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# Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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## September 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 and Web Master, Chris Wisnom, Secretary and News Letter.

**A special thanks** to the Stinemire family who always provide a wide range of delicious food and snacks for our meetings.

**Attendance:** 44 members were in attendance.

**Guests:** Mr. Kevin Grimaud, lives in Dundalk and started hunting in the early 1980's; Ms. Jo ?, Mr. Chris Norris is a new hunter and previously lived in Florida. Ms. Joan Long joined our club 25 years ago, and has a few metal detectors. Ms. Shannon Baker. Welcome to all of our guests. We hope that you will join our club and share in our many hunting adventures and comradery.

**Mini Hunt:** The mini-hint was conducted at 6:30. Several silver coins were included as prizes for members. The club provides approximately \$91 in coins monthly for the hunt. Every hunter is a winner and takes home some coins. One of the many perks of being a member. Mini hunts will be conducted monthly beginning at 6:30, weather permitting, on the lawn at Victory Villa Community Center. Steve Cunningham will provide email reminders to members.

**Legal Beagle report: Ron Riggs** – City parks are open for hunting, but President Gary Pennington, stated the ground conditions were still not good, due to the hot, dry weather.

**Monthly Club Hunts:** The next club hunt will be conducted on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Members who signed up will be notified by email prior to the hunt.

**Previous Club Outing at Herring Run Park:** was a success with President, Gary Pennington, finding a ½ Seated dime. The dime was minted in limited numbers, making it a very valuable find. Congratulations Gary!!

**Members Only Hunt-** to be held at Victory Villa, Sunday October 6th, from 1 – 5 PM with hunt starting at 2 PM; fee to members \$30.

**Our New Metal Detecting Dealer-** is Joe DeMarco. Joe is graciously granting all club members a 10% discount on purchases, 15% to veterans. Shipping is also provided free, as is sales tax. Please consider purchasing your equipment and supplies from Joe. We are fortunate he is supporting our club, and we look forward to working with him for many years.

**Guest Speaker** - Mr. Dale Green from the Baltimore County Police; Department of Hazardous Device Team presented a program on explosives. It included information on the multiple hazards of incendiary and explosive artillery, and various types of ordinance. Mr. Green cautioned members to avoid tampering with, or handing, any object with the potential to cause bodily harm, and to report their findings to the local police by calling 911, or to the Baltimore County Team by calling 410-887-2459. Mr. Green's program was well received, with numerous members asking questions, and requesting information. Members suggested that he be invited to a future meeting.

**Gracious Presentation**-Mr. "Bud" Lamb, a long-time member, presented a Bounty Hunter, metal detector, to a new member, Ms. Shannon Baker. Ms. Baker expressed a wish to hunt, but currently had no metal detector. Thank you Bud for your generous gift. You exemplify our club spirit.

**Monthly Board Contest:** Dwayne Meanor ran the Competition Board. Results are as follow: Coin contest (including jewelry items): 1st place– Mike McCullough. Second place- Rick Camp. 3<sup>rd</sup> place tie- Gary Pennington and Anthony B. Relic contest (bullets and buttons): 1st place – Mike McCullough. Second place- K. Nealy. Club favorite-Mike McCullogh.

Thanks to Dwayne Meanor for running our raffles.

**Next Club Meeting:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at Victory Villa Community Center, Middle River, 404 Compass Rd, Essex, MD. 21220, 410-887-0258.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.