

The logo is a circular seal with a blue border. Inside the border, the words "MARYLAND FREE-STATE" are written in a semi-circle at the top, and "TREASURE CLUB" is written in a semi-circle at the bottom. The center of the seal features a red and white cross on a yellow background, with a blue and white checkered pattern in the quadrants.

# Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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## August 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 Chris Wisnom, Secretary.

**A special thank you** to Mike Stinemire who always provides a wide range of delicious food and snacks for the meeting. His daughter Gina, who volunteers with her dad each month, is vacationing in Germany.

**Attendance:** 46 members were in attendance.

**Guests:** Scott MacLane, Marty Pratt and Ron Carter

**Treasurers Report:** by Steve Cunningham: Records not available, will present at the September meeting.

**Mini Hunt:** Our mini hunt held prior to the meeting, starting at 6:30 was well attended. There were multiple winners who found tokens and other coins.

**Ice Cream Social:** An additional surprise for members was an "Ice Cream Social" provided during the break. One of the many perks of being a member.

**Legal Beagle Report (in absentia):** On September 1, 2018, hunting will be permitted at city parks.

**Monthly Club Outing:** Will be conducted on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at a city park. Steve Cunningham will inform all who signed up, by email, of the details.

**Scheduled Speaker:** Scott McLean, President of the Eastern Shore Treasure Club. Presented an overview of his club and invited us to participate in a coin raffle. Many club members participated.

**Club Presentation:** President Gary Pennington, provided a review and demonstration of water and beach hunting, techniques, equipment and estimated costs of the Equinox water metal detector and the White Water metal detector ideal for beaches and water hunting. Gary's experience and expertise will be helpful to many inexperienced hunters.

**Meet the Member:** Bob Rinker was the member of the month. Bob said he was happily married with 3 children, the youngest child Carol is a member of the club and enjoys hunting with her Dad. He started

hunting in 2005 and in his first year of hunting found a Seated dime. His favorite coin is an Indian Head penny, and favorite find a 1776 Reale. He hunts for approximately 8 hours per hunt, and has started a webpage titled "The Dirt on History". He posts pictures and videos on the page. He conducts research on line and at the Baltimore City library. He started hunting with a Bounty hunter and now hunts with the AT Max. Thank you to Bob for sharing his story.

**Monthly Board Contest:** Matt St Ours, Eric Ritter, Mike McCullough were winners in the coin category. Eric Ritter Scott Horst, Kris Neley and J. Forester won the relic category. Club Favorite Find of the Month: Anvil– found by Bill Hill.

**Our Annual Open Hunt:** will be conducted on September 30, 2018 at Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis, Maryland. The fee for the hunt will be \$125.00 if postmarked by July 31. Registrations received from August 1 to the day of the hunt will be \$150.00. For the big silver hunt, the cost will be \$50 if postmarked by July 31, \$75 if received from August 1 to the day of the hunt.

**Our Annual Closed Hunt:** will be conducted on September 15, 2018 at Victory Villa Community Center, Middle River, 404 Compass Rd, Essex, MD. 21220, 410-887-0258. It will begin at 10 AM and run until around 2PM. Your entry fee includes a cookout lunch. All payments must be made in advance. No fees will be accepted the day of the hunt.

**Next Club Meeting:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at Victory Villa Community Center, Middle River, 404 Compass Rd, Essex, MD. 21220, 410-887-0258. Mini hunt starts at 6:30 PM, weather permitting. **Note:** The October meeting will be conducted on the third Thursday, October 18, due to a scheduling conflict. The October meeting is the "Auction" meeting. Please bring any items related to metal detecting to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.