

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 March 27 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.

Turtle Hunt

The annual Turtle Hunt will be held at Winter Haven Beach Park, 4589 S. Atlantic Ave., Ponce Inlet. The cost is \$15 per person and the March meeting is the perfect time to pay. Otherwise send a check made out to Sandy Hamilton to the address listed in the back of the newsletter. The hunt flyer is enclosed with the newsletter.

February Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by club president Wes Wade. There were 16 members and one guest present.

Our guest was John Lee. He has just purchased a Garrett AT Pro and was learning how to use it. John joined the club.

Wes talked about the Club's Facebook page and the contacts he's getting there. Everyone who is online is invited to join.

Steve Hamilton told a tale of his hunting during the month.

Wes said he has not yet made the calendars but Whites had sent calendars for everyone. Wes did have a flyer that listed all pertinent dates for the club in 2012 and 2013 which he passed out. They are also available in the shop.

Wes found some club buttons with the pirate logo that we had made up years ago and offered them to whoever didn't have one.

He discussed T-shirts and possible colors.

Wes reported on a guy who had contacted him about a metal detecting reality TV show where they would follow different detectors around and then at the end they would bring their finds to Wes at the Pawn Shop for a discussion of value. Randy didn't want to do it. Wes did offer to send around the e-mail about the show later. I sent it to everyone on our e-mail list. It was titled the Florida Tide-Pickers Casting Call. Dayton contacted the guy and maybe he'll tell us about it at the next meeting.

In the Florida Tide Pickers Casting Call e-mail was the following paragraph:

"Did you know there's a Florida contractor out there who's so dedicated to metal detecting he drove six dump trucks full of earth from a site he was working on and dumped it all in his backyard so he could detect at his leisure? Talk about a passion for your hobby!"

I believe that is our own Alan James.

Gary Flatt's name was the first draw in the Name Tag Drawing, but as Gary can't be bothered to come to meetings anymore, we drew another name which was Bob Meyers. Bob was present and got five shiny Sacajawea dollars for his trouble.

Deyton discussed Don Hurtig which is in rehab for a broken hip. More about Don later in the newsletter.

Deyton reported on the 17 tons of silver coins and other Spanish treasure that the U.S. Government made the finders return to Spain. Deyton had visited the company that found the treasure and had seen a lot of it up close and personal.

Rolo Davis talked about a few recovery efforts, one for the police and one for a private party and in the process gave a seminar on finding lost items and how to conduct yourself on those. Valuable information.

The first effort was when police called about a case where they had cashed suspects into the woods. He and other from the CFMDC members went into the woods, but didn't find the guns. Part of the problem was the police really didn't have a good idea of where to look. They may go back when further information is obtained.

This brings up a vital point in hunting for lost objects. The people who lost them don't always know where they lost them, even if they think they do. Rolo talked about making the long drive to Naples to a State park to look for a lost ring. The man told him to look near the entrance. Rolo was surprised to find out he couldn't go in the water. (You can only hunt salt water beaches in Florida State Parks and only from the water line to the

mean high tide line). Anyway, after hunting with no results, he called the man to verify he had the correct entrance as it turned out there were three. He then moved to another entrance.

Rolo reported he's found five rings in the last month for people. He didn't used to ask for a reward, but now, he wants expenses (gas isn't cheap). When working for police, he also insists that they provide water and maps. This is the voice of experience.

Wes then urged everyone who hadn't to pay their dues, particularly because you can't go to the April Turtle Hunt if you haven't.

Wes also mention the annual Fernandina Hunt that is sponsored by the Jacksonville club, the Historical Recovery Association of North Florida. The cost has gone up to \$50 for non-members and \$45 for members.

Deyton mentioned that he would be donating some prizes for the upcoming Turtle Hunt and encouraged others to do so. If you have a prize to donate, bring it to the March meeting or contact Mark Estes.

Wes announced that the next Sunday Bruch would be at the Koffee Kup, 1025 N Nova Rd, Daytona Beach at 10 a.m on Sunday March 25. Come, have a nice meal and then go out detecting.

Deyton said he would try to bring tickets to the Car Show at the track to the brunch.

Wes spoke about something that was burning up the Internets, that a state Senator named Alan Hays wants to ban metal detecting in Florida. [I found an archaeological bill he'd

introduced, but it died in the budget committee on March 9, 2012.- Ed.]

Tom Egan was detecting in some woods when he saw a police car stopped on the road. He came out to see what the problem was and the officer told him he had sent the dog in for him. [Isn't that lovely considering what police dogs do when they're sent after someone.- Ed.]

Duct tape is like the force. It has a light side, a dark side, and it holds the universe together.

Carl Zwanzig

Monthly Raffle

The raffle winners were:

Lisa Burchett won an Ike dollar.

Deyton Peyton won a pocket knife (because he only has 7,000 knives).

Kira Wade won an Ike dollar.

Eddie Bodigheimer won something to do with the American Revolution.

Rolo Davis won a pocket knife (in a nifty box).

John Lee won a pocket knife.

Jacque Estes won a Lost Treasure book.

Tom Egan won a feather key chain that reportedly matches his eyes.

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

It is not worth an intelligent man's time to be in the majority. By definition, there are already enough people to do that.

G. H. Hardy

Finds of the Month Competition

Finds of the month were canceled due to an appalling lack of entries. We like to have some competition, so come on people, bring in your finds.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. I used to work in a fire hydrant factory. You couldn't park anywhere near the place.

Steven Wright

Don Hurtig Update

Things are looking up for Don Hurtig. He has been moved to a new rehab facility in Gainesville. The address and phone number are listed below. The word from Dolores Grath is that he is getting physical therapy once or twice a day and he is getting himself down to the dining room for meals. So that's encouraging. He appreciates all the cards he's received.

Don's address is:

Park Meadows Health & Rehab
3250 SW 41st Place
Room 118 A
Gainesville, Fl. 32608

Phone: 1-352-378-1558

My theory is that all of Scottish cuisine is based on a dare.

Mike Myers

Coming Attractions

March 27 - Club Meeting

April 15 - Annual Turtle Hunt

April 24 - Club Meeting

May 22 - Club Meeting

We may not imagine how our lives could be more frustrating and complex--but Congress can.

Cullen Hightower

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That's A Fine Pig You've Got There

Farmers Brown and McDonald were sitting on Farmer McDonald's porch discussing plowing technique when Farmer Brown notices a pig with a wooden leg hobbling

across the front yard. He turned to his friend and asks, "Say, Henry, how'd that pig get him a wooden leg?"

"Well, John, that pig..." his eyes mist up, "That pig's a mighty special pig! A few weeks back a wild boar attacked me while I was walking in the woods. That pig there came a runnin', went after that boar and fought him off. Saved my life!"

"And the boar tore up his leg?" "No, just got a few scratches, nothing serious. But that night the barn caught fire. That ol' pig started squealin' like he was stuck, woke us up, and 'fore we got out here, the darn thing had herded the other animals out of the barn and saved 'em all!"

"So that's when he hurt his leg, huh, Henry?" "No, John, the next day my tractor hit a rock and rolled down the hill into the pond. I got knocked clean out. When I came to, that pig had dove into the pond and dragged me out."

"...but that's not how he hurt his leg." "Oh no, no, he was fine. Cleaned him up real nice, too."

"Okay, Henry. So just tell me. How did he lose his leg?"

"Well", the farmer tells him, "A pig that good, you don't want to eat all at once."

It matters not whether you win or lose; what matters is whether I win or lose.

Darrin Weinberg

