

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 July 23 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.

June Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Wes Wade. There were 28 members present. President Wade asked for allowances due to his lack of sleep because of having to go to his workplace in the middle of the night to look into an alarm call for a break in. Turns out someone tried to get in, but couldn't get past the 'second' security door inside the other door.

Rollo Davis was 're-introduced' to the group.

Ben Runner, as visitor was also introduced.

Waterdog and Tom Massa were also reintroduced to the group. Waterdog reported he had been hunting fresh water lately due to how slow the finds were coming up on the beach.

A couple of hunts for lost items were discussed, and although several members had participated in the hunts, none of the items had yet been found. Tom Egan did give a report on a diamond ring that a couple had lost that day. He happened upon the people who lost it and was

asked to see if he could locate it. He was able to find it in a little while and give it back to the couple

Wes told a story about a guy with a \$1500 detector and a \$10 shovel.

Wes reported he had found a diamond stud earring. He also reported about those who look specifically for the lost finds (since they have a hot lead), but hunt after dark and rarely if ever give the find back unless there is a large reward.

Wes said he has scattered 100 tokens on the beach that have a \$5 credit voucher for Whites products at OK Pawn for detecting or other merchandise. Didn't mention if any had been returned.

Name Tag drawing (\$10) – Mike Cornell and Jeff Busque were drawn. Mike wasn't present so Jeff won the \$10. Prize for July meeting rolled back to \$5.

Wes talked a bit about his annual Open Night Hunt on the beach to be held Aug. 24th at Sunsplash Park. He promised it to be bigger and better this year. We have the flyer both at OK Pawn and also on our web site and posted on FB by now. It's going to have a runway hunt, many, many buried targets, 125 prize tokens.

It was reported that silver prices are way, way down and now no one wants to sell what they have until the price goes back up.

There was a lot of discussion on the many rules and regulations at Andy Romano Park in Ormond

Beach and how it was a lousy park to hold any events in due to the many hoops the club would have to jump through to have an event there.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

I like to play blackjack. I'm not addicted to gambling, I'm addicted to sitting in a semi-circle.

Mitch Hedberg

Monthly Raffle

The raffle winners were:

Karl Johnson won a Spanish Cob.

Ralph Flippo won a Spanish Cob.

Eddie Bodigheimer won a 1976 BU Half.

Tom Egan won a Spanish Cob.

Ralph Flippo won an Indian Head cent.

Ralph Flippo then won another Indian Head cent.

Tom Egan won a 2000 gold Sacajawea dollar.

Tom Egan won an Indian Head cent.

Wes Wade won a Whistle

Shirley Bossert won a box of Stationary

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

Hell hath no fury like a bureaucrat scorned.

Milton Friedman

Finds of the Month Competition

The winners of this month's finds were:

Jewelry Single – **Gary Flatt**, Gold ring with AB Crystal.

Jewelry Group - **Eddie Bodigheimer** - St. Christopher Medal, Silver Earrings & other earrings, pendants, necklace w/heart.

Coin Single - **Ralph Flippo** -1915 Barber Quarter

Coin Group - **Ralph Flippo** – 1948 & 1954 Rosies, 85 Quarter, 99 Dimes, 34 Nickels, 289 Pennies, 1917 Wheatie and more.

Artifact Single - **Ralph Flippo** - Rodgers Bros. 1847 stamped Silver Spoon.

Artifact Group – **No entries.**

Misc Single - **Steve Hamilton** - Princess Cruise Line Casino Token.

Misc Group - **Eddie Bodigheimer** - Disney Pin, peace thing, Pokeman Token, key ring & keys, lighter, toy cars, cell phone and more misc.

Display Single - **Shirley Bossert** - Civil War Patriotic Token - Army Navy (possible error).

Display Group - **Debbie Rotstein** - Silver Collection bought through Florida State Auction.

The winners this month received foreign silver coins with total silver value about that of a silver dime. Second Chance prize was won by **Wes Wade**.

