



# Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

Recovering & Preserving History

## Newsletter

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### October 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 \$5,037.12

Attendance: 34 members and visitors were in attendance as reported by **Dave Franz**.

Meet the Member: The Meet the Member this month was **Ron Riggs**. Ron has been a member for 2 years but was a member of the MARS club for 10 years. He started metal detecting at the age of 10 using a detector that he built himself from an electronics kit. When he found a wagon cleat with his kit detector, he was hooked on the hobby. His first production detector was a Whites. His favorite type of hunting is relic hunting and his typical hunt lasts about 2 ½ hours. He also enjoys underwater hunts at Sandy Point. His detector arsenal includes Radio Shack, Whites DFX, and various others. His standard equipment includes a tool pouch with suspenders, and his favorite digging tool is the Leitch and his metal detecting shovel. Ron's favorite find is a Civil War Naval Union button and his best find would be a silver ring. Ron still would like to add a gold ring to his bucket list. Ron's advice for beginners would be to join a club, do the research, get opinions from experts and practice, practice, practice.

Bob Taylor: Club member and local dealer, **Bob Taylor**, brought us up to date with the current metal detecting equipment news. Bob announced that Deus will be introducing a new pin pointer that uses wireless signals to pair with your wireless headphones. He also is now stocking the Thunder NEL coil.

Metal Detecting News: **Phil Kolocotronis** has no updated news at this time but said that he wanted to get more information on New York City parks and their regulations.

Monthly Club Hunt: Our last Club Hunt didn't yield too many treasures but was well attended. This particular park has been hunted for over 30 years but members did find a musket ball, Indian Head Penny, and a Tombac button. The upcoming November 5<sup>th</sup> hunt will be primarily for beginners who may need help with their detectors and **Steve Cunningham** will be partitioning off small areas of ground so that hunters can grid and dig everything. The purpose of this dig is to clean out all the trash and find the potential old targets buried below. A November 13<sup>th</sup> club hunt is also scheduled and the location will be announced. 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 was a huge success. Of the 89 people that registered, 77 people showed up the day of the hunt and 16 children participated. About half of our attendance were people from out of state. The profit from the event was \$2000. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and stayed to clean up. We had over 20 individuals who helped.

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: **Eric Ritter, John Vice, John Manzari and Harry Morrison** were all winners in the coin category. **John Vice, John Marzari and Eric Ritter** were winners in the relic category.

Club Favorite Find of the Month: **Eric Ritter** won the "Club Favorite Find of the Month" with a 1924 Gold Class Ring.

Raffle Winners: +50/50 – **Bob Horst** Silver Round-**John Manzari**

Leg of Gold Winner: **Eric Ritter**

Door Prizes: **Cirilo Costilla and Tammy Harris**

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

Revised Meeting Dates: Please remember that we have revised meeting dates through the rest of the year. These dates are as follows: **Thursday Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday Dec 29<sup>th</sup>.**

The Meeting was closed at 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting to be held Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 PM with mini hunt starting at 6:30 PM.