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METAL DETECTING CLUB OF METRO ATLANTA, GEORGIA

# THE GENERAL

October 2019

SMTH CLUB NEWS AND FINDS

## Our Next Club Meeting:

Tuesday, **OCTOBER 29, 2019**, at 7pm. The location is  
For directions, please refer to the club's website.

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

<http://www.stonemountaindiggers.com>

See map under CLUB MEETING INFO below

## July Attendance

Members: 22

*The fall hunt is October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Please arrive early to help set up the fields as we can always use the help. It is open to all members that have paid their dues by the end of September. There is going to be ton of coins, tokens and prizes. Look for an updated Hunt Flier soon.*

*For those interested, next Springs DIV signups with began around Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Spring hunts are usually the last week of March.*

<https://www.mytreasurespot.com/main/list.php?5>

#2	Mark Whipkey	21	66
#3	Jeff Herke	32	54
#4	Ken Buckner	9	49
#5	Robert Powell	13	43
#6	Ed Lanfear	13	29
#7	Linda Morgan	5	23
T8	Pete Waldrup	5	19
T8	Bart Weaver	5	19
T8	Paul Sawyer	14	19
#11	Randy Dickerson	9	18

## Current Treasury Report:

**\$1856.75 starting Balance**

(\$159.50) Solver

\$100.00 Raffle

\$216.00 Club Dues

**\$2013.26 Ending Balance**

## New Business

## 2019-2020 Club Points Talley!

Rank	Name	Sep-19	Total
#1	David Hamilton	21	88

1. 70% of treasury balance is customarily used for the field hunt in September. Proposal given to increase to 80% for this year due to higher balance in treasury this year. Voted and approved
2. First hunt starting at 10 am, please arrive at 8-8:30 for help with setting up fields and burying coins. Individual with the most pennies at the end of the hunt wins a prize.
3. Money has been given to Ed for silver for the hunt. Bring cash to spend on 50/50 and items to donate including clad coins to bury.
4. Minelab Vanquish is the replacement for the Minelab Xterra 705. It comes in 3 different models ranging from \$199-\$499. The coil is waterproof, the machine is not
5. Question raised regarding a machine missing a target and not repeating a number reading after giving a number reading x 1. The machine might be “nulling out” Wait 10-15 seconds for the machine to recalibrate itself, then go over the target again

## This Month's Club Discussion

None Noted

## Raffle Prize

5 Morgan silver dollars were given as raffle prizes. Winners were Howard, Pete, Linda and Ken x 2

## Monthly Door Prizes

Pouch/hat/book	David Hamilton
Screwdriver	Bill Petty
Telescopic mirror	Willard Santos
Hex key set	Pete Waldrip
Wrench Set	Linda Morgan
Loupe	Scott McDonald

**Pull Tabs: Pete Waldrip and Bill Roberston**

## Monthly Find Winners

### Find of the Month:

Jeff Herke  
1986 Class ring, 10k using Minelab CTX

### Relics:

Clinton Bryan  
Indian arrowheads using his superpowers

### Jewelry:

Jeff Herke  
1986 Class ring, 10k using Minelab CTX

### Coins:

Jeff Herke  
1918 mercury dime & 15 Wheaties using Minelab CTX

### Artifacts:

Paul Sawyer  
Ma Bell box, tin soldier using Garrett 400

*Congratulations everyone!*

## Club Interests

### Buy Sell and Trade

### Lost and Found

to <http://www.lostmystuff.net/>

### Many Happy Returns

## Hobby News, Events and Interests

### Events

State and national events links  
<http://www.mdhtalk.org/ethics/hunts.htm>  
<http://www.fmdac.org/hunts--events.html>

### Websites

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/>

### 30 Day gold and Silver Prices

Real time gold and silver prices can be found on our website. Please go to [www.stonemountaindiggers.com](http://www.stonemountaindiggers.com) and click on the gold and silver prices tab in the upper right of the home page.

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

Great website for information on jewelry appraisals, Fredrick Jewelers. Business card appraisals are free. Full appraisals are just \$10.

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

Or maybe you need to cash in your gold and silver finds. Try ARA Refinery at [www.aragold.com](http://www.aragold.com). Another refinery is Midwest Refinery, [www.midwestrefineries.com](http://www.midwestrefineries.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>

Great website for silver coin melt values:

[http://www.coinflation.com/silver\\_coin\\_values.html](http://www.coinflation.com/silver_coin_values.html)

### Dirty Money

“Dirty Money” can be turned in to the club. Please remember to bring in your dirty modern coin finds and scrap copper or brass finds.

**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.**

### SMTH 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.

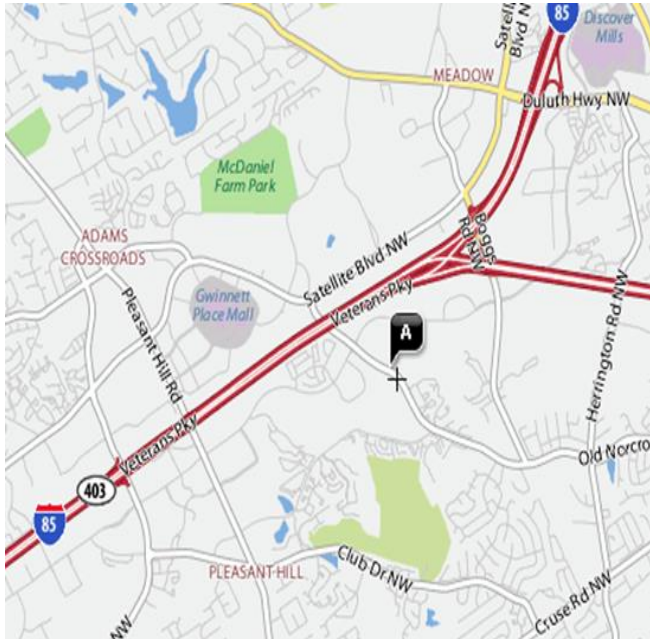
In furtherance of these aims, the Stone Mountain Treasure Hunters have established this organization, for the purpose of inspiring those standards of attainment and neighborly conduct; and it shall be the endeavor of the members who may be called upon to preside over and govern this organization, to 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 Officers 2019-2020

Mark Whipkey	President
Ken Buckner	Vice President
Linda Morgan	Secretary
Robert Powell	Treasurer
Open	Programs/Best Finds
Randy Dickerson	Webmaster
Mel Parker	Point of Contact
Open	Hunt Master
Doug Rouner; Ed Landfear	Newsletter Editor

## 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.  
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**To Join or Renew Your Club Membership:** The club's membership year is from July – July. Dues are \$30 a 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 Robert Powell, 120 Plantation Court, Johns Creek, 30022. Should you need to contact Robert his phone is 678-566-0950 or Email is [powellrc@bellsouth.net](mailto:powellrc@bellsouth.net).

## **Point of Contact:**

For information on our club, its meetings, or activities please contact Mel Parker at [parkers4548@att.net](mailto:parkers4548@att.net)

## 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 [drouner@gmail.com](mailto:drouner@gmail.com) or submit them at the next club meeting.

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