

The Scoop News
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Southwest Michigan Seek and Search Club

January 2026 - Edition

When: The Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7 P.M.

Who: Meetings are open to the public

Where: Kalamazoo Rod & Gun Club
7533 North Sprinkle Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49004

How: From U.S. 131 come North to D Ave. take D Ave. East to North Sprinkle (road curves right and heads south), club is .25 miles on the right from int. of D. Ave. and Sprinkle.

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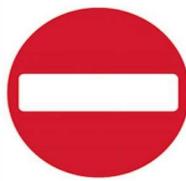
Take U.S. 131 South to D. Ave. exit, take D. Ave. East to N. Sprinkle (directions from here same as Northbound (above)).



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December 2025 - Finds of the Month

JEWELRY



No entry

Entries:

Unfortunately there were no Jewelry category entries for the month of December, better luck next month.

No Winner

COIN



Entries:

1. No Date Buffalo Nickel (Wheatie in same hole) – Keith P.
2. 1876 S Seated Liberty Silver Quarter (die crack reverse) – Brian T.

WINNER...#2 Brian T.

FOB, BADGE, TOKEN



Entries:

1. Graham Morton Holland Interurban Token – 1912 -1917 – Brian T.

WINNER...#2 Brian T.

MOST UNUSUAL



Entries:

1. Button Front – Keith P.
2. Vintage 1957 Tootsie Toy – Ford Style Truck – Len S. Jr.

WINNER...#2 Len S. Jr.

MISCELLANEOUS



Entries:

1. 2024 P Half Dollar (weak strike) – Mike W.
2. "Thank you for your service" token – John M.
3. 3 Gram Sterling Silver "dotted" gecko found at Gas Station – Mike S.
4. Reader's digest token, coin star find – Keith P.
5. 1896 Silver Half Dollar – Tim J.
6. 1942 Walking Liberty Half Dollar, coin roll find – Greg S.
7. 1500s Luckenbooth brooch, Scottish, from Hoover Boys – Brian T.

WINNER...#2 John M.



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January Meeting

- Finds of the Month (40% silver halves to winners)
- Find of the Year! (25 Dollars!)
- FEATURE RAFFLE: Silver Eagle!!!
- Perfect attendance (99.9 Silver half oz. rounds)
- Silver Dollar raffle is 90% silver
- Discuss Banquet (Kalamazoo Rod & Gun Club) Feb. 28th?
- Reminder: March is chili cook off!!

Miscellaneous category for FOM - 3rd Month.

With the beginning of daylight savings time (November 3rd), the Miscellaneous category begins again.

- This is a **non-metal detecting** category, items can be metal but do not have to be metal and can **not be** found with a detector. Must be found/purchased/given to you since last meeting.
- This category is during the winter months only.

FOM notes:

- All items must be found or acquired since the last meeting.
- Multiples must be found in the same hole.
- One entry per category per member.
- Must be a paid member to enter find of the month.
- Write your name on the back of the entry slip.
- Do not look at names on the back of find of the month slips.
- Check with the President or Vice President if you have any questions as to what category to put an item in.



Newsletter Tip!!!

If you see text in **blue** that has this in front of it: "[https](#)" it is a web-link you can click on in the digital newsletter or you can manually type it in to your web browser's URL field to learn more about a particular subject.

***Raffle Tickets must be purchased before the beginning of the meeting.**

****You don't have to be a member to purchase tickets for the Silver Dollar or the 50/50 raffles.**

SWMSS CLUB MEMBER BENEFITS

1. Find of the Month Entries
2. Find of the Year Entry
3. Door Prizes
4. All Raffle's & the Feature Raffle
5. Newsletter, Mail and / or Email
6. Participate in Seeded Hunts
7. * Voting Rights
8. * Fish Bowl Prize (drawing every meeting)
9. Perfect Attendance (Jan. through Dec.) prize
10. To Sell or Trade at the "Buy, Sell & Trade Night".

Exception: *These items are not extended to associate members.

An "Associate" membership is extended to a paid member's spouse (*must be legally married*), their children and grandchildren. Anyone 18 years and older are considered an adult and will need to purchase their own membership.

A new member can enter their finds in the "Find of the Month" after 1 full month's membership.**

A "new" member is someone that has never been a member before.

Renewal Memberships are due before the meeting starts to participate in the "Find of the Month".

Club Membership is \$25 for the calendar year (January Through December).

Members, Please, "Sign in" at every club meeting. The "Sign In Book" is used to keep record of perfect attendance for the year. The sign in book is on the table with the name tags.

Be sure to renew your membership before the meeting starts to get in on the drawings and raffles.

****Please note:**

To be guaranteed a photo in the slide show for "Find of the Month", there is a **6:45** cut off time.

Please be mindful of this as Anne and Bradley our photographers most months have 60+ photos to take and incorporate into the slide show for judging. We need to maintain this cutoff if we are to finish in a timely manner and ensure everyone has a chance to compete.

