

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 26 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.

October Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Wes Wade. There were 15 members present.

Wes explained the elephant in the room (the detector lying on the table) was one of the new White's MX5 Detectors to show to the group. Later, upon request he explained more about the detector, what type it was, and how White's was moving from the large metal box detectors to small plastic housing, and what would be the best use of the MX5.

Wes discussed a prank he was going to pull with his daughter, but didn't go through with it.

There was some talk about "Deyton's Treasures" in his warehouse. Deyton explained he really didn't like bringing people in there, so only a few lucky people have been able to venture into his treasure room.

Wes told a story about buying and selling an

XLT. End result was he made some \$\$\$\$. He also told the group how he had planned to plant 'scary' items with metal implanted on the beach for some Halloween fun. However, he didn't feel comfortable about doing it after he spoke with the beach patrol and found out if the items were found by someone who didn't know what it was might mistake it for something dangerous and cause an unnecessary call to the Beach Patrol.

There was a report of a lost ring at the Lighthouse Park, near the 'second table.' Several folks reported working that park and said it is extremely trash laden.

There was also some talk about how LOSTRING.NET could help to bring these items to our attention. Someone mentioned one of the items on the site - a wedding set lost on Daytona Beach about 35 years ago. There was also discussion about another ring lost that someone provided GPS coordinates to find it. Someone else mentioned if you find an iPhone (and plan to keep it), you need to turn it off because there are built in safeguards to GPS track iPhones and other smartphones nowadays.

Deyton gave a report on his recent vacation in Italy and how he happened to be in the same area and time as the new Pope Francis. He also went to the ruins of the city of Pompeii, destroyed and buried under 13 to 20 feet of ash and pumice in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. He said he was fascinated by the site and took over 600 pictures. I see a travelogue in his future (or our future?)

Mark announced that registration was open for the November 10th Fall Key Hunt at KOA campground on Nova Road, Port Orange. He said all members who registered at the club meeting would get in a drawing for a one pound gold bar (ok, maybe it was a silver dollar, but that's still pretty nice).

There were no winners present that were drawn for the name tag drawing, so the prize rolls over to \$10 at the next month's meeting. Jeff Busque and Stefan Johnson were drawn, but not present.

Eddie told about his trip to Atlantic City and how the tractors were pushing sand around all over which resulted in new finds coming up all the time they continue to move the sand. He said he ended up getting \$245 credit on his iphone toward a new Galaxy Note phone.

Mark gave an explanation of the Civil War Draft Substitution document he brought in for display. He explained men could buy your way out of the draft by having someone substitute for you at the draft, usually for money. He said he was given the document by a neighbor.

One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say.

Will Durant

Monthly Raffle

The raffle winners were:

Jim Tippitt pocketed a big rubber Change Purse including...some change.

Karl Johnson cashed in on a 'mini' Morgan Dollar

Gary Flatt licked the odds and reached for a

Miniature Silver Stamp.

Bob Kappenberg elected to get an uncirculated Eisenhower Dollar.

Deyton Peyton was honored with a Commemorative State Quarter Set.

Gerald Bozarth went to great lengths to choose a Tape Measure.

Bob Kappenberg struck again to win a Sacajawea Dollar.

Eddie Bodigheimer celebrated his win with a Commemorative State Quarter Set.

Deyton Peyton was fished out for a second win - a Dolphin Key Chain swim.

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

Man is the only animal that can remain on friendly terms with the victims he intends to eat until he eats them.

Samuel Butler

Finds of the Month Competition

The winners of this month's finds were:

Jewelry Single – **Eddie Bodigheimer** - 10k gold ring with 18 diamonds.

Jewelry Group - **Eddie Bodigheimer** - 8 rings (5 Silver), earrings, pendant, charm key.

Coin Single - **Jim Tippitt** Standing Liberty Quarter (no date).

Coin Group - **Jim Tippitt** - Beach/Land Coins, '51 Quarter, '48 Nickel.

Artifact Single - **Tom Egan** - St. Mary Medal.

Artifact Group – **Jim Tippitt** - Brass, Copper, Lock, Bottle, etc.

Misc Single - **Jim Tippitt** - Gerber Knife.

Misc Group - Bob Kappenberg -Sinkers and Lures.

Display Single - Mark Estes - Substitution Draft Papers from Civil War.

Display Group - Eddie Bodigheimer -Junior "G" Man Badge Collection (30s-40s).

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

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

The men the American public admire most extravagantly are the most daring liars; the men they detest most violently are those who try to tell them the truth.

H. L. Mencken

Annual Key Hunt

The annual key hunt went off as scheduled on Sunday November 14 at the Orange Isle KOA Campground in Port Orange. We had 15 members take the plunge. (Doug Melvin was supposed to come but decided it would be more fun to go to the hospital with a kidney stone – there's no accounting for taste. Anyway, Doug appears to have recovered nicely). The warm-up hunt produced many purple keys along with a few older blue and orange keys. That's what happens when you use the same ground over and over. Things get left behind.

The Competition Hunt was a tough one this year because the sadistic huntmaster along with three Igers planted coins from Swaziland – three denominations 5 cents, 10 cents and 20 cents. These read from foil to nickel on most detectors. We only planted 527 of these coins this year (mainly because that's all that I could find), but

another 200 to 300 had been left in the ground from the hunt two years before when these dastardly coins were first used. Also there were plenty of other older competition tokens, included various color pennies and Mexican 50 centavos and 1 peso coins from previous years. Those were to be used in any tiebreakers, so people were encouraged to dig them (like you could prevent it).

The numbers reflected the difficulty – only 360 Swazi coins were recovered and that included a number of the two-year old ones. 158 other old competition hunt tokens were also found.

The winners of the competition hunt were:

- 1st place – Gary Flatt with 57 (\$20 prize)
- 2nd place – Rolo Davis with 50 (\$15 prize)
- 3rd place – Ralph Flippo with 33 (\$10 prize)
- 4th place – Mark Estes with 31 (\$5 prize)
- 5th place – Wes Wade with 26 (\$3 prize)

The final hunt was the Fun Hunt with prize tokens and other things. Two people found yellow trash and one a bag with dollars and silver coin. The Early Bird winner was Gerald Bozarth who received an 1899-O Morgan silver dollar for his troubles.

The 50-50 drawing was \$33.50 and Randy Brummitt won it, I think.

A good time was had by all. I want to than the three Igers – Gary Flatt, Steve Hamilton and Wes Wade for coming out on Saturday to plant for the hunt.

Coming Attractions

November 26 - Club meeting.

December 15 - Club Christmas Party.

Progress isn't made by early risers. It's made by lazy men trying to find easier ways to do something.

Robert Heinlein

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Everywhere is walking distance if you have the time.

Steven Wright

Another 7 Useless Facts

from Doug Melvin

1) $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$.

2) If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

3) Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them would burn their houses down - hence the expression "to get fired."

4) Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

5) The term "the whole 9 yards" came from W.W.II fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards."

6) Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.

7) The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.