

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 Tuesday, April 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.

Don't Miss the Turtle Hunt

The Club Turtle Fun & Competition Hunt is Sunday April 26, 2015 at the Winterhaven Beach Park in Ponce Inlet. The cost is \$20 per person, members only. See the enclosed flyer for all the details. If you haven't already registered you can still sign up at the hunt Sunday.

March Meeting Report

Vice President Jim Tippitt opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in place of Wes Wade who was absent. We had 20 members and 3 guests present. Guests included Diane and Jim Farquarson and Ed Sobczak, all from Canada.

Mark Estes discussed hunting in areas in Ormond Beach.

Randy Brummitt said he was contacted by a woman in the Deland area that had lost her

hearing aide. He advised he searched the area and could not find it.

Tom Egan advised he went to the Plantation Bay area to look for a lost ring. He believes it ended up in the landfill and was not found at the location.

Name tag drawing: 1) Wes Wade – not present, 2) Tom Egan – won \$5 in silver coins.

I don't own a cell phone or a pager. I just hang around everyone I know, all the time. If someone wants to get a hold of me, they just say 'Mitch,' and I say 'what?' and turn my head slightly.

Mitch Hedberg

Monthly Raffle

Bob Kappenberg won a Silver dollar.

Deyton Peyton won a Silver coin.

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Scott Van Syckle won a Silver coin.

Deyton Peyton won Treasure magazines.

Debbie Rotstein won a Magnifying glass.

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Ralph Flippo won a Garrett pouch containing a silver coin.

Ken Farquarson won a Whites shirt.

Debbie Rotstein won coin books.

Tom Burchett won a Garrett pouch containing a silver coin.

Warren Trager won a Garrett pouch containing a silver coin.

Damien Wohlfert won Treasure magazines.

Doug Melvin won coin books.

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

As an adolescent I aspired to lasting fame, I craved factual certainty, and I thirsted for a meaningful vision of human life - so I became a scientist. This is like becoming an archbishop so you can meet girls.

M. Cartmill

Finds of the Month Competition

Jewelry single – **Bob Kappenberg** – Man's 14 K White Gold Ring with 90 small diamonds.

Jewelry group – **Ralph Flippo** – 14K bracelet, 2 Sterling silver necklaces, 2 bracelets, a watch and a cross.

Coin single – **Warren Trager** – 1939 Mercury dime.

Coin group – **Ralph Flippo** – 100 quarters, 135 dimes, 58 nickels, 203 cents, 1980 \$5 Mexican, 4 wheat cents.

Artifact single – **Warren Trager** – Mickey Mouse with sea monsters from the 1950s. Says "Disney Anaheim manufactured by (illegible)."

Artifact group – No entries.

Miscellaneous single – **Bob Kappenberg** – watch face.

Miscellaneous group – **Ralph Flippo** – Gerber baby spoon, 3 keys, 3 toy cars, 2 gold balls, tennis ball, toy airplane, cigarette lighter, 2 lead sinkers, safety razor and other junk.

Display single – No entries.

Display group – **Damien Wohlfert** – Roman coins, reales, hammered English coins and Spanish cobs from 1600s.

The winners this month received a silver U.S. dime. The Second Chance drawing winner was **Ruth Trager** who received a silver quarter and silver dime.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure.

Mark Twain

Coming Attractions

April 26 - Club Turtle Hunt

April 28 - Club meeting

May 26 - Annual Club Auction Club Meeting

June 23 - Club meeting

July 28 - Club meeting

Everywhere is walking distance if you have the time.

Steven Wright

I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells.
Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living,
It's a way of looking at life through the
wrong end of a telescope. Which is what I
do, And that enables you to laugh at life's
realities.

Dr. Seuss

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A little learning is a dangerous thing but a
lot of ignorance is just as bad.

Bob Edwards

Metal Detecting Code of Ethics

I WILL respect private property and do no treasure
hunting without the owner's permission.

I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings or what is
left of ghost towns and deserted structures.