***** If any club members would like to be added to the SWMSS Club Facebook group, please contact Mike Walker or Brian Tobias**



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Member Profile - Keith Payne - thanks for your support!

For those of you that maybe have not known Keith Payne long or are new to the club, Keith's been with us for many years. Keith helps make the Finds of the Month entries (organizing finds that are entered) run smoothly each month, helps set up seeded and free hunts, and pretty much has donated his time to anything else the club needs to get done and he's always willing to help with a smile. Keith sits on our board and has been an amazing co-board member, club member and friend to us for years.



About 6 years ago Keith's was diagnosed with the onset of Parkinson's disease. His Parkinson's has progressed and has caused uncontrollable tremors in his arms, primarily his left side. Keith is a welder by trade and extremely adept at fixing most anything (cars for instance) so this has not only impacted his day to day and hobbies, but his livelihood as well. As a result, he's on a fixed medical income to speak. Last month, due to a recent groundbreaking procedure that Keith had done, we asked club members to "pass the hat" for Keith's medical bills. Keith was very appreciative of this (was not expecting it) and wanted me to do a quick write up to explain his situation and why your support meant so much to him in his journey to a better quality of life.

So awhile back Keith was made aware of a new groundbreaking procedure called FUS (Focused Ultrasound) therapy. He decided to take the leap of faith and undergo this procedure to lessen or eliminate his tremors on December the 10th. While this procedure has the potential to help him greatly it isn't free even with his medical coverage and so every cent donated was a huge help to Keith! Thank you! This is a rundown of what he had done and how it is works:

Focused ultrasound (FUS):

is a non-invasive treatment for Parkinson's disease (PD) that uses MRI-guided, high-intensity sound waves to create tiny lesions in specific brain areas, disrupting faulty circuits causing symptoms like tremor, rigidity, and dyskinesia. Performed while the patient is awake, FUS offers immediate relief, quick recovery, and avoids incisions or implanted devices, with FDA approvals for both unilateral (one side) and bilateral (both sides) treatment for medication-resistant PD symptoms, significantly improving quality of life.

How it Works

MRI Guidance: A patient lies in an MRI scanner that provides real-time images to pinpoint the target area, like the thalamus or globus pallidus, without surgery.

Focused Sound Waves: Thousands of ultrasound beams converge on a tiny spot, heating, and ablating (destroying) a small cluster of neurons responsible for abnormal signals.

Real-Time Feedback: Doctors monitor temperature and have the patient perform tasks (like drawing) to assess tremor response, adjusting the treatment precisely.

Key Benefits

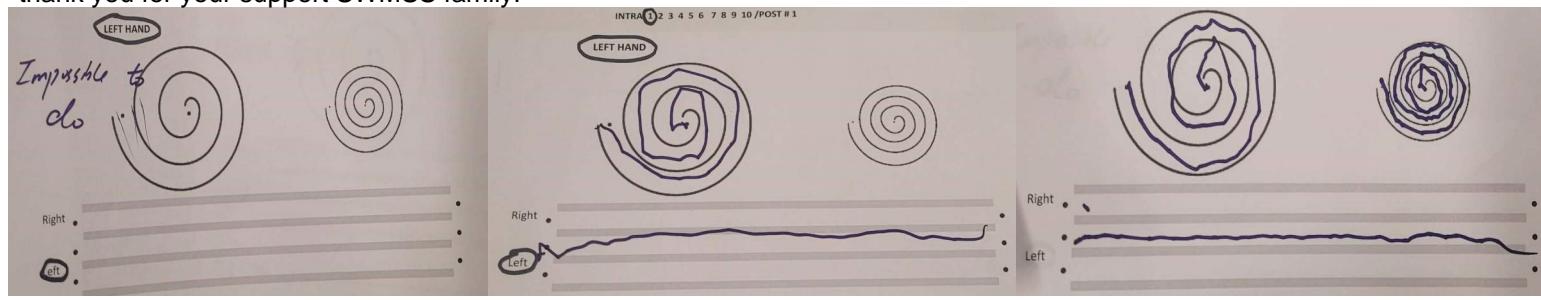
Non-invasive: No incisions, cuts, or radiation exposure.

Immediate & Durable Results: Patients often see significant symptom reduction right after the procedure, with effects lasting years.

Quick Recovery: Most patients go home the same day.

No Implants: No need for deep brain stimulation (DBS) hardware.

Even though Keith had this done back in December he was still able to make it to our December club meeting and as you could probably tell his arm tremor was almost 100% unnoticeable after this procedure. He has had some return arm tremor symptoms now and some affecting his head since this procedure. It is not known if this is temporary or if additional sessions are needed to eliminate his tremors. Below are examples of his writing pretreatment, while being treated (intra) and post treatment on the day of procedure. As you can see it has made a huge difference. Please continue to keep Keith in your thoughts and prayers and thank you for your support SWMSS family!



Pre-treatment

During treatment

Post treatment

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