



Silver City Treasure Seekers Club Newsletter

"Where the Adventure Begins ..."

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This is going to be a Much Better Year ... for us All !

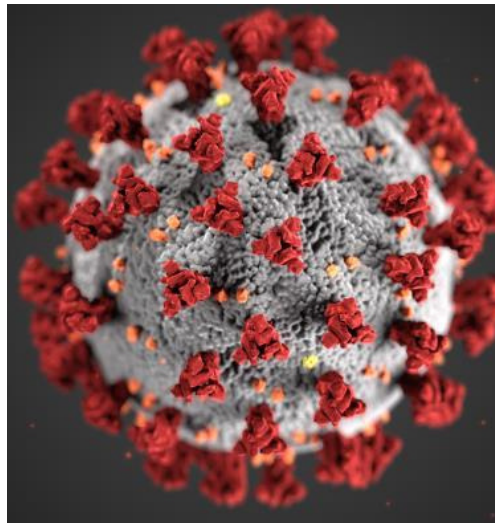
Monthly Inside Meetings remain Cancelled

Compliments of CoVid-19

Be Safe All ! Wear the mask !

or, if out Swinging the Machines ...

Please --- maintain 'Social Distancing' as much as possible



Out Damn Spot ... !

Looking for a protracted Thaw !

Treasure Seekers Club Newsletter

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**Greetings all I hope you are All Well.
Cases of CoVid are spiking in many places.**

**It's risky being out pretty much anywhere ...
Well, except when Swinging the Detector ...
Just keep that Social Distancing**

This is the next installment of our **SCTSC** NewsLetter.
So,
here is an abbreviated **January NewsLetter** ...

We would all enjoy seeing your photos & descriptions
of your Finds in the following NewsLetters.

C'Mon ! Help us out !

'Every Tone's a Treasure' ... share yours with us

I've had only a very few members report Finds to me
since the last NewsLetter ...



The Q brother's

The President's Corner :

Bill say's Hello to everyone

His surgery on 4 January went okay ... he's recovering slowly & painfully.

Please send your Best Wishes to Bill for a rapid & successful recovery.

In spite of CoVid ... or possibly as a result ... we have had new members joining via the website. I'll add them to the NewsLetter distribution once I have their e-mail addresses. If you know a new member, have them e-mail me.



*"I am a great Believer in Luck ... and, I find the harder I work,
the more I have of it."... Thomas Jefferson*

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BEEP !!!!

NATUREMan Keeps Rock For Years, Hoping It's Gold. **It Turned Out to Be Far More Valuable**

In 2015, David Hole was prospecting in Maryborough Regional Park near Melbourne, Australia.

Armed with a metal detector, he discovered something out of the ordinary – a very heavy, reddish rock resting in some yellow clay. He took it home and tried everything to open it, sure that there was a gold nugget inside the rock - after all, Maryborough is in the Goldfields region, where the Australian gold rush peaked in the 19th century.

To crack open his find, Hole tried a rock saw, an angle grinder, a drill, even putting the thing in acid, but not even a sledgehammer could make a crack.

That's because what he was trying so hard to open was no gold nugget.

As he found out years later, it was a rare meteorite.

"It had this sculpted, dimpled look to it," Melbourne museum geologist Dermot Henry told The Sydney Morning Herald.

"That's formed when they come through the atmosphere, they are melting on the outside, and the atmosphere sculpts them."

Unable to open the 'rock', but still intrigued, Hole took the meteorite into the Melbourne Museum to be identified.

"I've looked at a lot of rocks that people think are meteorites," Henry told 10 daily. In fact, after 37 years of working at the museum and examining thousands of rocks, Henry explains only two of the offerings have ever turned out to be real meteorites.

This was one of the two.

Story continues ...

"If you saw a rock on Earth like this, and you picked it up, it shouldn't be that heavy," another Melbourne Museum geologist, Bill Birch, told The Sydney Morning Herald.

The researchers have recently published a scientific paper describing the 4.6 billion-year-old meteorite, which they've called Maryborough after the town near where it was found. It's a huge 17 kilograms (37.5 pounds), and after using a diamond saw to cut off a small slice, they discovered its composition has a high percentage of iron, making it a H5 ordinary chondrite.

