

PRESIDENTS CORNER:

Don't count your chickens before they hatch. How many times have we heard this saying? Countless times I am sure. Well I know I was counting some chickens recently. The chickens I was counting dealt with the Metal Detecting Legislation that we have been working on for quite a while. I read through some of the old emails I have received on the subject. I double checked my facts. I read through the legislation we were proposing. I began prepping for our testimony. I read a few of the speeches that were written by some of my fellow metal detecting friends. I gave some constructive feedback. I wrote my speech for the Senate and Assembly Committee hearings. Then I rewrote it. Then I sent it to others for review. I told my boss at work that I may need to take a day off of work on short notice. I was getting ready for the phone call I knew was coming that would tell me when I would need to go to Madison to testify. And then one night, the phone rang. Our friend Jim Klein (the Madison club legislative liaison) called me and said he wanted to talk. I thought my chickens were hatching for sure. But I was wrong. Jim said a powerful lobbying group went to visit the legislative sponsors of our Metal Detecting Bill and said they opposed this bill. They stated they planned to lobby against our bill in its current form. Is our Bill dead? No. Will changes need to be made? Yes. Will we be able to create a Bill that our legislators and the opposing lobbyist support? I think we can. At the February meeting, I will give more details about the phone call from Jim Klein. Hopefully, I will have more information at that time. Until then, we need to make sure we do everything we can to support our bill. Our voices need to be heard. Our legislators need to know there is support from their constituents. Please contact your legislator if you have not already done so. I want to start counting chickens.

Thank you, Kent Kehus

Next Meeting February 17th, 2010 – 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. 2010 Dues are due Second chance**

Single membership @ \$20 and a family membership for 2 adults living in the same household @ \$25 with an additional \$5 for anyone else living full time in the home under the age of 18. The main reason for this increase is to pay for FMDAC membership and also 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 for 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 and Returned Items Drawings

This will be discussed at February meeting.

To New members:

Returned Items: If you find an item while metal detecting or are called by a person to find a lost item and you return that item to the owner, you are put into a drawing at the end of the year.

Also a letter of appreciation from the person you returned the item to is nice but not required.

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

3. **The Annual Club Hunt: Date July 24th, 25th, 2010**

14th Annual Hunt, July 24, 25, 2010 Location has changed but hunt will go on as normal. Hunt fliers will be mailed out shortly after the January 20th meeting. It will have literature for the new location with directions, and will have hotel listing from the closest town. We are pretty sure of this location, as we have permission from owner and everything looks to be a good as we can get.

A group of us went to the Deer Trail Park Campground near Nekoosa this afternoon. Although the ground is snow covered, the location looks very good for our annual hunt. There is a large open area that would serve as our hunt fields. There are plenty of camp sites available at the campground including many camp sites right next to the hunt fields.

This is about 8 miles from west side of Wisconsin Rapids so there are plenty of Hotels also.

Hope to see everyone there it should be just as good as always.

Any questions email me at stmill@uniontel.net

Thanks Steve. Persons planning on working for the hunt and camping should make reservations as soon as possible to get close to hunt field. Phone: 715-886-3871 tell them you are from Midstate Metal Detector Club and you want to be close to the hunt area.

February Raffle Items: proof sets, 1867 two cent piece (very fine), 1868 Shield nickel (fine), 1875 seated liberty dime (good), 1857 seated half dime (good), 1893 first US commemorative, & more. Also, many miscellaneous items.

The donations for Jan. raffle: Doug's Treasure Den, Jerry & Shelby Stanczyk, Peggy Gremler, Dalton & Kathy Montgomery, Larry Vanderhoef, Barb Bublitz from Wausau Prospectors Club, Groundview Detectors a \$15.00 gift certificate for Shooters, & sorry if I missed anybody else.

The Minutes of the Midstate Metal Detector Club

Date: January 20th, 2010.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm with 25 members and 1 guest (Barb Bublitz) present.
2. Kent Kehus introduced himself as the new President of the club and everybody welcomed him.
3. Minutes from last meeting were read and approved.
4. Treasurers' report was read and approved.
5. Kent read a thank you letter from South Wood County Shelter for food donation.

Door prize Drawing: Art Albright won silver quarter.