I WILL NOT litter.

I WILL leave gates as found.

I WILL NOT contaminate wells, creeks or other
water supplies.

I WILL fill ALL excavations, including beaches
and in water.

I WILL NOT tamper with signs, maintenance
facilities or equipment.

I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of
natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration and
courtesy at all times.

I WILL protect my hobby, and act as a good will
ambassador at all times.

I WILL NEVER trespass. Always get permission.

I WILL NEVER leave open holes.

I WILL report the discovery of items of significant
historical value to a local historian or museum in
accordance with the latest legislation.

I WILL mark the site and inform authorities if live
ammunition or lethal objects are discovered.

I WILL be an ambassador for the metal detecting
hobby.

Travels with Doug Melvin

Doug Melvin and Ralph Flippo attended the annual
Treasure Hunt of the Carolinas in Blacksburg,
South Carolina. This is a private hunt put on by
Randy and Joyce Gatchel. The cost to enter all of
the hunts was a total of \$240 but some people
didn't enter the two optional hunts and some people
only competed on Saturday which would lower
their cost. The local metal detecting club

supported the hunts by selling food and snacks at a reasonable cost. The pulled pork sandwiches and chili dogs sold were excellent. Doug came up a few days early to visit museums in Greenville, SC. The Confederate Museum in Greenville was excellent. There were a total of sixty-five people competing in the hunts, fewer on Sunday. Saturday was wet and cloudy but the rain held off for the day. Randy did an excellent job of running the hunts with help from his wife Joyce. There were a number of raffles to make things interesting. Obviously Randy has a lot of experience doing the hunts, this is the 13th year for this hunt. Almost all of the prizes were gold or silver except those donated by metal detecting vendors. There were a lot of silver coins and tokens planted in the hunt fields, most of the coins were silver dimes. Randy warned everyone about the occasional fire ant hill and horse dung in the hunt fields.

One of the hunts was a Competition Hunt, with three competitions (all in the same field), mens, womens and seniors. Some seniors elected to compete in the regular mens hunt. In the mens hunt the most silver dimes recovered was thirty-two. Doug opted to compete in the "old geezer's" hunt, over sixty years of age and he came in second with sixteen silver dimes. Later in the day Randy honored the oldest people metal detecting and Ralph at almost ninety years of age won First Prize. I believe he received a silver round. There were a total of seven hunts plus a kids hunt and a special "gold nugget hunt" which required a found token for one to enter.

Saturday was very cloudy but no rain. On Sunday there was heavy rain and actually the first hunt was held in the rain but later it just became cloudy. During the first hunt Doug used his Excaliber II beach machine but it doesn't make a

very good competition machine. After the first hunt he went back to his light Tesoro. The last hunt was for twelve gold bars and silver coins. Doug went as fast as he could but didn't recover a gold coin token but did recover quite a few silver coins.

Doug came away with twelve silver war nickels, eighty-five silver dimes, eleven silver quarters, seven silver halves, three silver rounds and a registered .366 gram gold nugget. The total value was essentially my hunt entry fees. But it was certainly a lot of fun and an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life.

After the last hunt I headed to the Kings Mountain National Battlefield Park. That was really interesting, especially the video which explained the importance of this battle. It was one of the turning battles during the Revolutionary War in favor of the Americans. The British had essentially "shot their selves in the foot" with two previous battles when American's trying to surrender were massacred. They also made threats towards the "over the mountain men." This resulted in a strengthening of American resolve and brought the "mountain men" strongly onto the American side. This led to the British and Tory defeat at Kings Mountain. The actual museum was small but interesting. The gift shop was large, I have never seen so many books about the American Revolution in one place before. There is a battlefield walking/driving tour but it was closed due to construction.

I didn't leave the campsite until Monday morning early, luckily the rain had stopped so I was able to pack up without being rained on. I then started the nine hour drive back home. What a fun weekend. I don't recommend camping in a tent in the rain though.