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WORLD!!**

Geo-caching: The New Treasure Hunting

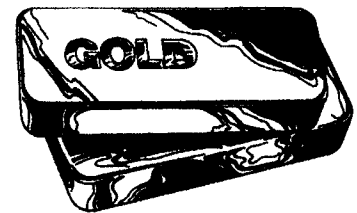
Come out this month and hear about Geo-caching. It's the satellite powered, computer based, close to home, mind challenging, off shoot of the hobby we now enjoy. Learn what virtual cache, multi cache, micro cache and traditional caches really are. Decrypt codes at will. Find yourself in strange, new, undetected parks and even unknown areas of the parks we are now familiar with. It's the newest craze. Join our two experienced Geo-cachers and learn where and how to cache in.

Beginner's Luck!

By Ken Brown

On Saturday, August 23rd the day started out a bright, sunny day showing promise of making our day at Stony Creek Park an enjoyable one. My son, who lives in Sterling Heights, invited me to spend the day with him, his wife and my two grandsons. We loaded up the van with food, cold drinks, fishing rods and as a last second addition, a metal detector. I bought a detector for my grandkids to use at this type of opportunity. The kids started out fishing with enthusiasm, but that didn't last long because the fish were not interested in the offerings put forth or so it seemed. Well, off went little Andy with his over-sized golf club and plastic ball to practice his dream of one day becoming a pro golfer. Kenny, the 11-year-old, grabbed the detector to go looking for his treasures. The detector is a very simple one, easy to use and weighs around two pounds, making it easy to sweep for a young person. After a quick setup and instructions on how to use it, we were off, initially digging the customary pull tabs, bottle caps and tin foil. That got boring in a hurry, so I threw some coins on the ground and turned the discrimination up so it eliminated pretty much everything but the coins and we were off again. This time the machine was quiet for a moment, thinking that I had the discrimination cranked up too high, but soon got a good sharp, repeatable signal. Down on bended knees and much to our delight, we dug up a clad quarter. Our next target was a Memorial penny, then a dime and another dime, all within a few minutes. This prompted little Andy to put his golfing career on hold and join in the hunt for amazing treasures. As I sat at the picnic table letting them go on their own, I thought how nice it would be if they found something special that they would remember their first day hunting. About ten minutes later I heard Kenny call, "Grandpa, could you help us, please? The ground is too hard and we can't dig." Checking to make sure the signal was good, I then got down on my knees to dig the target. As I started to push the blade of my digging tool in the ground, I saw the glint of shiny metal down in the blades of grass. With the tip of my digger, I lifted out a large sterling silver men's ring with a large dark green stone in it, much to the delight of Kenny, Andy and me. Back to the picnic table they went to show their mom the ring. Talk about excitement that won't soon be forgotten. Finding those coins and that nice ring and getting to spend time with my family is why this hobby is so great to me.

\$10 Gold Coin Raffle



to be held at the
October 28th Club Meeting

Upcoming Events ...

October Token Hunt
Sunday, October 26th
2:00 p.m.

Club Meeting
Tuesday, October 28th
7:30 p.m.

Club Meeting
Tuesday, November 25th
Holiday Party – 7:30 p.m.

**No Club Meeting in
December**

Club Banquet
Tuesday, January 27th
Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome New Members

Joe and Gail Carey
Rick and Janet Carey
Monty and Linda Cogswell



Congratulations to the winners of the FIND OF THE MONTH for SEPTEMBER.

