

Stone Mountain Treasure Hunters



The General

February 2011

Our Next Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **March 29th, 2011 at 7 pm** at fire station #5. For directions, please refer to the club's website, <http://www.stonemountaindiggers.com/>

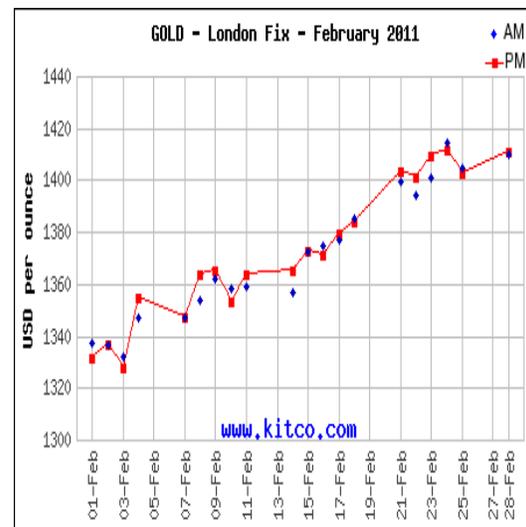
February 22th, 2011 Meeting Minutes:

There were 13 members and no guests present.

Treasury Report: The final treasury balance was \$905.97.



The meeting site is:
Gwinnett County Fire Station # 5.
3001 Old Norcross Road
Duluth, GA 30045





This is a reminder to tune in on Monday nights at 9pm to OHP Radio Live program for Relic Roundup. Note the new program time. OHP and American Digger magazine are joining forces and are creating a new magazine called *Embracing History*. At this time, they are not offering subscriptions because of low interest for the publication. For more information, go to the website:

<http://www.embracinghistory.com/>
and the OHP site
www.ourhistoryproject.com

Upcoming Hunts:

Diggin' in Virginia (DIV) XVI is set for March 27-29, 2011 and DIV XVII is set for March 31 – April 2, 2011. Check out the hunts at the website:

<http://www.mytreasurespot.com/>.

Another popular hunt, the Grand National Relic Shootout or just GNRS is sponsored by the Treasure Depot website. The 13th

GNRS is still TBD. Go to <http://www.thetreasuredepot.com/>

The club is in search of some Morgan and Peace dollars to supplement the silver round raffle prizes. The club has settled on the original shirt design. Jeff has laid out an alternative shirt and hat.

Worthy Notes

The club will have business cards made that the members can use. It was passed that the top ten point leaders for finds will get 15 cents per point at the end of the season.

Another Satisfied Hubbie

A frantic call was made to Doug on the loss of a wedding band. Robert Powell stepped up to help the gentleman find the missing ring. Sizing up the site and trying not to stir up loitering strangers, Robert finds the ring in less than five minutes. The thankful recipient rewards Robert with \$75. Robert has donated the prize to the club treasury. Good going Robert!



Websites of Interest

Here are a few places around the web to visit. There are several links throughout the newsletter of interest to check out. I distribute the newsletter converted into the pdf format. Using Acrobat Reader 8 or later, the links in this newsletter can take you straight to the websites. If not, try downloading the latest Acrobat Reader:

<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

Many detecting forums can be found here:

<http://www.findmall.com/>

Another website with a multitude of forums:

<http://metaldetectingforum.com/>

A website for the treasure hunter:

<http://www.treasurenet.com/>

Here is a site on everything you need to know about gold:

<http://goldeducator.com/index.php/materialtypes>

Here is a great repository website on everything metal detecting:

<http://www.mdhtalk.org>

Online relic hunting magazine. Very good!

<http://www.relic-hunting.com/>

New Club Website

The club has kicked off its new website.

<http://www.stonemountaindiggers.com/>

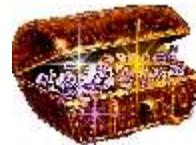
Spread the site to people you know and be proud!

Dirty Money

\$5.25 "Dirty Money" was turned in this month. Please remember to bring in your dirty modern coin finds and scrap copper or brass finds.

If you can't make it to a meeting but would like to join the club or renew your membership, please send your check to Bill Robertson, 4110 Menlo Drive, Tucker, GA 30084. Should you need to contact Bill his phone is 770-938-7712 or Email robe7827@bellsouth.net.