Membership drawing: Amy Clark (not present so next month it will be \$110.00)

Food Drive Drawing: Peggy Gremler, got a beautiful Morgan Dollar

(You receive a ticket for every non-perishable food item that you bring in at the club meeting)

Old Business:

- 1)The club will be joining the FMADC and paying the dues soon, so get your membership paid.
- 2) Make sure you bring nonperishable items for food drive.
- 3)Kent received a letter from Jim Klein on Assembly Bill 2009. He will be testifying the day of the hearing, but will need more participants to represent the metal detecting hobby and to testify.

Jim Klein also wrote as to needing more funding for lobbying. How much more money do they need, a guess of \$4000.00. If you want to donate you can at the club or send money directly send to: Four Lakes Metal Detector Club, 11333 North State RD I 38, Evansville, WI 53536
4)Also don't forget to call or e-mail your State Representatives to support Bill 636.
<http://www.legis.wi.gov/> "click on WHO REPRESENTS ME? in center of page below picture.
<http://www.capitol-strategies.net/> "click the Get Involved tab to look up your State Representatives.
This information will also be available on the Club's Web Site.

New Business

1) Rivers Edge will NOT be hosting our annual club hunt. An emergency meeting was called at Stanczyk's to come up with some ideas as to where we could have our hunt. The people that came were, Larry & Mary Vanderhoef, Kent Kehus, Rick & Peggy Gremler, Steve Livernash, Steve Miller, Doug & Betty Maeder.

We went to see a campground southeast of Nekoosa, Deer Trail campground, off of County trk ZZ, that is off of Hwy 73 W. Camping will be close to the hunt field. The officers agreed that this is where we are going to have the annual hunt, for 2010. Hopefully this is our new home for future annual hunts. There are 12 sites set aside for us for camping. You can bring bikes, ATV's, & the campground may give hayrides. There are many things to do with very nice facilities such as; swimming pool, mini golf, 2 shower houses, horse shoes, pavilion, free parking for guests. The owner of the campground said that he would put the clubs hunt on his website. We will have to rent a couple of porta-potties. Doug Maeder, said that he maybe able to get a big circus tent, so people can get out of the sun. There will be no detecting other than where it will be stipulated as the hunt fields. Steve Miller sent a couple of hunt fliers, we are going to look them over to see if there were to be any changes. Suggestion for this years hunt, we need an incentive to get people to register for the annual hunt early.

2) Doug Maeder suggested that the club needs to have their own web site. Rick Gremler suggested that we make the web site name easier to remember. For a registered domain name and hosting the web site, Rick said that it would cost the club about \$75 a year. If the club had a web site people could print out membership applications and hunt fliers and also get information on our club and find maps on how to get to the campground for the annual hunt. Plus contact e-mail addresses of the officers of the club. Larry Stamp wondered if there would be very many hits on the web site. The site will have a hit counter on it and you can monitor how many people visit it. This was tabled for February meeting and will be discussed and any questions will be answered and voted on.

3) We need to find a place to have a club hunt in spring. Think about it and bring it up at the meetings.

4) 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 all about.

Finds of the Month:

No coins for this month

Best Finds of the Month:

Kevin Clark - Copper ore

Larry Stamp - a bullet in the shape of an eagle

Things of interest:

Returned Items:

- ✦ Diamond Ring: Kent Kehus
- ✦ Credit Card: Rick Gremler

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:

✚ none

****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 Rick

Story sent to Lost Treasure Magazine:

Ring's return viewed as Christmas miracle

By Collin Lueck, Merrill Foto News Editor

There must have been some Christmas magic at work as Kyle Zinter was doing his holiday shopping this year. A chance encounter between Zinter and a salesperson reunited a young lady with a long lost item of enormous sentimental value.

The story begins ordinarily enough, with Zinter seeking a gift for his wife. He was shopping for a jewelry armoire and had already come up empty-handed at a number of furniture stores before stopping at Courtside Furniture in Merrill. There he was greeted by salesperson Kim Wilke, who showed him the store's selection of armoires. But this story isn't really about armoires, or what Kyle's wife eventually got for Christmas. What happened over the course of the next hour is unanimously described as nothing short of a miracle by anyone who witnessed it.

As Kyle was looking over the armoires, he mentioned to Kim that he finds a lot of jewelry with his metal detector. He has been doing land metal detection for some time and recently got into underwater detection as well.

