



Visitors are welcomed.
Join us!

Next GSTH Gathering:
May 20, 2008
7:30pm FOE Eagles
Hall, New Brighton



After he retired with over 30 years on the job as an accountant, I asked my uncle if there was anything he missed about work. "Yeah," he said wistfully, "my weekends." (RD, Oct. 05)

If your receiving this newsletter via email then take advantage of your computers "ZOOM" feature and check out the coins and jewelry in greater detail.



You'll find these photos in the "BRING N BRAG" section on pages 4, 5 & 6.

May Treats List

Mark Catlin

Greg & Susan Classen

Chuck Clausen

Quentin Crouch



Note: If your name is on the treats list but you are unable to attend the meeting, please call Jeff Harris ASAP at 612-221-1282 so that he can contact the next member in the list. Thanks

News from the Hunt Team

Things are progressing on a timely basis and it will be time for the Gopher State annual hunt before we know it!

We need our members to start bringing in their donations for the token prizes and items to add to the treasure chest that one lucky member will win.

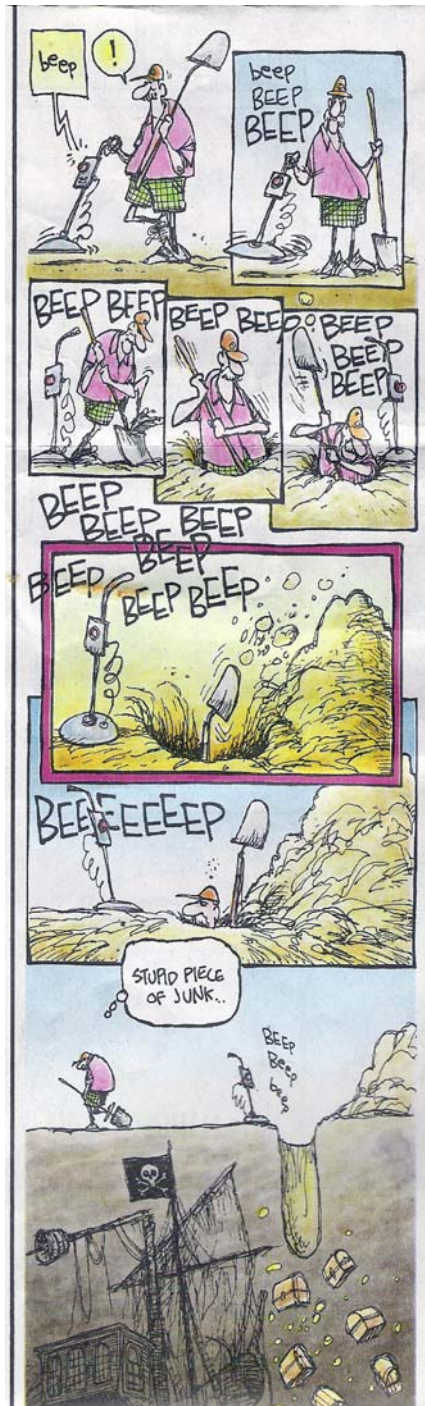
We are continuing to collect scrap metals, corroded coins through the June meeting. Better yet, bring these items to the mini-hunt and we well gladly receive them!

Silver is down about three dollars since its recent high and we are still hoping to buy some from our members at my discounted price or have members pay their hunt fee in silver.

Together with the president's hunt, the scrap drive, and the generosity of our members, we will enjoy another memorable hunt with all our members!

Thank you,

The Hunt Team



GOPHER STATE TREASURE HUNTERS

2008 HUNT REGISTRATIION FORM

JULY 12th & 13th

\$50.00 FOR WEEKEND, CAMPING FEES EXTRA

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, & ZIP _____

ENTRY FEES

Before JUNE

After JUNE 1

\$ _____ SATURDAY

\$28.00

\$33.00

\$ _____ SUNDAY

\$22.00

\$27.00

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED



Make check or money order payable to Hunt-master Cliff Thompson. Payment may either be brought to the club meeting, or can be sent directly to the following: **Cliff Thompson, P.O. Box 580432 Minneapolis, MN 55458-0432**

There will be no exceptions on late entry fees and no refunds. Entries received after June 1 will be assessed the late fees.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Persons attending the hunt do so at their own risk and will also assume all risk of injury and/or damage to all persons, children, or property in any manner arising from the hunt or related activities. Gopher State Treasure Hunters Club, its Officers, Hunt-master(s), and Members will be indemnified and forever held harmless from any claim and causes of action, which may arise as a result from the hunt. Signature below constitutes a release of liability.

