

## Greetings from our President

Hello, welcome to the South Carolina Metal Detector and Relic Association club's website. We're glad you clicked in. Let me introduce myself. My name is Bill Stiles and I am the year 2008 President of our club. I would like to take a few minutes to tell you about our group.

Our club was started by a small group of friends that had the hobby of metal detecting as a mutual bond. We decided that Rock Hill, S.C. would be an ideal place for our club to be based. We chartered our club in 1994 and have been growing steadily since.

From an initial group of about six, we have grown to a membership of over 50, with new members joining almost every month.

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month from 7 PM to 9 PM, at Trinity Bible Church off Cherry Road in Rock Hill, SC.

Some of our monthly activities include, a monthly competition in seven categories that result in a "Hunter of the Year" award at our annual Christmas dinner in December. We have programs at a lot of our meetings which include guest speakers or sometimes one of our members will demonstrate such things as how to use a certain brand of detector, how to clean coins, how to properly retrieve targets so as not to damage lawns, and other topics.

Our membership is made up of people who as well as participating in the hobby of metal detecting also enjoy other hobbies such as coin collecting, Indian artifact collecting, and gold prospecting, as well as other fields.

We have a well stocked library with books and videos that members can use as the like. We have raffles for silver coins and other items at each meeting. We have door prizes and a lot of information to share.

In September of each year we have a club hunt for members only, where hundreds of silver coins and prize tokens are buried. Members keep the silver and trade the tokens for prizes. This hunt also includes a covered dish picnic lunch for all. There are also games for children as we are family oriented.

We are an associate club of the FMDAC, which is a nation wide organization that is committed to the advancement of our hobby as the respected and civic minded activity.

I have tried to give an overall view of our club and I know that I have not mentioned all that we do. But, as you can see we are an active and fun group of people and we would love to have you come visit us at our next meeting. I think you will like what you see and may decide to be our next newest member. Remember bring your family as everyone is welcome.

Thanks again for checking us out. Hope to see you at our next meeting. Until then;  
Good Hunting,

Wylie Bill Stiles