



# Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

Recovering & Preserving History

## Newsletter

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### March 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.

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

Attendance: 62 members and visitors were in attendance.

Treasures Report: Our treasurer, **Steve Cunningham** reported that we have a balance of \$3,351.39.

Meet the Member: **Anthony Bogdan** was born and raised in Canton. He has 2 children and 3 grandchildren, Anthony is a retired government employee. He enjoys history, geology and he collects coins. Anthony started metal detecting in 1985 but took some time off (about 20 years) and recently started up again. He originally found a book in the library which sparked his interest in the hobby. Anthony doesn't have a particular favorite type of hunting he mostly hunts in parks and other land hunting. His favorite hunt was a 3 day, paid civil war hunt, where he found many civil war bullets. He has many detectors beginning with his first, a Whites Coinmaster AT pro, and Minelab Equinox 800. His favorite find is an 1812 Navy Button and he would like to add as a bucket list item, a Civil War Box Plate. Anthony performs his research on-line with Civil War Maps provided through the Library of Congress. He also uses overlays on Google Maps to find houses and special areas. His main advice to a beginner is to learn your machine. The more time we spend learning our machine, the better that we will get.

Legal Beagle Report: **Phil Kolocotronis** gave us a good tip regarding getting permission on private land. We all know that getting permission is a must, but when we do make contact with someone who works the property and is not the owner, we can feel comfortable that any permission granted to us will be enough to begin to hunt. Permission is Permission until the owner says otherwise.

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>.

Monthly Club Outing: The March club outing in Frederick County was well attended and some great Civil War items were recovered including a grape shot ball as well as various bullets. This area was very historic but also very hard to traverse through the woods due to steep inclines and rocky terrain. If we visit this site again, please make sure you are prepared for the aggressive terrain.

Volunteer Needed: Gary is requested a volunteer to plan and set up the display case for the month of June. This display case is located in the lobby of the recreation center.

Leg of Gold: This week's winner was **Mike Stinemire**. 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.

Gold Coin Raffle: We are selling tickets for a \$5 gold coin which will be raffled off after we sell \$400 in tickets. Tickets are \$1 each.

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

Club Favorite Find of the Month: 1870 German Brass Coronet found by **Tim Kent**. This was found in multiple pieces and multiple outings. Tim found this in a bottle dump site that he has hunted many times.

Raffle Winners: 50/50 – **Keith Summers**                      Silver Round: **Brad Johns**

Door Prizes: **Gina Stinemire, Bud Lam, Bella Wilder, Mike McCullough and John Vice.**

The Meeting was closed at 8:30 PM.

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