

*The Scoop News*  
*3017 East E Ave*  
*Parchment, MI 49004*



# *The Scoop* *December 2015*

## *Southwest Michigan Seek and Search Club*

***When:*** The third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

***Who:*** Meetings are open to the public.

***Where:*** Plainwell Community Center  
798 East Bridge St., Plainwell, MI

***How:*** From U.S. 131, take exit 49A and go east on M-89. Go through three traffic lights, then another 1/8 mile. Turn right into the drive just before the second set of railroad tracks. The building is near the road on the south side of M-89. Parking is in the rear of the building. Enter on the west side.

## November Finds of the Month



### Jewelry

1. Septum Bar Piece to Pierce Septum in Nose...Rob K
2. Sterling Heart Earring- found 7 Miles from Last One...Mike W
3. 6 In. Sterling Silver Bracelet...Tim T
4. 14k Gold Mans Wedding Band...Ron J
5. 10k Yellow Gold Mans Wedding Band...Deb W
6. St Christopher Medal, Sterling Silver...Ron S
7. Baby Buddha Jewelry Piece...Anne K

Winner #4...Ron J



### Fob, Badge & Token

1. Excelsior Shoe Co. 31mm Token 1910-14...Tom H
2. Metro Bus Token...Logan D
3. 1863 Patriotic Token...Mark C
4. Religious Token Isiah 53:5...David M
5. Civil War Store Card Only 5-10 Known, Racine Wisc...Mike W
6. 1863 Civil War Card Notions Groc. Marshall...Sly
7. 1876 Bronze Centennial Medal Philly Expo 13000 Struck...Ron M
8. Command Master Chief Recruit Training Reward Token...Ron J

Winner #5...Mike W



### Miscellaneous

1. Paper Weight 24 Oz ... Jack B
  2. German Mess-Kit Tools...Ed K
  3. Old Flat Iron Found in Governor's Mansion Dirt...Keith P
  4. Old Franco American Hygienic Co Bottle Chicago W. Cork...Make W
  5. Hand Grenade Shape Flashlight...Billy K
- Winner #2...Ed K  
(Miscellaneous category-non detected finds)



### Coin

1. 1943 Steel Wheat Penny...Rob K
2. 1958 Dime...Keith P
3. 1943 Walking Liberty Half Dollar...Tracy O
4. 1865 Indian Head Cent...Mark C
5. 1848 Large Cent... Anne K
6. 1870 Shield Nickel...Dave W
7. 1941 Mercury Dime...Ron S
8. 1867 2-Cent Piece...Rick B
9. 1945s Mercury Dime...Mike W
10. 1867 Semi-Key Date Indian Head Cent...Sly
11. Wheatie Spill-'55D, '46P, '44D, '43D & '40 Canadian, 59D Memorial...Ron J
12. 1859 Indian Head Cent...Ron M
13. 1964 Roosevelt Dime...Chris S

Winner #8...Rick B



### Most Unusual

1. Spoon...Logan D
  2. (Pulled)
  3. 1959 Flashlight...Kurt N
  4. German Belt Buckle...Gregg
  5. Rouge Compact Hollywood La Bonita...Ron S
  6. Old Sash Buckle Butterfly Shape...Keith P
  7. Garter Hook...Dave W
  8. Old Key...Deb W
  9. Ornate Part Beckwith Round Oak Finial 1892...Mark C
  10. Pocket Watch Westclox Scotty...Sly
  11. 1800s Vintage Brass Horse Sleigh Bell...Rick B
  12. Gun Frame from 1800s...Ron M
  13. 1960s Tootsie Toy Volkswagon...Hal D
  14. Mid 1899's Small Crotal Bell...Mike W
- Winner #4...Gregg

### December

### Feature Raffle

(Members only)

\$10 Dollar Gold

### Piece

### November Winners

Feature Raffle

Paula B. Kurt M

& Mike B

### Silver Dollars

Ron M

Rob K won 2!

### Fish Bowl

Gregg L

### 50/50

Kurt N & Eric A

Raffle Tickets can be purchased before the meeting starts and during the break.

(Non members can purchase tickets for the 50/50 and the silver dollar raffle)

Please have your Find of the Month entries in by 6:45 for pictures to be in the slide show.  
Thank You!

Look us up on the web!

www.swmss.org

# Coming Events & Announcements

New members can enter their finds in Find of the Month (FOTM) & Find of the Year (FOTY), after a full months Membership.

The Miscellaneous Category in the Find of the Month, begins with the November 17th, meeting and will continue until the February 2016 meeting.

