

The Scoop News
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Southwest Michigan Seek and Search Club

April 2026 - Edition

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

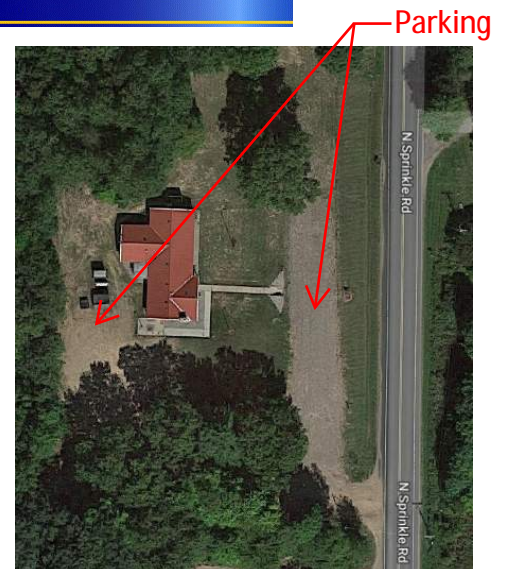
Who: Meetings are open to the public

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.

Or

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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March 2026 - Finds of the Month

JEWELRY



Entries:

1. Vintage Avon ring with stones – Mike W.
2. Old 4H Pin – Keith P.
3. Victorian ladie's scarf slide – Brian T.

WINNER...#3 Brian T.

COIN



Entries:

1. 1851 Half Cent, Civil War battle field and "bucket list" find – Mike W.
2. 1916S First year Mercury Dime – Brian T.

WINNER...#1 Mike W.

FOB, BADGE, TOKEN



Entry: (w/one entry must have over 50% of vote to win)

1. 1917 Barry County dog tax (license) #284, found #268 as well – Brian T.

WINNER...#1 Brian T.

MOST UNUSUAL



Entries:

1. Battle field 3 ring Minié ball in wood – Fred J.
2. 1892 Norwich Lock Co. "smokehouse" style padlock – Brian T.
3. Tree with buck shot inside, still rattles – Mike W.

WINNER...#3 Fred J.

April Meeting

- FEATURE RAFFLE: Detecting Grab Bag!!
3 Items, 3 Winners!!!
- Easter egg night
- Give away, 4 Hams!!!

Detecting in the News

Recent Major Finds:

Viking Royal Treasure: In April 2026, a 13-year-old boy on the island of Rügen discovered a massive hoard of over 600 silver items, including coins from the reign of King Harald Bluetooth.

16th-Century Coin Haul: A detectorist in Derbyshire recently found 18 coins dating between 1564 and 1604, which have been declared treasure and are being acquired by the Derby Museum.

Massive Roman Discovery: A find of 15,000 Roman coins was reported in North Wales, where they were discovered inside two clay pots.

Gold Rush Relic: In February 2026, an "extremely rare" Japanese bronze coin was unearthed at a former Gold Rush-era campsite in Victoria, Australia.

Crackdown on "Nighthawking": Police are reporting a rise in illegal detecting at protected archaeological sites. Authorities in areas like Humberside (England) are partnering with Historic England to investigate these incidents.

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**



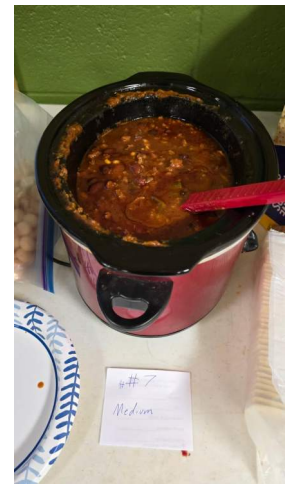
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March Chili Cook Off!!

The March Chili Cook Off went off with a blast!! We had many tasty entries, 7 in all!! Congratulations to the winners.

Our first place winner was Logan Debruyn!

We had a tie for 2nd place winner with Debra Y. and John M. Thanks everyone for participating and making this a fun night!



For what it is worth:

This article is going to be a short one, sorry folks been a busy month. Wow, took a look back and I've been a member of SWMSS for 7 years now. Short compared to some of you in the club for sure, but time really has flown by. Shortly after joining I volunteered to do this newsletter following in the footsteps of our beloved Leslie Beilby. I was then elected to be the club secretary a position she'd also held.

In this time I've covered everything from historic treasure finds to detecting etiquette to disgruntled rantings on topics that affect us and this hobby. I've tried to keep the topics interesting, intriguing, informative and entertaining and some times humorous while that may be debated. Let's face it, not everyone can be Al Holden!

I've got some new ideas floating around that I'm going to be doling out like award winning chili, hot, spicy and comforting in the next few months, not just this month (hopefully with less aftermath than Chili ;)). Be prepared, you've been warned, lol.

The purpose for this article though is to thank you all for welcoming me into this club and becoming part of my extended family, for those that may be new to SWMSS, I look forward to getting to know you better through the years as well. If ever there is a topic you'd like to see covered, please don't be bashful, you can reach me at brian.tobias@gmail.com. God bless you all friends!

Brian T.

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