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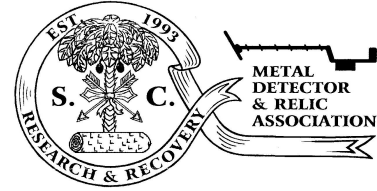
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MEMBER CLUB



Club Meeting

Well the first quarter of 2007 has come to an end. At our April 3 meeting we welcomed three new members: Don Barnette, Marty Rawls and Timothy Herring. We enjoyed hearing our speaker, Dale Hege from Independence Coin located in Pineville, NC. He gave us some good advise about investing and told some memorable stories.

Under the capable leadership of Frances Alexander, the Club's Food Concession at Randy Gatchell's Treasure Hunt of the Carolinas made \$230. This money will go toward our Leonard Bratton Memorial Fall Hunt. Chris Watson will have raffle tickets at the May 1 meeting. There will be a prize for Most Tickets Sold and Seller of Winning Ticket. Get ready to sell those tickets. The raffle will be a fund raiser for the Leonard Bratton Memorial Hunt.

We took part in the Myrtle Beach Club Hunt. The weather was pretty nice. Richard Otterbourg reserved

a room for a get together at Ryans Steak House that was so much fun. He had all kinds of categories and games with many prizes. Don't forget to bring your best beach find to the meeting. There will be a special category on the Treasure Board with double points. We thank you Richard for your hard work putting this together for us. Richard will be going to the FMDAC Hunt in Mesa, Arizona May 12-14.

Our Speaker for the May 1st meeting will be Rusty Robinson, a restoration expert and member of the Board of Directors of the White Home Project. He will talk about how to determine the age of an old house. We look forward to hearing from Rusty and getting to visit with everyone.

If you need to contact me, I can be reached through reddog57@earthlink.net. Hope to see you at the April meeting.

Judy Kirkland



Treasure in the News

Man finds \$40,000 worth of old coins

INDIALANTIC, Fla. (KRT) - It is the stuff of pirate legends, but do not waste your breath asking Joel Ruth on what stretch of Florida's Treasure Coast he found his hoard of Spanish pieces of eight - waiting to be scratched out of the sand with bare fingers and toes. Treasure hunters guard their secrets - especially, if like Ruth, they have just found about 180 near-mint silver coins worth more than \$40,000.

To most Floridians, hurricane season is the time to board up windows and dread the worst. But to professional and amateur treasure seekers, it is the time to hit the beaches and hunt lost riches. "It's why we're called the Treasure Coast," said Ruth, a bookish 52-year-old marine archaeologist with an African parrot named Euclid who has learned to squawk "pieces o' eight."

It takes the big storms like Jeanne and Frances to rake several feet of sand off the beaches and dunes and expose gold, silver and gems sunk and scattered centuries ago. But making a find takes more than walking the beaches with a metal detector. What separates those who make a real find from the legions of beachcombers is knowledge and patience, said Sir Robert F. Marx.

Marx is an underwater archaeologist and marine historian who was knighted by both the Spanish and English crowns for his work, including about 800 popular and scientific articles and about 60 books. His colleague Ruth, for instance, has been keeping his eye on a certain stretch of beach in Brevard County, Fla., for 20 years, checking it every so often as the years go by, Marx said. He and Ruth think the find is part of a sunken treasure fleet off Florida's Atlantic coast.

But it took Jeanne to bring a slice of the shoreline back to where it was in 1715, he said. That is the year a famous Spanish treasure fleet of about a dozen ships sunk in a summer hurricane, bloated with treasure headed for Philip V of Spain, Marx said. Captain-General Don Juan Esteban de Ubilla, commander of the flotilla carrying gems, gold, silver and porcelain from China - hence the name Plate Fleet - set sail in the late summer 289 years ago.

Under pressure from the king to bring treasure to boost a war-ravaged economy, Ubilla set sail even though hurricane season had already started. Leading with the Capitana, the fleet hugged Florida's Atlantic coast, heading north in the hopes of catching the trade winds of the Gulf Stream. With no more warning than a morning of steel-gray skies, a tempest snapped the ships like matchsticks, a few survivors would later tell.

Nautical records of salvage attempts and previous finds pointed to the spot Ruth staked out to search. Others know the spot and have made finds there, too. The basic rules of treasure hunting on beaches include finders keepers, but do not dig into the dunes or in protected areas. Because riches go to those who are there first, "You have to be Johnny on the spot," said Mitch King, vice president of the Treasure Coast Archaeological Society.

