

The logo is circular with a blue border. Inside, there's a red and white cross on a yellow background. The text 'MARYLAND FREE-STATE' is written along the top inner edge, and 'TREASURE CLUB' is at the bottom.

Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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COVID-19 Screening/Temperature monitoring was conducted in the lobby prior to entering the meeting room. No food and drinks were permitted. Face masks were mandatory, everyone respected social distancing. No limit on the number of attendees. In person meetings will be conducted on the last Thursday of each Month at 7:00 PM at Victory Villa. Proceeded by the mini hunt.

Mini Hunt was conducted at 6:30, no masks were required. Coins were seeded.

The in Person meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President, Mike McCullough. Mike introduced the club officers: Gary Pennington, Vice President, Steve Cunningham – Treasurer and Web Master, Chris Wisnom, Secretary and News Letter. Mike acknowledged all of the volunteers and thanked them for their service. **Mr. Bud Lamb graciously volunteered to be the new “Legal Beagle”**

Memorial: The club reported the passing of a long-time member, Mr. Bill Pfaff. Bill was 74 years old, and was survived by his wife and family. He was a warm and friendly person who will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Treasurers Report: Steve Cunningham reported an account balance of \$ 3305.70.

Attendance: 35 members attended

New Members: We had a great month in August. We would like to welcome **five new members**. Joseph Dowdle, David Gossard, Frank Dean and Nicholas Pease. Welcome gentlemen, we hope you will have many years of adventures discovering history, relics and other treasures with the Maryland Free Treasure Club.

Member Highlights: We would like to acknowledge Mr. Dave Franz. Dave was selected as Veteran of Month, and was awarded a cash gift of \$100 and a plaque in recognition for his service to his country. As further evidence of his character and generosity, he donated his cash gift to our club. Thank you for your service Dave, and your generous gift.

Leg of Gold: Monthly Winner. Dave Franz.

Club Outings: State parks are closed in the summer, due to athletic fields being used by school groups. Notices of further summer outings will be announced.

Members Only Hunt: Our big party of the year. October 2, 2021. \$30.00 for pre-registration, \$35 for walk in's. Lunch and hunts included. 10:30-2:30. A family day. Raffles, door prizes, tokens and hundreds of coins. Registration in advance recommended.

Upcoming Hunts: DIV 50, a 1-week hunt, is being held in Culpepper, Va. From Nov 8 through the 12. Five Civil War farms are included in the hunt sites. The cost is \$300 for the week. Information is available on line. Spots may still be open, based upon cancellations.

Monthly topic: A Review of the History of Loch Raven Reservoir and watershed by President Mike McCullough. The review included maps of the area, review of the geological highlights of specific areas. The history of the Gilmore Family, including their homestead, and contributions to the community.

Year Metal Detecting Permits for Baltimore County- Mail County permit applications to: Nick Behe, 404 Compass Rd E, Middle River, MD 21220

Metal Detecting Permits for Baltimore City are done online. At The Baltimore City Rec and Parks website. Your user name is your email address. You are assigned a temporary password. You select the permit renewal and then pay for that item in your cart. For information contact the permit office by email at Park.Permits@baltimorecity.gov to Shawnte. She will help you navigate the process.

Members Finds for August: Vice President Gary Pennington found numerous antique coins and a silver engraved, historical thimble, which won Club Favorite. Congratulations Gary, hunt on.

New Business: please see club updates on our webpage outlined the Minutes.

Background Checks: Thank you to our officers and volunteers who have submitted their information for background checks through the BCRP website. Only one person has not completed the background check.

Board Winners: Coins, first place Gary Pennington, Second Mike McCullough. **Club Favorite:** Gary Pennington **Relics:** Mike McCullough/Gary Pennington tied.

Next Club Meetings: September 30, 2021.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

