

PRESIDENTS CORNER:

I know it's not nice to fool Mother Nature, but she surely has been fooling us lately. The temperatures have gone over 40 degrees a couple of times in the past week and the forecast calls for rain and higher temperatures. Of course I was not complaining about warmer temperatures this past Saturday when I jumped into the Wisconsin River to raise money for the Special Olympics Wisconsin. This was my second Polar Plunge and I had a great time doing it. Of course when I saw all those people jumping in the water, I had to ask myself: "I wonder if any of them are losing any jewelry or other valuables when they jumped into the icy waters?". It looks like I have another place I may want to detect once Spring gets here. See you at the meeting!

Kent, Karen, and Skye

Think
Spring!
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Next Meeting February 18th, 2009 – 7PM

Meeting location: Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday at Shooter's Bar & Restaurant, located at the intersection of Hwy 39 and 54 next to the Shell gas station.

Business this month:**1. Dues are Past due, Second chance**

Single membership \$15.00 and a family membership for 2 adults living in the same household \$20.00 with an additional \$5 for anyone else living full time in the home under the age of 18. The main reason for this is to have a better accounting of who are actual members when it comes to outings, club hunts, and dinners. This will put all members on the roster and that roster will be used at outings, club hunts and dinners.

This worked really well for keeping track of people at the Christmas Party.

Make sure your dues are paid by February 30 or you will be deleted from the club roster.

Send to:

Larry Stamp
N11250 Hwy 73
Greenwood, WI 54437

2. Scavenger Hunt**To New members:**

Scavenger Hunt: The Club has a scavenger hunt list that they hand out every year to all club members. On this list are specific items that you find and bring to the meetings throughout the year to get checked off the master list.

Kevin Boeck will hand out the new scavenger list for 2009 during the February Club meeting.

3. Update on meetings with Wood County and DNR about discriminate regulations against metal detecting.

4. Raffle

February Raffle Items: 1911 Barber Quarter, 1982 Two Ounce Liberty Eagle, 2003 A Uncut Sheet Of Four \$2.00 Bills, 1892 Indian Head Cent, 1940 Walking Liberty Half Dollar, and still looking for more.

The Minutes of the Midstate Metal Detector Club

Date: January 21st, 2009.

1. The club purchased \$1000.00 of silver coins for annual hunt. Also mentioned that if you can pay your entry fee early (March, April, May) it would be appreciated. That way the club can buy more silver coins before silver prices start to rise. This means more silver coins in ground at the Annual Hunt
2. Hunt flyers are done check out at www.wisconsinprospectors.com or pick up at club meeting.

Membership drawing: Larry Stamp won \$20.00 – Back to \$10.00 for February.

Door prizes: 1) Larry O'Connor – Silver Washington Quarter
2) Kevin Boeck - Silver Washington Quarter

Old Business: none

New Business

- 1) Trustees are going to audit books 4 times a year starting January 2009.
- 2) We need to record things the right way to keep the club legal.
- 3) Doug Maeder talked about what Wood County is trying to do to metal detectorists. Wisconsin waters should belong to all of us. Wood County wants us to have permits to hunt land or water. Meeting on this issue at downtown Wisconsin Rapids Court House, on February 13th at 8:00am room 115. Come and voice your opinion to the county board. Lets protect our rights. Close to 20 members have returned lost items.
- 4) The club had a unanimous vote that Larry Vanderhoef to represent Midstate Metal Detector Club at the Wood County meeting.
- 5) We need to find a place to have a club hunt in spring. Think about it and bring it up at the meetings. Also contact Rick Gremler at rgremler@charter.net or phone 715-675-7909
- 6) New member and club information sheets. We need to print out information sheets for new members and people interested in what Midstate Metal Detecting Club is about. We could hand out at other club events and even mail to other clubs.

Oldest Coins of the Month:

☀ Penny:	1928 Wheat Back	Laverne Challoner
☀ Nickel:	1984 Jefferson	Laverne Challoner
☀ Dime:	1980 Roosevelt	Laverne Challoner
☀ Quarter:	1965 Washington	Laverne Challoner
☀ Half Dollar:	1976 Kennedy	Rick Gremler
☀ Dollar:	none	
☀ Foreign:	none	
☀ Misc.:	none	

Best Finds of the Month:

☀ Gold Jewelry:	none	
☀ Other Jewelry:	Silver earring	Rick Gremler
☀ Gold Ring:	none	
☀ Other Ring:	none	
☀ Most Unusual:	Set of Keys	Rick Gremler
☀ Token:		Laverne Challoner
☀ Non-Detectable:	Stuffed Cat	Rick Gremler
☀ Indian Artifact:	Copper knife blade	Doug Miller

Speaker / Demonstrations: Steve Livernash and Doug Maeder

- Steve and Doug demonstrated a new water scoop that they have been designing for 3 years. Has foam filled handle and smaller mesh strainer on back to catch those very small items. So far they have two models to chose from, a 2 piece model: price \$169.00 and a 3 piece model: \$189.00. The three piece scoop can be taken apart for traveling. Contact Steve at artistic@wctc.net and Doug at thers@wctc.net for more information.

Things of interest:

Thank You's From the Club:

Doug and Betty Maeder found and returned lost car keys and got thank you card from owner. Also to Frank Beda for hand carved bear he donated to December Raffle.

Congratulations:

Bob & Jackie Rohde on their Wedding December 29th, 2008

Returned Items: Drawing

- 1) Drawing for last year's returned items; winner is Doug Maeder – won 1 year membership.
- 2) Starting a new year – make sure you let the club know when you find and return an item so you can get on the list and drawing at end of year.

