

The Scoop News



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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.

March 2016 Finds of the Month



Jewelry

1. 160 Item Stash in One Hole, Gold & Silver Rings, Earrings, Pendants, Chains, Cuff Links, Keys, Coins, Bracelet's, Fobs and Misc....Mike W
2. Artificial Jewel Encrusted Eastern Orthodox Style Cross Pendant...Hal D
3. Bobcat Pendant...Ron S
4. Sterling Silver Ring W/Blue Stone...Kerry S
5. Sterling Charm...Dave W
6. 14 K Ring W/Dark Stone...Fred J

WINNER #1...Mike W



Coin

1. 1850 Large Cent...Mike W
2. 1943 Mercury Dime...Bonnie P
3. 1867 Double Die Obverse 2-Cent Piece...Kerry S
4. 1883 Seated Dime...Adam W
5. 1875 Seated Dime...Ron M
6. 1906 V Nickel...Dave W
7. 1859 Canadian Large Cent...Jeff W

Winner #1...Mike W, again? ☺

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.



Fob, Badge & Token

1. Crystal White Laundry Soap Token Late 1920's...Tom B
2. E.T. Monk & Son Lansing, MI. Good for Ten cents...Mike W
3. Silver King Novelty Co Slot Machine Token...Kerry S
4. 1863 Civil War Union Token Cross Cannons & Liberty...Ron M

Winner #2...Mike W, again! ☺



Most Unusual

1. Wm. Rogers Mfg. Co Silver-Plate Spoon Avalon Pattern 1940's...Anne K
2. Smallest Tootsie Toy Car...Mike W
3. Unusual Buckle...Ron M
4. Pre 1960 Button, Archid Aust Dux Burg Co. ...Dave W
5. Log Wedge/Axe...Rob K

Winner #2...Mike W, yep, again☺

Mike's 160 Item "Stash"



A once in a life time find! Awesome!

There are metal detecting and collecting, reference book available at the club meetings for your use☺. Please see Eric

April Feature Raffle (Members Only)

**2 Drawings!
Waterproof Garrett Pinpointer & A Lesche Digger**

**March Winners Feature Raffle
Roger P
Silver Dollars
Rick B, Dale K
Kerry S
Fish Bowl
Kurt K**

**50/50
Dave B & Billy K**

**Easter Hams
Logan D
Adam W
Dale K & Jeff W**

Congratulations to everyone!

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 ☺)

Coming Events & Announcements

April 19th Meeting

Back by popular demand...our favorite local historian...Tom Dietz !!!

I can only give you a clue as to his mysterious topic for our next meeting.

I heard it has something to do with stolen loot or valuables that were never recovered and the mysteries of the Luxurious Resort era in Kalamazoo and Gull Lake around the turn of the 19th century.

For those of you that have heard one of Tom's presentations in the past or saw him at the Kalamazoo Museum... you already know just how historically educational and insightful his masterful stories, of everything historical, can be.

Come to the next meeting and lose yourself in Tom's magical, historical vortex.

THANK YOU BILL MITCHELL!

We enjoyed and benefited from your presentation, Rocks, Gemstones & Minerals at our March meeting.

Also, Bill has invited our club to the Kalamazoo Rock, Gem, Jewelry, Fossil & Mineral Show, April 29 to May 1, at the Kalamazoo Expo Center. (See the Kalamazoo Expo Center website for times & admission fees)

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.

Anyone interested? in an opportunity to enter their detected coins & finds in a contest this November

in Warren, MI. 1st place prize is a gold coin☺.

See Ron Jenner during the break for more information.

Spring Seeded Hunt!

Club Members Only, Join the Club☺

May 21 & 22

(Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

Come for the day or the weekend!

Saturday, May 21st

Fellowship Hunt

Sunday, May 22nd

Breakfast 8:30 AM

Sunday Service 9 AM

11 AM Kids Hunt

(\$5 for each child, 12 yrs. and under)

12:00 Pot Luck Dinner

1:30 Adult Hunt A

3:00 Adult Hunt B

(\$40 per adult for both A & B hunts or \$20 for hunt B only)

Right after the last hunt,

we will draw for door prizes.

There will be silver dollar raffles available for purchase too.

Overnight camping is \$20 a night.

If you would like to participate in the hunt(s), see John Winkler at the April meeting.

If you would like to donate prizes, please bring them to the April or May meeting, or the day of the seeded hunts.

Thanks!

Thank you so much! To those help put away tables & chairs, clean up, sweep up & tidy up after the club meetings

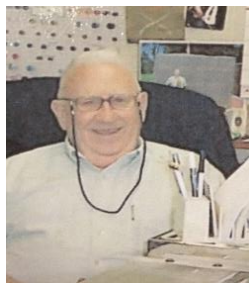
See you at the next meeting☺

April 19th, 7pm

Look us up on the web!

www.swmss.org

Carl Tackett 1931-2016



Carl served in the US Marines 1950-1953.
He was at Camp Lejeune, NC
He retired from the General Motors Corp.
He had a lifelong passion for coins
He was one of the most caring, humble, giving,
men I have ever had the privilege of knowing.

I met Carl many years ago when we as a club started buying coins from him. It was a very short time and we became friends not just business acquaintances. It wasn't long after that, I realized he completely trusted me. He not only let me look through the coins that I was about to purchase unsupervised, but he took my word for it as to what I had, never checking to see how many I had or what kind I had. I would just tell him and he would add it up. Later on he even started having me make out the ticket, again never double checking the math or the amount of coins I was buying. Over the years he had donated hundreds of coins to the club. It was very common for him to say "here these are for the club" Most recently when we stopped to pick him up for the club meeting, he informed me that he could not go because there was family in town. So he handed me 80 Mercury dimes and said, these are for the Easter eggs.

Carl was the only person in our club to be given the status of, "Honorary Life Member". It has been many years since all of my grand- parents have passed away, but Carl helped to fill that void. We had grown close and he would often say, I love you before we parted ways. I saw him on Saturday at the Kalamazoo Coin show. We shared a few laughs and made plans to meet on Thursday. Before leaving he gave me a hug that was different than usual. He held on longer and I noticed the difference. He went to sleep on Tuesday night and never woke up. I realize now that the long meaningful hug was him saying goodbye. There is now another void in my heart, but the memories we made will last a lifetime. I will miss your smile my friend, God Speed.
Mike Walker

Benefits of joining SWMSS Club

1. Find of the Month Entries
2. Find of the Year Entry
3. Door Prizes
4. All Raffle's
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 in" at every club meeting. The "sign in book" is used to keep a record for perfect attendance. The sign in book is on the table with the name tags. Thank you!
(Non-members may purchase raffle tickets for the 50/50 and silver dollar drawings)

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