

The Scoop News
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The Scoop Southwest Michigan Seek and Search Club

March 2024 - 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.

Or

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



February 2024 - Finds of the Month

WINNER...#1 Mike W.



JEWELRY

Entries:

1. Old sterling ring - Mike W.
2. 14K gold earring - Fred J.

WINNER...#2 Kerry S.



COIN

Entries:

1. Braided hair Large cent, clipped, no date - Brian T.
2. 1837 Large cent - Kerry S.
3. 7 coin spill, 60's and 70's - Mike W.

WINNER...#1 Brian T.



FOB, BADGE,
TOKEN

Entries:

1. James Kennedy 1863 war claim office token - Brian T.
2. Sturgis, MI 1922 bike license #226 - Kerry S.

WINNER...#1 Jim C.



MOST UNUSUAL

Entries:

1. Airplane pencil sharpener - Jim C.
2. Lead cast coin reverse - Brian T.
3. Antique brass bird (wind chime?) - Mike W.

WINNER...#5 Mike B.



MISCELLANEOUS

Entries:

1. Heart compact, found in old camper - Keith P.
2. 10K gold chain, found on the ground - Mike W.
3. 1921 P Morgan dollar - Brian T.
4. 1911 Barber half, in trade - Kerry S.
5. Door knobs found in a barn - Mike B.

March Mtg.

Feature prize will be a pinpointer
Chili cook off at the regular meeting in March.
1st Place winner - Silver Dollar
2nd Place winner - Silver Half Dollar

Upcoming - April Mtg.

Silver rounds! (Details later)
Annual Easter Eggs
4 Hams given away

- Feature Raffle -
Pinpointer!!!

Reminder:

It's that time of year. At the end of the month, those who have not renewed their membership will be dropped from email of the newsletter, etc.... You can message me or Mike W. if you know you will be renewing.

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.

****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.***

SW MSS 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, 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 has 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



Southwest Michigan Seek & Search Club By-Laws

(Current 12-01-2021)

Herein are The Club **By-Laws** as ratified and set forth by **Southwest Michigan Seek & Search Club**:

Article I – Name:

This organization, founded in the State of Michigan in 1989, is named the Southwest Michigan Seek and Search Club and may be referred as “**The Club**” in The By-Laws.

Article II – Purpose:

The purpose of The Club is to encourage and promote responsible and ethical metal detecting as well as other forms of treasure seeking and the furtherance of research leading to recovery.

Article III – Membership:

Section A - Eligibility

Membership is open to all persons interested in promoting the purpose of The Club.

Section B - Dues

The membership dues will be determined by a vote of the membership at a regular meeting of The Club and entitles the member to participate and vote at all general membership meetings and engage in all activities of The Club.

Section C - Meetings

Membership meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month unless changed by a majority vote of the membership.

Article IV – Board:

Section A - Elections

Elections for all Board positions shall be held every two years at the June meeting.

Section B - Terms

Officers and Trustees shall serve two-year terms. **No Member** shall hold more than one Board position at any one time.

Section C - Officers

1. President

The President shall supervise all activities of the Club and its officers. He/she is to appoint such standing committees as necessary for successful operations. He/she has the power to represent the Club and shall be the chairperson at all regular meetings.

2. Vice President

The **Vice President** shall succeed to the powers and duties of the **President** in the order maintained, in the absence of the **President**.