



# Silver City Treasure Seekers Club Newsletter

*"Where the Adventure Begins ..."*

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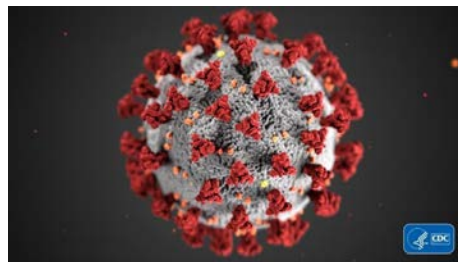
## April & May Meetings Cancelled

Compliments of CoVid-19

Be Safe All ! Stay Home !

or, if out Swinging the Machines ...

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



Fellowship ... and Conversations ... Stories, Tips and  
Friendships formed ... must be 'Virtual' ... for now



# **Treasure Seekers Club Newsletter**

*"Where the Adventure Begins ..."*

The May **SCTSC** NewsLetter  
is dedicated primarily to  
Finds reported that  
we might all like to see ...

My plan is to issue another  
**When ...**

Those photos and  
descriptions continue ... to  
be forwarded to me for  
inclusion

## The President's Corner :

Bill continues to recover from Surgery ...  
He say's Hi to you all ...  
so, let's all of us wish Bill a complete recovery.

We don't know when our next meeting will be ...  
There was NO meeting in May ...  
though,  
I thought a small 'May' Newsletter might be Fun.

Hopefully some of you are out there Swinging those machines ...  
in fact, I know some of you did, because they e-mailed in some  
photos ... of some nice finds !



*"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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**Some Excellent finds reported !**

**Check out these finds from John Ducati**



**Nicely Done !**



**Neat finds !**



"I've been out in the woods. These weren't too deep ... the bridle rosette and buckle were ~ 5 inches down.

Using my Minelab 800 with stock 11" coil.

Also got a pocketful of clad ... and, a 1911 Dime."

You just never know what you may find when you're out 'Hunting' !

**Betting May is a good 'Find' Month also !**

**What are yours ?! Let Quack Know !!!**

## Some History about Barber Dimes

The Barber coinage consists of a dime, quarter, and half dollar designed by United States Bureau of the Mint Chief Engraver Charles E. Barber. They were minted between 1892 and 1916, though no half dollars were struck in the final year of the series.

By the late 1880s, there were increasing calls for the replacement of the Seated Liberty design, used since the 1830s on most denominations of silver coins.

In 1891, Mint Director Edward O. Leech ordered a competition, seeking a new look for the silver coins. No entry from the public proved suitable. Leech instructed Barber to prepare new designs for the dime, quarter, and half dollar, and they were approved by President Benjamin Harrison in November 1891.

Striking of the new coins began the following January. Public and artistic opinion of the new pieces was, and remains, mixed. In 1915, Mint officials began plans to replace them once the design's minimum term expired in 1916. The Mint issued Barber dimes and quarters in 1916 to meet commercial demand, but before the end of the year, the Mercury dime, Standing Liberty quarter, and Walking Liberty half dollar had begun production.

Most dates in the Barber coin series are not difficult to obtain, but the 1894 dime struck at the San Francisco Mint (1894-S), with a mintage of 24, is a great rarity.





### Check these Finds by Corbin

"Hunting an old house, we were there for about 40 minutes before the rain started.

They were all about 4 inches down.

The chain gave a very faint signal."



Silver chain and ... Two V Nickles !



## Some History about V Nickles

### **The Liberty Head nickel, also referred to as the V nickel**

because of its reverse (or tails) design, is an American five-cent piece. It was struck for circulation from 1883 until 1912, with at least five pieces being surreptitiously struck dated 1913.

The obverse features a left-facing image of the goddess of Liberty.

Mint Chief Engraver Charles Barber was instructed to prepare designs for proposed one-, three-, and five-cent pieces, which were to bear similar designs. Only the new five-cent piece was approved, and went into production in 1883. For almost thirty years large quantities of coin of this design were produced to meet commercial demand, especially as coin-operated machines became increasingly popular.

Although no 1913 Liberty head nickels were officially struck, five are known to exist. While it is uncertain how these pieces originated, they have come to be among the most expensive coins in the world, with one selling in 2018 for \$4.5 million (!)

Beginning in 1911, the Mint began work to replace the Liberty head design, and a new design, which became known as the Buffalo nickel, went into production in February 1913.



