

## WHAT A GREAT SPRING HUNT!

The club hunt in May was one of the best in a long time. The last few years we have seen around 21-25 members participate in the hunt. This time we had 33 adult hunters and 6 kids in the kids hunt. Even though the weather was a tad rainy on Saturday we still had a good turn out to search the grounds for old coins and such. I seen some silver jewelry, an Indian head, several wheat's, a silver dime, some tokens, clad, and other items dug during the two days at the fairgrounds.

We also had 6 units stay over to camp on Saturday night.

Sunday morning found us in the big barn eating a hearty breakfast, then Al gave a good Sunday sermon that was also well attended.

Due to the cool rain we found a nice dry place for the kids to have a first ever indoor hunt. They all had a good time and found plenty of coins.

Then the big potluck was started and with 33 hunters, kids and non-hunters I believe we had around 50 people there. After being spoiled a couple years at having our hunts in the horse arenas we had to go back to our roots literally the grass roots! The arenas were too wet so we found a big grass area to plant the coins just like we used to do. Sure there was a few trash targets and coins there that were not planted but it was an equal playing field as we all had to deal with them. Best part was over 1000 good targets were planted for the hunters to seek out.

A BIG thank you to Keith, Chris, John and Betty for planting all them targets. That is a lot of deep knee bends.

After the two hunts we tallied up the coins and tokens then we got ready for the token prize give away. Did I mention we had a record 110 token prizes? Actually we had more but we stopped at 110 because that is all the tokens we had. We are already making more for the fall hunt. After we finished up with the token prizes several headed out to find the coins that were missed and they were finding them too. We finished with clean up and headed for home.

Some of us were exhausted but like always had a great time, and know that all the preparation and planning make it all worthwhile. I would like to thank the board who worked so hard to make this hunt another successful hunt, and all the members who helped as well.

Mike Walker



## May Finds of the Month



### Jewelry

1. Ladies Clip Earring-Costume...Dave M
2. .925 Sterling Ring...Tom B
3. .925 Silver Necklace...Steve J
4. Heddon Fishing Lure Employee Anniv. Pin...Leslie B
5. Gold-Plated Silver & Diamond Pin...John M
6. 30 Inch Long Gold-Plated Necklace...Mike W
7. 1/5 KT Real Diamond W.14 KT Gold Ring Mount...Keith P

Winner #7...Keith P



### Coin

1. 1907 Barber Dime...Mark C
2. 1957 Roosevelt Dime...Tim T
3. 1875 Indian Head Cent...Richard W
4. 1862 Indian Head Cent...Chris A
5. 1873 Indian Head Cent...Mike W
6. Two German WWII Coins W. Swastikas...John M
7. 1885 Indian Head Cent...Ron J

Winner #3... Richard W

**Remember to have your Find of the Month Entries in by 6:45pm to get "your" picture for the slide show, thanks!**

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



### Fob, Badge & Token

1. Token "Kalamazoo City" Back Says "School Ticket"...John W
2. Aluminum Octagonal Crystal White Laundry Token...Tim J...
3. No. American Hunting Club "Caribou" Collector's Token ...Mike W
4. M & M Cigar Store Token, Kalamazoo, Mi...Ron M
5. Orien Chapter #12, Racine Wisc. Token, 1855...John M

Winner #5...John M



### Most Unusual

1. Brass Belt Buckle "Ray"...Ron S
2. Tootsie Toy Truck, Car Hauler, '30-'40s...Tom B
3. Crotal Bell...Gregg L
4. Old Rosette Found In Kentucky...Rick B
5. Little Bear, "Teddy Bear" With No Hair...John W
6. Old Bronze Horse Toe Weight, Canadian Style...Mike W
7. Toy Cap Gun Paratrooper...Ron M
8. Dick Tracy Cap Gun 1960s...Leslie B
9. Decorative Ornament (Finial)...John M

Winner #3...Gregg L

Winner of the Kids Drawing! Ian G! ☺



## June Feature

Raffle  
Gold Coin  
1851, \$1 AU55  
(Slabbed)



## May

### Winners

Feature Raffle  
1779 Mexico  
2 Reales Silver  
\*El Cazador\*  
Shipwreck Coin  
Tim P

### Silver Dollars

Billy K, Tim P  
Mike W

### Fish Bowl

George S &  
Gregg L  
50/50  
Tim P & Ron J

Raffle Tickets  
can be purchased  
before the  
meeting &  
during the  
break.

## Coming Events & Announcements

**Next Meeting**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7p.m.**  
**Ice Cream Night (yum)!**

### **June Meeting** **Board Positions Voting**

#### **Current Board Members**

President – Mike W  
Vice President – Eric A  
Treasurer – John W  
Secretary – Leslie B  
Board Members at Large  
Keith P, Ron J & Tom B  
Alternate – Mike B

(Board Positions are for a 2 year term)

At the May meeting a motion was made and seconded to open the floor for nominations for the board positions. No nominations were heard from the floor. Motion was made and seconded to close nominations.

We will be voting a yes or no for each board member.

Also, we will be voting whether to extend the term of board members from 2 years to 4 years.

If a 4 year term is passed, it will begin in 2 years (May 2017), after the new term of the present board.

**Southwest Michigan Seek & Search Club**  
**By-Laws state in**  
**Article VII-Voting**  
**Section A – Quorum**

“25 % of the current membership shall constitute a quorum”

**See you at the next meeting,**  
**June 16, 7pm ☺**

Thanks to all, who help fold up the tables & chairs, put away, clean up, sweep up & tidy up after the club meetings☺

### **Thank you:**

Prostock Metal Detectors  
Garrett Metal Detectors  
Culver's of Portage  
Scott's Coins  
Battle Creek Bomber's  
And Air Way Lanes, for your donated prizes!  
And a special thank you to all of the members who donated prizes as well ☺

### **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 yrs) and under.

Dues are \$25 per calendar year, per individual or per family. See John W.

### **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.

### **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 the treasure chest.



### **We have our own library!**

The books are available for you during the break. If there is a book you would like added to the library, see Eric A.

### **July 21** **Meeting**

### **Buy, Sell &** **Trade Show**

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.)

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## **The Scoop** June 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.

Look us up on the web!  
[www.swmss.org](http://www.swmss.org)





Spring 2014  
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**Seeded  
Hunt**