When Kim heard that, she suddenly grabbed Kyle's arm and said she needed his help. Her daughter, Missy, had lost a very special ring in Otter Lake last summer, Kim explained. The ring had been a gift to Missy from her boyfriend, Craig, who made the ring himself. Craig had died unexpectedly last summer at the age of 18, which made the ring extremely precious to Missy.

Kim and Missy had already tried to recover the ring on their own, to no avail, and Kim had even looked into hiring professional divers to search for it.

Something about Kim's tale rang a bell for Kyle, who had been to Otter Lake once last summer doing some underwater metal detection. He asked her to describe the ring. When she did, he had a pretty good idea where it was.

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"I knew I had it," he said. "I said, 'Lady, I think I have your ring.'"

"Then I started to cry," Kim said.

Kyle left the store and came back with a box of jewelry. When he lifted the lid, Kim couldn't believe her eyes.

"There was the ring," she said. "Missy was just devastated when she lost it, and a few months later it walks into the store. It was quite a miracle."

Courtside salesperson Debbie Boman, who witnessed that moment, was equally awestruck.

"It gave me goosebumps," she said. "I was just so thrilled for Kim and her daughter."

The chain of events that led to the ring's return amaze both Kim and Kyle. Had Kyle found what he wanted at another store, he would have never come to Courtside Furniture. Had he been looking for any other piece of furniture, the subject of the metal detector probably would not have come up. And the ring would still be in the box at Kyle's house, which as it turns out is only a few blocks from Kim's house.

While Kyle finds a lot of jewelry, the vast majority of it (with the obvious exception of class rings) can't be traced back to an owner. He said he still can't believe the scenario that brought Missy's ring back to her.

"Just the odds of it happening," he said. "I travel all over the state. Of all the lakes I go to, to find that one ring that means the world to her, it blew me away."

Once she had the ring, Kim couldn't wait to give it to her daughter, who was at Lincoln Lanes for varsity bowling practice. When she recognized the ring on her mother's finger, Missy screamed and started to cry right there in the bowling alley.

"She hasn't taken it off since," Kim said.

Kim is convinced that Craig had something to do with bringing Kyle and Kim together, so that Missy would have the ring at Christmas.

"Kyle gave Missy the best Christmas present she could ever ask for," Kim said. "It was one of those Christmas miracles."

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Club Forum <http://www.mytreasurespot.com/main/list.php?16>

Club Web Site <http://midstatemdc.com/> This site has useful items like newsletters, membership forms, scavenger hunt forms, hunt fliers, and some pictures and links. More to be added in the future. If you have any suggestions on club related content you would like to see on this site, e-mail me or let me know at the club. e-mail: rgremler@charter.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

Titletown 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 WEB: www.greenbushgpaa.com/

Tomah Chapter of GPAA

Held at Town of LaGrange Town Hall at 1 PM, 3rd Saturday of the month, 22731 Flint Ave, Tomah, WI. Location: Hwy 21, 1.8 miles west of Hwy 12 intersection, Tomah, WI.
Contact Mike Fait at E-mail mgfait@charter.net or Phone 715-384-9265

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Ground View Detectors:

Kevin Clark Phone 715-659-5592 e-mail groundview@verizon.net

Pro Sticker

Steve Livernash Phone 715-325-2595 e-mail artistic@wctc.net

For Sale:

Tesoro Compadre - New in Box. Lists for \$189.95.
Prices on the internet are \$169.00, \$165.00, or \$151.20.
My price is \$125.00.
This would be great as a backup or spare detector.
Talk to Kent Kehus at the meeting for more details
Else e-mail pinelivn@charter.net

If you have any items you want to list for sale, please contact Rick Gremler
at e-mail: rgremler@charter.net
Please type up a description, price and your contact information.

Coming Events

Klondike Days: February 20th, 21st, 2010, Eagle River, WI

2010 Gold and Treasure Show: March 27th, 28th

14th Annual Midstate Metal Detecting Club Hunt: July 24th, 25th, (Hunt fliers at Club web site)

Wisconsin Gold Rush Days: August 14th, 15th, 2010 Central Wis. Fairgrounds, Marshfield, WI.

Pictures of food donation to South Wood County Shelter, November 2009.



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