

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 June 24 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.

May Meeting Report

President Wes Wade opened the meeting at 7:42 p.m. We had 16 members present and two guests – Kerry Cochran and Rob Keith, a member of the Sandford Club.

Wes reported we had 23 members hunt in the Turtle Hunt in April, a very good showing.

Deyton Peyton reported that he'd found a nice hunt site in Daytona Beach, a cleared site that had been an old trailer park. Deyton got permission for the club to hunt and said he'd been out there. Warren said he'd been out there, too, but no one was surprised at that. We decided to hold a hunt on Sunday, June 1, details to be sent prior to the hunt. Wes said everyone should plan on spending some time there because this was an old and trashy site that would reveal good finds in we worked at it. See the hunt report later in the newsletter.

Wes announced he'd be holding another open night competition hunt in August. He would be supplying food and drinks and will also be holding raffles. He wasn't going to go for

Spanish silver for prizes but promised that the would be plenty of silver.

Wes went down to Fort Lauderdale for a little detecting and said he found 530 coins in 3 hours. At one point he found a dime line with 20 dimes.

Wes said that Jack Yasgar was working on a hunt in DeLand and was sending Wes the coordinates.

My notes say that Eddie Bodigheimer was chosen in the name tag drawing and he wasn't there. Then they say that Mark Estes was picked, but I don't remember that. But if so I won \$5 and if not I didn't. The prize will be \$5 in June.

Never knock on Death's door: ring the bell and run away! Death really hates that!

Matt Frewer

Monthly Raffle

No raffle in May because we had the annual club auction. Wes Wade was the auctioneer and we raised more than \$140 for the club.

If Beethoven had been killed in a plane crash at the age of 22, it would have changed the history of music... and of aviation.

Tom Stoppard

After one look at this planet any visitor from outer space would say "I want to see the manager."

William S. Burroughs

That which has always been accepted by everyone, everywhere, is almost certain to be false.

Paul Valery

Finds of the Month Competition

The winners of this month's finds were:

Jewelry Single – **Wes Wade** - 14K .25 carat diamond ring.

Jewelry Group – **Tom Burchett** - Bunch of jewelry, including rings, found at the beach.

Coin Single – **Gary Flatt** - 1838 Seated Dime.

Coin Group – **Jim Tippitt** - Barber quarter, Seated dime, V-Nickels, Barber Half, and more.

Artifact Single – **Ralph Flippo** - Admiral Edward Boscowen, Battle of Porto Bello, Panama 1737 Medallion.

Artifacts Group – **Jim Tippitt** - Eagle buttons, flat buttons, Light Artillery buttons, misc other finds.

Misc. Single – **Ralph Flippo** - World War II Auxiliary Fire Services Badge.

Misc Group – **Jim Tippitt** - Tokens, brass and copper.

Display Single – No Entry this month - You could have been the winner!

Display Group – **Deyton Peyton** - Collection of Silver Salt Spoons.

The winners this month received a silver U.S. dime. Second Chance prize of \$5 was won by.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

June 1st Field Trip Report

Club members arrived what was once a trailer park at the Corner of Madison and Beach St. In Daytona Beach about 9 a.m. and got to detecting. The lot was well treed so shade was abundant and welcome as it got quite hot. The area was quite trashy, particularly with pieces of trailer, but plenty of pennies, including wheat pennies were turning up so dreams of silver danced in our heads. In fact, I noticed that there were very few zinc pennies compared to the pre-1981 copper pennies to be found.

After about an hour, I met one of my favorite people, the nosy neighbor from the trailer park next door who wanted to know if we had permission to be there. I did not say what I wanted to say, but instead, just said yes. After putting up with more questions about that and who owned the dog that was on the property (because she had to keep her dogs on a leash and blah blah blah), I just said, "It's not my dog." and told she could go talk to the guy in the yellow shirt as he arranged the outing. (Sorry Deyton, but considering what you and Rolo told her it was worth it.)

On her way to interrogate Deyton she figured out that the dog was Rolo's (Digger, one of the most well-behaved dogs you will ever meet). When she complained, Rolo told her that the dog didn't have to be on a leash. (And now that I think of it, he's was right, we were on private property with permission. Digger never strayed from the property).

Then she got to Deyton and asked him if we had permission to be there. Without quoting exact dialog. Deyton asked her if she had permission to be their and when she said she was a neighbor, he asked her again, suggesting that perhaps our presence didn't really concern her.

She was calling the police as she walked back past me. I certainly hoped she watched the subsequent encounter, it must have been supremely frustrating.

When the officer arrived, the first person he saw was Wes and according to reports, smiled and asked "What are you doing here?" Apparently he is a customer. That and the fact that at least one of the members who were detecting is a Daytona Beach police officer, meant that everyone was immediately standing around, laughing and scratching. Deyton took the opportunity of talking about the services we had rendered the department and then tried to talk him into trying out detecting. He soon left and all was well.

Digger stayed in Rolo's truck where Rolo had sent him just before the officer arrived. Rolo called him out and then demonstrated how well Digger behaved by telling him to go back to the truck. Digger did, but he had everyone laughing as half way there, one ear went up and pivoted back toward us. Rolo explained that he was just checking to see if Rolo would countermand the order, but when that didn't happen he jumped back in the truck. A very well-behaved dog.

Digger is known to sit down on spots that contain gold and now we know he finds more than that. Scott Van Syckle had a thin handful of dirt that he had dug from where Digger sat and was getting a signal but couldn't see anything.

He kept taking more and more dirt off until there was just a little bit and still a signal. Then he pulled out the best find of the day, a little hat pin (sans actual pin) from World War II. I let you find out the rest at the meeting.

Deyton found a Mercury dime (see, there was silver) and there may have been more silver found, Come to the June meeting and find out.

In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and has been widely regarded as a bad move.

Douglas Adams

Lost and Found

You may not know that Wes monitored Craig's List for items that have been lost. Wednesday he got a report of a couple that had lost a gold pendant at the Seabreeze approach Tuesday. Wednesday evening Wes and other club members went out to try to find the pendant. Wes found the 22 Kt gold pendant in waist deep water a foot deep in the sand. The pendant had been in this woman's family for generations and it is a singular reminder of her family in China.

Obviously she was delighted to get the pendant back and offered a substantial reward. At some point Claire Metz from WESH-TV found out about it and Wes's story was on the news Thursday night. In the process (and this is another example of why you can't trust the news), Wes became the owner of OK Pawn and although he mentioned the club by name several times, it became a "local metal detecting club." The story also says the pendant

was 24 kt, which is just silly. The piece even had a still shot of Wes and Eddie B at the beach.

The story is on
<http://www.wesh.com/news/lost-gold-pendant-found-in-the-ocean/26576496>

Congratulations, Wes, on your find and your new acquisition (OK Pawn).

Talent hits a target no one else can hit;
Genius hits a target no one else can see.

Arthur Schopenhauer

Coming Attractions

June 24 - Club meeting

July 22 - Club meeting

August 16 - Annual Open Night Competition Hunt

August 26 - Club Meeting & Ice Cream Social!

Transported to a surreal landscape, a young girl kills the first woman she meets and then teams up with three complete strangers to kill again.

Rick Polito, Marin Independent Journal's TV listing for "The Wizard of Oz"

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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.
Report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation.
If live ammunition or lethal objects are discovered, mark the site and inform authorities.
I WILL be an ambassador for the metal detecting hobby.