SIGNATURE (1) _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE (2) _____ DATE _____

2008 Hunt Rules

As our 2008 Hunt is approaching, this is the time to remind all participants of the club rules adopted for the event scheduled for July 12th and 13th at Kozy Oaks Kamp grounds in North Branch. All Annual Hunt participants will:

Be a Gopher State Treasure Hunter member in good standing, with annual dues paid. Have had paid all fees and be registered before the first hunt.

Have attended two or more other club functions in the past year to qualify for the Annual Hunt. Be limited to his or her detector only, unless handicapped, or special hunt event authorized by the Hunt-master.

Use a reasonable sized target recovery tool, i.e., screwdriver, probe, digging knife, or small trowel. Nothing big. All targets will be buried shallow.

Fill any/all holes and remove all trash before advancing to the next target. All trash must be taken off the hunt field if you dug it.

Wear detector headphones during the hunts. No public beeping!

Stop at the campground headquarters upon arrival at Kozy Oaks for prompt, advance payment of any/all camping fees, hookup fees, or purchase of the \$1 daily (not overnight) pass.

Bury coins/tokens for the hunts for which he/she is assigned burying duties. Will Not Cheat. Cheaters will forfeit all hunt rights and any/all fees paid. Accept the final call by the Hunt-master in the event of controversy.

Be prepared to hunt in rain or shine. No hunt refunds. Sign a Waiver of Liability to safeguard other parties.

Abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the campground management. Aid in cleanup of the campground and hunt field at the conclusion of the Sunday hunts. Be subject to a good time. Hunt-master maintains a designated complaint area.

Respect this event. We want Kozy Oaks to welcome us next year.

April 15 MINUTES

Opening of Meeting:	President Martin Reynolds called to order the April 15th meeting of Gopher State Treasure Hunters club to order at 7:30 P.M. There were 36 members in attendance along with 5 guests. All officers were in attendance with the exception of Vice-president Frank Grund and Huntmaster's assistant Bruce Langbein. Treasurer Scott Ferrian read off the Treasurer's report. There were no additions or amendments to last month's newsletter.
Old Business:	<p>Old Business:</p> <p>Our annual swap meet was held at the April meeting. There were only a few members who had brought stuff in. We also had a 5 gallon bucket by the door for members to drop off scraps of copper and brass that can be sold to generate money for the club. Huntmaster's assistant Fred Thompson is collecting corroded (Lincoln zinc cents) and other damaged coins and will take them to the Federal Reserve bank in Minneapolis as a way to also generate funds for the club. It is also a way for members to get rid of unwanted coins.</p> <p><u>Raffle tickets are still for sale as part of Martin's hunt at an old farmhouse in Stillwater. The tickets are 1 dollar each. The May meeting will be the last chance to buy tickets.</u></p>
New Business:	<p>New Business:</p> <p>The mini-hunt is being organized by Mike Wolf and Don Fuller. It will be held on May 10, 2008 at Jewell Park in Brooklyn Park. The entry fee is \$5 per person, with the club matching all funds. You do not have to be a member to participate. There will be a pot luck lunch so bring something to share.</p> <p>Our website guru, Mike Wolf, informed the club that our website is totally updated.</p> <p>All Ramsey County Parks permits should have been received. If you didn't get a permit and would like to receive one, you will have to call the Ramsey County Parks department.</p> <p>Mike Wolf would like to form a committee to discuss the digging regulations described on the permit. The club sanctioned a move to go forward on this issue. The committee members are Mike Wolf, Dwayne Hatzenbeller, Jason Hillstrom and Jean Bickett. The motion passed.</p> <p>Scott Ferrian has membership cards for all members.</p> <p>Some members are looking at obtaining permission to search the old stockyards in South Saint Paul which are closing after 122 years.</p>
Bring & Brag Winners:	<p>Martin Reynolds called for break at 8:15 P.M. The meeting resumed at 8:35 P.M.</p> <p>Mike Wolf conducted the Bring & Brag and the winners are:</p> <p>Most coins - 1013 coins totaling \$61.92 found by Jean Bickett. Other finds - 400 coins totaling \$31.13.</p> <p>Most unusual - 1892 Ortonville dog tax found by Cliff Thompson. Other finds - pipe lighter, square nails, Landy's Tavern token (1930's), skeleton key, fired Minnie ball from site of Fort Judson 1863, Hotel Jewell (St. Paul) coat check tags 1920's.</p> <p>Best jewelry - Eiffel Tower earring found by Brittney Ferrian. Other finds - diamond earring.</p> <p>Best silver jewelry - Large men's silver bracelet found by Mike Wolf. Other finds - silver crucifix, silver ring, silver "LOVE" ring, silver Catholic medal.</p> <p>Best gold jewelry - 20k gold necklace found by Scott Ferrian. Other finds - 1925 class ring, 1972 class ring from White Bear Lake.</p> <p>Best coin - 1875 Indian Head in VF-XF condition found by Mike Wolf. Other finds - 1893 Indian Head cent, 1921 Mercury dime, 2001D Sacagawea dollar, 1907 Barber quarter, 1888 Indian Head cent.</p> <p>Outside 5 state area - Sterling silver and amethyst slide found by Lynn Wilson. Other finds - ring, 10k gold earring with diamonds.</p>
In Closing:	<p>Martin Reynolds conducted the jackpot and coin raffles. Fred Thompson did the hunt raffle.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M. Dwayne Hatzenbeller, GSTH Secretary</p>

