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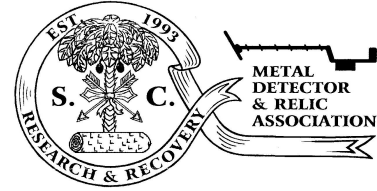
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MEMBER CLUB



## Club Meeting

Let's get busy! BIG NEWS...the date for the Leonard Bratton Memorial Hunt has been set: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007. The Members only hunt will be a fun day, and we are hoping for a great turn out. Hope to see you there.

We had so many laughs and great stories at the August 7 meeting. We saw amazing finds on the Treasure Board—a slave tag, an Indian game ball, silver paratrooper wing pin, and a piece of silver coin cut into a quarter of the size of the coin. There was a good crowd there which included three visitors. We welcome them as our newest members: Frankie Bell, Jeff Kleparek, and John Urso. We are happy to have you join. When we first joined the Club, Leonard Bratton personally welcomed us and gave me a Sacagawea Coin. When I looked up information about her, it lead me on a long journey of reading many books about the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

Leonard always encouraged members to read and research. He would bring us a book he thought we might enjoy. Some time later a new member brought his wife, who was from Russia. Leonard welcomed her and gave her a Sacagawea Dollar. I told her the story about Sacagawea having her baby in William Clark's tent during the Expedition. She said yes, there is the baby on her back on the coin. I treasure my coin and my good fortune having had Leonard Bratton for a friend. I know it would please him to know we continue the Club traditions he helped start. We are seeking prizes for the Hunt. If you or the company you work for have a prize to donate, please bring them to the September 4 meeting. You can be creative; perhaps you have a gift on hand that you don't use or an old coin you can part with will be appreciated.

If you need to contact me, I can be reached through [reddog57@earthlink.net](mailto:reddog57@earthlink.net). Hope to see you at the September meeting!  
Judy Kirkland



## Treasure in the News

### City Workers Find Pot of Gold

Somewhere in Tennessee police searched a muddy city parking lot where workmen discovered a (container-pot) of gold coins that may have been buried during the Civil War.

The U.S. gold pieces are worth (conservatively) up to \$3,000 each but it's unclear how many were found since the workmen made off with most of them.

"We have accounted for 177 and that's just by talking to people who said that they had possessed some," said the Mayor. "There may be a good bit more than that."

Many of the coins already have been sold to gold dealers. The coins were unearthed by city workmen resurfacing a downtown parking lot and other people apparently have visited the site since then. Word of the discovery spread through the town of 42,000 residents and the Mayor ordered city employees to seal off the area.

A policeman with a metal detector began the city's official search of the parking lot, which was cordoned off with yellow tape saying "Crime Area. Keep Out."

"I've asked the court to determine who the owner of the coins would be," the Mayor

said. "You can get as many different opinions as there are lawyers. Every lawyer has a different version. "One guy says if it's money, it belongs to the finder. Maybe that true. I don't know," he said.

"One guy says if it's a treasure trove, it belongs to the property owner. What is a treasure trove? I don't know. One guy says that the finder in this case is the city because they were in the employ of the city at the time they found it," he said.

If the money belongs to the city, the Mayor said he will take legal steps to recover it, although he noted such an undertaking would be complicated. The coins were \$2 1/2, \$5, \$10 and \$20 gold pieces. "The face value is not very important" said the Mayor. "The value of the coins is much more than the face value. "The latest mint date was something like 1857, something like that. I may be off a year or two. Some of them were back to the 1840's and the 1830's."

Union soldiers occupied Jackson, Tennessee during the Civil War. "Probably somebody buried that money in 1861 or 1862 when the troops came in to keep them from getting it" he said, "and then died before they recovered it.

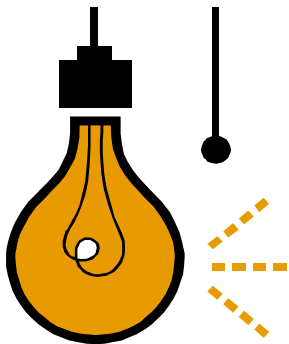
## Next Club Meeting

### NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, September 4, 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](mailto: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: SEPTEMBER 4, OCTOBER 2, NOVEMBER 6 AND DECEMBER 4.

**Next meeting SPEAKER:** Rick Baker will provide a program on metal detecting 101 at the September 4th meeting. People new to detecting will appreciate this information and perhaps some experienced people can benefit from new ideas. Coming soon (probably Oct or Nov. We will have antique gun collector, Joe Ginn as our speaker. You might want to start thinking about what you want to create for your display entry. This will be a special category on the contest board November or December .



