



Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

Recovering & Preserving History

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November Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 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 \$5354.62

Attendance: 31 members and visitors were in attendance as reported by **Dave Franz**.

Meet the Member: The Meet the Member this month was **Chris Wisnom**. Chris lives locally in Middle River and is an OSHA inspector for medical and dental offices. She started metal detecting about 4 years ago and she got into the hobby because her love for adventure. Her other hobbies over the years included scuba diving and dinosaur excavations. Her favorite type of hunting is beach hunting and she typically spends about 4 -5 hours on a hunt with many breaks. Chris started off with a Bounty Hunter and a Technetics but now she uses an AT-Pro with a NEL coil. Her favorite find was a gold and diamond anniversary band. Her most interesting find was a 1912 Brass WWI button. Chris has aspirations to hunt in England to look for Roman Coins. Her longest hunting trip has been to Florida where she hopes to retire. Her biggest piece of advice to beginners in the hobby is to seek advice from members of the club.

Bob Taylor: Club member and local dealer, **Bob Taylor**, brought us up to date with the current metal detecting equipment news. Bob warned us about EBay purchases because of the imitation and poor quality machines coming out of China.

Metal Detecting News: **Phil Kolocotronis** updated us with news regarding New York City Parks. Staten Island History Hunters Metal Detecting Club reported that parks can be hunted by obtaining a free permit which will list the parks available.

Monthly Club Hunt: We had two club hunts last month. One was focused on beginner training and gridding out small areas. This event was well attended and once much of the trash was removed some coins were recovered. The other hunt was held at the Benson Hammond House which yielded some silver coins, artifacts and good times. Steve reminded us that it is important not to have metal in your shoes or boots because it will interfere with your signals.

Club Library: **Ron Riggs** has donated a Coca Cola collectible price guide to the club library. Remember to take advantage of our ever expanding research materials.

Gold Coin Raffle: Remember to participate in the gold coin raffle. The club is raffling off an 1873 \$2.50 gold coin which \$300. Once we get enough tickets to cover the cost, we will raffle this off at a meeting.

Coin Board Winners: **Matt St. Ours, Bill Hill** and **John Vice** were all winners in the coin category. **Eric Ritter and Matt St. Ours** were winners in the relic category.

Club Favorite Find of the Month: **Matt St. Ours** won the "Club Favorite Find of the Month" with his WWII USAF Wings.

Raffle Winners: +50/50 – **Dave Franz** Silver Round-**Bill Kalwa**

Leg of Gold Winner: **Renata Stinemire**

Door Prizes: **Dwayne Meanor, Ron Riggs, Matt St. Ours, Romeo Santos** and **Chris Wisnom**

Find of the Year: Remember to bring in your "Find of the Year" to the December 29th meeting. The club will vote and a winner will receive a special prize.

The Meeting was closed at 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting to be held Thursday, December 29th, 2016 at 7:00 PM. This will be our holiday party and please look for Steve Cunningham's email in the next couple of weeks to sign up for items to bring.