

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, September 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.

August Meeting Report

President Wes Wade opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. We had 22 members present and one guest – Bruce Perri.

Wes discussed something that has come up at the Sanford Club meeting. President Alan James has been discussing the possibility of forming a national lobbying group with Kellyco's backing to have a formal organization to fight the inroads that low men and statisticians are constantly attempting against our benign and family-oriented hobby. The idea is to get the manufacturers behind this as well. The one troubling aspect is that they seem to think that the hobby can be saved by metal detecting licensing whereas an attentive look at the idea of compromising rights to protect them only guarantees that you'll lose the right in easily digested increments.

Wes talked about the Night Hunt. With more than a 100 hunters everyone was said to have a good time except for the usual minuscule percentage of crabs that would complain about

being given a gold bar because it was "too heavy."

Reports are that the beach is good. That of course is comparatively speaking. Wes put a photo on Facebook of a blanket full of finds numbering in the thousands that someone found at a New Jersey beach in less than 6 hours or something similarly as absurd. I still don't think it adequately compensates for having to actually be in New Jersey to make those finds.

The meeting, it should be noted, went on while everyone enjoyed ice cream sundaes (and seconds if they so desired). Deyton Peyton, who brought all the fixings, made the sundaes as Shannon Peyton delivered them to each and every person. You can't get better service than that. So we all bow down to the Sundae King and proffer our pitiful thanks.

As Deyton says, it's amazing how ice cream will always draw a crowd. However, shockingly, Warren and Ruth Trager did not attend. Deyton wanted it noted that he had plenty of sundae reserved for both of them. Perhaps Ruth was too busy celebrating her outstanding primary election showing and preparing for the general elections and her march to world domination through the Daytona Beach City Council.

Tales were swapped about hunting feats and once again it was noted that "The more you hunt, the more you find."

Diana Allen was drawn in the Name Tag Drawing. She was present and tagged and received a silver quarter and dime for her participation. The prize re-sets to \$5 (or its equivalent) for September.

Misogynist: A man who hates women as much as women hate one another.

H. L. Mencken

Monthly Raffle

Sterling Gosa won a silver dollar.

William O'Brien won a BU Ike dollar.

Deyton Peyton won a silver quarter.

Mark Estes won a Kellyco Gator digger.

Diana Allen won a fancy Whites apron.

Deyton Peyton won a book on Florida's Shipwrecks.

Eddie Bodigheimer won a silver dime.

William O'Brien won a Garrett hat.

Randy Brummitt won a mystery prize.

Shannon Peyton won a travel ping pong set.

Shannon Peyton won Treasure magazines.

Tom Egan won a Garrett poncho with a silver dime hidden in it.

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

Sometimes I get the feeling the whole world is against me, but deep down I know that's not true. Some smaller countries are neutral.

Robert Orben

Finds of the Month Competition

The winners of this month's finds competition were:

Jewelry, single -- **Steve Hamilton** -- 31" 14K gold chain & 14 K crucifix. total weight 43.1 grams.

Jewelry, group -- **Eddie Bodigheimer** -- Silver ring with 3 CZs, 3 other rings, 2 earrings, a cross, a heart with key.

Coin, single -- **Jim Tippitt** -- 1864 Two-cent piece.

Coin, group -- **Jim Tippitt** -- Barber Quarter, shield nickels, Mercury dimes, and lots of other coins.

Artifact, single -- **Jim Tippitt** -- Lead ink die of a 1913 Willys Truck.

Artifact, group -- **Bob Kappenberg** -- 5 small cars, 2 sunglasses, cell phone, key, 4 sinkers, cartridge shell, electric cigarette, zipper pull, 2 unknown items.

Miscellaneous, single -- **Bob Kappenberg** -- 1955 Chevy Nomad toy car.

Miscellaneous, group -- **Steve Hamilton** -- Sunglasses, Toy Cars, E-Cigarette, Zippo lighter.

Display, single -- No entry.

Display, group -- **Deyton Peyton** -- P38 and old door keys.

The winners this month received a silver U.S. dime. Second Chance prize of a silver quarter and silver dime was won by **Diana Allen**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

A marriage is always made up of two people who are prepared to swear that only the other one snores.

Terry Pratchett

Some Notes on the Finds of the Month Competition

After going over the Finds of the Month entries in August it became clear we need a review of criteria for each category.

First, single versus group. Single means one individual item or something found as a unit. For example, a necklace with a pendant attached is a single item. A necklace found next to a pendant are two separate items. Only one could be placed in the single category. Don't put more than one entry in a subcategory, you're just splitting the votes you can receive.

Jewelry means items of personal adornment, such as rings, earrings, necklaces, etc., plus watches, medallions, and crucifixes and other religious articles.

Coins include coins, tokens and medallions.

Artifacts must be old, at the very least before 1950. Toy cars are not artifacts unless they are clearly from the 1930s or before. Cell phones, sunglasses, e-cigarettes, lead sinkers, zippers, etc. should be displayed as Miscellaneous. If you can't tell how old the find is, put it in Miscellaneous NOT Artifact. Artifacts can include nonmetallic items found while detecting such as antique marbles and bottles.

Miscellaneous is for everything that doesn't fall into the previous four categories. Miscellaneous can also include nonmetallic items.

Anything going into the first four categories must have been found since the last meeting we had a Finds of the Month competition. An exception is made for items that were found but not available due to laws until after the regular period, which basically means things found in the UK that have been held under the Antiquities laws and are later released for export.

Display is for items found outside the "monthly" time period as well as anything historical or

interesting (Please make it interesting). Display items do not have to be metal detecting related.

When entering an item, please take a number slip, **WRITE YOUR NAME ON IT**, and leave it in the container provided on the finds table near to the pencils. Use that number for all your entries that month.

A final note on the Second Chance Drawing. If you enter items in the Finds of the Month, you will get one ticket for the Second Chance Drawing for each major category, except Display, in which you have a find. Enter in Coin, single and you will get one ticket. Enter in Coin, single and Coin, group and you will get one ticket (not two).

The maximum number of tickets you can receive each month is four.

Enter in Display single, group or both, you will get no tickets. That is because the purpose of the drawing is to encourage people to enter things they found metal detecting even if they don't think they will win a prize. We want to see what you're finding. So bring those finds in because the Second Chance Drawing Prize is always worth about \$5.

Those who agree with us may not be right, but we admire their astuteness.

Cullen Hightower

Coming Attractions

September 23 - Club Meeting

October 28 - Club Meeting

November TBA - Annual Key Hunt

November 25 - Club Meeting

December TBA - Club Christmas Party

If you're choking in a restaurant you can just say the magic words, 'Heimlich maneuver,' and all will be well. Trouble is, it's difficult to say 'Heimlich maneuver' when you're choking to death.

Eddie Izzard

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To say that majorities, as such, have a right to rule minorities, is equivalent to saying that minorities have, and ought to have, no rights, except such as majorities please to allow them.

Lysander Spooner

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.

I always keep a supply of stimulant handy in case I see a snake--which I also keep handy.

W. C. Fields