

Golddigger Update

Dig & Find Coinshooters & Historic Club

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Welcome

The next meeting of the Dig and Find Coinshooters and Historical Club will be on January 28 at 7:30 p.m. We meet at Grace Lutheran Church, 338 Ocean Shore Blvd. in Ormond Beach. That is right across from the Neptune Beach Access on A1A.

Something Good

There will be some special information provided only to those who are at January 28 meeting. If you don't come to the meeting, you will be gnashing your teeth and tearing your hair when you get the February newsletter and read about what you missed

November Meeting Report

The meeting opened 7:30 p.m. with 14 members present (and two wandering in later). There was one guest, Joe Dowding, and he was introduced to the group.

Under new business, someone told the story of a purse with \$13,000 left on the beach that floated away with tide. Someone found the purse later and turned it into a lifeguard. The careless owner was very lucky and the purse made it back to her hands. Someone reported that only a small reward was paid to the finder.

Key Hunt wrap up – A total of 15 Hunters registered in the hunt (hey, we can do better than

that guys and gals, even if you just enjoy beach hunting, these hunts are fun!) Five places were paid in the competition hunt, Wes admitted (with great glee) to planting his tokens under bark, in trees, other tricky locations and ant hills. The second hunt was a token hunt and many prizes went to the lucky finders of various tokens including several silver dimes, coin sets, tools, scoops and some other very nice prizes. Gerald Bozarth was drawn from the early bird entries and won a very nice prize of 1890s Morgan dollar.

A member asked if anyone went to the CFMDC open hunt, and a couple of members gave reports. There were 2 hunts, with 6 tokens, 3 per hunt. There were some keys that were redeemed for treasure boxes and a Garrett Pinpointer was one of the top prizes. Members brought a dish for a lunch, and some of the food and drinks were also provided by the club.

KellyCo has a campaign going on, both in trying to bring the clubs in the area together for events and to promote detecting as a hobby. Wes had information on some promotion 'cards' that KellyCo has available to any member, and it offers great merchandise discounts at KellyCo for both you and the person you share it with, providing they buy a detector from K-Co. There is also some type of 'kid' detector they give away which is something on the line of a toy. Not much else is known about this promotion at this time.

Wes found out that our club link wasn't on Kellyco site, nor CFMDC, and he said he'd take care of letting them know our link. Gary

mentioned he had also been told a few members were still not sure where it was and reported it is found at www.digandfind.com.

For members don't know or visit the site often, it's updated on a monthly basis (at least) with new 'finds of the month pictures', the Golddigger newsletter and club & event information. There are lots of useful links to other clubs and detecting sites as well. We also maintain a Facebook page, but if Facebook isn't your 'thing' you can keep up with club news and events on the website.

Doug Melvin was drawn in the name tag draw, but, as luck would have it, he didn't attend. Jeff Busque was drawn for the second month and, for the second month, didn't win because he wasn't there. The drawing amount goes up to \$15 at the next meeting.

Discussion turned to the annual Christmas Party. Wes announced it was open to members and their guests alike, who don't have to be members, but they need to RSVP for the gatekeeper to have on his list. Turkey will probably be ordered, and possibly a ham too, and Warren said he'd have his famous 'lethal' eggnog at the party. Members chimed in on volunteering to bring various other items: cups and plates, club drinks, brownies, green bean casserole, glazed carrots, mash potatoes, mac & cheese and ice were accounted for by the end of the meeting. Everyone was reminded they needed to bring a gift of around \$10 value if they wanted to participate in the Chinese Auction.

There was discussion of a member trying to get the club access to the old Holly Hill Middle School for a club hunt or two. This is a huge school yard area which hasn't been hunted for many years and if we can get permission, should

be quite a fun and lucrative hunt with some chance for silver coins and jewelry. NOTE this site has NO TRESPASSING signs all over the property and fence line, so club members are strongly 'encouraged' not to go there until we have permission and an event planned.

Tom Burchett told everyone the story about how he was asked to find a lost key in a yard, but instead found a gold ring. This lucky find turned out very well for him *twice* since he also won find of the month with the ring.

