

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 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.

January Meeting Report

President Wes Wade opened the meeting at 7:30. We had 26 members present and 3 guests were welcomed – Ed Sobczak, Andy Lyga and Dennis Kelly. We also welcomed new member Joe Dowding.

Old business:

Those that were able to attend the 2013 Christmas party were treated to great food provided by our members. Nobody went home hungry. The exchange/swapping of gifts went as planned and was a lot of fun. Now you know who your friends are. Warren's potent Egg Nog punch was great, however we need bigger cups.

New business:

Congratulations to Deyton Peyton who is now the proud grandfather of a baby boy. We also got some update information on Shirley's condition. Unfortunately she has fallen again and broken her other hip. Her spirit is good so if

you can send her a note or card I think she would enjoy hearing from her friends.

Most members have either seen or heard about the Farmers Insurance Co. T.V. commercial and are not happy with it. It shows a gentleman lying on the beach with a "huge" gold chain around his neck when an older guy with a metal detector comes along and grabs the chain from his neck. I thought it was about water safety at first. Due to the size of the gold "log chain" around his neck if had gone in the water he would have drowned therefore the guy with the metal detector probably saved the guys life. It seems like we just catch a break when it comes to getting good publicity about metal detecting. At least he didn't yell "I got juice" like the guys on the Diggers T.V. show.

Wes mentioned that Whites has a new pinpointer that will soon be available. Pricing should be in the \$150 range. He hopes to have a prototype available at our next meeting. Wes would also like to have a show and tell at the next meeting. So bring in something you would like to talk about. How to ask permission to hunt private land, how to clean coins, what signs do you look for when hunting new ground, how is one spot of dirt is better than another. Where does Jim Tippett hunt?

Club Hunt on 02/08/14 at 9:00 a.m.

Diana Allen has received permission for the club to hunt at Holly Hills Middle School. The address

is 1200 Center Ave. in Holly Hill. Intersection of LPGA and Center Ave.

Reminder that this hunt will for paid members only. Gary will gladly take your membership dues at the hunt. Payment can be by check made out to Gary Flatt or exact change if possible. Per our last meeting most agreed that the email list was the best way to contact members only for a hunt.

There was some discussion of how members are alerted to lost items and if it was a good idea to post any details on Facebook given that we had several hundred 'friends' on Facebook now.

Name Tag Drawing: – no winners, Jeff Busque and Bell Peyton were picked and not present. This is Jeff's third month in a row getting picked, it might profit him to come to the meetings. The prize will go up to \$20 at the February meeting.

Criminal: A person with predatory instincts who has not sufficient capital to form a corporation.

Howard Scott

Monthly Raffle

The raffle winners were:

Eddie Bodigheimer won Lost treasure magazines.

Diana Allen won a drink container.

Linda Tippitt won a 1974 Half Dollar.

Jim Donahue won a 2004 Sacajawea dollar.

Randy Brummitt won a set of three 3 coin collecting books.

Ralph Hutt won a pair of earrings.

Jim Donahue won an Electrolysis cleaning kit.

Mark Estes won a Minelab cap.

Scott Van Syckle won a 1oz. Copper token

Randy Brummitt won a Spanish cob.

Debbie Rotstein won coin collecting books

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

Some circumstantial evidence is very strong, as when you find a trout in the milk.

Henry David Thoreau

Finds of the Month Competition

The winners of this month's finds were:

Jewelry Single – **Jim Tippitt** - 14k white gold ring with a diamond & two sapphires.

Jewelry Group - **Jim Tippitt** - Gold and silver rings and other stuff.

Coin Single - **Jim Tippitt** - 1899 Spanish One Royale.

Coin Group - **Jim Tippitt** - Beach coins.

Artifact Single - **Jim Tippitt** - Gilded Navy Flat button.

Artifact Group - **Jim Tippitt** - Flat buttons, bras nails, lead shot, square nails.

Misc Single - **Bob Kappenberg** - Miscellaneous.

Misc Group - **Tom Burchett** - Misc. Found and beach and park.

Display - Single - **Deyton Peyton** - Key fob, no

key.

Display Group - NO ENTRY, YOU COULD HAVE WON!

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

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

It is inaccurate to say that I hate everything. I am strongly in favor of common sense, common honesty, and common decency. This makes me forever ineligible for public office.

H. L. Mencken

Club Field Trip

Those members who came to January's meeting were informed of a special field trip to a local middle school scheduled for February 8 at 9 a.m. Diana Allen was relentless in pursuing permission for the club to detect this property and her persistence paid off. Unfortunately the weather had other plans and you may remember that the 8th was a cold, rainy and windy day. So the hunt was postponed to the next day at 1 p.m.

I couldn't attend because the event I was covering for the News-Tribune on Saturday was also postponed to the next day from noon to 3 p.m., but I understand that plenty of club members made it to the hunt and expect a full report at the February meeting. Damien Wohlfert put a picture up on the club Facebook page and it looked like he found quite a bit, but there hasn't been a lot of bragging, so I guess we'll see.

Now, Wes would like to do this every month if

possible, so if you have a good spot that can accommodate 10 to 15 people (we rarely get more on these things) let him know. For the time being we'll keep these things open to members who come to the meetings, a little incentive as it were.

The incompetent with nothing to do can still make a mess of it.

Laurence J. Peter

Something for the February Meeting
as posted by Wes on Facebook

The New White's TRX Bullseye Pinpointer vs the Garrett Pro. I should have one at the meeting this month for everyone to try out. I am paying for next day air to get it here so everyone at the meeting can see it before the rest of the east coast that won't be getting theirs until the 28th or so.

The video he attached to the message shows a distance test between the Garret Pro and the new Bullseye with the Whites beating the Garrett by 3/4". Of course there are ways that can be affected, so test it yourself on Tuesday.

We Americans live in a nation where the medical-care system is second to none in the world, unless you count maybe 25 or 30 little scuzzball countries like Scotland that we could vaporize in seconds if we felt like it.

Dave Barry

A few words about the Finds of the Month categories for the new folks

There are five major Finds categories divided in single and group. The first four are for items

found since the previous club meeting.

1. Jewelry – rings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and other articles of personal adornment.
2. Coins – coins and tokens of any country.
3. Artifacts – Manufactured items made before 1950. If you're not sure if the item is that old, put it in Miscellaneous.
4. Miscellaneous – Everything that doesn't fall into the first three categories. Note.- both artifact and miscellaneous may contain non-metallic objects found while detecting, such as old bottles, pieces of china, and marbles.
5. Display – this category contains all items detected before the previous meeting as well as interesting historical and similar items that were not found with a metal detector.

Note.– single means just that, a single item, if there is more than one item then the proper category is group. When putting finds on the table, pay attention to the arrows on the groups signs, the single entries should be placed to the left of the category sign and the groups to the right, this makes it easy for voting.

Finally, when you are entering a find in the contest, pick a number from the slips at the end of the first table next to the entry forms and ballots. Write your name on the number slip and leave it in the container next to the slips. Then use that number for all your entries that month

Coming Attractions

February 25 - Club meeting

March 25 - Club meeting

April TBA - Turtle Hunt

April 22 - Club meeting

You cannot make a man by standing a sheep on its hind legs. But by standing a flock of sheep in that position you can make a crowd of men.

Max Beerbohm

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Three More Useless Facts

from Doug Melvin

- 1) The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.
- 2) In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.
- 3) The Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as is necessary. When it was built in the 1940s, the state of Virginia still had segregation.