

# Golddigger Update

Dig & Find Coinshooters & Historical Club

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## Welcome

The next meeting of the Dig and Find Coinshooters and Historical Club will be on January 24 at 7:30 p.m. We meet at the Bailey Riverbridge Gardens (Little White Church) located at the northeast corner of Granada Ave. (Rt. 40) and Beach Street in Ormond Beach.

## November Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by club president Wes Wade. There were 14 members present.

Wes said he wanted to make a calendar of club events for 2012, with all the club activities and pictures. He was particularly looking forward to Deyton as the Easter bunny.

Wes also proposed a Sunday Brunch once a month for the club and then afterward we could all go detecting.

Wes also tried to contact members who haven't been showing up to meetings to see why. If you're among that group, we'd like to know what could get you to the meetings.

Someone told the tale of a gentleman from Tennessee who had bought an MXT several years ago. He then had a stroke. Since his recovery, he's found 11 silver dollars around

a burned out house and a \$5 gold piece in a field. Not a bad recovery.

Tom Burchett's name was drawn first in the name tag drawing, but he wasn't present. The second pick was Gary Flatt, who was also among the missing, so the prize went back in the big bag o' prizes until the January meeting.

I believe that a scientist looking at nonscientific problems is just as dumb as the next guy.

**Richard Feynman**

## Monthly Raffle

The raffle winners were:

Mark Estes who cannot remember what he won.

Diana Allen won a multi-tool.

Diana Allen won some Lance crackers.

Steve Hamilton won some Garrett bag clips.

Steve Hamilton won a pair of "grab pads."

John Sheldon won a bottle opener.

Diana Allen won some pens.

John Sheldon won a tiny radio.

Warren Trager won some peanut brittle.

Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to all who donated prizes.

Where facts are few, experts are many.  
**Donald R. Gannon**

## Finds of the Month Competition

The winners of this month's finds were:

Jewelry, single.– Johanne Haas with a nice watch found at the beach.

Jewelry, group.– Jim Tippitt with two 14 kt gold rings, four silver rings, three other rings and a silver bar.

Coin, single.– Jim Tippitt with a 1895 Indian Head cent.

Coin, group.– Jim Tippitt with assorted beach and land coins.

Artifact, single.– Jacque Estes with a small pewter bell.

Artifact, group.– Jim Tippitt with an old car, knife and lamp heads.

Miscellaneous, single.– Warren Trager with a copper nail.

Miscellaneous, group.– Jim Tippitt with assorted odds and ends.

Display, Single – no entries.

Display, group.– Jim Tippitt with old Boy Scout neckerchief slides.

The winners this month each received two 2011 Sacajawea dollars.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Under democracy one party always devotes its chief energies to trying to prove that the other party is unfit to rule - and both commonly succeed, and are right.

**H. L. Mencken**

## Christmas Party

Nearly 40 club members and guests gathered at the Aberdeen Clubhouse in Ormond Beach on December 11 for the club Christmas Party. As usual the food was fantastic and everyone was in a partying mood. We even got to see Lori Borders, which was good, because how else would we manage the Chinese Auction?

Wes spiced the party up a little this year with a little gift from the club to everyone present as well as a 50-50 raffle. People walked around the tables and had each person pull out a brightly wrapped little cube of a box guaranteeing the possessor gold or silver. In fact, they were neat little foreign silver coins. Only one box had a gold coin. And wouldn't you know it, Warren pulled out two boxes stuck together, returned one and then open his to reveal – the one and only gold coin. Isn't that always the way.

After a short meeting to elect officers and talk about some of the things Wes was thinking about for 2012, we adjourned to a lively game of Chinese Auction. Eddie Bodegheimer got the coveted first spot.

As to the officer elections, your new officers for 2012 are (ta-da!):

**Wes Wade - President**  
**Steve Hamilton - Vice President**  
**Sandy Hamilton - Treasurer**  
**Shirley Bossert - Secretary**  
**Mark Estes - Newsletter Editor**

I want to extend a great big thank-you to Bob Meyers who has been Treasurer, I believe since the last century. I don't believe he missed more than two meeting (both with very good excuses) in all that time. Thanks for your service Bob, but still come to the meetings.