"(Hurricane) Jeanne did more destruction than any storm has in years," King said. The last storm to yield finds like Ruth's happened on Thanksgiving about two decades ago, he added. Treasure hunters still whisper about it. And you have to be quick, Ruth said, because the high tides right after a storm often dump several feet of sand back on the same beaches, leaving the heavy treasure well below the reach of most metal detectors.

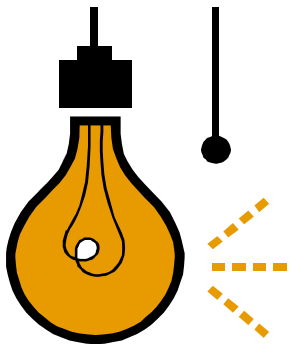
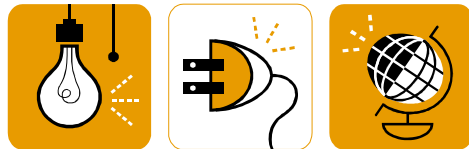
"You could be walking over a million dollars in coins and never know it," said Ruth, who makes a living on salvage efforts and identifying and restoring ancient coins.

Next Club Meeting

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Tuesday, May1, 2007 in the Recreation building behind the Trinity Church of the Nazarene, located at 832 W. Main Street, Rock Hill, SC from 7 to 9 pm. If you need further directions, email Chris Watson at amwatson@comporium.net or telephone at 803-328-5764. We meet the 1ST Tuesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome.

MEETING DATES FOR 2007 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: JUNE 5, JULY 3, AUGUST 7
SEPTEMBER 4. OCTOBER 2. NOVEMBER 6 AND DECEMBER 4.



Club Beach Hunt

We had a good time at the beach and the weather was nice.. It started rain about 4:15 A M Sunday and I started driving home .

No Gold was found, but alot of tabs and maybe between 25 to 45 coins were found per person. We had a Good Dinner at Ryans.

People were lying out on the Beach but were not moving and very few kids were in the water. I believe the water temp was around 60 degree's.

- Richard Otterbourg

Refreshments

We thank Frances Alexander and Scott Bradley for refreshments at the April meeting. Scott Ellman and Arnold Couick will be providing our May refreshments. We appreciate the members who volunteer to provide refreshments. Please let me know at the next meeting or email me at reddog57@earthlink.net



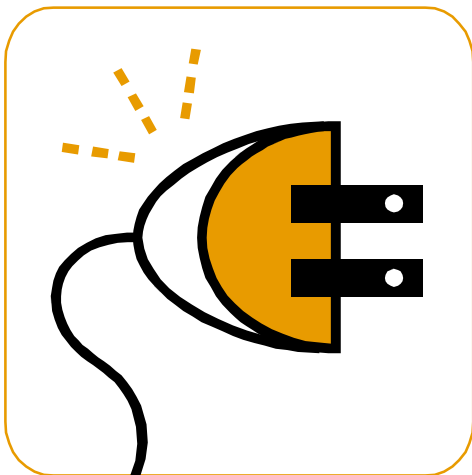
Thanks Judy.

Dues

Remember to provide your support of the Club by keeping your dues up to date and inviting your friends to join us. Adults: \$15 (add \$5 for optional FMDAC Membership) Juniors \$5.00 (add \$5 for optional FMDAC Membership). If you are unable to attend the next meeting, you can mail your check made payable to SCMD and mail to:

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Cool Websites

Got a good site to share with the club members? Please let us know!

On TV

History Channel

Sherman's March

T-Shirts & Hats

THEY ARE IN!!! Please be ready to pick up your new Club Shirt and/or Hat at the next meeting!! If you cannot make it, please call me to make arrangements for payment.

Kathryn Shoaf 1 gray, 1 blue shirt \$20.50
Don Breland 3 blue shirts \$30.75
Jimmie Dawkins 1 hat \$12.50
Rickie Rogers 1 blue shirt \$10.25
Fred Smith 2 hats \$25.00
Jim Austin 1 blue shirt \$12.25
Dennis Lane 1 hat \$12.50
Carol Lane 1 gray shirt \$10.25
Dale Cash 1 gray shirt 1 blue shirt 1 hat \$33.00
Chris Watson 1 gray shirt, 1 camo shirt \$28.25
Sam Robertson 1 blue shirt, 1 hat \$22.75
Frances Alexander 2 camo shirts \$36.00
Doug Kirkland 1 gray shirt \$12.25
Chuck Smith 1 camo shirt, 1 hat \$30.50
Donnie Catoe 1 shirt \$10.25
Gary Shive 2 hats \$25.00
Bob Batts 1 hat \$12.50
Mark Norris 1 hat \$12.50
Lanny Irby 1 gray shirt, 1 camo shirt, 1 hat \$40.75
Scott Bradley 1 gray shirt \$11.25

Thanks,
Scott
704-492-4088





"Today is the Day!"

