, and on and on. I have done some of those things, and they all have a time and place. Everyone gains help/sanity from different sources but in my life in this time I choose to swing a metal detector.

I chose to do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are...sorry, that was a famous speech and I'm no Kennedy. Regardless, swinging a detector can be hard but I don't find it that hard, not "going to the moon" hard at least. It centers me, it calms me, it excites me, it is all those things that check my boxes in a harmless healthy activity. So I detect! I will as long as the good lord allows me to and when I can't I'll be talking about and watching videos of folks doing the same and yes reading books (those things with pages) on detecting! I'm a treasure hunting historian at heart.

So what's this "Unity" you speak of young bard?

When I'm detecting these days, I'm doing one of three things, if alone (I'm talking to God, I'm talking to My dad), but mostly I'm thinking about detecting. I'm a detectorist first and whatever else after is second to this...again, in this moment. It is like so many coaches say before a game, "leave your problems at the field" (that means at the perimeter there of, not on the field).

I don't think about my problems at work, I don't think about my politics, I don't think about my financial standing, my DNA makeup, my thoughts on climate change, what I'm going to eat when I get home and why I could never be a Vegan. I don't think of my IQ (maybe I should) or really any other single thing that lumps me into a category that others find important. I think about what I'm doing, **detecting**. That is why I feel this hobby brings unity. We all are **detectorists**, when we are talking, reading or doing **detecting** and that is pretty cool really.

I know this is the same for any passion a person shares with others whether it be hunting, fishing, skiing, scuba diving or knitting.

Let's promote more of this and less of what makes us different, let's promote the love of this hobby and our friends we find in it more than the finds in various Facebook groups.

When I pass from this world none of my old coins will bring me any joy...but the stories and experiences I've shared will bring joy to those I've left behind, that is pretty humbling, at least for me personally.

I am thankful:

I am thankful this Thanksgiving because I've been blessed with the pursuit of this hobby, and with the community of people I've come to know in the process. I am thankful I am still physically able to pursue this hobby and I am thankful we live in a nation that we're allowed to enjoy detecting.

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!! ~ B.T.



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