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The Scoop Southwest Michigan Seek and Search Club

December 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)).



November 2024 - Finds of the Month

WINNER...#2 John W.



JEWELRY

Entries:

1. 10K Gold Ring, Missing Stone, Lake Find – Keith P.
2. Miriam Haskell Brooch, Miriam started making Jewelry in 1929, this dates pre-1947 - John W.
3. Antique Victorian Jewelry Piece (Brooch?) – Mike W.

WINNER...#3 Kerry S.



COIN

Entries:

1. 1881 Indian Head Cent in Super Condition, Full "Liberty" – Mike W.
2. 1942 German coin found at a "tot" lot, probably lost by a kid – John M.
3. 1865 2 Cent Piece – Kerry S.
4. 1858 Flying Eagle Cent – Brian T.

WINNER...#3 Kerry S.



FOB, BADGE,
TOKEN

Entries:

1. Las Vegas "Good Luck" Penny – John M.
2. DeMerrell Fulton Name Badge, Fred DeMerrell lived 1914-2005, Lifelong Mason, Athens Bus Driver, returning to his family – Mike W.
3. 1863 Civil War Store Card, Yankee Robinson The Great Comedian, Yankee Robinson Past Present, Future Big Show, Peoria, IL – Kerry S.

WINNER...#3 Brian T.



MOST UNUSUAL

Entries:

1. Large Sterling Silver Spoon made by Frank M. Whiting Co. between 1897 and 1940 – Kerry S.
2. 1887-1910 10 ga. Shell over 12 ga. Shell Union Metallic Cartridge Co. (Later merged w/ Remington) – Mike W.
3. Civil War Union Infantry "I" Coat and Cuff buttons, shank intact both found in same hole – Brian T.

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.

WINNER...#1 Keith P.



MISCELLANEOUS

Entries:

1. 1860 Silver 1/2 Real from Peru, Coinstar find gifted to me – Keith P.
2. 1956 Silver Washington Quarter received at the bank – Mike W.
3. Pure Milk Co. Lansing MI Milk bottle found this month – Rob K.
4. Pudding Stone type Rock with Red Jasper Heart Inclusion – Brian T.
5. Fancy Fossil Found at Rockport State Park – Anne K.
6. Vintage Oil Lamp, very unusual, from Mexico – Ron M.

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 - 2nd 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 and is one item 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**

Club member article - The Log Cabin Site

In 2011 I got permission from a local farmer to hunt his prolific acreage which included at least six old home sites. Field hunting is my favorite, and one bonus was that most of the fields were a short drive from home; being a busy mom, this made short hunts easy to do. My first trip to this particular hilltop field site in March 2012 was where the farmer told me an old log cabin used to stand. Huzzah!

I arrived one evening and parked my car in the stubble at the edge of the field. (I don't recall now whether it was corn or soybeans that particular year.) I donned my knee pads and gear and fired up the Minelab Explorer I was swinging at the time. As I started a slow gridding pattern, I could see many bits of pottery and china strewn among the rows. I was excited and knew I was in the right place. I am always touched when seeing pieces of china, thinking of some long-ago farm wife who may have prized these special plates. Will my house some day be a concrete foundation circled by lilacs and pine trees with china shards scattered around?

My first good signal was a mere 25 yards from the car. I knelt and started digging a hole. Then the tone seemed to change, and I wondered if I was fooled by a deep iron signal. But no, there in the hole I eventually could see the thin, silver rim of a coin. From my research in old plat maps, I knew this particular site was lived in during the mid-1800's. As a dime shape emerged, I remember thinking to myself, "Please don't let this be a Mercury dime." Since the car was close, I walked over to rinse the dime off under water. A Seated dime, 1876! Woot! Not my first seated coin, but my first Seated dime. And an excellent first hole dig on a new site. Closer inspection showed that it was a Carson City mintmark, and it wasn't until later I learned they are not common to dig here in MI. I will never forget the exhilaration of digging such a great coin on my very first hole! That month I entered the Seated dime in the club's Find of the Month coin category and was amazed to win, a rare occurrence for me.

I always loved the beautiful view from this hilltop while detecting and hearing the Sandhill Cranes and Horned Larks flying over. I hunted that log cabin site many times over the years and dug many relics but the only coin I ever added was a single Indian head penny. This was one case where the best wasn't saved until last, but showed itself first!

~ Anne Klein - Dec. 7th, 2024



Anne's 1876 CC Seated Dime

Here are some facts about the Carson City (CC) Seated Liberty Dimes:

Designer: James B. Longacre designed both the obverse and reverse of the coin.

Composition: The coins are 90% silver and 10% copper

Diameter: The coins have a diameter of 17.9 millimeters

Weight: The coins weigh 2.5 grams

Edge: The coins have a reeded edge

Mint: The coins were minted in Carson City

Mintage: The mintage of the coins varies by year, with some examples including:

1876-CC: 8,270,000 minted

1877-CC: 7,700,000 minted

1878-CC: 200,000 minted, making it the last dime produced by the Carson City Mint