- Mel Fisher

Club Library

Jimmy Earnheart has all the pertinent books you need to read to improve your mind and/or metal detecting. There are also maps available. Jimmy opens the library during each meeting, just sign out what you want and sign back in when you return it. Check it out!

Hunts / Info

**1st Annual
palmetto relic hunters club
civil war memorabilia relic
&
book show
june 9th, 2007
w. columbia, SC**

****See flyer on our club**

Website under the page:

**"Organized Hunts", in the
June section.**

**8th ANNUAL HISTORICAL
RECOVERY ASSOC. OF N. FL
LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL
AND HUNT**

MAY 12th 2007

[http://home.comcast.net/~youndd/
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APRIL 2007 CONTEST BOARD RESULTS

Category	Place	Name	Item
COINS: SILVER & GOLD			
	1 ST	STEVE HERRING	1819 HALF REALE
	2 ND	BILL STILES	1910 BARBER DIME
	3 RD	DON BARNETTE	WALKING LIBERTY HALF
COINS: OTHER			
	1 ST	DONNIE CATOE	1865 2 CENT COIN
	2 ND	TIM HERRING	1897 V NICKEL
	3 RD	CHRIS WATSON	1858 FAT INDIAN HEAD PENNY
JEWELRY			
	1 ST	MICHAEL PLYLER	14K GOLD RING
	2 ND	STEVE HERRING	GOLD RING W/DIAMOND
	3 RD	FRANCES ALEXANDER	GOLD EARRING
RELICS: PRE-1865			
	1 ST	LANNY IRBY	SC PALMETTO PRE-CIVIL WAR
BUTTON			
	2 ND	BILL STILES	USN ROPE TIGHTNER
	3 RD	TIM HERRING	WILLIAM KLEEN BULLET
RELICS: OTHER			
	1 ST	RICK BAKER	BRASS 1900□S PUSH LOCK
	2 ND	DON BARNETTE	BRASS WHISTLE
	3 RD	STEVE HERRING	WWII HAT BADGE
BEST FIND			
	1 ST	STEVE HERRING	1885 SEATED LIBERTY DIME
	2 ND	DONNIE BRAZELL	1790 HALF REALE
	3 RD	BILL STILES	ANTIQUÉ ORNAMENT
EYE SPY			
	1 ST	DONNIE CATOE	KIRK INDIAN ARROWHEAD
	2 ND	MICHAEL PLYLER	INDIAN ARROWHEAD
	3 RD	JIMMY EARNHEART	INDIAN POTTERY SHARD

THOSE WERE AMAZING FINDS THIS MONTH. WE ENJOYED SEEING THEM. THANKS FOR EVERYONE'S EFFORT AND KEEP DIGGING AND BE SAFE.

We would like to remind all members to promote the positive aspects of metal detecting by requesting a letter of thanks from Agencies you assist, publicizing such activities as these as well as the return of items such as rings. Help promote our hobby. We are attempting to maintain a folder of such letters and information about our club. There was much discussion at the meeting to overcome being called looters and other negative things. We wish to be a resource to our community and work hard in any way we are asked to help. Keep up the good work.

Amazing Deals & Bargains

- ✓ GARMIN GPS 12 PERSONAL NAVIGATOR. NEW, NEVER HAD BATTERIES INSTALLED \$50 CONTACT DONNIE CATOE 843-672-5589 OR EMAIL ESDonc@shtc.net
- ✓ Bill stiles has display cases for sale: large \$8, medium \$6, small \$3. See him at the feb. Meeting to purchase.
- ✓ Richard Otterbourg is seeking undated buffalo nickels to purchase at 13 cents each, non-dug only please.

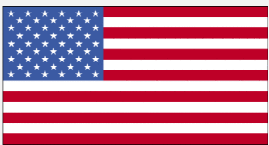
About Our Organization

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.

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www.scmetaldetectingclub.com
