

**The Scoop News**  
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***The Scoop***

**Southwest Michigan Seek and Search Club**

**June 2025 - Edition**

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

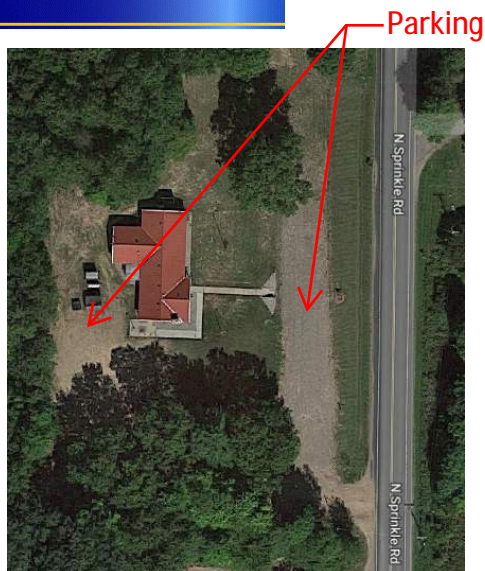
**Who:** Meetings are open to the public

**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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# May 2025 - Finds of the Month

## WINNER...#3 Bill B.



JEWELRY

### Entries:

1. Tungsten carbide ring with crack, water find – Keith P.
2. Smallest gingerbread man on the planet (earring) – Mike W.
3. .925 stamped ring, found in local school yard, first ring of the year – Bill B.

## WINNER...#5 Mike W.



COIN

### Entries:

1. 1929 wheat cent, found in my front yard – Bill B.
2. 1953 silver Roosevelt dime – Keith P.
3. 1909S wheat cent, semi-key date (can't see a VDB on it) – Brian T.
4. "Two-fer" pennies found stuck together – John M.
5. 1890 Indian head cent (IHC) found day before meeting – Mike W.
6. 1964 silver Roosevelt dime – Tim T.

## WINNER...#1 Brian T.



FOB, BADGE, TOKEN

### Entries:

1. My "White whale" civil war store card token, 1863 D.C. Hawley/Groceries & Provisions, Hastings MI, R-6 - Brian T.
2. 13 Michigan dog tags found together in a burn pit, Victorian home site – Mike W.
3. "No Cash Value" token found in my mom's backyard detecting with my daughter – Bill B.

## WINNER...#2 Brian T.



MOST UNUSUAL

### Entries:

1. Miniature "Pepperbox" 6-barrel pistol game piece from the game Clue – Mike W.
2. My first Civil War "Block U.S." belt plate with "dart" back – Brian T.
3. Brass Pegasus bookmark found in my supposed "hunted out" front yard – Bill B.
4. Beautiful copper butterfly – Keith P.

***\*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.***



## June Meeting

- Feature Raffle will be:  
**\$100 Gift Certificate to Pro Stock Metal Detectors!!!**

## In the News:

### 5-19-2025

XP has just made available its Deus II V3.0 Software update:

### 5-16-2025

XP has made available as a gift for its 25th anniversary, the previously paid for app "Go Terrain":

### 5-16-2025

XP has launched its HF2 FMF coil for sale:

Operating frequencies: 9–90 kHz in multi-frequency (FMF) mode and 9–120 kHz in mono mode

Size: 24 x 13 cm (9.5" x 5") – excellent

### 4-7-2025

In case you missed it, Garrett released a full upgrade update for the Vortex, VORTEX VX5 to VX7 Firmware Upgrade for \$85.

#### 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.

## 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**



Look us up on the web  
[www.mytreasureclub.com](http://www.mytreasureclub.com)

# C'mon Man! - bad habits for our hobby

I was scrolling through one of the many detecting groups I belong to on FaceBook (yes, I know, probably better ways to spend my time) a couple of weeks ago and stumbled onto something that really burnt my metaphorical biscuit.

Now before you get all "you sound very old man yelling at the kids to get off my yard" please hear me out on this. I actually got the idea after sharing this with Mike Walker and thought, yeah, let's write about this.

So what happened was I've been seeing someone actually selling items on FaceBook "marketplace" that the individual referred to as metal detected "stuff". Quite honestly, most of the things he was trying to get money for most of us throw in our trash buckets or metal recycling buckets...but to each their own. For whatever reason my monkey brain stored this guy's name. So fast forward to a few weeks ago I started seeing this guy making posts in my detecting group...the same guy, not a big deal really but hey, "small world" either way.

Here was the rub, said individual lives in and detects in the Holland area. I lived there and detected there for the better part of 15 years myself. I raised my children there, I know Holland and the surrounding area like the back of my hand. The issue, I started seeing in his photos with landscape in the background I recognized...and KNEW were off limits, private property, commercial lots, etc. Places YOU'D DEFINITELY NEED PERMISSION FOR!

That upset me, I stewed on it for a few weeks, I mean I assumed I was overreacting and he probably had permission...right?? But there he was post after post, almost as though fate was taunting me on this subject. So I finally decided to bite the bullet and just come out and comment and ask the man "hey, I know the areas you are detecting, you have gotten permission for these... right?"

Now that is where it could have ended, he COULD have shot back, jeez Karen, of course I did...I mean we all know how discourse uncivilly unfolds today between keyboard warriors...sadly.

And this is ACTUALLY what he responded with: "Some places I do, others I don't like if it's in the woods or old houses were some places I just detect no ones says anything, I did yesterday by the CVS open lot there a couple cops drove by but they didn't stop" ....and end quote. No these are not my ramblings or grammatical nuances, this is how he attempted to write this.

I'm reading this, mouth agape, literally with no words...huh. Well, I guess we are all wasting our time ACTUALLY getting permissions aren't we folks. I mean if this guy can do it and brag in a group that has 1000s of members, then why not all of us?! Wrong!

Folks, if you know about people like this kindly take them under your wing and explain the proper etiquette of permission requesting, and ya know, not trespassing. These (just going to say it) idiots, are ruining it for all of us. Here is a photo he posted yesterday, this is a commercial business lot... his boast on the post "might be here awhile":

I might add that he bottle digs as well and when he does he puts all his finds on marketplace I'm not against a person making some money or maybe in his case a living, but c'mon man, this is horrible. This does not represent our hobby well.

Do get permission, no matter where you want to detect unless it is documented as public and detectable. Do not dig crater holes EVEN if you have permission on a commercial site. FILL ALL HOLES. And please please if you or someone you know are going to go about being this type of snake, don't post it on social media, and brag about it openly. It will be seen, it will be noted and soon people will be slamming doors (or gates to parks, etc.) in our faces. Do us a favor stay out of this hobby and take up waste management or something where you aren't a stain on this planet.

Oh, and if I was a property owner and this guy showed up to my property permission or not and dug holes like these in the middle of a public area I would be doing more than yelling "get off my lawn". Rant over.



~ Brian T.