

Planting Seeds By Ace C.

After sorting out my final coin count and totaling them all up, I couldn't believe how much I had found during the seeded coin hunt just one year ago. I had found nearly 30+ coins in all varieties of styles and denominations. Five of those coins had been half dollars and as one member told me, "That is almost unheard of!" Another member simply stated, "Beginner's luck!" Luck or not, I was grinning ear to ear. Allow me to take you back before the hunt started.

I had just taken up an interest in the hobby and purchased a lower priced detector. I wanted to see what I could find and hoped for some adventure along the way. I discovered that people from all over actually have an interest in this hobby and there was even a club dedicated to it! I decided to join hoping to acquire some more knowledge along the way. Little did I know I was about to get more than I bargained for.

I had learned of an event called a "seeded hunt." I was a bit confused at first on how it actually worked, but I was even more excited because it gave me the opportunity to find old coins that I had sought for after taking to the hobby. I spent the upcoming week before the "seeded hunt" was to take place practicing with my detector on

finding good targets and being able to recover them.

Finally the weekend of the "seeded hunt" was upon me and I was ready to partake in all the festivities. I got there early to find a prime camping spot and waited patiently for others to arrive. As the group assembled on the eve of the "seeded hunt," we prepared to go out for a fellowship hunt. This involved the



members all going to the same spot somewhere in the local community and hunting together. It was one of the best parts of the whole weekend! Too top it all off, I found my very first V-Nickel during our fellowship hunt and couldn't believe it. Little did I know that this was simply the beginning of my "luck" for the weekend.

As everyone gathered up to begin the infamous "seeded hunt," it was clear that I was still a newbie to the hobby. Not knowing what to expect I was standing there with my detector, goodie bag, no headphones, and a full sized - spaded nosed shovel. I must admit, it was probably pretty comical for all the veterans to see me standing there in such disarray! I'm sure it brought back memories for many of them as they too were once in that

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Guest Speakers

Our April speaker will be Rick Sass, the diver that has shared with us previously. This month he will be speaking on the recovery of the medical plane that went down in Lake Michigan last summer.

Our May speaker will be Tom Dietz from the Kalamazoo Museum. It is always a treat to have Tom come and share his knowledge of the history of Kalamazoo County.

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situation of a beginner. Fortunately for me, several members stepped up and gave me a more adequate digging tool and pair of headphones to use. That's what club members are for, although they may have regretted their decisions after seeing the haul that I brought in with me!

For all those interested in coming out to the "seeded hunt" please do so. For those of you who have not been, I'd like to encourage you to give it a try. Even if you don't want to participate in the hunt itself, come out for the weekend, bring the family and camp, enjoy the bonfire, being

outdoors, fellowship, food, and volunteering to help with the various activities. The "seeded hunt" is more than just planting coins in the ground, it's about planting memories for all to keep and enjoy!

Keep your coil to the soil!



May 21-22

Flywheelers Club, South Haven

\$40.00 for both Sunday hunts, \$25.00 for 3:00 hunt

Saturday Activities will include a seeded hunt on the beach (weather permitting) in the evening. This hunt is separate from the Sunday hunts. Cost to participate in this is \$5.00, payable at the hunt. After this hunt, we will go back to the Flywheelers Club for a bonfire..

Sunday Activities:

- 8:30 Breakfast (pancakes, sausage and other delicious things!)
- 9:00 Church Service
- 11:00 Kids (12 and under) Seeded Hunt (cost is \$5.00 per child)
- 12:00 Potluck lunch - bring a dish to pass
- 1:30 First Seeded Hunt
- 3:00 Second Seeded Hunt

Prize tokens will be planted in the ground for both hunts and will be distributed after the end of the second hunt. There will also be prizes for the kids.

If you would like to donate prizes, see Mike Walker.

Camping is available at the Flywheelers. \$10.00 for electric, free if you don't hook up. Contact John Dudley if you want to come out to camp before Saturday.

Find of the Month Winners

Jewelry

1. Sterling silver ring (Ace C)
2. Casio digital watch (Hal D)
3. 14 K white & yellow gold ring w/13 diamonds (Keith P)
4. 1940's/50's sterling silver kiddie ring w/gems (Mike W)
5. Size 1 1/2 kids ring, 10 K gold (Tom B)
6. Man's 10K 8.5 gram ring w/black onyx & diamond chip (John C)
7. Silver earring w/setting (Jason W)
8. Costume wedding ring (Dale K)

The winner was the 14 K gold ring found by Keith P.

Coins

1. 1918 buffalo nickel (Rick B)
2. 1914 barber dime (Mike W)
3. 1920 Canadian penny (Tom B)
4. 1909 wheat penny (Brian M)
5. 1885 seated liberty dime (Jason W)
6. 1893 V nickel (John A)
7. 1943D walking liberty half dollar (Sharon K)

The winner was the seated liberty dime found by Jason W.

Fob, Badge & Token

1. Alabama luxury tax token (Mike W)
2. Deans dairy tag, Berrien Springs, MI (Lester R)
3. 1955 Hartford Ins. Co. Junior Fire Marshall badge (Brian M)
4. Washington D.C. token (Jason W)

The winner was the Junior Fire Marshall badge found by Brian M.

Most Unusual

1. Snow pants suspender buckle (Hal D)
2. Plumb bob (Rick B)
3. 2-cell copper flashlight (Martin K)
4. 1940 Tootsie Toy submarine (Mike W)
5. Old metal heel to boot (Lester R)
6. Nutrition transfer mechanism, also called an old spoon (Brian M)
7. 1983 Matchbox IMSA Mustang toy race car (Ron J)
8. Civil war eagle button (John A)
9. Army guy lead toy (Jason W)

The winner was the submarine found by Mike W.

Congratulations!

Keep finding all those great items!

Winners!

Our Fishbowl Silver Cache winner was Don B, but he was absent, so it carries over to next month!

Our silver dollar winners were Bill D & Anna M!

Our 50/50 winners were Ron J & Diane J!

Congratulations, everyone!

Our current raffle coin is a 1784 8 Real from the El Cazador Shipwreck recovery. Raffle tickets will be available during the break.

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The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Plainwell Community Center.

From U.S. 131, take exit 49A and go east on M-89. go through three traffic lights, then another 1/8 mile. Turn right into the drive just before the second set of railroad tracks. The building is near the road on the south side of M-89. Parking is in the rear of the building. Enter on the west side.

Meetings are open to the public.

Things You Should Know...

We will have 200 Easter Eggs for sale at our April meeting. All eggs will have some kind of coin in it. Eggs will sell for \$1.00 each. You can purchase 2 the first time around. Once everyone has had a chance to buy their eggs, any leftovers will be sold to whoever wants them.

Board elections will be held at the June meeting. Nominations will be in May.