Once open, you can also see the tiny crystallised droplets of metallic minerals throughout it, called chondrules. "Meteorites provide the cheapest form of space exploration. They transport us back in time, providing clues to the age, formation and chemistry of our Solar System (including Earth)," explains Henry. "Some provide a glimpse at the deep interior of our planet. In some meteorites, there is 'stardust' even older than our Solar System, which shows us how stars form and evolve to create elements of the periodic table.

"Other rare meteorites contain organic molecules such as amino acids; the building blocks of life." Although the researchers don't yet know where the meteorite came from and how long it may have been on Earth, they do have some guesses.

Our Solar System was once a spinning pile of dust and chondrite rocks. Eventually gravity pulled a lot of this material together into planets, but the leftovers mostly ended up in a huge asteroid belt.

"This particular meteorite most probably comes out of the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, and it's been nudged out of there by some asteroids smashing into each other, then one day it smashes into Earth," Henry explained 10 daily.

Story continues ...

Carbon dating suggests the meteorite has been on Earth between 100 and 1,000 years, and there's been a number of meteor sightings between 1889 and 1951 that could correspond to its arrival on our planet.

The researchers argue that the Maryborough meteorite is much rarer than gold. It's one of only 17 meteorites ever recorded in the Australian state of Victoria, and it's the second largest chondritic mass, after a huge 55-kilogram specimen identified in 2003.

"This is only the 17th meteorite found in Victoria, whereas there's been thousands of gold nuggets found," Henry told 10 daily.

"Looking at the chain of events, it's quite, you might say, astronomical it being discovered at all."

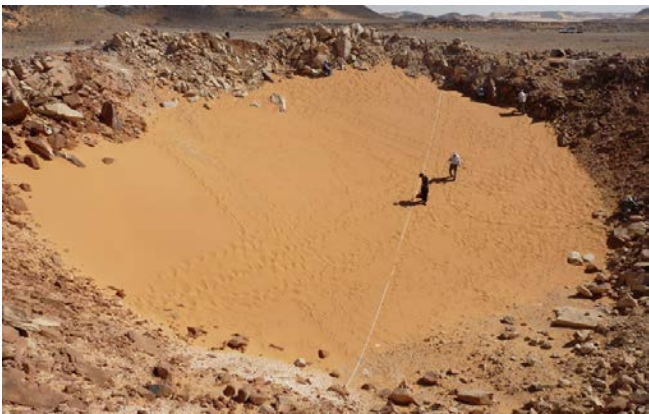
It's not even the first meteorite to take a few years to make it to a museum. In a particularly amazing story we covered last year, one space rock took 80 years, two owners, *and a stint as a doorstop* before making it to a museum.

Now is probably as good a time as any to check your backyard for particularly heavy and hard-to-break rocks - you might be sitting on a metaphorical gold mine.

The research has been published in Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria.

This article was originally published in July 2019.

JACINTA BOWLER 27 DEC 2019



MD to the Rescue ...

"Interestingly enough one of my teaching colleagues, Brendon, has a brother in law who is involved in the hobby of Falconry. He has his own hawk that when flying carries a GPS transponder. Well, this came off and is a very expensive item. He went back a few times without finding it. My friend Brendon called, knowing I detect and here are the results ... He said he had no expectations of finding it but with his ability to narrow down an area we were able to come up with the goods."

Thanks, Pete Vale for an example of an MD'er helping recover lost property, and for sharing the story !



Nice job Peter !

Who's into the Civil War ... !?

A gentleman from Mississippi (Alan Chambers) phoned me several nights ago [thanks Joe for the Intro] and we had an excellent chat for over an hour. Mr. Chambers seems like a genuinely nice guy and is looking for members from our club that may be interested in trading colonial era stuff (buckles, Large Cents, perhaps British coppers) for Civil War era stuff from his personal collection.

He shared that he has over 8500 Civil War bullets... !!!

Many different types.

If anyone has an interest, I have his contact info. ... and, see pictures of some of his material below.

Alan will be visiting Ma. in March and, he's looking forward to digging a few holes !



20 lb Parrot shell
solid shot

Wow - what a Tone these must make !

A few Other finds from Alan ... Quite the Assemblage !
 Wow doesn't Begin to capture it !
 Most any one would be on my Bucket list !



I'm trying to Imagine the Tone that leads to
 a US Buckle, a CS Buckle (!), a Stir-up ...

It's not Just metal that's hiding in "That Old Dirt ... !"

