

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 November 27 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.

New Meeting Place

I know you probably didn't read the Welcome because it hasn't changed in years, except now it has. So, again, we have a new meeting place. We will now meet at the Grace Lutheran Church 338 Ocean Shore Blvd. (that's A1A), Ormond Beach. It's less than two miles from the old meeting place. What you do is instead of stopping at the Bailey Riverbridge Park, you continue on over the Granada Bridge to beachside and down to A1A. (That's the third

light after the bridge) Turn left and go to the next stop light, which is Neptune Avenue. Turn left at the light and then an immediate left into the church parking lot. The door will be open at 7 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. meeting. See you there.

October Meeting Report

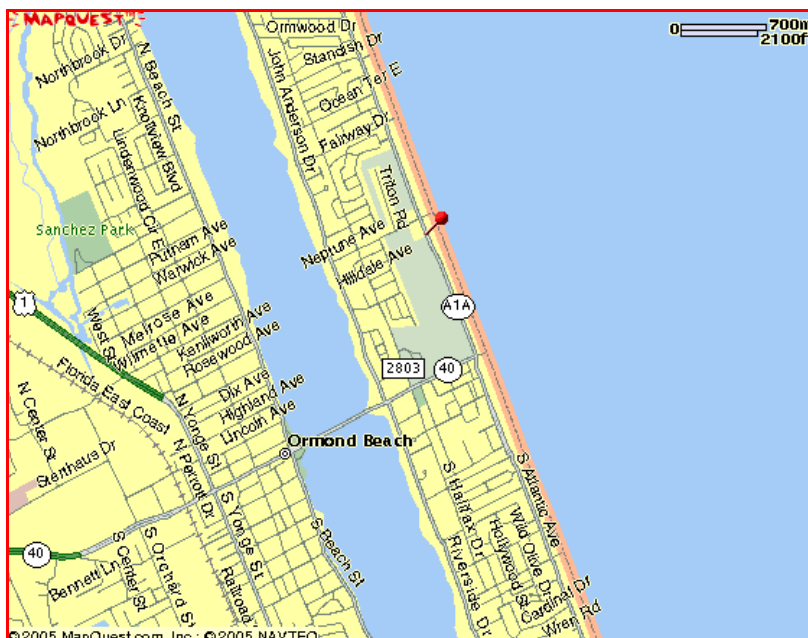
The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by club president Wes Wade. There were 22 members and two guests present.

Our guests were Fred Stoll and Bill Coonfield. Bill joined the club.

We discussed the upcoming competition hunt and Mark mentioned that people could go up to the Friday before the hunt and dig out old targets if they chose to do so. Wes said we would have a raffle for a Spanish silver coin worth at least \$15 (the cost of admission) for everyone who paid for the hunt at the October meeting.

Wes brought a new detector from Whites, the Coinmaster GT. It weighs three pounds and has a list price of \$400. Wes thought it was a pretty good machine.

Mark announced that we would have to leave the current meeting hall because the city of Ormond Beach had raised the rent from \$31.66 for a night to \$45 for the first hour and \$25 for every additional hour. Different locations were discussed and would be checked out. (We found something).



Wes said a guy using an AT-Pro had interference problems and wondered if it was the new electric meters. Opinions varied, facts were few.

Karl Johnson's name was drawn in the name tag drawing and he won \$5. The prize will be \$5 for the November meeting.

Deyton Peyton, raconteur and treasure hunter, talked about an impromptu hunt he had at 444 Beach Street. The yard had been cleared so he asked for permission to hunt. The owner gave him two hours on the spot, so he canceled his appointments and got to hunting. He found an odd item that was determined to be a chain pull, two bullets, an old tin spoon and loads of junk and said he had a tremendous time.

The Christmas Party has been set for noon on Sunday December 16 at the 1st clubhouse at Aberdeen. Wes mentioned that we'd be having a 50/50 drawing and the election of officers at the party. See the enclosed Holiday Party Flyer.

Gary Flatt is still working on the club web site digandfind.com and has quite a bit of it up and running. He is always open to suggestions so don't be shy.

Wes said we were leaving the logo the same for the time being as they just hadn't got a lot of alternatives offered yet.

Ralph Flippo talked about his metal detecting trip to England.

The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well.

Horace Walpole

Monthly Raffle

The raffle winners were:

Karl Johnson won a 1776 two reale.

Damien Wohlfert won three sterling silver miniature stamps.

Deyton Peyton won a gold-plated quarter set.

Scott Van Syckle won some silver stamps.

Rick Hinton won two Sacajawea dollars.

Linda Tippitt won a Eisenhower dollar.

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

Exercise relieves stress. Nothing relieves exercise.

Takayuki Ikkaku, Arisa Hosaka and Toshihiro Kawabata

Finds of the Month Competition

The winners of this month's finds were:

Jewelry, single.– Steve Hamilton with a class ring.