Scavenger Hunt Drawing

Nine people turned in their lists:

Drawing winners are:

- 1st Kevin Boeck - Dollar round
- 2nd Steve Miller – Silver half
- 3rd Larry Stamp – Silver quarter

Discriminate regulations against metal detecting: “see in New Business above”

- Want to remind all that there is a meeting everyone who metal detects should be attending. It's on February 13, 2009 at the Wisconsin Rapids Court House at 8 am. This is just an open meeting about county stuff but we want to voice our objection to their permit system they put in place last year. So come and speak up as if you don't, you can only blame yourself.
- Also the State DNR rules have changed to only allow you to find a specific lost item with permit only, on all water, and state land. Sounds like you will not be able to get a permit to just detect like before. *We have a club member that is looking into these rules if you would like to help, contact Steve Miller at e-mail stmill@uniontel.net or Rick Gremler at e-mail rgremler@charter.net we will give you his info.* Please get involved with your hobby and clubs.

Scrap drive – Got some scrap brass, copper, lead, aluminum or whatever bring it in and give it to Larry Stamp and he will add it all up and put the money into the club check book and we will all give you a big thank you. Don't forget those shot gun shells and bullet casings are made of brass though they don't weigh much if you add them all together then they do.

Donations to January Raffle:

- Coin Books – Art Albright
- Kathy Montgomery
- Jane Tofari

February Birthdays:

- ✦ 4th – John Reynolds
- ✦ 5th – Larry Vanderhoef
- ✦ 7th – Doug Miller
- ✦ 10th – Don Cooliage
- ✦ 13th – Wayne Dettmering
- ✦ 13th – Bob Rohde
- ✦ 14th Alex Beda
- ✦ 15th – Todd Livernash
- ✦ 21st Jackie Rohde
- ✦ 22nd – Sharon Behn
- ✦ 24th - Mary Rudebeck
- ✦ 25th – Rick Oppermann

February Anniversaries:

****NOTE:** If you don't see your name listed during the month of your birthday or anniversary, let me know, and I will get it logged in for the future. Thank You, Kevin B.

My Most Favorite Coin by Rick Gremler



The **Walking Liberty Half Dollar** is a silver half dollar coin issued by the United States government, equal to fifty cents. Walking Liberties were minted from 1916 to 1947. The coin is named after its representation of Liberty on the obverse. The coin's obverse and reverse was designed by Adolph A. Weinman and his mark, "AAW", appears under the eagle's wing feathers on the reverse.

History

All American coinage at the turn of the 20th century was set to be changed in an effort started by President Theodore Roosevelt. The new half dollar succeeded the unpopular and often ridiculed Barber half dollar. This coin along with the Mercury dime (which Weinman also designed) and Standing Liberty Quarter eliminated the uniform design that was a tradition of American coinage since the mint opened in 1793.

The Walking Liberty half dollar obverse is considered one of the best designed silver coin in American coinage. As a result, it was used as the obverse design of the American Silver Eagle bullion coin while the St. Gaudens double eagle obverse was chosen for the obverse of the American Gold Eagle series.

Mints

Mintmarks were located on the obverse under 'In God We Trust' in 1916 and 1917. In mid 1917, the mintmark was moved to the reverse. It is located to the upper left of 'half dollar' along the rim.

None (P - Philadelphia Mint in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

D (Denver Mint in Denver, Colorado)

S (San Francisco Mint in San Francisco, California)

Coming Events

March 28th and 29th 2009:

Greenbush Prospectors Gold and Treasure Show

Sheboygan Falls Municipal Building - Time: Saturday 9:00AM to 5:00 PM Sunday 10:00AM to 4:00 PM
Gold Panning Competitions, Guest speakers, Children's Treasure Hunt, Vendors, Brat Fry, Club booths of various Gold and Treasure Clubs, Demonstrations.

Vendor and other information contact: Mike Ogea Phone 920-467-3728 email ogeagold@charter.net

Mid-May 2009: *"Will get exact date soon".*

Minnkota Artifact Recovery Group (MARG) – Moorhead, MN. The 10th Annual Hunt will be around mid-May.

For more information contact Jeff Kehl: jkehl1963@yahoo.com

July 24th, 25th, and 26th 2009

Annual Midstate Metal Detecting Club Hunt: Rivers Edge Campground. *"Flyer's coming soon"*

August 22nd – 23rd 2009

2nd Annual Wisconsin Gold Rush Days, Spencer, WI – Contact mike52@wctc.net

Related Club Meetings:

Wausau Prospectors - GPAA Chapter, Held 1st Saturday of the month, at 11am at Cedar Mall in the Communications Room. Contact Mike McKee at 715-423-4281 - Email address is mike52@wctc.net

Titelton Treasure Seekers – Depere, WI. Meeting first Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Contact Mark at (920) 391-1515

Greenbush Chapter of GPAA

At the Fellowship Hall at New Hope UMC at 3 PM, 2nd Saturday of the month

W7797 Center Street Greenbush, WI

Contact Ron Smith at (920) 207-4092 or ausmithgold@verizon.net

Tomah Chapter of GPAA

Held at the boys and girls club on the 3rd Saturday of the month, 11 AM

105 W. Milwaukee, Tomah, WI mwink12@excite.com or contact Mike Flint at (608) 372-0694

<http://huntforgems.com/gpaatomahwi/>

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