

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 April 24 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.

March Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by club president Wes Wade. There were 15 members and four guests present, Ed and Louise Wolfli and Jim and Judith Massfeller.

Wes asked our guests to stand up and introduce themselves. He also introduced John and Joani Lee who joined last month. Jim and Judith Massfeller joined the club.

Ed and Louise are from Ohio and are in town for a month.

Wes discussed metal detectors, particularly the Garrett AT Pro.

Jim Lee talked about a possible site to hunt owned by the Florida Ag Museum where he volunteers.

Wes reported on the Brunch from the previous Sunday. Ten people showed up and got an extra treat as Wes's boss Pam picked up the check. See, it is worthwhile coming to these things.

Wes reported on Deyton Peyton, who had been sick and missed the meeting but sent along some nice prize donations for the Turtle Hunt. Shirley Bossert also donated prizes for the hunt.

The Turtle Hunt would be held on April 15 and cost \$15 per hunter. You have to be a member to Hunt. The Hunt will be at Winter Haven Park, starting at 9 a.m.. Bring a lunch. Jim Leonard from Relic Hunter Magazine in Acworth GA will be at the hunt.

Wes discussed recent hunting on the beach, and the slim pickings. He also mention that while he poked along with his pulse induction machine (you can't move fast with a pulse induction and expect to find anything) Rolo Davis whizzed about him like a bumble bee. He claimed to have found more than Rolo, too.

Rolo Davis was drawn first in the Name Tag Drawing, but he was not present. New member John Lee's name was drawn next and he was present and won \$5 in Sacajawea dollars.

Any American who is prepared to run for president should automatically, by definition, be disqualified from ever doing so.

Gore Vidal

Monthly Raffle

The raffle winners were:

Shirley Bossert won a copper bar.

Eddie Bodigheimer won a Bicentennial commemorative coin.

Tom Burchett won a flower pot.

Debbie Rotstein won a knife.

Tom Burchett won a visor.

Ralph Hutt won a pocket knife.

Debbie Rotstein won bag clips.

Kira Wade won lid grippers.

Eddie Bodigheimer won a clip.

Shirley Bossert won a hook.

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

The generation of random numbers is too important to be left to chance.

Robert R. Coveyou

Finds of the Month Competition

The winners of this month's finds were:

Jewelry, single.– Ed Bodigheimer with a white gold ring with diamonds.

Jewelry, group.– Ed Bodigheimer with a gold ring, a silver ring, miscellaneous rings, silver earring, belly ring, two crosses and more.

Coin, single.– John Lee with an unspecified dime.

Coin, group.– Wes Wade with beach coins.

Artifact, single.– No entries.

Artifact, group.– No entries.

Miscellaneous, single.– No entries.

Miscellaneous, group.– John Lee with miscellaneous stuff (great description).

Display, Single – Ed Bodigheimer with a homemade pin.

Display, group.– Shirley Bossert with an antique Zippo lighter and a watch with a gold coin face.

Winners received a silver foreign coin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Communism doesn't work because people like to own stuff.

Frank Zappa

2012 Turtle Hunt Report

We had a perfect day for the annual Turtle Hunt on April 15 at Winter Haven Beach Park in Ponce Inlet.

We ran into a slight glitch at planting that caused more work for the planters. You see the beach patrol has a little problem with running over sunbathers with their trucks. Even though there is no driving on the beach where we were, the beach patrol still drives by hourly. Rather than trade in their double Humvee-sized trucks with blind spots the size of Canada for scooters, they decided to create a lane by the beach walkway so people won't park their butts there. (Note, they only create this lane in the area near the walkway; presumably their trucks hover over the rest of the beach). Unfortunately, this lane takes out 90 percent of the soft sand area where we usually plant the targets, so we had to set up the most of the hunt field in wet sand. This makes planting much more laborious because you can't just throw the targets into the sand, you have to dig holes and mess up the sand and dig false holes so the hunters won't cheat by just digging where they can see something is planted. And our planters did an excellent job of it. On the plus side, it slows down recovery, extending the time where there are a lot of targets to find.

This is a long way of saying planting took a lot longer than expected so we got a late start.

So after a quick warm-up hunt, we moved to the main event, the combined fun and competition

hunt. 1,000 pennies were planted for the competition hunt plus numbered and other tokens. The combination of conditions and field size worked out pretty well, people were still finding targets 40 minutes into the hunt.

What's even more amazing is that the 16 hunters found EVERY single target planted. They actually found it all, warm-up hunt and main hunts. I don't believe that's ever happened.

The Competition Hunt winners were:

Women:

- 1st (\$20) - Lori Borders (79)
- 2nd (\$10) - Belle Peyton (69)
- 3rd (\$5) - Johanne Haas (55)

Men:

- 1st (\$20) - Wes Wade (116)
- 2nd (\$10) - Jim Tippitt (97)
- 3rd (\$5) - Rolo Davis (80)

For something a little different, there were dreaded Swazi dimes planted as tokens for miniature sterling silver stamp reproductions. Each packed contained two to 4 stamps that totaled 2.4 - 2.6 grams.

Jim Tippitt recovered a Swazi nickel (which along with the Swazi dimes reads very much in the foil range) and won a gold coin for his trouble. It was a small reproduction of an American Eagle in a ring totaling about \$16 worth of gold. (You expected a doubloon?) Wes Wade donated that coin out of his little bag of tricks.

I want to thank Ralph Hutt, Steve Hamilton and Jacque for planting in that wet sand. Oh, yes, after a leisurely champagne breakfast up at the picnic tables, Wes Wade and Lori Borders also came down and helped me finish planting.

Thanks to Deyton Peyton, Shirley Bossert, and Jim Leonard who all donated prizes.

Ralph, you know that silver half dollar you got for finding the Buffalo nickel? Steve Hamilton donated that half, and the nickel.

Lest I forget, Lori Borders won \$58 dollars in the 50-50 drawing. (Maybe she'll buy more champagne).

Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.

Douglas Adams

Coming Attractions

April 24 - Club Meeting

May 22 - Club Meeting and Club Auction

June 26 - Club Meeting

July 24 - Club Meeting

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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Stuff you didn't know you didn't know! (From Doug)

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%.

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$ 16,400.

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace.

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?

A. One thousand

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow.

I respect faith, but doubt is what gets you an education.

Wilson Mizner