

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 Tuesday, November 25 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

President Wes Wade opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. We had 19 members present.

We discussed the Key Hunt to be held November 16 at the Orange Isle Campground. Mark said we needed 12 people for the hunt to go on and we got commitments for 13 by the end of the meeting. Good prizes were promised. Everyone was invited to go to the campground and clean up anytime before Nov. 15. Mark asked for four volunteers to plant on the Saturday before.

Wes talked about the UK show "The Detectorists."

There were some good finds made at the last field trip, a return to "Deyton's" Trailer including a 1902 Barber dime, a 1964 dime and some silver rings. We may want to go again, they are planning to fill the lot up with low-cost housing in the near future and that will be all she wrote.

Wes and Mark received e-mails from a guy in Spain who was offering the club a deal of a lifetime. He claimed to have found a fantastic hunting spot near us in old Spanish records and all we had to do to get in on the deal was pay his transportation and housing, wait while he hunted it alone, indemnify him against all liabilities and then we could go the second time. And all we would have to do in addition to the foregoing was give him a third of our take and pay all taxes, fees and other expenses. We didn't take the deal.

Scott Van Syckle has a line of a large farm to hunt in January. Stayed tuned.

The Christmas Party was tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 14 at the Aberdeen Clubhouse. More information at the November meeting.

Deyton Peyton's name was drawn in the nametag drawing and Deyton won silver US coins valued at \$10. The prize is \$5 or equivalent for November.

Cynics regarded everybody as equally corrupt... Idealists regarded everybody as equally corrupt, except themselves.

Robert Anton Wilson

Monthly Raffle

Scott Van Syckle won a Morgan silver dollar.

Jim Tippitt won a silver Phillipines 50 Centavos coin from the U.S. occupation.

Shirley Bossert won a Garrett magnifying glass.

Bob Kappenberg won a Garrett magnifying glass.

Tom Burchett won a Kellyco backpack.

Shirley Bossert won a Garrett bag with and one-ounce copper coin, silver dime, and magnifying glass.

Damien Wohlfert won some Treasure magazines.

Jim Tippitt won some Treasure magazines.

Karl Johnson won a water bottle with goodies in it.

Randy Brummitt won a magnet.

Gerald Bozarth won sunscreen.

Scott Van Syckle won a TV remote keychain.

Scott Van Syckle won sunscreen.

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

If you are a dog and your owner suggests that you wear a sweater, suggest that he wear a tail.

Fran Lebowitz

Finds of the Month Competition

The winners of this month's finds competition were:

Jewelry, single – **Jim Tippitt** – Class ring.

Jewelry, group – **Bob Kappenberg** – Three rings, one pair earrings, one sterling earring, five other earrings, one belly ring.

Coin, single – **Tom Burchett** – a .999 silver Indian coin.

Coin, group – **Jim Tippitt** – One Barber dime, four Mercury dimes and one other coin.

Artifact, single – **Jim Tippitt** – brass lock.

Artifact, group – **Jim Tippitt** – Civil War Minie balls.

Miscellaneous, single – **Jim Tippitt** – 1895 Freemason one penny token.

Miscellaneous, group – **Jim Tippitt** – Locks, pocket watch, spoons, cans, etc.

Display, single -- **Deyton Peyton** – Sword cane.

Display, group -- **Jim Tippitt** – Three Spanish coins.

The winners this month received a silver U.S. dime.

Bob Kappenberg won the Second Chance drawing and received a silver quarter and silver dime.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Smoking is one of the leading causes of statistics.

Fletcher Knebel

Annual Key Hunt Report

The weather was perfect for a hunt on Sunday Nov. 16. We had 19 hunters and a few guests come to the event at the Orange Isle/KOA Campground in Port Orange. We found a few things had changed the day before when we came to plant. First, the west end of the usual hunt field

was covered in trailers, so we shortened both hunt fields and carried on. Then when I went to plant the keys from the warm-up hunt, I found that the mulched area we usually use had been partially paved and the remainder landscaped. The warm-up hunt field was moved to the median strip next to the regular hunt field. We had used it once before and it's only drawback is thick grass, so to compensate, I made sure that the keys were just barely under the ground.

After the warm up hunt we moved to the largest hunt field for the competition hunt. A thousand pink pennies were planted in that field and after an hour of hunting we collectively found 822. So if you want some pink pennies, I know where you can get some.

The final hunt was in a much truncated fun hunt field, which had plenty of iron and less than 200 planted targets (from this year). We hunted that one about 45 minutes and did much better than usual, finding all the prize tokens and almost all the silver dime tokens. Ninety-two foreign coins had also been planted for a special contest.

Now for some simple math (see you do use it outside school). With 19 hunters and 1,000 targets, the average number of targets per hunter was 52.6. But we only found 822, which averages to 43.3 per hunter. Judge your own performance by that, mine was substandard.

The winners of the competition hunt (and destroyers of the curve) were:

Men's:

1st (\$20) - Jim Tippitt - 101

2nd (\$10) - Gary Flatt - 92

3rd (\$5) - Wes Wade - 83

Women's:

1st (\$20) - Shirley Bossert - 48

2nd (\$10) - Jacque Estes - 31

3rd (\$5) Ruth Trager - 23

I should note that Shirley showed up to the hunt with a cane, which she left leaning against a tree during the hunts, and still took first place.

After a nice lunch and the awarding of most of the prizes, the foreign coins were explained. Everyone turned in their foreign coins for tickets for a chance at the grand prize – Whites ProStar Headphones (\$119.95 value). And the winner was – Karl Johnson (because I guess Scott won the last time so it was Karl's' turn).

Thanks to Randy Brummitt, Jacque Estes, Gary Flatt, Jim Tippitt, Kira Wade and Wes Wade for planting. You may now start signing up to hunt in the Turtle Hunt in April.

In America, through pressure of conformity, there is freedom of choice, but nothing to choose from.

Peter Ustinov

Coming Attractions

November 25 - Club Meeting

December 14 - Club Christmas Party

Whenever you hear the consensus of scientists agrees on something or other, reach for your wallet, because you're being had.

Michael Crichton

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Technology is dominated by two types of people: those who understand what they do not manage, and those who manage what they do not understand.

Putt's Law

Metal Detecting Code of Ethics

I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.

I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.

I WILL NOT litter.

I WILL leave gates as found.

I WILL NOT contaminate wells, creeks or other water supplies.

I WILL fill ALL excavations, including beaches and in water.

I WILL NOT tamper with signs, maintenance facilities or equipment.

I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

I WILL protect my hobby, and act as a good will ambassador at all times.

I WILL NEVER trespass. Always get permission.

I WILL NEVER leave open holes.

Report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation.

If live ammunition or lethal objects are discovered, mark the site and inform authorities.

I WILL be an ambassador for the metal detecting hobby.

[Why is that one rule so large, is it a mistake? No, it's not a mistake. During the hunt I found myself filling in open holes others had left. The Orange Isle Campground has been particularly generous to us for more than ten years. We got in there through a personal relationship, but the people involved both at the campground and in the club are long gone. I wasn't the only one who noticed the holes. Another club member has been working on a site for the club and in response to the holes we left has decided not to pursue the site anymore. They don't want to take the chance of harming one of their personal relationships by advocating for the club if the all the members can't be relied upon to follow the code. That's too bad, it sounded like a nice site.]

Ninety-eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hard-working, honest Americans. It's the other lousy two percent that get all the publicity. But then – we elected them.

Lily Tomlin