



Silver City Treasure Seekers Club Newsletter

"Where the Adventure Begins ..."

Volume I - Issue 2

SCTSC News

February 2020

Next Meeting :

Friday, 6:30 p.m. sharp March 6th 2020

@ Bristol-Plymouth Technical High School,
940 County street (Route 140), Taunton, Massachusetts

Fellowship ...



Conversations ...



**Stories, Tips and
Friendships formed ...**

The President's Corner :

Greetings fellow treasure hunters :

Thank you all for a great February meeting !
2020 is gonna Rock ! Swing those machines !

We had an excellent 7 February meeting, with 39 attendee's, not bad for a sloppy night ! Among them were several New members ... Welcome we're glad you're with us !
Many of the usual guys & gals, with a few young detectorists mingled in and enjoying good conversations happening all around the room.
It was a very enjoyable evening.
Several folks brought their more recent finds (see some on next pages).
Entries for 'Find of the Month' were notable, see those also following.

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

Skip - you were missed.
Good luck with your
recovery



Club business - President Bill



The Presidents corner - cont.

Club business included discussions about the following :

Notes & Reminders !

- * **Please ... respect others sites.** If you see someone MD'ing on a site, it's very likely that they have permission ... that does not automatically extend to you. Please Do Not presume you may detect without specific permission yourself.
- * Folks may **join as a New Member from now through June** ... thereafter they may attend meetings as visitors, though not e.g. partake in Club hunts.
- * The 'Find of the Month' contest is open to **members only**.
- * Yearly **Due's** are to be paid Now - bring them by March Mtg., please
- * the Club purchased ~ \$1000.00 of Silver (Ag), for club raffles
- * the Club purchased Gold Coin(s) (Au) for a drawing at our Christmas event meeting, and monthly drawing (!)
- * the Club is in excellent financial condition
- * **Relative to FaceBook**, please leave club business e.g. the Treasure show, to be discussed at our club meetings and, keep the FaceBook page for club members and the internet viewers to see and enjoy the positive things going on in our great club.
- * **those who wish a Newsletter** delivered by snail-mail must sign-up with Quack or Steve ... if you did not receive a Newsletter by e-mail, please verify your e-mail address with Quack and Steve.
(pdf version available on our website and, some hard-copies @ meetings).

Voted and Approved -

- * the Club will buy two **metal detectors for special needs kids** (Peter) ... if anybody has any detecting equipment, digging tools, pouches, older detector and even coins to **donate to Peter Vale** for his students in the Brockton school system, that would be great!
- * Again this year the **Club will provide a Scholarship of \$300. to BP** with our Thank You for the use of their premises.

Proposed, Discussed & held to next meeting for further discussion :

- > The Treasure show next January 2021 was also discussed, and tabled for the next meeting. Further discussion necessary about combining with Bill's bottle show @ The Holiday Inn. tbd.



A Few Finds reported by members during the month :

Joe B. had some great luck out in Fields & Woods !



Nice find Joe !
Quite the 'Buckle' ...
And !



Silver Two Reale



1785 !
Oh Rats !



1785 Spanish Silver Reale ... Sweet !



" I'm pretty sure I creased
the Spanish Two Reale with my
shovel ...
I used a heating process to
straighten it."



-> "The silver reale was minted in 1/2-, 1-, 2-, 4- and 8-real denominations. After the discovery of silver in Mexico, Peru and Bolivia in the 16th century, the 8-real coin (referred to since then as a dollar, a peso or a piece of eight) became an internationally recognized trade coin in Europe, Asia and North America. These reales were supplemented by the gold escudo, ... , and valued at 15-16 silver reales or approximately two dollars." <-

-> " The reason the Spanish Reales are found at historic sites in the U.S. is that during Colonial days in the U.S., the Silver Ocho Reale coin, referred to as the Spanish milled Dollar, piece of Eight, or eight bits, was the principal coin in circulation. This coin and its fractional parts, the one, two and four Reale, were legal currency until Feb. 21 1857 in the U.S." <-

February was apparently a Silver & Copper Month !

Check out these finds - from House, Field and woods sites !



Neat find !



1722 !

Congrats Wicked Digger !

This was the first 'Old House' Chris had permission to search !

Is this a **Hibernia Rosa Americana** !?!

Rosa Americana Tokens - 1722-1724

William Wood, owner of several copper and tin mines, hoped to make a profit producing coins for use in Ireland and America. The coins were made of an alloy called Bath metal composed of 75% brass, 20% zinc (mixed with tin and bismuth) and 5% silver and were to weigh slightly less than half the weight of English coins. These lightweight coins were not accepted by the colonists. In New York, merchants refused to accept the coins - Nevertheless, some colonies did accept them, although only reluctantly and only in limited quantities.



