



# Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

Recovering & Preserving History

## Newsletter

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### October Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President, **Gary Pennington**. Gary introduced the club officer; **Howard Shettle**, Vice President, **Steve Cunningham**, Treasurer and **Dave Miller**, Secretary.

A special thank you to **Mike and Gina Stinemire** who always provides a wide range of delicious food and snacks for the meeting.

Attendance: 43 members were in attendance as reported by **Dave Franz**.

Treasurers Report: \$3,548.27.

Mini Hunt: Our mini hunt held prior to the meeting, starting at 6:30 was well attended. There were multiple winners who found tokens for silver coin prizes.

Training Program: **Andy Cooper** who is head of our training program is available to get help to those who are new to metal detecting. This program is designed to help new detectorists learn to use their detector with help from experts and experienced users.

Gold Coin Raffle: A gold coin was raffled off and the winner was **Anthony Bogdan** and **Kurt Franz** won a second prize of a Silver Round.

Special Presentation: **Gary Pennington** brought in a host of civil war items that he has found over the years for people to look at.

Monthly Club Outing: Our monthly club outing was held at a local Park. Many clad coins were found as well as a civil war bullet. Please remember to sign up at the next meeting if you interested to attend a club outing.

Meet the Member: This month's "Meet the Member" is **Frank Ziemski**. Frank, a member since 2013 lives in Bel Air, and is married with 2 children. He started hunting about 4 years ago after he caught the metal detecting bug after purchasing a metal detector for his children to use. He enjoys coin hunting but he takes part in all types of hunts. He has used the Garrett Ace 350 and AT Pro but is currently is learning to use the XP Deus and will be attending a XP Deus "Boot Camp" in Gettysburg. Frank's favorite and personal best find is a 1907 Barber Half. His bucket list would include a Gold Coin and a Spanish Reale. He has taken his detector on trips including Mexico Beach. He uses Google Maps and Historic Aerials as his research sites. Franks advice for beginners would be to mix and mingle with club

members so that you can learn what they do as well as get on YouTube to watch informational and instructional videos.

Closed Hunt: Our closed hunt that was held last month was a great success. Over \$5000 in coins and prizes were given away. Thanks to everyone for their help in setting and cleaning up. Special thanks to **Bill Hill** for lending a grill and **Steve Cunningham** for his cooking skills.

Membership Dues: It was nominated and a vote carried to keep the membership dues for 2018 at the current fee of \$25. Dues are now being accepted for next year. Please see our treasurer, **Steve Cunningham** to make a payment.

Officer Nominations: Nominations for board positions will be conducted in November at our next monthly meeting and the positions will be elected on our December meeting. Please see **Bud Lamb** to make a nomination.

Leg of Gold Contest: Last month, our Leg of Gold winner was **Mike Stinemire**, and this contest will begin again next year. The person who has his or her name drawn three times will be awarded a 1/10 oz. gold coin.

Monthly Board Contest: **Kurt Franz, Eric Ritter,** and **Mike McCullough** were winners in the coin category and **Mike McCullough, Dave Franz** and **Kurt Franz** were winners in the relic category.

Club Favorite Find of the Month: A Civil War Breast Plate and Sleigh bell found in the same hole by **Richard Campo.**

Raffle Winners: 50/50 – **Brad Johns** Silver Round: **Mike McCullough:**

Door Prizes: **Gene Dixon, Bob Horst, Gary Pennington, David Miller** and **Terry Miller** were door prize winners.

Next Meeting to be held Thursday, November 30th, 2017 at 7:00 PM with a mini hunt starting at 6:30PM