MILITARY

- 1st** Joe Talbot
Spanish American War
Michigan State Seal Button
- 2nd** Nathan Larson
Military Button

TOKEN

- 1st** Ted Langlois
Roy Rogers
Good Luck Token
- 2nd** Virginia Chojnowski
1969 Shell's Coin
Game Token
- 3rd** Jim Abercrombie
Bicentennial Meyer Token

Other Entries:

- Don HoranoffToken
John Jaynes25¢ Casino Token
Tim StandishFreedom Token

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RELIC

- 1st** Virginia Chojnowski
Ornamental Thermometer
- 2nd** Nathan Larson
Michigan Central Railroad
Switch Gear Lock Key
- 3rd** Ted Langlois
Roy Rogers Sterling
Kids' Ring

Other Entries:

- Waylon HinmanOld Knife
Paul LeonardTrack Medal
Tim StandishBoy Scout Slide
Jim AbercrombieGas Light Fixture
Kris SeaburgHorse Watch Fob
John JaynesSamsonite Lock
and Key
Tom SniezekOld Horse Shoe
Riley SaylorOld Flat Button
Pat SaylorOld Brown Jug
Chuck WilliamsOld Razor
Clara MooradianDog Tag

COIN

- 1st** George Timmerman
Flying Eagle Cent
- 2nd** Terry Clark
360-367 B.C. Roman Coin
- 3rd** Waylon Hinman
1897 Canadian 5¢ Silver

Other Entries:

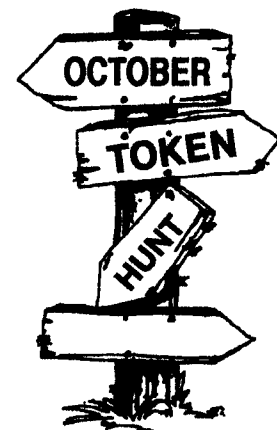
- Riley Saylor1887 Indian
Heat Cent
Jim Abercrombie1971 Kennedy
Half
Tom Sniezek1890 Indian
Head Cent
Pat Saylor1882 Indian
Head Cent
Fred Klemm1902-O Barber
Dime
Nathan Larson1906 Barber
Quarter
Ted Langlois1929 Standing
Liberty Quarter
Larry Ciarrocchi1941 Walking
Liberty Half
Tim Standish1876 Canadian
Large Cent
Joe Talbot1881 British
Farthing
Jim McGarrie1944 Mercury
Dime

JEWELRY

- 1st** Ted Langlois
14K Gold .25 Carat
Diamond Ring
- 2nd** Rick Cleveland
Gold Ring with Seven
Diamonds
- 3rd** Fred Christensen
Ladies' Diamond Ring

Other Entries:

- Bev Robertson10K Diamond Ring
Terry ClarkWhite Gold Ring
Cathy Soderberg ...Men's Bracelet
Ernie HerringSilver Bracelet
Fred KlemmGold Ankle
Bracelet
Manny Gauci1996 Tiger
Stadium Necklace
Riley Saylor1968 Class Ring
Ross SoderbergSilver Chain
John Jaynes10K Earring
Tim Standish14K Gold Band
Ray KoskiDetroit Tigers
Medallion
Kris SeaburgLadies' Dolphin
Ring
Joe TalbotLocket



The October Token Hunt will be held on Sunday, October 26th, at 2:00 p.m. The location is Yost Elementary School on Winston. The school is located three blocks south of Six Mile Road (McNichols), between Telegraph and Beech Daly roads. If you have any questions, please call Lynn Walker at 313-537-8864.

Club Meeting

MINUTES

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Haas, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order by Fred Klemm at 7:35 p.m. He introduced the officers and board members. Four guests and 112 members were present. Fred talked about the *Prober* being posted on the website and asked if anyone had not received their copy in the mail. One member did not receive their copy. The no smoking and building rules were announced and the various raffles were explained. George Timmerman spoke about the Detector Raffle, which was a Whites Classic III. The library was open for the evening's meeting. Several donations have been made, to make some interesting reading. The Club merchandise included some new colors for the Club t-

shirts. Name tags can be ordered from Virginia Chojnowski.

Barbara Whitman gave the treasurer's report.

Nate Larson was awarded one of the coins from the Progressive Raffle because he was not present at the Milan Fall Hunt.

