

# Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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**August Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President, Gary Pennington. Gary introduced the club officers: Howard Shettle - Vice President, Steve Cunningham - Treasurer. Mike McCullough as substitute for Secretary, Chris Wisnom. Volunteers were introduced by their separate functions.

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

**Attendance:** 40 in total including members and guests.

**Guests:** **Josh Haynes and Shannon Baker** (Bounty Hunter), **Delta and Brian Strong** (Garrett AT Pro), and Ed Crockett.

**Treasurer's Report:** Club Treasurer, Steve Cunningham, reported the current account balance to be \$5100.

**Mini Hunt:** Held 6:30 before meeting. Dwayne Meanor found the large cent. Others found silver, wheats, Indian head cents, and various nickels.

**Legal Beagle Report:** Ron reported on recent decisions by local authorities in Washington Twp, PA and in Allegheny Co., PA that are limiting metal detecting in public parks. Detecting is no longer permitted in Washington Twp., curtailing detecting in Monterey Pass Battlefield. Similar restrictions in Allegheny Co. have affected parks in Pittsburgh, where there is now an effective ban on the hobby.

**Monthly Club Outing:** Sign-up sheet for Club Outing in September was available at the meeting. Site to be released later for this event taking place September 14th.

**Gold Coin Raffle:** Bob Rinker won the \$5 dollar gold coin.

Prior to the program, Gary reported on detecting finds by he and his wife on a recent trip to Ocean City, MD. She outdid him on ring finds with a total of 4, one of which is gold.

**Program:** Gary demonstrated the use of Plastic Kote liquid applied to a pinpoint. The pinpoint is dipped into a container of the the coating at a rate of one inch per second, with 2 - 3 coatings applied. This will protect the pinpoint tip from wearing. A number of members brought their pinpoints to have them coated.

Mike McCullough gave a presentation on his six top finds of August, that included a Hibernia halfpenny, a colonial-era saddle strap guide piece, an 1899 Barber dime, a halfpenny from the wreck of The Faithful Steward, an intact mid-19th century bridle rosette, and a 1798 draped bust LC.

**Monthly Board Contest:** Club Vice-President Howard Shettle ran the Competition Board. Results are as follow: **Coin contest** (including jewelry items): 1st place - Mike McCullough, 2nd place - John Vice, and 3rd place - Rick Campo. **Relic contest** (bullets and buttons): 1st place - Mike McCullough, 2nd place - Dave Franz, and 3rd place - John Vice. **Club favorite** - Hibernia halfpenny (shipwreck coin) found by Mike McCullough at a Delaware beach on August 17th.

**Raffle Winners:** **50-50** - \$49.75 went to Nathan Pressler; **Silver Round** - Nathan Pressler; **Leg-of-Gold** - name drawn - Tom Farrell.

**Next Club Meeting:** Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 PM at Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Rd., Essex, MD 21220, 410-887-0258. Mini-hunt at 6:30 PM, weather permitting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mike McCullough on 9/11/2019.