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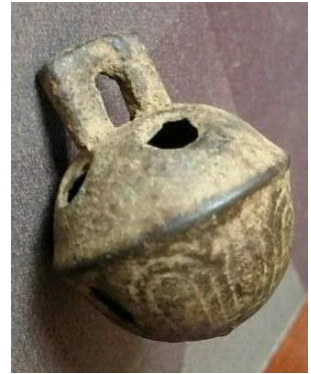


**Oh wait ... there's More**

**Mark & William Butler ... Crushed it !**



**Crotal Bell  
aka  
Rumbler  
  
Old Pendant**



**Barber**



**Merc**



**'It's All Old Dirt !!!'**



**Massachusetts Militia  
button !**



Quite the Haul &  
all have a tale to tell  
of the Past !





## Some History

## Perhaps this one



**1812-30's Massachusetts State Militia, General Use**

**Color: A Coppery Brown.**

safety and happiness.

In December of 1780 Nathan Cushing was appointed to be a committee of one to prepare a seal for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The design he recommended was adopted by the Provincial Congress on December 13, 1780. The motto had been adopted in 1775 by the Provincial Congress and the common English translation is, "By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty."



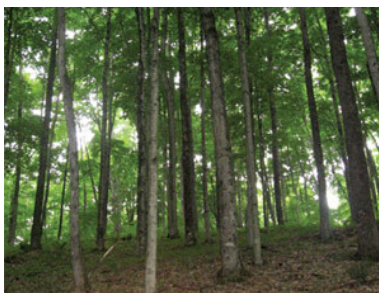
Take a closer look at a few of these on the following pages



**A Few Finds reported by members during the month :**

Well Done Tony !

"A 1917 S Walking Liberty half dollar  
about six inches down, using my  
AT Max in the woods."



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As usual John LaFleur is out frequently at several Beaches and Fields and, has had some luck while out & about



Another great day after work. same beach as Tuesday, & Thursday, still giving me lots of pull tabs & old coins and more spoons ...

Got 2 quarters 1935 & 1947, 4 dimes 2-1965, 1967, 1970, 5

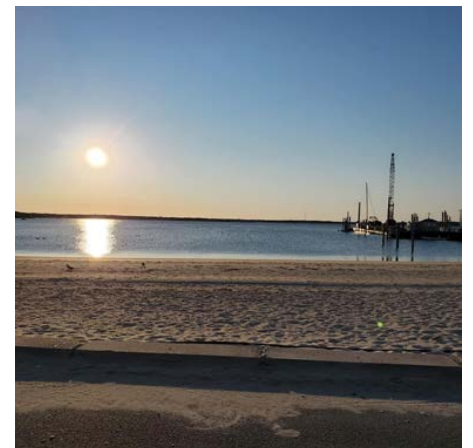
Nickles 1954, 1956, 1959, 1963, 1973, 4 wheat pennies 1936, 3-1940, and 5 pennies from 1961 to 2020.

Another beach day after work today.. same beach as Tuesday and it's still producing. 3 wheat pennies, 6 quarters 4 nickles, 4 dimes, 5 pennies, and Captain America (!) ... a silver "M" charm. and a butterfly charm ...

Oh yeah my 1st tooth cap !  
... if you lost yours I have it. Lol



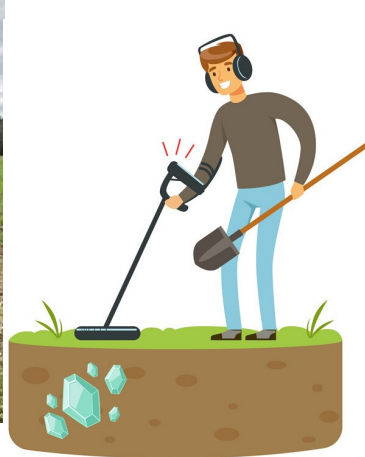
Another beautiful day.. awesome sunrise. I did find a few rings.. one is costume jewelry. The other one has "stainless steel - 10k" and a beautiful 18k gold ring ... my jewelry box is slowly getting filled.





The Brothers Q ... another Field day

**'Hey ! We're 'Socially Isolating' here ...  
"This time a Field behind a Very Old Tavern."**



Heavy - not iron -  
not 'soft' so Pot  
metal ? Flanged ?



Best finds of the day ...  
1888 Indian &  
a Toasted Copper

**Lunch at the 'Office' !**



A Fun and relaxing day with my Bro & Tigerman .. we'll be back !



## Another Day at a defunct School

**Start 'em young !**

**Jane loves 'The Hunt' !**



Jane with Merc



Jane & Chris



The four of us homed in on the back slope of this defunct school. There were finds to be made ... which Jane reveled in ... she 'Loves the Hunt' !



