



# Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

Recovering & Preserving History

## Newsletter

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### April Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Vice President, **Howard Shettle**, as President, **Gary Pennington** wasn't able to attend. Gary introduced the club officers; **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: 45 members and visitors were in attendance.

Treasures Report: Our treasurer, **Steve Cunningham** reported that we have a balance of \$4,656.45.

Special Notice: The regularly scheduled October meeting date has been changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Gold Coin Raffle: The Gold Coin was raffled off and the winner was **Harry Morrison**. Congratulations to Harry.

Monthly Club Outing: The April club outing in Frederick County, near the Battle of Turner's Gap was well attended. There were several Civil War artifacts found including a Parrott Shell, BVullets, Round Balls and a Razor. **Nancy Jelich** reported that "she almost died 6 times on the mountain" because of the very rugged terrain. We are glad to report that Nancy survived the outing and was able to find 2 musket balls. Make sure that you sign up for next month' hunt which will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mini Hunt Winners: The winners of tonight's mini-hunt was **Seth Genter, Andy Cooper** and **Scott Horst**.

Leg of Gold: This week's winner was **Seth Genter**. His entry and others to follow will be put in a drawing for a gold coin at the end of the year.

Open Hunt: This year's Open Hunt will be on September 30, 2018 and once again going to be held at Sandy Point State Park. The cost will be \$125 for the main hunt and the prices will go up to \$150 after August 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition to the main hunt, and included in your cost, we have added a new hunt called the "Old Timers" hunt which will contain "Old Time" coins. There will be a Big Silver hunt which will be an additional \$50 and the price will go up to \$75 after August 1<sup>st</sup>. We are planning on raffling off an AT Max, Whites MX Sport and a Minelab Equinox.

Closed Hunt: We have set the date for the closed "member only" hunt to be on September 15, 2018. It will begin at 10 AM and run until around 2PM. Your entry fee includes a cookout lunch.

Monthly Board Contest: **Mike McCullough, Matt St. Ours, Eric Ritter and Dave Franz** were all winners in the coin category. **John Vice** and **Scott Horst** were winners in the relic category.

Club Favorite Find of the Month: Civil War ID Tag found by **John Vice**.

Raffle Winners: 50/50 – **Seth Genter**                      Silver Round: **Howard Shettle**

Door Prizes: **Josh Wilder, Dave Franz, Carol Rinker, Dwayne Meanor** and **Tim Kent**

Recent News: President, **Gary Pennington** recently got a call from a lady who was looking for a well cap on her property and called us to see if we could help located it. Many volunteers responded to help her find it. She wrote us a thank you letter and also gave us a donation check of \$200. Thanks to **Bud Lamb, Bob Rinker** and **Bill Pfaff** who responded to the request.

The Meeting was closed at 8:20 PM.

Next Meeting to be held Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM with mini hunt starting at 6:30.