February was apparently a good 'Find' Month !

What were yours ?!

A Few Finds that some members reported in February

Congrats again Joe B. !



Two Cent Piece !

-> "The two-cent piece was produced by the Mint of the United States for circulation from 1864 to 1872. There were decreasing mintages each year, as other minor coins such as the nickel proved more popular. Although initially popular in the absence of other federal coinage, the two-cent piece's place in circulation was usurped by other non-precious metal coins which Congress subsequently authorized, the three-cent piece and the nickel. The Two cent piece was abolished by the Mint Act of 1873." <-



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The Brothers Q ... an unexpected adventure

'Hey ! Take a Day Off ! Come to w. Ma. and let's hit a few spots !'

With a High Fifty degree day looming, it seemed a perfect time to go out to swing the machine. So, I cleared the following days schedule, grabbed the gear and off I went. Arriving at my Bro's we were excited to be heading out, though first he showed me an hours worth of research he'd done on several local spots. One particular area has been used for well over 100 years, and is now a seldom used sports field ... right along a river. An aerial view, overlayed on a very old map depiction, suggested a possibly very interesting location to check close to the river, where old trees had once been.

There was one important aspect we'd both overlooked, however.

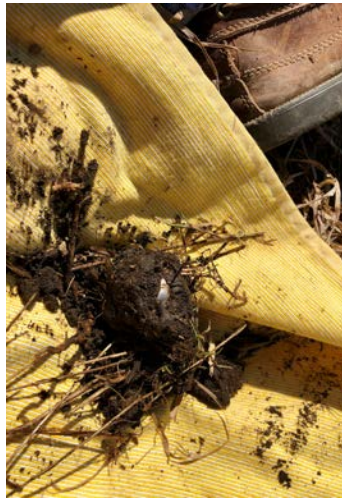
Though the day was great with high Fifties, the ground was Frozen Solid !

Oh Good Grief !

Not to be denied, we were determined to find a spot, and, figured the sports field may be our best shot.

It was ... in spots ... mostly frozen, with rather small wetter areas quite 'diggable'. It was frustrating to get a good 'Tone' only to find that patch of ground was like concrete.

We'll be back for those !



In short order we decided to check the area we'd noted on the old drawing close to the river.

The weeds were thick, though down, and our first 'Tone' was a good one.

However we could barely get the shovel in !

I was determined not to leave this one, and with persistence we chipped (!) a frozen chunk out.

Hey ! It looks promising !



Sweet ! A Ring it Is ! [Ag ?]

And, there were two other excellent 'Tones' within ten feet, which we simply could not even chip out.

We'll be Back !

It was completely frozen ... hard as a rock ... though we had high hopes looking at the design. It took more than 90 minutes to thaw it enough to break it out.

[note to self - carry the Thermos with us next time !]



A Few Finds that some members brought in to share at our February meeting



A Find that qualifies
as an Oddity, for
sure !



Drew Bushee reports finding this in a house ...
similar to where he found the piece of Eight last month.



Copper 'point' & 'Ulu' & Bell, also Drew



And, sometimes among the 'typical' MD finds is something a tad more unusual ...
such as this Match Safe !

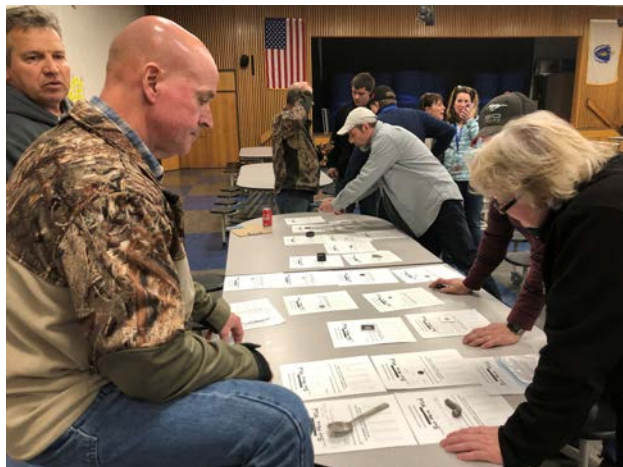


Or, just Cool ...