A field we visited regularly ... until it was out of play ...
back in play again



18 small lead shot ...
to add to others we'd found here a few years ago
any ideas ? Buck & Ball ?!
and - some Quartz/Quartzite projectiles

Simplex to the rescue ...

A friend contacted me recently and invited me to assist him in locating a Conservation Commission boundary marker.

Several attempts had been made, unsuccessfully.

They 'knew' the approximate location of the rebar marker by having taken a measurement from a known marker.

So ... we began our search where they suspected the missing marker was to be ... 122 feet from the last.

Several tones were dug within that 'circle' but resulted in iron scraps of various sorts.

Suspecting they were off on their guesstimate

I opened the search well beyond the area they had indicated.

BEEP ! Success !

The missing boundary marker rebar was ~ 5 inches down



Glad to help out a friend
and the ConCom

**After the marker was found
and in a different location ...**

... we decided to try our luck for about an hour
in a patch of woods.

It was challenging swinging in and around the branches and brush.
My friend headed toward a small spring and was rewarded with

a cool Dick Tracy pistol - circa 1950's

I headed toward a rocky hump that seemed to be one
of the high points in that area ...

and found some melted lead, and ...

a 1926 Wheatie under three rocks.

I always wonder what the story is behind the things found !



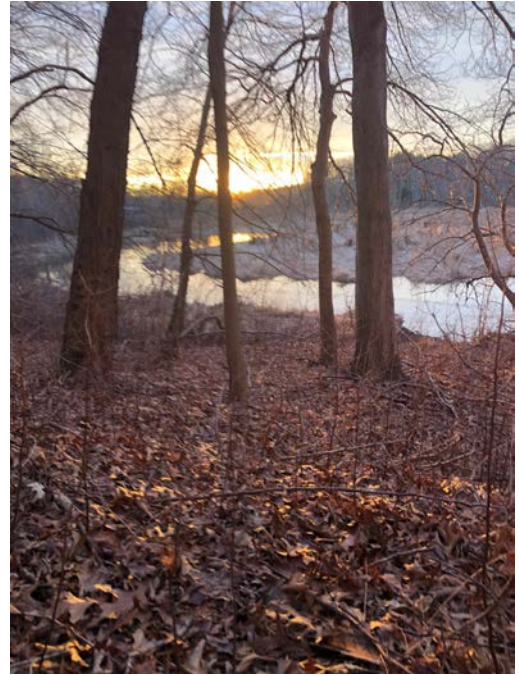
Mikes - knife
& above



Q's -
below knife

Thanks for the invite Mike ... again soon !

I had 90 minutes to swing ... so, headed to a ridge near a river about two miles from my house.



The area feels like it should hold a few relics ... or more.
and, I have pulled an old Button out.

Added an old pistol shot this time, some more Headstamps
and, wrestled with what turned out to be some barrel hoops.



Sometimes, on what turns out
to be a large target, I get
stubborn and am determined
to see what the hell the tone
actually is ...



Well ...
I had a better day
than this fellow (!)



Brother Q ... another day in the field ...

Really just doing a bit of exploring
looking for scatterings of iron grunts,
and a chance to get out and swing



Lunch at the Office



Brothers Q



Ground was frozen, so
the stone in the cup
rode home that way (!)



A couple of Wheaties,
a pair of old bullets,
and this iron (?)

**Bro and I making the Best of a Cold winters day ...
the Wind was tough ! We'll be back !**

An hour in a field ...

It was Cold & Windy ... and the weeds were challenging my depth ...
a great day to be out Swingin !



says - Patent 1882



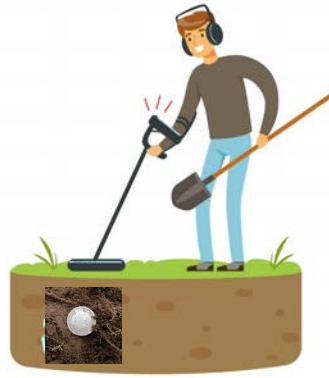
--> Yeah -
I got stubborn again
but, it was a good 70's #...
though it did end up being
18 damn inches deep !
and took me 20 minutes
to excavate !
Yeah Yeah - I know -->



Seriously, what is This doing
way the hell out in the middle of a field
away from Everything !? -->



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All SCTSC members ... I'm taking a Roll Call ...

Please e-mail or text me what are your favorite machine(s) you use ...

**This is the Members Model page
favorite machines ...**

Equinox 600

Equinox 800

Fisher

Garrett AT Pro

Garrett Ace 400 detector

Minelab CTX3030

Nokta Macro Simplex

What others ?