April

Bring & Brag

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Most coins Winner: Jean Bickett

1013 Totaling \$61.92 (actual coins not shown) →



Most Unusual

Winner: Cliff Thompson

1892 Dog Tax Tag



Best Out-Of-State

Winner:

Lynn Wilson

amethyst & sterling



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Best silver jewelry

Winner: Mike Wolf silver bracelet



Best Non-Gold Non-Silver

Winner: Britney Ferrian

Eifel Tower earring



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Best Gold

(With your computer-zoom in on photos for greater detail.)

Winner: Scott Ferrian 1/2oz 20k gold necklace



Best Coin

Winner: Mike Wolf 1875 XF condition Indian Head





GSTH Treasured Profiles

Your name? **Charles M. Clausen, Stillwater, MN**

Occupation? **Retired Corrections Officer. Part time substitute teacher and Santa**

Your family? **My wife and I are empty nesters. We have two adult sons and Pepper the cat.**



How long have you been a member of GSTH?

I have been a member for one and a half years.

How and when did you become interested in the hobby of metal detecting/treasure hunting?

I've been interested in metal detecting for a long time. When I retired I decided to try it out.

What is your "main field" of interest that you try to specialize in (ex: beach hunting or coins, etc)? **I do both (beach hunting & coins). I like finding old stuff. I have a degree in history.**

What metal detector do you use? **Whites MX-6 and a Tiger Shark**



What are your favorite treasure hunting places to hunt? **Wherever I'm at.**

Could you estimate how many coins you have found? **I have no idea.**

What coin would you say was your best coin found? **A 1907 Indian head penny.**

What jewelry item would you say was your best found? **I found a mans gold wedding ring.**

What is the most interesting place you have hunted? **The lakes.**

What would be your most unusual find? **A complete shovel.**

What would you say is the most funny or bizarre experience you've ever had while detecting/hunting? **The first time out with my Tiger I found my own glasses. They had fallen out of my pocket.**

What do you most enjoy about this hobby? **The unexpected.**

What additional items of interest are there about you (ex: other hobbies, job, personal, etc.)?

I'm a Real Beard Santa. I like to fish, hunt, bicycle ride, travel and read. I am retired and substitute teach part time.

What advice might you give someone just entering the hobby of metal detecting/treasure hunting?

Do it for fun and relaxation.

April Treasury Report

Starting Balance.....	\$982.18
Expenses:	
Raffle.....	-8.00
Newsletter expenses.....	-210.80
Income:	
50/50.....	15.50
Coin Raffle.....	38.00
Coffee Fund.....	0.00
Membership Dues.....	235.00
Ending Balance.....	\$1051.88

Treasurer: Scott Ferrian

New Members: GSTH would like to welcome new members: Dario Menanteau, Brian Stork, Gerald Dexter, Laramie Jaeger, Jim Erickson.



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GSTH Membership Terms

The annual dues for the GSTH are \$25.00 for a family membership; \$20.00 for single members. GSTH memberships are effective for the calendar year. New members are pro-rated to fit. Members are entitled to one newsletter per single or family membership.

Members may opt to receive a paper newsletter, or the eNewsletter. To be eligible to receive the eNewsletter, you must have a valid email address and have software installed appropriate to read Adobe PDF files. (Adobe Acrobat Reader version 7 or higher; available free from Adobe.com.)

Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The GSTH holds no regular meetings in July or December. The GSTH has no January meeting. The newsletter is printed monthly except for January and July.

The next GSTH gathering is on May 20, 2008 7:30pm.

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When a customer left his cell phone behind in my store, I scrolled through his saved numbers, stopped at "Mom" and pushed "send." His mother answered, and I told her what happened.

"Don't worry," she said, "I'll take care of everything." Five minutes later, the cell phone rang. It was "Mom." "Martin," she said, "you left your cell phone in the store."

(RD, Oct. 2005)