



Gateway Treasure Hunters Club

“THE SCOOP”

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Happy Valentine's Day!

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Gateway Treasure Hunters Club
Code of Ethics

Respect the rights and property of others.
Never destroy historical or archeological artifacts.
Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.

Leave the land and vegetation as it was.

FILL IN ALL HOLES.

Remove all trash and litter, take it with you when you leave.

Remember that all Treasure Hunters may be judged by the example YOU set.

Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration toward others.

Visit our website: www.gthclub.com

Join us on Facebook

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

Be sure and make the February meeting

Don't forget to save those pull tabs!

These will help the Ronald McDonald House with operating expenses. Give them to Tom Smith.

Save the Date

**22nd Annual GTHC Open Hunt
Saturday May 3, 2014**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone,

January's meeting was a blockbuster start to our new year. We had an excellent turnout for the presentation put on by Howard Hewitt. The evening was filled with stories, experiences, and amazing displays of some of the treasures he has found over the past 40 years. This made for a good evening had by all.

Preparations for the annual spring hunt are coming along very well. Mailings have been sent; ads, website and hunt information have been placed with magazines and clubs at both regional and national levels. With completed applications now starting to come in, I wish to express my appreciation for all that has been accomplished by our club secretaries and hunt master for the groundwork to make our 22nd annual spring hunt a success.

Moving forward, we will be handing out copies of the club bylaws to all active members at the February meeting. Some of the articles within the bylaws need to be reviewed and discussed by the membership. For those who have yet to renew, please do so as soon as possible, as this is your club too and your input is needed and important.

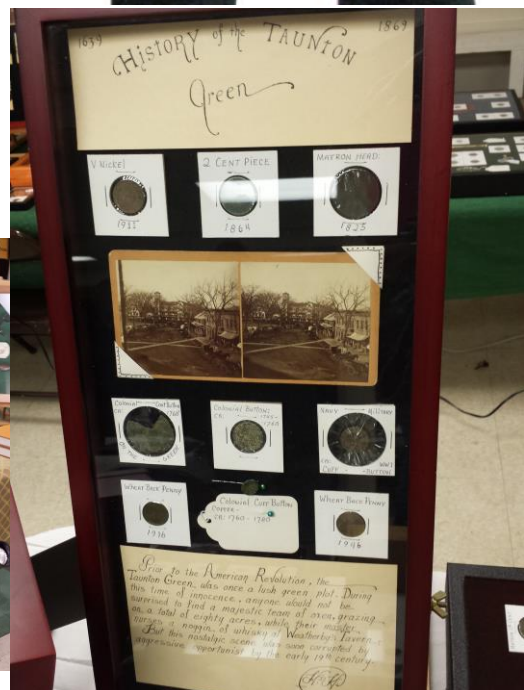
Thanks to all for making this a great group of friends and to our continued success throughout the year.

Best Regards,

Brian Rountree, President

THE JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER: HOWARD HEWITT

“GTHC January Meeting was well attended and Howard Hewitts' Program kept everyone in their seats explaining his passions and experiences in Metal Detecting, Archeology, Historical Research, and historical Finds. His Displays of finds was Wicked Awesome to say the least and to think what we saw were but a tip of the Iceberg of his collections. Here's a few Pics. Thanks to you all who did come it was nice to meet the new people of our FB Group, new members and hope to see more of you in the future. HH” – Tom Smith
(Below are some photos from contributed by members, to see more visit our website or facebook group page.)



WHAT MEMBERS ARE FINDING

Thomas Smith (right)

Went out to Hedges pond for an hour and a half, the ground frozen in most of the area about 2 inches down. My new Lesche shovel really made a difference to get down to the finds. Not a lot but it sure helped treat my Cabin Fever! Here's my finds.



Joe Quintiliani (left)

Great Day went looking for a Wedding Ring a Army Ranger Veteran wife's lost a few months ago raking leaves First time Looking for a lost ring for someone, guess I am a ring finder now



Brian Rountree (right)

I was out with Joe Q, Tom, Rick and Rick in S. Plymouth and found this beautiful Sterling silver ring with a nice Magnesite stone

Karin Boucher-Smith (right)

Decided to head out on her own and went down to the little beach near the Bridge @ Buttermilk Bay and got her first ring and finds of the year. It's a beautiful silver Claddah Band no markings. Really proud of her, she was out for about 45 mins, only finding 1 bottle cap. Most of the beach was frozen and on her way to the car got a heavy hit stuck her scoop down about 2" and came up with the ring. Nice find.



TIPS:

When metal detecting this spring try either side of walkways where people shovel snow. Typically snow is shoveled from the road toward the building. Remember... Dig everything!

METAL DETECTING IN THE NEWS

JAMES MADISON'S MONTPELIER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Minelab and James Madison's Montpelier Estate are offering a scholarship program for participants to submit entries to earn the opportunity to work side by side with the archaeology team at James Madison Montpelier. James Madison's Montpelier Estate has been hosting public metal detector programs since 2012 to engage metal detectorists with the goals and values of archaeological research and preservation.

In 2014, we would like to move these programs to the next step. The willingness metal detectorists have shown in working with archaeologists brings about the opportunity to put them in contact with various archaeological groups around the country where their skills in locating and defining sites can be utilized. The expertise of skilled metal detectorists fits the needs of many archaeological research projects on historic sites. Through this process, we can get a better idea of how individuals can fit the needs of archaeological research groups interested in working with participants.

The selected candidate will have the tuition costs waived to attend one of the Montpelier programs and will include lodging on the Madison property in the Arlington House. Qualifying candidate will be responsible for their own transportation.

To submit your scholarship application, please submit the following information by **February 20th, 2014**:
500 word essay explaining what your interest is in the Metal Detecting Programs at James Montpelier Estate and how you will use the education of the program to benefit the Metal Detecting Community.

Your preferred date to attend:

- March 7th - 10th
- March 28th - 31st
- April 6th - 12th

Applications should be submitted via email to dig@montpelier.org

Scholarship applications must be submitted by February 20th, 2014. The selected candidate will be selected on February 24th, 2014

For more information or to submit your application, please email dig@montpelier.org

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As you can see from the list of Club Officers' there are some changes as we enter into 2014. We have new Club officers' bringing a fresh prospective to our GTH Club. At this time we would like to invite everyone to attend the February 26, 2014 monthly meeting. We invite you and a guest to come and share your ideas or just listen to your fellow members. We would like to create a club where everyone has a say on what this club can be. Each and every one of you is a valued member of GTH Club and we should all have our ideas and or opinions heard. We might not agree with everything that is said or suggested but we all are entitled to our opinions and ideas being heard. And have the members vote on any ideas or suggestion for the better of the club. So please consider coming and see for yourself if you think this club is a place where you can come once a month and share your love of metal detecting with your fellow detectorists.

In Closing Happy DETECTING

Please Contact MJ by email MTsiakalis@comcast.net if there is something you would like to see added to this news letter. I welcome all suggestions and contributions.