1936 Merc & 1888 IHP & Wheaties



**Before lunch**



We certainly didn't exhaust the possible finds here ... we'll definitely be back



Tools of the Trade



**Neat Button !**



**1936 Merc**



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# Back to the 'Tavern Farm' ... "Take us back to Colonial times ... "



Lunch at the Office



It was quite a day. We are still learning this ground ... though,  
we're developing a picture of its long history of useage



Crotal x2 !



Buckle types



Can you spot it ?!



There it is ... IHP



Three old Coppers ...  
one a 1787 Ct cent ... IHP,  
Colonial buckle, Lead (?),  
Large round (?) Buckle/clasp,  
Crotal bells, and Musket ball





## "The Field behind a Very Old Tavern."



1787 Ct cent

# It was Quite the Day ...



## The Brothers Q ...



**And, more  
than  
300 more  
acres to  
search ...**



### **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](http://www.silvercitytreasureseekers.net)



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## **This Month's Newsletter Contributors**

Mark & William Butler, Corbin, Tony, Ducati, John LaFleur,  
& 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

### **Mailing Address :**

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### **Metal Detecting Tips & Tricks You may not have Considered**

Look for High Traffic areas ... Swing under old Clothesline locations ...  
Bring water with you ... *for* you, but Not for Rubbing on the Coins you find (!) ...  
make sure your cable is wrapped tightly to your shaft to avoid 'Falsing' ...  
Swing Low & Level & Slightly overlap your sweep ...  
Follow the Walls ... Target the Large Trees ... and, Look for Myrtle  
and, use a PinPointer !



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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 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.

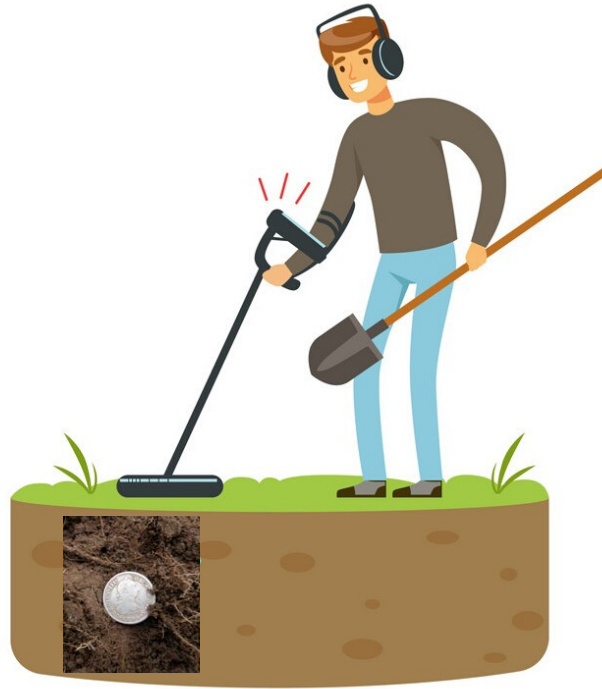
**Note** - IF enough of you submit Photos of Finds  
& your descriptions, I plan to publish  
**a June newsletter**

It could include the First Ad's.

**Questions - ?!**



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All SCTSC members ...

I'm taking a Roll Call ...

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

I plan to begin a Model page  
for the machines listed.

e.g. Garrett AT Pro

Minelab 3030

Equinox 800

What others ?

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Okay then ...

I'm going to add a bit about my business.

My wife Penny & I are Realtors.

We have a team ... The '**American Dream**' team.

We cover from Southie to Mashpee and Rhode Island.

Our team has 30 years experience.

We are very good at what we do ...



North Smithfield R.I.

Average days on  
Market [DOM] in this  
area before an  
Accepted offer = 76

We had an Accepted  
offer in 7 days



Plymouth, Ma

Average days on  
Market [DOM] in this  
area before an  
Accepted offer = 36

We had an Accepted  
offer in 5 days

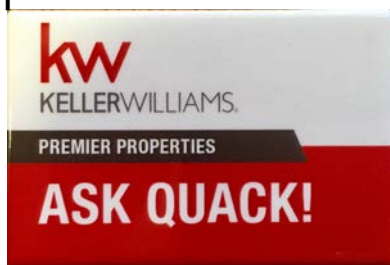


Foxboro, Ma

Average days on  
Market [DOM] in this  
area before an  
Accepted offer = 33

We had an Accepted  
offer in 7 days

All Accepted offers were over List ...



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