Bureaucrats write memoranda both because they appear to be busy when they are writing and because the memos, once written, immediately become proof that they were busy.

Charles Peters

OSCEOLA COUNTY, Fla. —A club that uses metal detectors to help find clues to crimes helped provide a big break to a case in Osceola County this week.

David Guerrero was walking to the bus stop on North Central in Kissimmee June 26 when a bullet fired from a rifle ended the 17-year-old's life.

Police needed evidence to track down the killer.

Alan James and the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club were ready to help.

On July 6, more than three dozen members combed an area the size of two football fields near the area where Guerrero was gunned down, looking for a single bullet casing.

"Within probably 45 minutes or so, one of the team members said they had found that casing," said James. "We knew it was a .45 casing, but we didn't know it was the casing until afterwards."

Kissimmee police matched that casing to one found at the scene where Eric Roopnarine was fatally shot July 3 at his home in Poinciana.

Authorities had already tracked down the people they said were responsible in that case: 15-year-old Konrad Schafer, 17-year-old Victoria Rios, 20-year-old David Damus and 20-year-old Juan Muriel.

With two matching bullet casings, police learned the rifle that fired the shots had been purchased at the Mega Gun & Armory gun store by Schafer's father before the string of nearly two dozen shootings in Osceola County.

The Metal Detecting Club, which has been helping police solve crimes for more than 40 years, helped charge four people with murder.

"It's fantastic," James said. "It's what we do. We go out as a club and do a lot of community service, and it's kind of gratifying to know that we were instrumental in taking a group off the

street that had been shooting up Kissimmee apparently for weeks."

It's perhaps the biggest case the club has worked since it found the weapons used in the slaying of Orlando police officer George DeSalvia and the wounding of officer Eddie Diaz in 2000.

Some of the club members traveled more than 100 miles to Kissimmee to try and help crack this case, and say they are ready the next time police call needing their help.

The man who says he is willing to meet you halfway is usually a poor judge of distance.

Laurence J. Peter

Lost and Found (?)

Found - We had an e-mail about a ring lost at Aquarius Oceanfront Condominium on the beach down from the Tom Renick Park. Gary Flatt found this ring. Congratulations, Gary.

Lost ring (6/28)

I was at the Cocoa Beach Pier this past Friday and well, I lost my wedding ring. I'm pretty upset about it. I was hoping you could help. I am offering a reward. It's a little thing. Small silver band. All my wife and I could really afford at the time. The staff at 'Oh Shucks' was really nice in trying to help me, even pulling up a board on the pier, but we couldn't find it. I'd be happy to send you a map re-tracing my steps as I could not find it myself. That is if you wouldn't mind taking a look. Sincerely, James McCurry
jamestmccurry@gmail.com

Lost ring (7/13)

Jim Studabaker 321-431-2359

Lost Flagler beach

Wedding band in water.

Golden Lion restaraunt (5th St. N.) straight across, surf was pulling north. Lost about noon on the 13th about three feet water body surfing. About twenty feet from low tide line.

Everything you've learned in school as "obvious" becomes less and less obvious as you begin to study the universe. For example, there are no solids in the universe. There's not even a suggestion of a solid. There are no absolute continuums. There are no surfaces. There are no straight lines.

R. Buckminster Fuller

Coming Attractions

July 23 - Club Meeting

August 24 – An open Beach Night Hunt.

August 27 - Club meeting - Ice Cream Sundae Night!

September 24 - Club meeting

Never go out to meet trouble. If you will just sit still, nine cases out of ten someone will intercept it before it reaches you.

Calvin Coolidge

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**7 Useless Facts
from Doug Melvin**

- 1.) Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- 2.) Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
- 3.) The national anthem of Greece has 158 verses. No one in Greece has memorized all 158 verses.
- 4.) There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- 5.) The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
- 6.) A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- 7.) There are more chickens than people in the world.