

The Scoop News
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April 2026 - Edition

Southwest Michigan Seek and Search Club

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

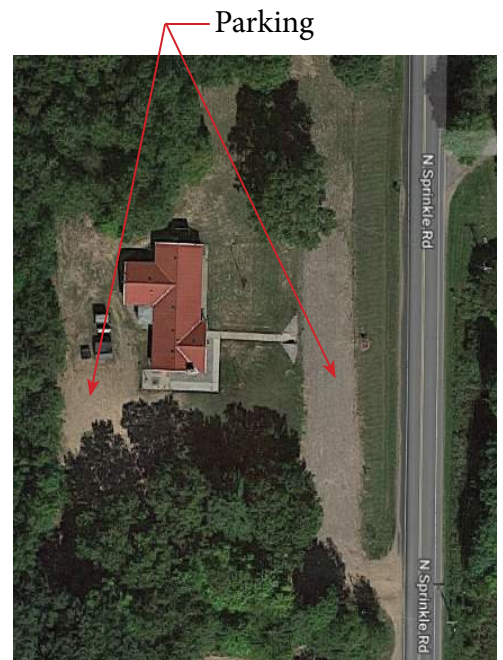
Who: Meetings are open to the public

Where: 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)).



April 2026 - Finds of the Month

Jewelry



Entries:

1. Tiffany & Co. .925 Charm double stamped – Mike W.
2. Silver pendant - Brandon W.
3. Victorian shamrock brooch - Brian T.

WINNER...#1, Mike W.

Coin



Entries:

1. 18_8 Indian Head Cent, possible die error - Mike W.
2. 1945 Yugoslavia 1 Dinar - John M.
3. No Entry
4. Coin Spill, 1900, 1909, IHC 1913D, 1918, (2) 1919 Lincolns - Len S.
5. 1907 IHC found at grandma's house - Rob K.
6. Unidentified old silver coin - Joe R.
7. 1946 Silver Washington quarter - ?
8. 1911 Barber Dime, XF details - Brian T.

WINNER...#4, Len S.

F. B. & T



Entries:

1. Dort Motor Car Co. Tag
2. Kalamazoo MI, Nov. 1915 13th annual state boy's conference fob - Tim T.
3. 1962 Kalamazoo dog license tag
4. Sunfield Michigan token, not listed anywhere - Brian T.

WINNER...#2, Tim T.

Most Unusual



Entries:

1. B & K Co. Printer Plate - Bill B.
2. U.S. Navy brass padlock "Push Key" style - Mike W.
3. Vintage Chevy gas cap - Logan D.
4. D&M & Co. lock, 1860 to 1868
5. Old pick axe, farm field find - Keith P.
6. 1840 Martin Van Buren presidential campaign two-piece button extremely rare only a few exist today - Brian T.

WINNER...#2, Mike W.

May Meeting

- FEATURE RAFFLE: **SILVER EAGLE!!!**
- Nominations for Board Members
- Friendship hunt location and details to be announced!

Detecting in the News

Nettie Edmondson, 74, dubbed 'golden girl' by her detectorist peers, has been scouring fields looking for lost artifacts for more than 20 years.

Since starting her hobby in 2005, Edmondson has found at least one golden trinket every year.

She has dug up countless historical items – including rare medieval brooches and a Roman gold ring.

She is now selling her remarkable collection of more than 100 items at auction on Saturday, May 16.

Edmondson, of Wilden, Bedfordshire, said: "I am keeping a couple of bits back but other than that it is all going under the hammer".

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.

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 one 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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The changing landscape of detecting today

I could probably go into great detail about the history and development of the metal detector. I've dabbled in this in past articles. I'd never have the breadth of historical knowledge on this as the likes of those folks such as Al Holden would have.

In the early days of detecting however the machines were simpler, less frills, usually an analog needle that waved back and fourth like some magical windshield wiper of an indicator wavering at every signal, good or bad, aluminum can or old coin. With these there was very little in the way of accurate indication of finds with those old machines but at the end of the day...they found metal, they found stuff in the ground.

We really do have those companies such as Fisher, Garrett and Whites to thank for ushering in the age of digital signal feedback and display and the age of VLF.

Fisher was the first to market with the Very Low Frequency detectors in the mid to late 70s. Then the digital addition to machines occurred starting in the late 1980s to 1990s with Garrett's DSP (Digital Signal Processing) in 1987. The switch of other companies to digital occurred in the 1990s as did the introduction of pulse induction (PI) machines.

That is pretty much we were for awhile, true machines were ever changing adding different features, gimmicks some of them. But ground balancing, notching, EMF cancellation, etc. were all made possible in the switch to computer based digital machines.

The new boon of Variable frequency machines (the ability for a detector to send more than one frequency into the ground) really started in 1991 with Minelab and Fisher's CZ5 and today the industry has now moved to Simultaneous variable frequency machines allowing multiple frequencies sent at the same time.

So what's next you say?

I'm not sure, to be honest. I think in gold prospecting companies continue to tweak or expand the capabilities of Pulse induction detectors. Nokta just released the Nokta Magnetar 9000 again, a PI machine but with dual receivers and supposedly able to eliminate background ground noise to find smaller and smaller nuggets.

But what about standard machines? I think there is a lot going on right now with detector companies and a lot is rumor, but some based in reality. Garrett (I'll admit I'm a fan boy) has been struggling to find its place resting (I think a bit too long) on the AT platform. Machines like the Apex and the Vortex have not been well received. I think that the idea of the Vortex (one physical machine with upgradeable software to make it 3 levels of machines) sounds good..but in practice it is very gimmicky and opens itself up for someone to hack the software and get the most expensive machine for free. I hate to say it after seeing them let some of their most influential people go lately it "feels" like they may pull out of the consumer detector segment. There has been a push for machines with all the bells and whistles lately but for much less money. There are also two schools of detectorists out there those that want a turn on and go and those that like all the higher end features and want to save settings and tweak and program the machines. I think those will always command a premium.

In the coming articles I plan to go into the different technologies out there today, and what I think is coming next. I'm going to explore some of the rumors, some of the facts and some of the information I've been hearing from some people I know that have the inside scoop.

I think overall there is a huge push to make detecting way simpler for the average idiot, much like the iPhone changed the phone landscape for the average user. This is resulting in a lot of cheaper machines which aren't necessarily better. In a nutshell, much like everything else has fallen prey to in our world, people want instant gratification, they don't have time to learn complex machines and I think we'll see more of "simple" to use machines with high technology running them behind the scenes.

BRIAN T.



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