## Club Raffle

It is very important that you turn in your ticket stubs and money for any raffle tickets you have sold at the September 4 meeting. The tickets for prizes will be drawn at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, mail the stubs and money to me, no later than Friday, August 31:

JUDY KIRKLAND  
2165 HICKORY HOLLOW DR.  
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I will make certain the tickets are included in the drawing.

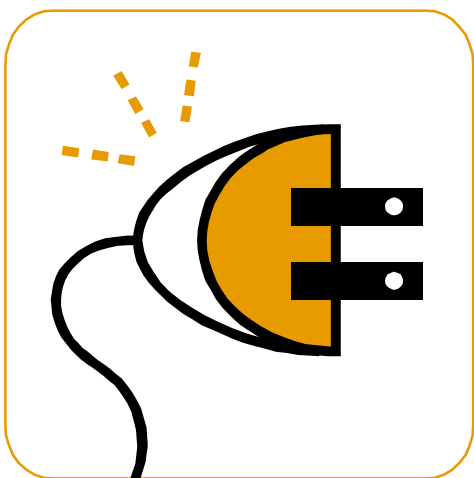
## Refreshments



We enjoyed the great refreshments provided by Bob Batts, Ray Correll, and Jerry Rhyne at our August meeting. Ray's travels made it difficult and we appreciate your efforts. Thanks! Refreshments at the September 4 meeting will be provided by Lanny Irby, Donnie Brazell, and Don Barnette.

We appreciate the members who volunteer to provide refreshments. Please let me know at the next meeting or email me at [reddog57@earthlink.net](mailto: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:

FRANCES ALEXANDER

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## Civil War Trivia

Did you know, that Robert E. Lee's father fought in the American Revolution and that Lee graduated second in his class of 45 in 1828, from West Point. He also fought in the Mexican war and started as a Captain and ended as a Brevet Colonel. What nickname was given to Lee by his men during the Civil

War and why?

If you can be the first to answer this, after 3pm Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will win a silver round at the next club meeting (must be present to win. Email Scott at [sellman@comporium.net](mailto:sellman@comporium.net) if you know the answer. Good Luck!!



***"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!

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## NEW MEMBERS!!

We would like to extend a big warm welcome to our newest members!

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## AUGUST 2007 CONTEST BOARD RESULTS

Category	Place	Name	Item
COINS: SILVER & GOLD			
	1ST	DONNIE BRAZELL	SILVER CUT PIECE
	2ND	MARK NORRIS	STANDING LIBERTY QUARTER
	3RD	DON BARNETTE	BARBER DIME
COINS: OTHER			
	1ST	CHRIS WATSON	1857 FLYING EAGLE CENT
	2ND	STEVE HERRING	1895 INDIAN HEAD
	3RD	SCOTT BRADLEY	EISENHOWER DOLLAR
JEWELRY			
	1ST	STEVE HERRING	10K MASON RING
	2ND	DON CATOE	ST. SILVER ST. CHRISTOPHER
	3RD	JERRY RHYNE	GOLD CHAIN
RELICS: PRE-1865 MILITARY			
	1ST	CHRIS WATSON	EAGLE BUTTON
	2ND	STEVE HERRING	3-RING BULLET
	3RD	DON BARNETTE	WWI FIELD ARTILLARY BUTTON and RICK BAKER PERCUSSION CAP
RELICS: OTHER			
	1ST	DONNIE BRAZELL	WWI ROSETTE
	2ND	SCOTT BRADLEY	WWI PARATROOPER WINGS PIN
	3RD	STEVE HERRING	CREMATORY TAG
BEST FIND			
	1ST	STEVE HERRING	SLAVE TAG
	2ND	DON CATOE	ARROWHEAD
	3RD	CHRIS WATSON	KEPI BUTTON
EYE SPY			
	1ST	DONNIE BRAZELL	INDIAN GAME BALL
	2ND	DON CATOE	ARROWHEAD
	3RD	STEVE HERRING	SHARKS TOOTH

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

- ✓ GT Royal Headphones from White's – 1Yr Warranty - \$45.00, two pair. Contact Lanny Irby 803-684-2592 after 5 PM or email at [mduser@comporium.net](mailto:mduser@comporium.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

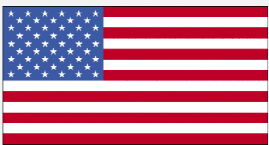
Our club was started by a small group of friends that had the hobby of metal detecting as a mutual bond. We decided that Rock Hill, S.C. would be an ideal place for our club to be based.

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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