



# Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

Recovering & Preserving History

## Newsletter

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### September Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 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 \$4,429.82

Attendance: 40 members and visitors were in attendance as reported by **Dave Franz**.

Meet the Member: The Meet the Member this month was **Mike Stinemire**. Mike was introduced to Metal Detecting by our good friend and lifetime member, **Bud Lamb** around three years ago. His daughter **Gina Stinemire** attends every meeting with him and is also an avid detectorist. Mike has used the Fisher F-70, Garrett Ace 350 and his current detector of choice is his Garrett AT-Pro. His favorite type of hunting is at the beach, and his typical hunt is about 4 hours long. His favorite piece of equipment is the Predator Shovel which he highly recommends to help with digging deep plugs. His favorite hunt was our Closed Member hunt at Gunpowder Beach. Mike wants to start taking videos of his hunts and has been inspired by the Hoover Boys and the Stealth Diggers on YouTube.

Bob Taylor: Club member and local dealer, **Bob Taylor**, brought us up to date with the current metal detecting equipment news. Bob is now stocking NEL coils for most of the major machines including the Garrett AT-Pro. Deus XP will be releasing their software update, version 4.0, very soon.

Metal Detecting News: **Phil Kolocotronis** has verified that the City of Frederick does allow metal detecting but wanted to remind us to replace our plugs neatly and leave no trace of disturbed ground.

Training Program: **Andy Cooper** has volunteered to head a new training program. This program is designed to help new detectorists with learning their detector. He is still looking for volunteers to sign the buddy list. This list pair up people those who need help with operating of their detector with someone who is an experienced user.

Community Center Meeting: There will be a community center meeting on Monday, October 3 which is a mandatory meeting, requiring the attendance of a club representative. **Bill Hill** has volunteered to attend this meeting.

Monthly Club Hunt: Our last Club Hunt didn't yield too many treasures but was well attended. The October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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. Children under 12 are free. There will be a total of 7 metal detectors to be raffled. The meet and greet social event was cancelled due to conflicts with the Boat Show in Annapolis.

Gold Coin Raffle: Next month we will be starting a Gold Coin raffle that will take place over many months. More details to follow.

Mini Hunt Winners: The mini hunt scheduled for this month's meeting was cancelled due to heavy rain. Be sure to participate in next month's mini hunt starting at 6:30 before the meeting.

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

Club Favorite Find of the Month: **Mike McCullough** won the "Club Favorite Find of the Month" with an 1829 Andrew Jackson Inaugural Button which he found in Belair.

Raffle Winners: +50/50 – **Dave Franz** Silver Round-**Amy Taylor**

Leg of Gold Winner: **Andy Cooper**

Door Prizes: **Andy Cooper, Luke Ritter** and **Nick Franz**

Revised Meeting Dates: Please remember that we have revised meeting dates through the rest of the year. These dates are as follows: **Thursday Oct 20th, Thursday Nov 17th, and Thursday Dec 29<sup>th</sup>.**

The Meeting was closed at 8:40 PM.

Next Meeting to be held October 20th, 2016 at 7:00 PM with mini hunt starting at 6:30 PM.