

# 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 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.

## Annual Dues

If you haven't paid your 2013 club dues, do so by the February meeting or miss out on all sorts of great club activities. It's \$25 for a single person and \$45 for a couple or family. Please pay your dues at the February meeting or mail a check payable to Sandy Hamilton, 379 Collins St., Ormond Beach, FL 32174-6906.

## January Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order 7:30 p.m. with 30 people in attendance.

We had a number of guests and spouses including Gord Fontaine who was visiting from Coldwater (isn't it all) Ontario, Canada, Gaines and Gay Smith from St. Augustine, Richard Lynch, local, Linda Tippitt, Jim's wife, and a special surprise – Gene Crovella, a former member who came back into the fold and rejoined the club.

### Topics of Discussion:

Recap of the Christmas Party.

Discussion of a 12lb gold nugget found in Australia.

What's happening locally (not much).

“Christmas” Lost ring – a few went hunting for it, but no one in the club found it.

Discussion on rights and regulations of Canaveral seashore, state and county parks; seems not everyone is clear on these regulations as the ‘opins’ varied from person to person.

Deyton told about his water hunting escapades and being allowed to hunt water in Silver Glen (fanning for targets only was allowed WITH permission) and he told a little about his ‘honey hole’ that he may open to all sometime in the future. He also discussed how he was working with a demo company to gain permission to work a private site in New Smyrna (old hotel). This would be a great hunt site for the club if it's obtained.

This led to a recap of the conflict between the local club and the ‘archies’ in NSB back several years ago and how protective they were of the area's ‘historical’ artifacts. Seems many of them are also collectors.

Ralph Flippo won the nametag drawing, so the prize returns to \$5 for the February meeting. Remember, in order to be eligible to win, you must be present and wearing your name tag.

The public will believe anything, so long as it is not founded on truth.

**Edith Sitwell**

## Monthly Raffle

The raffle winners were:

Shirley Bossert won a Treasure Hunt Lotto scratch off ticket.

Jim Tippitt won a sterling silver stamp.

Gene Crovella won the second Lotto scratch off ticket.

Ralph Hutt won a one-ounce copper round.

Shirley Bossert won a proof coin set

Ralph Flippo won a one-ounce copper round.

Scott van Syckle won a spiral light.

Damian Wohlfert won a pen knife.

Eddie Bodigheimer won an EZ Engraver.

A guest won a pen knife.

Mark Estes won a stapler

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

Tis an ill wind that blows no minds.

**Malaclypse the Younger**

## Finds of the Month Competition

The winners of this month's finds were:

Jewelry, single.– Eddie Bodigheimer with a silver crucifix.

Jewelry, group.– Jim Tippitt with rings, earrings, a watch, one 14kt earring, and more.

Coin, single.– Warren Trager with an 1898 Barber dime.

Coin, group.– Ralph Flippo with 761 coins, a

1944 wheat cent, 1983 British Caribbean 25 cent piece.

Artifact, single.– Jim Tippitt with the piece of a wagon axle from his grandfather's 140-year-old homestead.

Artifact, group.– Deyton Peyton with a bunch of old lead fishing weights.

Miscellaneous, single.– Scott van Syckle with an unknown object.

Miscellaneous, group.– Jim Tippitt with beach finds.

Display, single.– Ralph Flippo with a 2,500-year-old gold trade bead.

Display, group.– Ralph Flippo with 46 post-Tudor buttons, two watch winders, eight musket balls, two lead weights, a thimble, and two crotal bells.

The winners this month received one or two foreign silver coins with total silver value of greater than a dime. Deyton Peyton won the second chance drawing and received five Ike dollars (he likes those).

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

Consistency requires you to be as ignorant today as you were a year ago.

**Bernard Berenson**

## February Meeting Special Presentation

Hang on to your hats, folks, you're not going to want to miss this one. Doug Melvin, a.k.a. "Silver McRolls" will be doing an in-depth presentation on how he finds more silver from banks than by metal detecting. Half dollars are

his quarry and he's going to show you how to track down those elusive goodies. Hard to believe nearly 50 years after 90 percent silver coins were snatched away from the American public, that you could still find these valuable goodies in circulation, but Doug will be there to prove it in spades.

Now you may have seen the YouTube of Doug making a presentation about this to the CFMDC, but Doug would like to note that his presentation that night was impromptu and he promises a more thorough evaluation of the situation next Tuesday. He didn't say whether or not he'd be wearing the white dinner jacket, although that could be a Silver McRolls trademark.

The squeaking wheel doesn't always get the grease. Sometimes it gets replaced.

**Vic Gold**

### Club Member Saves the Day.

On January 24 the word went out that a someone had lost a ring in a yard full of leaves near the Walmart on Flomich. The owner tried to find the ring with an inexpensive detector, but had no luck. The very next day, Wes sent me an e-mail that Diana Allen had found the ring. So congratulations to Diana, maybe she'll tell us the full story at the February meeting.

We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology.

**Carl Sagan**

## The Treasure Coast Archaeological Society 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Hunt

When: Saturday, March 9, 2013

Where: Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida

For further information regarding the hunt, contact Mitch King, Hunt coordinator, mking11@earthlink.net

Cost: \$85. (\$75 if paid before by March 1),

9:00 - 9:45 am REGISTRATION

9:45 - 10:00 am ORIENTATION

10:00 - 11:00 am COMPETITION HUNT

There will be several thousand painted tokens evenly distributed in the marked-off area, very close to the surface (within 1"). The goal is to locate and recover as many of the marked coins as possible in one hour. Trophies and prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

rights as the "Best Competition Hunter".

11:15 - 11:30 am YOUTH HUNT (12 and under)

The smaller buccaneers among us will have an opportunity to strut their stuff. Remember the primary goal is to have fun. (There is no charge for this hunt.)

11:15 - 12:00 Noon THE SHOOT-OUT (PINPOINT)

The object is to locate and place an X on the specific location of a coin attached to the underside of a piece of plywood. The goal is to pinpoint the exact center of the hidden coin's location with your metal detector. You will have 30 seconds to make your mark. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Then its break for LUNCH! 12:00 to 1:30pm

1:30 - 2:30 pm SILVER HUNT and REALE HUNT YES, we will plant silver coins !!

A large amount of silver coins will be randomly distributed in the field. The more that sign up, the more coins we will put in the ground! Prize

tokens will also be planted and some will be for SPANISH REALES.

3:00 pm      AWARDS PRESENTATION

## Coming Attractions

February 26 - Club Meeting

March 26 - Club Meeting

April TBA - Turtle Hunt

April 23 - Club Meeting

May 28 - Club Meeting

**If you believe everything you read,  
better not read.**

**Japanese Proverb**

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## DEAD AGAIN

A funeral service is held for a woman who just passed away. As the pallbearers carry the casket out, they accidentally bump into a wall.

They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive.

She lives for 10 more years and then dies. They have another funeral for her. At the end of the service, the pallbearers carry out the casket.

As they are walking, the husband cries out, "Watch out for the wall!"

**I'm not a vegetarian because I love animals. I'm a vegetarian because I hate plants.**

**A. Whitney Brown**

## February Meeting Presentation

**Wes will be giving us info on how he determines the value of gold and silver items that are brought in to his business for sale or pawn. If you have a gram scale bring it and if you want to get a price of a gold or silver find, bring it in and he will show you how to always know what your find is worth.**

