



# Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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## Newsletter

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### April Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM by President, **Gary Pennington**. Gary introduced the club officers; **Howard Shettle**, Vice President, **Steve Cunningham**, Treasurer and **Dave Miller**, Secretary.

Treasurers Report: The current balance is approximately \$2,108.61.

Attendance: **Ron Riggs** reported 50 members in attendance.

Meet the Member: This month's Meet the Member was **Dwayne Meanor**. Dwayne has been metal detecting for about years. Originally from Ohio, Dwayne currently lives in Pasadena. His metal detector of choice is the Garrett AT-Pro which he uses for coin shooting and relic hunting. Dwayne recommends using a Piranha shovel because it cuts such a nice clean plug. He compliments his AT-Pro with a Garrett Pin Pointer and likes to use the 15" NEL coil. His best find is an 1836 Large Cent.

Bob Taylor: Club member and local dealer, **Bob Taylor**, brought us up to date with the current metal detecting equipment news. Garrett will be phasing out the Ace 150/250/350 and replacing them with the newer 200/300/400 units.

Monthly Club Hunt: Our April club outing was a great time over on the Eastern Shore. Many good finds including a Picker Token. Next month's club outing will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow for those who are interested.

Annual Closed Member Hunt: The 2016 closed hunt is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> with registration beginning at 10 AM. The cost of \$25/person will be collected at future meetings and during registration on the day of the hunt. See **Andy Cooper** to register.

Annual Open Hunt: The 2016 Open Hunt will once again be held at Sandy Point State Park on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$100 for the two main hunts and two other optional hunts will be available: Club members voted to have a Team Hunt Option \$30/team and Big Silver Hunt Option \$50/person. There will be a total of 8 metal detectors to be raffled. Please see our website for registration details.

A Call for Volunteers: There is a need for volunteers to help out with the Victoria Villa Community Recreation Center's annual carnival. This will take place on May 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-9:30. Participation in

these events are a part of our agreement with the Rec. Center so that we can continue to use the facilities.

Mini Hunt Winners: Our pre-meeting mini hunt winners included **Eric Ritter, Brooklyn Ritter** and **Scott Horst Sr.** Be sure to participate in next month's mini hunt starting at 6:30 before the meeting.

Coin Board Winners: **Bob Horst, Dave Franz, Scott Horst** and **John Vice** were all winners in the coin category. **Bob Horst** and **John Vice** were winners in the relic category.

Club Favorite Find of the Month: **Bob Horst** won the "Club Favorite Find of the Month" with his a Hammered Coin.

Raffle Winners: 50/50 – **Darrell Fallis**                      Silver Round-**Tim Lindsay**

Leg of Gold Winner: **Bill Wachter**

Door Prizes: **Andy Cooper, Dwayne Meanor, Laura Lindsay, and Mike Stinemire**

The Meeting was closed at 8:45 PM.

Next Meeting to be held May 26th, 2016 at 7:00 PM with mini hunt starting at 6:30 PM.