Tom Egan mentioned he was asked find some property markers for free. After Wes told him about how much companies charge to find those, his 'reward' may have go up in the future...

Money can't buy happiness, but neither can poverty.

Leo Rosten

Monthly Raffle

The raffle winners were:

Jim Tippitt pocketed a Spanish Cobb.

Gary Flatt won the other Spanish Cobb.

Jim Tippitt won the Copper Coin replica.

Tom Burchett won a 72-D Ike dollar.

Steve Hamilton won a Whites thermometer.

Scott Van Syckle won a water bottle and both of the two available jar candles. (3 x winner)

Steve Hamilton won a White's T-Shirt.

Gary Flatt won a group of detecting/treasure magazines and passed them to the guest.

Joe Dowding, guest won the 2nd magazine group, and should be busy reading them for months.

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

Now and then an innocent man is sent to the legislature.

Kin Hubbard

Finds of the Month Competition

The winners of this month's finds were:

Jewelry Single -- **Tom Burchett** - 14k gold ring found in Deltona.

Jewelry Group - **Ralph Flippo** - Silver Ring with amethyst, 2 ear rings, silver chain.

Coin Single - **Warren Trager** - 1899 V Nickel.

Coin Group - **Jim Tippitt** - '52, '64 quarters, 18 wheaties, beach coins.

Artifact Single - **Jim Tippitt** - Simmons Hardware, St. Louis Plate.

Artifact Group - **Jim Tippitt** - Civil War mini balls & camp lead.

Misc Single - **Ralph Flippo** - Case Knife.

Misc Group - **Jim Tippitt** - Junk.

Display - Single - **Ruth Trager** - 1904 Indian Head "stretched" Penny. (Full disclosure - It was a regular Indian head cent until Ruth tried to take it out of Warren's hand).

Display Group - NO ENTRY, YOU COULD HAVE WON!

The winners this month received foreign silver coins. Second Chance prize of \$5 was won by Ruth Trager.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Christmas Party

We had 32 members and guest at the annual Christmas party on December 15. The food was great. In fact, Wes really did something special with the ham. We had a short meeting after the meal and elected 2014 officers.

As a door prize everyone selected a ticket with a number and then took an envelope from the prize table. Each envelope contained a foreign silver coin of varying values with one envelope containing a nice gold coin. There were more envelopes than people and when no one admitted to finding the gold coin it began to look like the coin wasn't selected. Sharp eyes however spotted Warren "Midas Touch" Trager stealthily hiding the coin he picked, which was, of course, the gold coin. This is the second year in a row he's done that.

Warren wasn't through though. A silver dollar was left on the door prize table so Wes put it in as a second chance on the 50-50 raffle.

When the time came around to take the drawing, the Tippitts won the 50-50 and the Tragers won the silver dollar. What no one knew was they had pooled their money, so Warren ended up with a piece of the 50-50 and sold his share of the dollar to Jim Tippitt.

We had a spirited Chinese auction and rather than go into detail I'd just like to tell a little fable just for Lori Borders, because she never seems to learn.

The Scorpion and the Frog

A scorpion and a frog meet on the bank of a stream and the scorpion asks the frog to carry him across on its back. The frog asks, "How do I know you won't sting me?" The scorpion says, "Because if I do, I

will die too."

The frog is satisfied, and they set out, but in midstream, the scorpion stings the frog. The frog feels the onset of paralysis and starts to sink, knowing they both will drown, but has just enough time to gasp "Why?"

Replies the scorpion: "Its my nature..."

The following slate was elected for 2014 Club Officers:

Wes Wade, President
Jim Tippitt, Vice President
Randy Brummitt, Secretary
Garry Flatt, Treasurer
Mark Estes, Newsletter Editor

My idea of an agreeable person is a person who agrees with me.

Benjamin Disraeli

Coming Attractions

January 28 - Club meeting.
February 25 - Club meeting
March 25 - Club meeting

The shortest distance between two points is under construction.

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5 Useless Facts

from Doug Melvin

- 1) If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.
- 2) In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.
- 3) The first toilet ever seen on television was on "Leave It To Beaver."
- 4) Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
- 5) The name Wendy was made up for the book "Peter Pan."