Now honestly ... how many of you have found something this month
... *and not reported it to me !?*

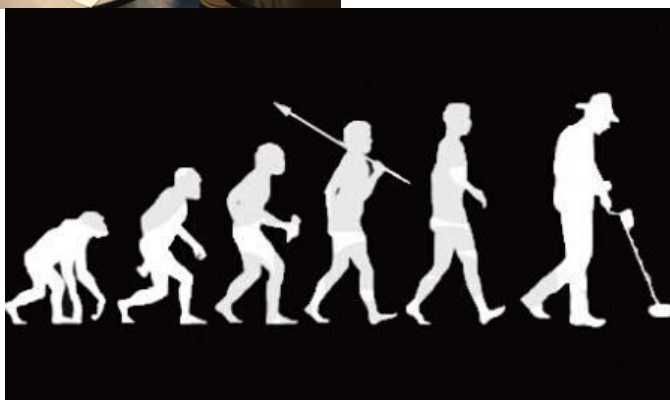
**A Few Finds that some members brought in
to enter into our February 'Find of the Month' contest**



Voting on 'Find of the Month'



**Categories and Winners,
below !**



After Voting, make sure you have your Raffle Tickets ... !
Silver (Ag) Rounds and ... ! Au !

Our usual Door prize, 50/50 & Silver Raffles, including one for a
Gold Piece,
were all cheered on and appreciated !

Raffle Tickets ... can lead to Silver !



Or, the 50/50 pot !



Silver Round Winner !
Congrats Bill !
New Member - Sweet !

Gold Dollar Winner !
Congrats John O. !



We will be raffling off some Gold ,
(either a 1 gram bar or
an 1853 dollar coin)



Finds of the Month

It's All Old Dirt !!

Coin 1800 to 1899

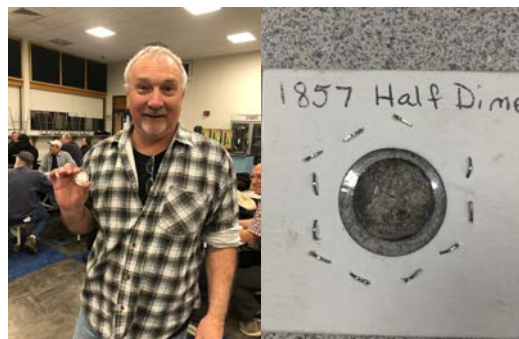
Winner - Denise



1792 Two Reale - Ag

Coin before 1900

Winner - John L.



1857 Half Dime - Ag

Coin after 1900

Winner - George Mallard



Standing Liberty Quarter -
no date

Gold Jewellery

Winner - Don Castigliero



14k Gold Anchor

Okay - What *Is* this ... ??!
several found in the same field at various times,
in different locations ...



Finds of the Month

It's All Old Dirt !!

Relic

Winner - George Mallard



Sterling Silver
Riding Crop handle

Silver Jewelry

Winner - Leighton Harrington



Sterling - Tiffany & co.
Bracelet

Congrats to **Winners of 'Finds of the Month' February 2020 !**
Well Done !!

Surface Find category

Winner - Quack

Do you see it ... ?



The Brothers Q

Susquehanna Broad

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

any errors on this page are Q's



**Xp Deus - Very good condition
purchased in 2013 with 9 inch coil & a 11 inch coil,
it has the grey ghost headphones**

**for the XP DEUS & Accessories
asking \$1000 Firm**

Contact : exranger6@aol.com



**Minelab Excaliber machine -
Very good condition
purchased in 2012 with an anderson shaft**

**for the EXCALIBER -
asking \$500 firm**



**White MX Sport
with an extra lower shaft ...
asking \$550. It's a year old**

Contact :
Bafflel@comcast.net



Hey - You need a
new machine !

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 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.

There are currently over 90 active members that participate in various club meetings, club hunts, and Coin contests ...

e.g. Find of the Month and Find of the Year, with prizes.

Monthly meetings are scheduled for two hours, the first portion being club business, followed by discussions, coin/relic exhibits, 50/50 prize and raffle drawings for Silver & Gold and, occasional Guest speakers.

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

www.silvercitytreasureseekers.net



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Richard Mcmann, Joe B. and Chris !

& The Quack's

Your Club Officers - 2020

President - Bill Henderson

1st Vice President - Joe Baker Jr.

2nd Vice President - Kent Blethen

Secretary - Steve Petrelli

Treasurer - John Oliveira

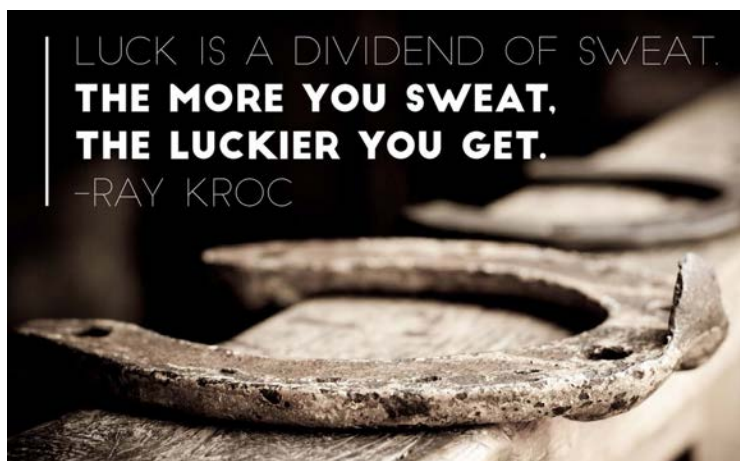
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Metal Detecting Tips & Tricks You may not have Considered

Don't Abandon Iffy Signals ... Listen for the whisper and watch the display ...

some targets are deep/small/elusive enough to not 'Tone' ...

