

The Scoop News



The Scoop February 2016

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 South, 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 after the 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.

January 2016 Finds of the Month



Jewelry

1. .925 Silver Chain...John C
2. Sterling Silver Bracelet Chain...Mike W
3. Two .925 Silver Rings...Tim T
4. Spider Web Pendant
W/Spider W/Fake Jewel...Hal D
5. Sterling Silver Men's Ring...Logan D
6. 14k & 10k Rings...Rob K
7. Small Enamel-Coated
Ring-Stamped India...Kerry S
8. Small Metal Skull
(Jewelry Pendant) ...John M

Winner #6...Rob K



Coin

1. 1942 Mercury Dime...Mike W
2. 1959 Roosevelt Dime...Hal D
3. 1866 Indian Head Cent-Semi
Key Date...Ron M
4. 1964 Quarter 1964 Dime &
1919 Wheat Cent...Sly
5. 1965 Dime...John M

Winner #3...Ron M

The Miscellaneous Category in the Find of the Month began with the November 17th meeting and will end after the February 16th 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 only during the winter months)

Please ask if you have any questions☺



Fob, Badge & Token

1. Gr & Indiana Rr Token Engine
16 1/4 Cord Wood...Kerry S
2. Shell Oil Token-Harry S Truman,
33rd President ...John M
3. State Illinois Finance Dept. Tax Token
1 1/2 Tenth of A Cent...Rob K

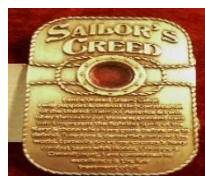
Winner #1...Kerry S



Most Unusual

1. Vintage O M Edwards Cast Brass Padlock
1915-20...John W
2. Goat Head Picture in Antique Bubble
Dome Display...Sly
3. Navy Suspender Clip -Anchor &
Rope...Ron M
4. Lantern Top...Kerry S
5. Iron Fire Stove Leg...Rob K
6. Old Cast Iron...Rick B
7. Piece of Metal of Iron...Kurt N

Winner #3...Ron M



Miscellaneous

1. Nickel- No Legible Date...John W
2. Ship Bulkhead Door (Hatch)
W.Sailor's Creed...Billy K
3. St Louis V&F.B.O. Standard
Fire Brick C.1905...Rob K
4. Large Piece of Wood - Looks Like
an Arrowhead...John M

Winner #2...Billy K

Find of the Year 2016!



1. 1892-O Barber Half Dollar
Rare Date 395,000 Minted...Tim T
2. Urn Jewelry-Cremation
Pendant...John W
3. **Wedding Band Set-Palladium
W. 39 Small Diamonds
& 1 Pear Shape...John M**
4. 1861 Falvey Mfg Racine, WI--R8,
Less Than 10 Known to Exist.
...Mike W

Winner #3...John M
(Very cool find John!)

**Please have your Find of the Month entries
in by 6:45pm for your pictures to be in the
slide show, Thanks!**

New members, can enter their finds
in the "Find of the Month" after 1 full
Month's membership.

We have our own library!

Book are available for you during the break.
See Eric

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

Important! This is the last newsletter that
will be mailed for those who have not yet
renewed their club membership for 2016☺
As soon as you renew, you will be
"on our list" again☺.

Would you like to join the SWMSS Club?

"MEMBER BENEFITS"

1. Find of the Month Entries
2. Find of the Year Entry
3. Door Prizes
4. All Raffle's
(Non-members may purchase raffle tickets
for the 50/50 and silver dollar drawings, just
not the Feature Raffle, which is a member's
only raffle)
5. Newsletter
6. Seeded Hunts
7. *Voting Rights
8. *Fish Bowl Prize
9. *Perfect Attendance Prize

An "Associate" membership is extended to
the paid member's spouse, their children
and grandchildren.

*Exception: * Items are not extended for the
associate members.*

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

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.

All members who have perfect attendance
for 2016 will receive a prize, then from all
the perfect attendee names, we will draw 1
more name for a special prize.

Kids 12 & Under

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

February
Feature
Raffle
(Members only)
5 OZ Silver
Round

January
Winners

Feature Raffle
Nick W

Silver Dollars
Mike W, Al H
Tom B

Fish Bowl
Dave M

50/50
Dave D
Denise M

Raffle Tickets
can be
purchased
before the
meeting starts
and during the
break.
(Non-members
can purchase
tickets for the
Silver Dollar
raffle and the
50/50 raffle ☺

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Coming Events & Announcements

February 16th Meeting Chili Cook Off

Bring your favorite Chili!
Vote for your favorite!

1st Place Winner - Morgan Silver Dollar
2nd Place Winner – A Copper Bar

February Guest Speaker, Kevin Ailes

Kevin is a scuba diver enthusiast and member of MUD/Michigan Underwater Divers Club. Kevin has done a lot of research and will share with us the history and the mystery of the “missing” Ferris wheel and rollercoaster cars that were enjoyed by large crowds so very many years ago.

Kevin is truly a seeker of the truth when related to local historical events that have occurred in and around our home waters.

Come and hear Kevin speak about the times in 1893 during the local cable-car era before the advent of long distance travel.

February 20th, Winter Banquet

2pm, at Michelle's

4010 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo

Come to join us for a great time of fellowship!
BYOM (Bring your own money)

March 15th Meeting Easter Eggs for Sale

\$1 an Egg, 3 Eggs per person until everyone has a chance to purchase their 1st 3 eggs.

There will be a surprise and something “sweet” inside each egg.

And 4 ham drawings!

Spring Hunt! May 21 & 22 (Sat & Sun)

2 Adult Hunts & 1 Kids Hunt (12 yrs. and under)
Details & Location will be announced at a later date.

See you at the next meeting

January 16th, 7pm

Guests are welcome 😊

Out with The Old and in with The New

Ok, so 2015 has come and gone, and as a club we have seen many awesome finds made by our members. We have seen some semi rare coins, tokens, and relics. We have seen some awesome jewelry. We have even seen some items that no one knows what they are but they were still pretty cool.

As a club, we also removed thousands of trash items from the ground, and was able to find and return many lost items for people.

Many new members joined the club in 2015 and we continue to see record numbers at each meeting. As one of the biggest clubs in the country I would imagine that hardly any club can say that the number of attendees at a meeting nearly matches the total number of members in the club.

Speaking of members, did you know it takes quite a few members to make a club meeting run so smooth? About an hour before the meeting close to a dozen people show up to set up the room. Then we have people who set up and run the kitchen, the find of the month table, the slide show, the ticket table, not to mention those who stay after the meeting to tear down and clean up.

We also have many people who contribute door prizes and food for snack time. If you get a chance, be sure to thank all these fine people for being so giving of their time and for the items they donate.

Now on to 2016. Although it has just started, I anticipate another great year for the club. I know that some members have already been out digging, and some have had a chance to volunteer to help law enforcement with evidence searches.

Many fun events have been planned for the new year. Some include the chili cook off, the winter banquet, spring and fall hunts, and a fellowship hunt just to name a few.

I look forward to seeing all the awesome finds made this year.

Mike W

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