

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 February 28 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.

January Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by club president Wes Wade. There were 21 members and four guests present.

Wes opened with the announcement that Deyton would have a talk tonight.

Wes reported that he had obtained silver for the Finds of the Month prizes. He has a standing deal with Paul at Paul's Coins in Holly Hill for more, so let that be an inducement to come to the meetings and display your finds.

Wes has been working on a new club web site but there had been problems, the greatest of which was finding time to do so. He is also working on dates for more club hunts.

Deyton took the floor first to report that Don Hurtig, who is 91, had broken his hip and was now in rehab. He supplied the direct phone line to Don's room for anyone who would like to call. (See later in the newsletter for updated information on Don).

Deyton then passed a round a piece of eight that he was awarding to our outgoing Treasurer, Bob Meyers, for his many years of service. I'm pretty sure the coin made it to Bob eventually.

Deyton asked who watched "Gold Rush" on TV and then passed around some small bottles of pickers (and gridders) that he had personally panned over the years plus a few nuggets. Much of this was obtained from Georgia, Deyton allowed as how he used to just head up to Georgia on a moments notice to do a little panning.

Finally Deyton passed a around some older finds, including Roman coins and Indian points (such as arrowheads).

Wes called for our visitors to stand and identify themselves. They were Leslie and Tim Randall from South Carolina and Barry and Diane Rovelto from Port Orange. When Barry asked about a good beach hunting machine, Wes strayed from the Whites party line to mention the Garrett AT Pro.

A question of dues was raised. Annual dues are \$25 for the individual and \$45 for a couple or family.

Mark announced that the Annual Turtle Hunt would be April 15 this year. So get your taxes done early and come out to hunt. (In actuality, you have until April 16 to file this year).

Wes noted that he'd been invited to hunt 3 times and had to turn down all offers. One was a guy on Facebook who had leased rights to hunt for

treasure off the beach. People are finding stuff hunting the intracoastal waterway.

Deyton mentioned that they will be tearing down the Old Lloyd's Buick dealership on beach street soon and that's "OLD Daytona" so there should be good finds for them that gets in on time. He also said they had just torn down buildings on Grandview South (Beachside) and that's an old area as well. Warren said not to bother because he'd been hunting it for years (then we all had a good laugh, even Warren can't find everything).

Deyton noted that these spots can be good and that he once found a Civil War-era saber across from where the Yacht Club is.

Two names were drawn in the Name Tag Drawing but there was no winner.

Deyton said he'd talked to Tom Taylor and that Tom had been robbed twice at home.

Wes announced a new 50/50 raffle to go along with the regular raffle.

Eternal nothingness is fine if you happen to be dressed for it.

Woody Allen

Monthly Raffle

The raffle winners were:

- Ralph Hutt won a knife.
- Warren Trager won the 2012 Coin Guide.
- Tom Egan won a present.
- Shirley Bossert won a book light.
- Tom Burchett won a knife.
- Debbie Rotstein won a BU 1960 cent.
- Tom Burchett won a present.

- Debbie Rotstein won treasure magazines.
- Kira Wade won a box.
- Debbie Rotstein won a bag of coin wrappers.
- Barry Rovelto won a stapler.
- Eddie Bodigheimer won a liquid candle.

Debbie Rotstein won \$20 in the 50/50 raffle.

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

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

Robert Heinlein

Finds of the Month Competition

The winners of this month's finds were:

- Jewelry, single.– Warren Targer with a 14K man's wedding ring with five diamonds.
- Jewelry, group.– Edie Bodigheimer with one gold ring, an American Idol ring, and seven other rings.
- Coin, single.– Warren Trager with an 1886 V nickel.
- Coin, group.– Jim Tippitt with six silver dimes, a War nickel, a V nickel, and Beach and Park coins.
- Artifact, single.– Jim Tippitt with a Civil War Navy button.
- Artifact, group.– Jim Tippitt with Civil War button, bullets and harmonica reeds.
- Miscellaneous, single.– Jim Tippitt with a body tag from a crematory.
- Miscellaneous, group.– Jim Tippitt with car, bowl, locks, keys and watch parts.
- Display, Single – Debbie Rotstein with a model Russian tank.

Display, group.– Jacque Estes with Korean War memorabilia including silk pajamas.

The winners this month each received miscellaneous foreign silver coins or medals. Debbie Rotstein won the second chance drawing and received five Sacajawea dollars.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Aristotle was famous for knowing everything. He taught that the brain exists merely to cool the blood and is not involved in the process of thinking. This is true only of certain persons.

Will Cuppy

Don Hurtig Update

Don is still in rehab. Phone calls are ok, but cards and letters are better. Don's address is:

North Florida Rehabilitation
6700 N.W. 10 Place
Room 112 B
Gainesville, Fla. 32605

Phone 1-352-240-0354

There is still a difference between something and nothing, but it is purely geometrical and there is nothing behind the geometry.

Martin Gardner

Coming Attractions

February 28 - Club Meeting

March 27 - Club Meeting

April 15 - Annual Turtle Hunt

April 24 - Club Meeting

I believe that every human has a finite number of heart-beats. I don't intend to waste any of mine running around doing exercises.

Buzz Aldrin

A Word to the Wise

from Doug Melvin

On a past Sunday I had an opportunity to go metal detecting on Daytona Beach for a few hours. The weather was just perfect, not too hot and not too cold, there was even a slight breeze to cool you off. As this is still the off season the beach was not crowded either.

I detected near the water line for a few hours and I found almost nothing, a few quarters and some pennies and everything was buried deeply. The tide was starting to come in on me so I shifted my search into the dry sand just before leaving. I got a good signal in the sand. It was a set of someone's house and car keys and it had a brass fob attached with the person's name, address and phone number.

When I got home I gave the person a phone call and she explained how losing the keys had really messed up their vacation in December. It had cost them close to three hundred dollars to have a replacement key made for the vehicle so that they could drive home.

So a word to the wise, have a set of spare keys available to use whenever you are out and also have a fob on your keys that has some of your contact information, most honest people would try to return your keys to you.

Probably key shops could do a fob for you. I know my local Walmart has a dog tag/fob maker and it costs only five dollars to make one, in my opinion money well spent. Some car keys are

really expensive to get copies of, especially if they don't have the replacement key information. (A phone number might be sufficient if you're hunting close to home. While we all know metal detectorists are uniformly of sterling character, someone could find a key chain with house and car keys and use the address for some special shopping.- Ed.)

On the whole human beings want to be good, but not too good, and not quite all the time.

George Orwell

Who Says Wine is Bad for You?

It rained gold coins in France. Hundreds of gold U.S. coins, valued at \$980,000, were found in the attic of an old winery after several pieces 'rained' on workers renovating the building.

"One of the workers was attacking the building's ceiling with a crowbar when gold coins started to rain down on him, followed by sacks of gold," said Champagne producer Francois Lange who owns the winery.

In all, 497 gold coins were found, thought to have been minted between 1851 and 1928. Half the coins will go to the workers and the other half to Mr Lange.

Life's a tough proposition, and the first hundred years are the hardest.

Wilson Mizner

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Suicide Attempt

After hearing that one of the patients in a mental hospital had saved another from a suicide attempt by pulling him out of a bathtub, the director reviewed the rescuer's file and called him into his office.

"Mr. James, your records and your heroic behavior indicate that you're ready to go home. I'm only sorry that the man you saved later killed himself with a rope around the neck."

"Oh, he didn't kill himself," Mr. James replied. "I hung him up to dry."