This is a non-metal detecting category. Items *do not have to be metal* and must be obtained by you since the last meeting. (This category is during winter months only) Items could be a pretty vase at a yard sale or something found while walking a trail, etc.

## Club Membership Privileges

Enter in the Seeded Hunts, Feature Raffle, Fish Bowl Drawing, door prizes. Mail/Email club newsletter each month. Member benefits are extended to Your spouse, children and grandchildren (18 Years and under).

Dues are \$25 per calendar year, per individual or per family. Children 18 years and older will need to buy their own membership.

\*\*\*If you sign up as a new member at the November or December meeting, your membership will start at that time and continue until the end of 2016.\*\*\*

## Members, Please, "Sign the Book"

Please sign in every month. We use the "Sign in Book" for accounting those who have perfect attendance for the year. The sign in book is on the table with the name tags. Members who have perfect attendance in 2015, will given a ¼ ounce silver round, at the January 2016 meeting.

All members who have perfect attendance for next year, 2016, will receive a ¼ ounce silver round and we will draw 1 name from the list of perfect attendees of 2016 to win ¼ Pound Round of silver!

## We have our own library!

Books and videos are available for you during the break. See Eric.

Merry Christmas!



## December Meeting

We will have 4 more drawings for Turkeys at the December meeting.

## February 17th Meeting, Chili Cook Off

Bring your favorite Chili! And vote for your favorite, there will be a prize for the winner. 😊

## February 20th, Winter Banquet

2pm, at Michelle's

4010 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo

Come to join us for a great time of fellowship! (You will be responsible for the cost your own meal)

## Do you have a favorite holiday treat?

That you would like to share at break time at the meeting? Or a new recipe you would like to "try" out? We would be happy to be the taste testers 😊

It's Christmas! Let's have a party!

(Thank you for all the great treats at the November meeting!)

## Kids 12 & Under

Kids will receive a treasure chest when they attend their 1<sup>st</sup> club meeting. Each meeting thereafter, they can draw a prize to add to their treasure chest.

## Member Information Updates

If you have recently changed your phone number, email or postal address, please let me know. Thanks, Leslie B- secretary

Thanks to all! Who help put away the tables & chairs, clean up, sweep up & tidy up after the club meetings 😊

See you at the next meeting

December 15th, 7pm

Guests are welcome 😊

## December Meeting

### Buy, Sell, Trade & Show Night

This show is to "show off" your metal detecting finds or any non-metal detecting collections you would like to bring. These are to be family friendly items.

(Items that are of weapon in nature, guns, knives or ammo are not allowed in the Community Center.)

### And...

### Silent Auction

Anyone can donate items. A minimum bid will be assigned to each item. The highest bidder wins the item. Do you have something really cool or crafty that you would like to donate to the club for the auction? The Proceeds of the auction go the general fund to help pay club expenses, yearly club events, rent, etc

The newsletter team:

Linda S, Mark C, Anne K and Leslie B).

Look us up on the web!

[www.swmss.org](http://www.swmss.org)

## What is the meaning of Christmas?

This year, a friend and a fellow member of the SWMSS Club, experienced a great loss due to a fire in the apartment complex where they resided. Our friend was not harmed physically but because of the extensive damage to the structure, they lost their belongings and had to find another place to live.

At the November meeting, we "passed the hat" so anyone who would like to help financially could contribute. Your gifts were given to our friend and this is their response to your generosity.

*"I would like to thank the club for their outpouring of money, friendship, time, compassion and caring. I was really moved. I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you. This is a truly heartfelt thank you. God Bless each and every one of you."*

This is true meaning of Christmas, it is when those who give of themselves, either in time, money, friendship or just being there for a friend at a time in need. Christmas isn't just in December but in everyday when there is a friend coming along side another at a time of a loss.

I had looked for a story about Christmas to put in the newsletter this month that would warm your hearts and bless you all. I looked in a book called "Christmas in America" but didn't find anything that seemed to say what I was looking for. Well, it wasn't in a book! It was what was said at the last club meeting when you reached in your hearts and pockets for someone who needed you.



Blessings and a Merry Christmas to all!

Leslie B



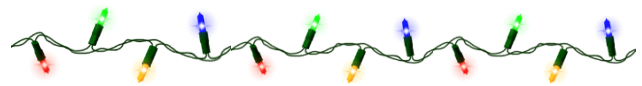
Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents.

At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs.

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..., I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..., I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE...."

His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."

To which the little brother replied, "No, but Gramma is!"



It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?"

"Doing my Christmas shopping early", replied the defendant.

"That's no offense", said the judge." How early were you doing this shopping?"

"Before the store opened."