The Fish Bowl was passed around the room. The Fish Bowl Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, October 5th.

The September Token Hunt was held the previous weekend and was put on by Norm Kerr. The finder of the token was Lynn Walker. Norm Kerr was presented his gold coin. Lynn will sponsor the next token hunt.

Larry Prested spoke about the Milan Fall Hunt and the upcoming Autumn Weekend. Meals for the Autumn Weekend will be prepared by the camp personnel. Fred

thanked Larry for chairing the Milan Fall Hunt.

The workers then took a break. The speaker for the evening was Scott Colf. A lot of literature was left over from the Milan Fall Hunt and was available for anyone who would like it. A calendar is available for purchase with featured MTH pictures. Next month's speakers will talk about the subject of GPS and Geo-caching.

A break for refreshments was held from 8:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Fred announced that nominations will be introduced at October's meeting and not September's meeting.

The meeting was then turned over to Riley Saylor who introduced tonight's guest speaker. Scott Colf is a privy historian. Scott gave a most informative slide presentation with emphasis on bottle finds.





The Find of the Month results were presented by Ron Curio, Ray Koski and Fred Christensen.

No one won the Mystery Find of the Month drawing. The website hunt was found by Chuck Williams. The 50/50 Drawing went to Larry Ciarrocchi and Wayne Bacchetti. The Coin Raffle winners were Ray Koski, Clarence Herberholz, Robert Ponchart and Lorraine Haas. The Membership Draw was won by Sophia Froelich. The Detector Raffle was won by Paul Leonard.

The next board meeting will be held at Riley Saylor's house on Tuesday, September 30th at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



 Cider & Donuts Will Be 
Furnished by The Club
 at October's Meeting 



“Message from the President . . . FRED KLEMM”

Everyone knows the old Boy Scout motto – “Be Prepared.” It struck me this week as I begin to get ready for our Autumn Weekend that this same motto could apply to detectorists as well.

It is especially here in Michigan at this time of the year when the weather can be so unpredictable. Should I bring short sleeve shirts or flannels, sweaters or winter coats or raingear, tennis shoes or boots or insulated boots? What can we expect? Sun? Rain? Or, maybe even snow.

But it is not just the weather. What about extra batteries or maybe even a spare detector or headphones, flashlights, personal items, waders, kneepads, apron, trowel, gloves, bandaids, etc.

It really doesn't matter if you are going for an Autumn Weekend hunt or just a day trip to a local park or

construction site, having the right gear and equipment with you when you get there can make all the difference in a successful hunt or frustrating, wasted day.

I can't count how many times I've gotten to a site and found that I had forgotten batteries or a digger or gloves. I have used golf shoes because I forgot any old shoes or boots. I've tried to dig a hole with an old screwdriver I found in my trunk. I've ruined good dress pants because I ran across a construction site and didn't have old clothes in the trunk. And, as Clarence Herberholz can attest, I have locked myself out of the car and not had a spare key on me (not once but twice!).

No matter how excited we are to be heading off to that special site . . . STOP . . . take a few minutes . . . and “Be Prepared”. Well, try to anyway.

**Next Club Meeting
Tuesday, October 28, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.**

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at the BOARD MEETING ...
Respectfully Submitted, Lorraine Haas, Secretary

The meeting was called to order
by Chairperson Clarence Herber-
holz at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday,
September 30, 2003.

All board members were present.

Topics discussed:

- Treasurer's Report
- Committee and Job Assignments
- Coin Status

- Raffle for October Meeting
- Nominating Committee
- Fish Bowl Hunt
- Autumn Weekend Outing
- Speaker for October Meeting
- November Meeting - Holiday Party
- January Meeting – Potluck
- Prober Articles for October

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 7:30
p.m.

The next board meeting is
scheduled for Tuesday, November 4,
2003 at 7:30 p.m.

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*We still need additional help at the Potluck Dinner to be held in
January. Please contact a board member if you are able to help.*