

Stone Mountain Treasure Hunters



The General

February 2012

Our Next Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **March 27th, 2012 at 7 pm** at fire station #5. For directions, please refer to the club's website, <http://www.stonemountainiggers.com/>

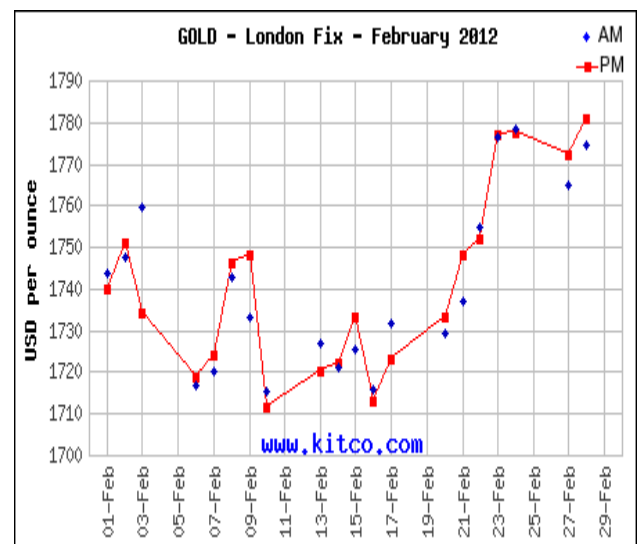


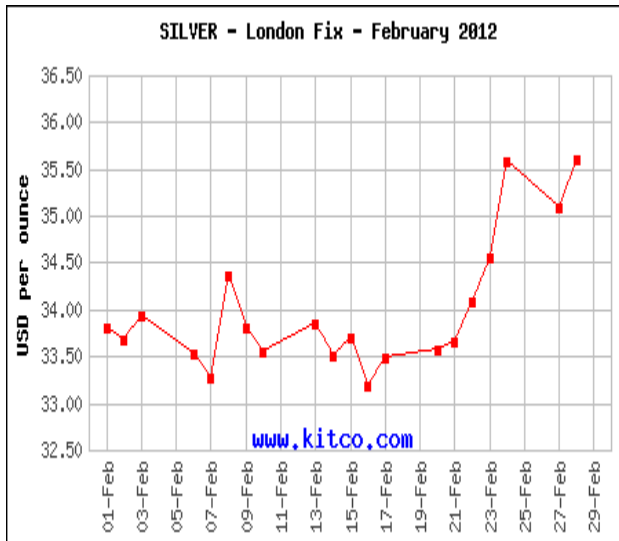
The meeting site is:
Gwinnett County Fire Station # 5.
3001 Old Norcross Road
Duluth, GA 30045

February 28th, 2012 Meeting Minutes:

There were 21 members and 3 guests present. Two guests joined the club! Welcome Tony and Audrey Gutierrez!

Treasury Report: The final treasury balance was \$1201.03.





Club Interests

We are in need of a new Club Hunt Director and Treasurer. Come on guys, step up! We have 36 members to become new officers! Remember elections are just around the corner with all offices becoming open.

The annual Beach Hunt is still being considered for the spring. The location could change to new area such as Mary Alice Park. The club is planning a cookout for April 21st at Mary Alice Park. Entry into the park is \$3. Mark Whipkey spoke to the Corps of Engineers at Lake Lanier. Only hunt on the beaches around the lake. This applies to Lanier only!

Georgia Archeology has a meeting on May 18th in an attempt to limit metal detecting. The meeting is for members only.

<http://georgia-archaeology.org/GCPA/2012/01/25/spring-2012-meeting-to-be-announced/>

Here is a website brought to our attention by Tom McDiermon. This website is about protecting the rights of

metal detectorist like us. It is to inform us on the political threats facing our hobby. Take moment and join this national organization to have a voice.

www.detectingrights.com

“It is **free** to join. The guys that run the site are interested in collecting a database so they can let members of a certain state or area know of upcoming threats to the hobby. Nothing is asked for in return, but might be if a serious threat arises. When, and if necessary they will assist or drive any effort to protect our hobby by supplying information on which the members can act, up to and including petition organization to send to legislators and other governmental regulatory authorities. Since there have been the recent attacks on Metal Detecting in AL, KY, and FL this organization fills the void that exists in notifying and organizing a large positive force of voters to fight for our rights.” - Tom

If you don't want to fight'em, join'em.

Here is a story teaming up with leading archaeologists in the historical preservation of artifacts.