Thank you to those who shared
what machine(s) they use ...

I'd like to add a page of reasons **why** you Favor your
machine and any Tips you would share to get best
results with it ... please e-mail me with those

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**SCTSC members -
Items for Sale or Trade page**

any errors on this page are Q's

If you have items to Sell or Trade,
contact Quack with the photos & Details
and
I'll include it in the Next NewsLetter.

**Hey -
You need a
new machine !**



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An Invitation ...

**Our President Bill has proposed that Members
who have a Business, or engage in Business ...
and who wish to,
are Invited to place an 'Ad' in the Newsletter
each month.**

Those who may be interested in doing so should

e-mail Quack

with whatever verbiage and Photo(s) they wish to include ...

Compose your 'Ad' and send it along.

I'll spread those I receive amongst a page+.

I will include them in the Next newsletter

Let's Support Our Members



Questions - ?!



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As it States ... Call Bill ... !



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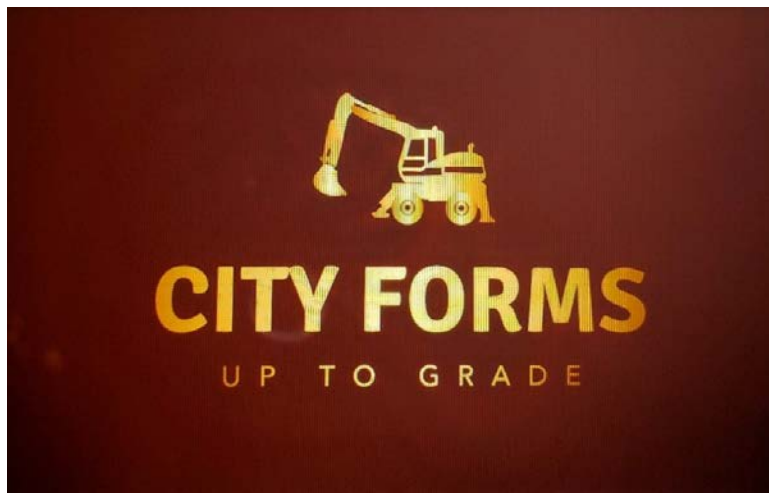
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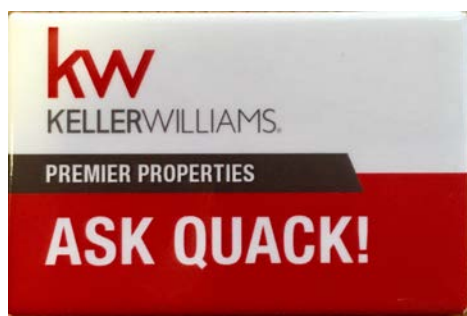
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About Our Club :

The Silver City Treasure Seekers Club of Taunton, Massachusetts started back in 2001 by **Bill Henderson**, and is dedicated to the promotion of metal detecting as a hobby.

Membership is open to the public, with the only requirement being that all members follow the Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics.

The Club's yearly dues are \$35 per (household) Family or \$25 single.

We Used to meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Friday of every month at the Bristol-Plymouth Technical High School, 940 County st. (Rte 140), Taunton, Massachusetts. **CoVid has prevented that ...**

There are currently over 90+ members that had participated in various club meetings, club hunts, and Coin contests ... e.g. Find of the Month and Find of the Year, with prizes.

Monthly in-person meetings are currently suspended during the ongoing CoVid pandemic.

Who would be in favor of an SCTSC Zoom Meeting !?

Please comment back

Read more about Our Club by visiting the Club's Web site at :

www.silvercitytreasureseekers.net ... or ... on FB



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This Month's Newsletter Contributors

Peter Vale, Alan Chambers and ...
Brother's Q

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Metal Detecting Tips & Tricks You may not have Considered

It's Winter - Dress appropriately ...

Extra socks and gloves may save your day ... a Hand Warmer !

... perhaps Batteries ... and, a kneeling pad may help.

Hey ... A Thermos of your preferred hot drink will be welcomed ... !



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And Hey ...
a few parting thoughts ...



Some days you just find Crap ...
no, really ...
the tone was directly under this !



No ---
you are Not stronger
than Mother Nature ...
be safe out there !



FOR GOSH SAKE ...
Get Permission ! !

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