Jewelry, group.– Eddie Bodigheimer with 3 rings, silver earring, and a silver bracelet.

Coin, single.– Ralph Flippo with a 1344 Edward III silver penny.

Coin, group.– Ralph Flippo with an 1816 George III silver six pence, and a 2nd century Roman bronze coin.

Artifact, single.– Karl Johnson with a misfired three ring Civil War Minie ball found in St. Augustine.

Artifact, group.– Ralph Flippo with 25 post-Tudor buttons and 24 musket balls.

- Miscellaneous, single.— Ralph Flippo with a silver marijuana broach.
Miscellaneous, group.— Jim Tippitt with bells, brass, etc.
Display, single.— Shirley Bossert with a 67-68 Florida license plate.
Display, group.— Steve Hamilton with a miscellaneous collections of Key Hunt tokens leftover from past hunts.

The winners this month received two foreign silver coins. Tom Burchett was the second chance drawing winner and received 5 Ike dollars.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The real hero is always a hero by mistake; he dreams of being an honest coward like everybody else.

Umberto Eco

Report on the Annual Fall Key Hunt

The 16th Annual Fall Key Hunt went off as scheduled at the KOA Orange Isle Campground in Port Orange. We had 19 people hunting, a nice turnout.

The warm-up hunt took place in the mulch near the office, partially over the place we used to do it about 4 or 5 years ago. Everyone went out, dug one key and got a ticket for a warm-up hunt prize. One hunter, I believe Karl Johnson, managed to find a purple, not an orange key, left over from years ago. We were impressed.

The competition hunt offered 1,000 sparkly green cents and any of the previous years competition pieces, including the deadly Mexican and elusive Swaziland coins from the last two years.

Afterward we sallied forth into the fun hunt field which is challenging at best because it contains not only leftover targets from more than a decade of hunts, but plenty of other things that have been dropped and or buried over the years. This year the prize tokens were, in keeping with the name, keys attached to numbered poker chips. In addition to other odds and ends. All the targets (except 14 wheat cents) planted in this hunt could be redeemed for something.

The weather could not have been better and after the fun hunt we had a nice picnic lunch and then went on to the prizes.

The winners of the competition hunt were:

- Men's 1st - \$20 - Jim Tippitt, 96 targets
Men's 2nd - \$10 - Gary Flatt, 80 targets
Men's 3rd - \$5 - Steve Hamilton, 73 targets

- Women's 1st - \$20 - Johanne Haas, 54 targets
Women's 2nd - \$10 - Jacque Estes, 44 targets
Women's 3rd - \$5 - Diana Allen, 41 targets

Ike dollars were then awarded for certain targets as well as a few \$2 bills for others. Then the prize tokens were redeemed.

Finally the early entry drawing for a 1783 Spanish Two-reale coin went to Karl Johnson and Scott van Syckle won the 50-50 drawing (\$46 or \$47 if I remember correctly).

A good time was had by all. Many thanks to Ed Bodigheimer, Gary Flatt, Johanne Haas, Steve Hamilton, and Deyton Peyton for helping plant the coins. And thanks to Sandy and Steve Hamilton for bring water and sodas for refreshments.

Don Hurtig

Right before the hunt on November 14 we received the sad news that long-time club member Don Hurtig had passed away at 7 a.m. Don was 92 or 93. Don was an active member of

the club until the last year and even when he couldn't hunt, he would try to come to all the club events. He always had something to donate to the club raffles and didn't mind buying a ton of tickets and winning some of his own prizes back, but it was Don's way of supporting the club and he was always very generous. He will be missed.

I wish I had more news, but there have been no notices in the paper and I haven't been able to get in touch with anyone who has more information. Maybe someone at the next meeting will know more.

No matter how cynical you get, it is impossible to keep up.

Lily Tomlin

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Coming Attractions

November 27 - Club Meeting
December 16 - Christmas Party
January 22 - Club Meeting
February 26 - Club Meeting

The Club Needs You. . .

to Serve as an Officer

Yrs, it's that time of year. We'll be having officer elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It could be you if you play your cards right. Remember, these officers don't pay dues – pretty sweet, right? Come on, you don't have to make or hear even one political commercial to throw your hat in the ring.

NASA CHICKEN CANON

NASA engineers build a cannon that launches dead chickens at the windshields of airplanes, military jets and such to test the strength of the windshields against collisions with airborne fowl.

British engineers are eager to test it on the windshields of their new high-speed trains. Arrangements are made, and a cannon is sent to the British engineers.

When the cannon goes off, the engineers stand shocked as the chicken crashes into the shatterproof shield, smashes it to smithereens, blasts through the control console, snaps the pilot's backrest in two, and embeds itself in the back wall of the cabin.

The horrified Brits send the Americans a report of the disastrous results, along with an urgent request for suggests on improving the windshield design.

The American engineers respond with a one-line memo: "Thaw the chicken."