<http://blog.metaldetector.com/2012/03/mi-nelab-metal-detectors-used-in-historical-preservation-at-james-madison-montpelier-estate/>

Need to have jewelry appraised? Try H&A International Jewelry for \$20 located at 1820C Independence Sq., Dunwoody, GA 30338. 770-396-3456.

Maybe you need to cash in your gold and silver finds. Try ARA Refinery at www.aragold.com. Another refinery is Midwest Refinery, www.midwestrefineries.com.

Four Sail

Larry White has a Garrett Coin Hunter for sale. I'm sure he will throw in a free demonstration

David Dozier has a Garrett Scorpion for sale. It's been used only three times and still in the box. Call David if you are interested. Find his number in the member's section of the website.

Lost anything or want to help find lost items? Go to <http://www.lostmystuff.net/>

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/>

A great site geared for treasure hunters and preservation of the hobby:

<http://www.wwats.org/>

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>

An online relic hunting magazine. Very good!

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

Want to know the metal content value of your coins? <http://www.coinflation.com/>
Save all those nickels and pennies!

Here is a gold/silver value calculator.

<http://www.dendritics.com/scales/metal-calc.asp>

Graysondigger Channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/graysondigger>

Dirty Money

\$8.40 "Dirty Money" and \$55 in scrap metal 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:

Hulon Knight won white gloves.
Harley Jorgenson won a White's water bottle.
Jimmy Britt won a 6pc screwdriver set.
Don Hawkins won a 6" folding knife (watch out for Don!)
Sara Northrop won assorted coin holders
Mel Parker won a White's thermometer, knife, and pen.
Bobby Thomas won a Garrett Ace sun shield.

Raffle Prize:

Jeff Herke won a 1921 Morgan silver dollar.

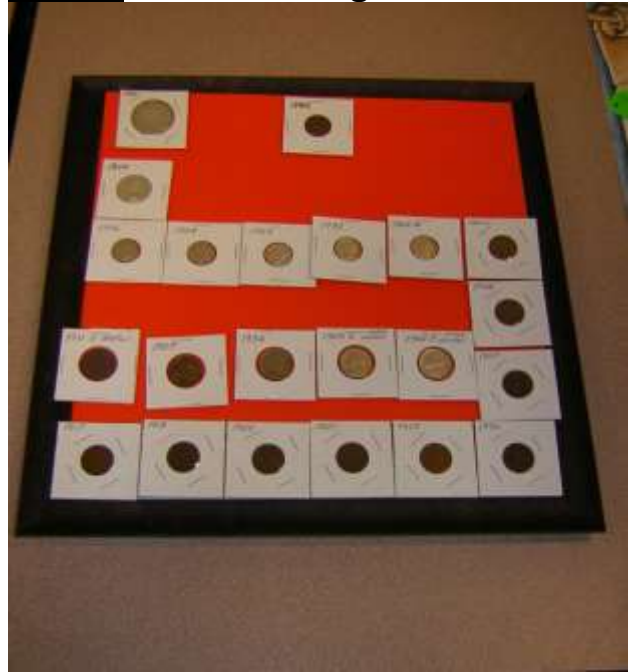
Monthly Finds Winners:

Artifacts: Mark Whipkey



Mark's finds include 2 pocket knives, bird tag, costume jewelry, buttons and a 5 cent token. Mark uses a White's MXT.

Coins: Donnie Long



Donnie's finds include a 1895 Indian head, 1911 V nickel, Buffalo nickel and several silver dimes and wheats. Donnie uses a White's DFX-300.

Relics: Donnie Long



Donnie's find include an old spear point, mule harness, buttons, belt buckle and key. Donnie uses a White's DFX.

Jewelry: Tie, Bill Robertson



Bill's finds include 14k bracelet, several 14k earrings, and 10k cross. Bill uses a White's XLT.

Find of The Month:

Bill Robertson



Bill's 14k bracelet find.

Treasure Hunter of the Year Point Totals through February 2012:

Top Ten		
1	Mark Whipkey	190
2	Jeff Herke	159
3	Bill Robertson	156
4	Robert Powell	134
5	Clayton Nugent	70
6	Rob Pech	61
7	Tom Spillers	46
8	Steve Wilson	36
9	Michael Holiday	35
10	Donnie Long	31

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

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Club Officers

President	Mark Whipkey
Vice President	Clayton Nugent
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 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.

Think about becoming an officer of the club. We need your efforts. New ideas are vital. I would also like to recognize JR Hoff for his great effort on maintaining our website. Thank you - Steve