



Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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August Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 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 \$4,636.82

Attendance: 55 members and visitors were in attendance.

Meet the Member: There was no meet the member this month.

Bob Taylor: Club member and local dealer, **Bob Taylor**, brought us up to date with the current metal detecting equipment news. Garrett is promoting the AT Pro with the accessory pack purchase. This purchase includes over \$96 of accessories including a hat, coil cover, camo backpack and camo diggers pouch. See Bob if you are interested.

Metal Detecting News: **Phil Kolocotronis** reminded us that after Labor Day, State Park Beach Areas can be hunted all day. He is also checking with Fredrick County for more information on their metal detecting statutes.

Training Program: **Andy Cooper** has volunteered to head a new training program. This program is designed to help new detectorists with learning their detector. A class on digging and pin pointing is also now available.

Test Garden: Garry set up a test garden at our meeting location for members to test their detector and their skills. **Phil Kolocotronis** was awarded a silver half dollar for guessing all the targets in the field.

Monthly Club Hunt: Due to dry conditions, there was no August hunt. The September 17th club hunt location will be emailed to those who have signed up. If you would like to attend the next club hunt, please remember to sign up at the next meeting.

Annual Open Hunt: The 2016 Open Hunt will once again be held at Sandy Point State Park on October 9th. 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. Children under 12 are free. There will be a total of 7 metal detectors to be raffled. There is also a scheduled "meet and greet" to be held on Saturday night. Please see our website for registration details.

Mini Hunt Winners: Those who found tokens were awarded Silver Half Dollars. Be sure to participate in next month's mini hunt starting at 6:30 before the meeting.

Coin Board Winners: **Mike McCullough, John Manzari** and **Eric Ritter** were all winners in the coin category. **John Vice, Mike McCullough,** and **John Manzari** were winners in the relic category.

Club Favorite Find of the Month: **Bob Rinker** won the "Club Favorite Find of the Month" with a 1910 Medallion.

Raffle Winners: +50/50 – **Duane Urban** Silver Round-**Bill Kalwa Jr.**

Leg of Gold Winner: **Ron Riggs**

Door Prizes: **Curt Frantz, Steve Cunningham** and **Bob Taylor**

The Meeting was closed at 8:28 PM.

Next Meeting to be held September 29th, 2016 at 7:00 PM with mini hunt starting at 6:30 PM.