Punctuality is the virtue of the bored.

**Evelyn Waugh**

## Coming Attractions

**January 24 - Club Meeting**

**February 28 - Club Meeting**

**March 27 - Club Meeting**

**April 15 - Annual Turtle Hunt**

**April 24 - Club Meeting**

I'll be more enthusiastic about encouraging thinking outside the box when there's evidence of any thinking going on inside it.

**Terry Pratchett**

## 1/10/12 CALL TO ACTION

Louisville, KY needs your support starting today. This month a vote will be taken on the state senate floor in KY regarding whether or not to open up state parks to metal detecting in designated areas. Please contact Senator Seum thanking him for proposing the bill to allow metal detecting while voicing your opinion on why metal detecting should be allowed. In your email or call, it is very important that you ask the senator to forward your correspondence as a group message so all the voting senators will receive your correspondence. The city of Louisville has all of their city parks closed and they base their decision on state policy. It is imperative that we all voice our concerns. Senator Seum can be contacted at (502) 564 2450 or [Dan.Seum@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Dan.Seum@lrc.ky.gov)

Politics is perhaps the only profession for which no preparation is thought necessary.

**Robert Louis Stevenson**

## Couple hires private investigator to search for missing \$350,000 engagement ring

A Florida couple had a very sad Christmas after they discovered that the wife's \$350,000 engagement ring was missing.

The couple, whose name has not been released, have hired a private investigator to search for her missing 11-carat ring and are even offering a hefty reward in hopes that someone will come forward with the bauble.

They lost it in their home on December 23, and initially thought that they had placed the ring in a cup on their dresser.

What a gem! The \$350,000 ring has a 10.38-carat center emerald cut diamond flanked by a 1-carat kite-shaped diamond on either side

'We are pretty convinced that it was removed. It wasn't lost,' said investigator John Milano.

He said that there were some people in the house when it went missing, and they are looking into those individuals using questioning techniques like polygraph tests.

Though Mr Milano typically handles cheating spouse cases or the thefts of cars, he has taken his skills as an ex-police officer and applied it to this missing bauble.

He has looked into local pawn shops in Martin County, Florida, as well as well-known dealers in New York because of its large diamond market.

'We're trying every route we can possibly think of,' Mr Martin told ABC News.

'She is distraught beyond compare. I don't think anybody who has it knows the value of it, if they do have it.'

Even though they place the value of the ring at \$350,000, the sparkler was not insured and they will not be able to redeem any money. In fact, in addition to spending an unknown sum on the investigator, they are also shelling out a \$5,000 reward for anyone who finds and returns the ring.

They chose not to report the missing ring to the local Martin County Sheriff because they did not want their names to become public, but are still desperate to find it.

“This is her engagement ring, she's extremely upset by this whole thing,” Mr Milano said.

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## Don Hurtig

Don fell in his bathroom on January 12 and broke his hip. He's at the Malcolm Randal VA Medical Center, 1601 SW Archer Road, Gainesville.

He's in Room 211, Phone 1-352-548-7240 and if that doesn't work, 548-6000.

If you would like to send a card, gift or flowers , the mailing address is:

Don Hurtig (Rm 211)  
c/o VA Medical Center  
1601 SW Archer Road  
Gainesville, FL 32608-1197

This woman rushed to see her doctor, looking very much worried and all strung out.

She rattles off “Doctor, take a look at me. When I woke up this morning, I looked at myself in the mirror and saw my hair all wiry and frazzled up, my skin was all wrinkled and pasty, my eyes were bloodshot and bugging out, and I had this corpse-like look on my face! What’s WRONG with me, Doctor!?”

The doctor looks her over for a couple of minutes, then calmly says “Well, I can tell you that there’s nothing wrong with your eyesight...”

I went to a restaurant with a sign that said they served breakfast at any time. So I ordered French toast during the Renaissance.

**Steven Wright**