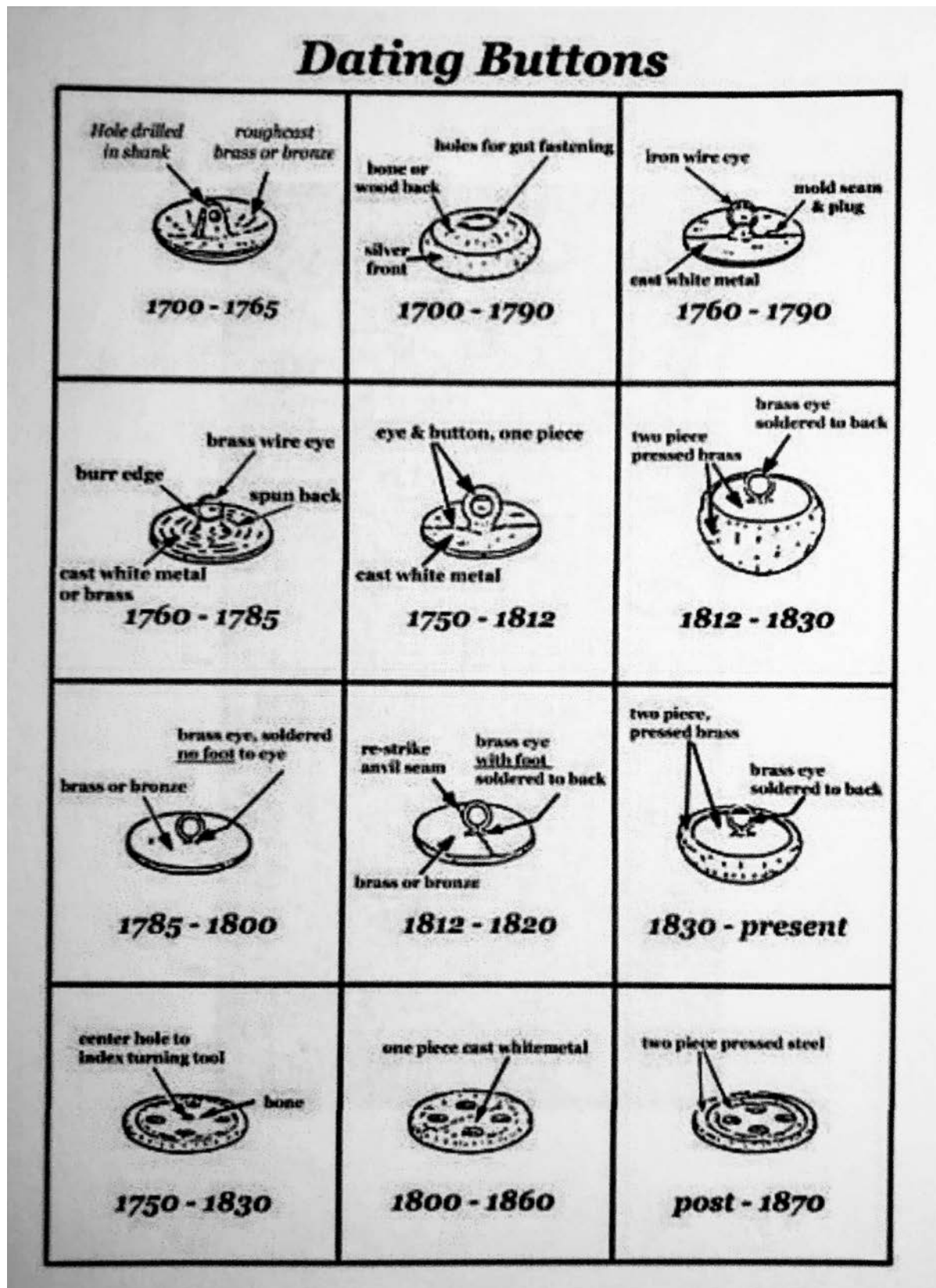
Use a cloth to place your excavated earth upon ... helps on lawns and in locating targets 'out of the hole' ... when asking permission at a home, bring some crocus bulbs and offer to plant them in your holes.

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