We are always in need of items to be used for door prizes at our meetings. Please bring what you can to any of our meetings.



Door Prizes:

Bill Robertson won a 6 piece wire brush set.

Steve Fernander won a flashlight.

John Dyer won a Stone Treasure Hunter's hat.

Doug Sortino won a gold prospector's hat.

Raffle Prize:

Mark Whipkey won a silver round.



Monthly Finds Winners:
Artifacts: Bill Robertson



Bill's finds include costume jewelry, tokens, buttons and keys. Bill uses a White's XLT.

Coins: Mel Parker



Mel found 6 wheats, 1960 half, 1946 quarter and a 1941 dime using a Minelab Sovereign.

Relics: Jeff Herke



Jeff found a Pre-Confederate buckle. Jeff uses a Minelab Explorer II.

Jewelry: Mel Parker



Mel found a man's silver bracklet and Ga Tech ring. Mel uses a Minelab Sovereign

Find of The Month:

Jeff Herke



Pre-Confederate buckle found by Jeff.

**Treasure Hunter of The Year
Points: February 2011 Points
Standings:**

Top Ten		
1	Bill Robertson	169
2	Jeff Herke	166
3	Robert Powell	121
4	Mark Whipkey	100
5	Doug Sortino	60
6	John Dyer	51
7	Bobby Thomas	50
8	Clinton Bryan	45
9	Doug Rouner	36
10	Beth Settle	34

Congratulations everyone!

Club Information:

The Stone Mountain Treasure Hunters were organized in 1982. The founding members recognized the need for an organization of metal detecting enthusiasts to promote the following:

- That metal detecting is a rewarding and beneficial hobby to be shared by any individual or family.
- That all people using metal detectors share a common responsibility to themselves, and to the treasure hunting fraternity, to respect the rights of all landowners and public officials in the preservation and protection of their property against trespass or undue damage through carelessness on the part of treasure hunters or other individuals.
- That service to historical societies, law enforcement agencies, and charitable organizations, is an integral part of a treasure hunter's code of ethics.

In furtherance of these aims, the Stone Mountain Treasure Hunters have established this organization, for the purpose of inspiring those standards of attainment and neighborly conduct; and it shall be the endeavor of the members who may be called upon to preside over and govern this organization, to enforce the precepts of this organization by every reasonable means within their power, and they and all members of this organization shall exemplify those principles by conduct as well as enforcement in order that the club may bring honor to itself, and the world may be convinced of the sincerity of our purpose.

Club Meeting Information

Meetings are normally held the last Tuesday of the month (no meeting in December) at 7 PM at the

**Gwinnett County Fire Station # 5.
3001 Old Norcross Road
Duluth, GA 30045**

Club Officers

President	Doug Sortino
Vice President	Jeff Herke
Secretary	Robert Powell
Treasurer	Bill Robertson
Program Chairman	John Dyer
Webmaster	Jeff Herke
Newsletter Publisher / Editor	Steve Wilson
Club Information Contact	Doug Sortino

To Join or Renew Your Club

Membership: The club's membership year is from July – July. Dues are \$24 this year and are still a great value. Dues are prorated during the year. Make your checks payable to Stone Mountain Treasure Hunters. Please mail them to Bill Robertson, 4110 Menlo Drive, Tucker, GA 30084. Should you need to contact Bill his phone is 770-938-7712 or Email is robe7827@bellsouth.net.

Point of Contact:

For information on our club, its meetings, or activities please contact Doug Sortino.

Our NEW Club Website:

<http://www.stonemountaindiggers.com>

You can find our club's constitution, Find of The Month and Year rules, the entry form for the Find of The Month / Treasure Hunter of The Year competition, pictures showing the winning entries from the previous months Find of The Month category winners, past monthly newsletters, membership list, interesting links, etc...

Please forward any constructive comments on our club's website format or what you would like to see. Submit them at the next club meeting.

For items of interest to The Club and its members, please forward any articles along with the publication's name and date or items of interest to Steve Wilson by conventional mail, or Email to stevejw1221@att.net or submit them at the next club meeting.