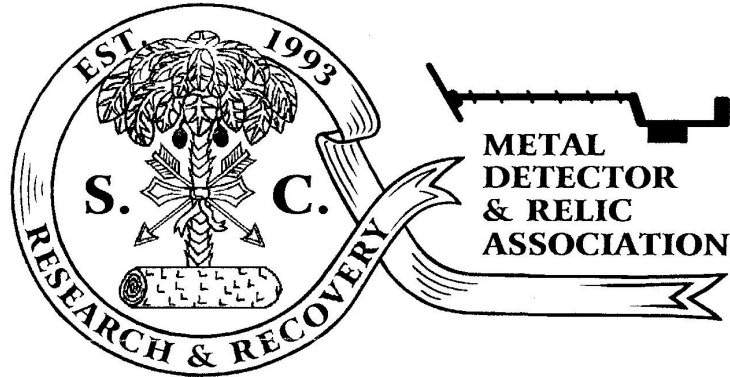







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NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006 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.

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NEXT MEETING CONT;

WE MEET THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. Visitors are always welcome.

MEETING DATES FOR 2006 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

SEPTEMBER 5 OCTOBER 3 NOVEMBER 7 DECEMBER 5

REFRESHMENTS

We GREATLY enjoyed the refreshments provided by CHRIS WATSON AND JIMMIE DAWKINS at the AUGUST Meeting.! The refreshments for the SEPTEMBER 5 meeting will be provided by BRIAN ELLIS AND JASON REEVES. We appreciate the members who volunteer to provide refreshments. Please let me know at the meeting or email me at reddog57@earthlink.net , if you would like to sign up for a month.

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. To calculate dues for the remainder of the year, it will be \$1.25 per month to join in SEPTEMBER \$5.00 (add \$5 for optional FMDAC Membership) Juniors \$5.00 (add \$5 for optional FMDAC Membership. THE FMDAC CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN MYRTLE BEACH, SC IN THE FALL OF 2006 (NOVEMBER 10, 11, AND 12). MANY OF US WHO DO NOT USUALLY PAY THE EXTRA \$5, MAY WANT TO DO SO THIS YEAR. PARTICIPATION IN THE FMDAC HUNT REQUIRES MEMBERSHIP. If you are unable to attend the next meeting, you can mail your check made payable to SCMD and mail to:

**FRANCES ALEXANDER
2257 Apt 101 Eden Terrace
Rock Hill, SC 29730**

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!

CLUB MEETING

THE AUGUST MEETING WAS GREAT FUN AS ALWAYS. WE WERE PLEASED TO HAVE FOUR VISITORS: DENNIS AND CAROL LANE AND SAM AND MITCH GOLDSTEIN. WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS WILLIAM LEWIS, AND JERRY RHYNE. MY HOPE IS THAT YOU FIND EXCITING TREASURE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR FINDS ON THE TREASURE BOARD AND HUNTING FOR TREASURE WITH YOU. THE TREASURE BOARD WAS LOADED. LOOKS LIKE EVERYBODY WAS OUT HUNTING. JOHN ABERNATHY WON THE DOOR PRIZE.

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South Carolina Metal Detector & Relic Association

12TH Annual Leonard Bratton Memorial

SILVER HUNT – September 9th, 2006

Volunteers Needed!

- To help mow and rake a few days ahead of time
- To help clean up the day before (Friday 8th)
- To help set-up Tents, Tables, etc.
- To help plant coins
- To provide tables, chairs & shade tents
- To help with the activities (Need 6-8 helpers!)
- To help clean up afterward
- To solicit price donations
- To donate coins & prizes for Children's Hunt

If you can help, please contact event organizer: Bill Stiles (704) 661-7922 (leave message)

CLUB HUNT

THE CLUB'S LEONARD BRATTON MEMORIAL FALL HUNT WAS DISCUSSED AND A DATE HAS BEEN SET...SEPTEMBER 9 (RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 16) YOU MUST BE A CLUB MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE. THE HUNT FEE WILL BE \$20 PER MEMBER. THERE WILL BE A CHILDREN'S HUNT (NO FEE) PROGRAM DIRECTOR BILL STILES, IS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS, AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTIVITIES. MEMBERS HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR THE FOLLOWING :

**RICK BAKER THE NUGGET SHOOT
FRANCES ALEXANDER DETECTOMATIC GAME AND CHILDREN'S HUNT
LANNY IRBY:GOLD PANNING
ROGER STIKELEATHER: COOK /BUSH HOG FIELD
DOUG & JUDY KIRKLAND:ASSIST W/FIELD CLEAN UP
DONNIE CATOE: BRING THE GRILL/HOOLA HOOP GAME
SCOTT BRADLEY: TABLES
CHRIS WATSON: COIN PURCHASE**

THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE THE MEAT (BURGERS AND HOT DOGS) BUNS AND THE FIXINGS. MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT AND SODA OR TEA . ALSO, DON'T FORGET YOUR CHAIRS! THINK ABOUT THE SIDE DISH OR DESSERT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING. HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS:

**CHEESE SLICES
SLICED
TOMATOES/LETTUCE/ONIONS
CHILI
CHIPS/DIP/SALSA
BAKED BEANS**

**POTATO SALAD
CORN ON THE COB
FRUIT SALAD
ICE
SLAW
DESSERT**

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OR JUST BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH, I'M CERTAIN WE WOULD ENJOY IT.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE CAN MAKE A DONATION OF OLD COINS FOR THE HUNTS. AT THE SEPTEMBER 5TH MEETING WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE CHILDREN'S ANY NEW IDEAS FOR HUNTS OR GAMES WELCOMED. IT WILL BE A GREAT TIME I'M SURE.

THE FOLLOWING CLUB MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GNRS HUNT OCTOBER 27, 28, 29 IN VIRGINIA:

BILL STILES, RICK BAKER, MICHAEL MCDONALD AND CHRIS WATSON MADE THE WHITES TEAM

DOUG KIRKLAND MADE THE MINELAB TEAM

T-SHIRTS, GET YOUR CLUB T-SHIRT OR HAT

Example Hat has Arrived! Hoping to have hats and possibly shirts at September Meeting. CLUB T-SHIRTS AND HATS FOR SALE, CONTACT SCOTT ELLMAN AT 704-492-4088 OR sellman@comporium.net if you would like to be on the list, and not going to make it to the SEPTEMBER meeting. The plan is for a navy t-shirt with the club logo in white AND A TAN COLORED HAT WITH NEW DESIGN LOGO. The price will depend on the number ordered but the shirts will probably be \$12 and hats \$15.

CLUB WEBSITE

WE HAVE ALL THE FORMS FOR THE FMDAC HUNT YOU CAN PRINT OUT, LINKS TO ALL KINDS OF HELPFUL SITES, CHECK IT OUT! IF YOU BRING YOUR BEST FIND TO THE MEETING, SCOTT WILL BE HAPPY TO PHOTOGRAPH IT AND PUT IT ON THE WEBSITE. ALSO, IF YOU KNOW OF A SHOW SUCH AS BOTTLE, RELIC, SOMETHING THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO CLUB MEMBERS, PLEASE MESSAGE INFO TO HIM AT SELLMAN@COMPORIUM.NET IF YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR NEWSLETTER, THEY ARE POSTED ON THE SITE JUST USE YOUR PASSWORD TO GO INTO MEMBERS ONLY SECTION. IF YOU CAN'T REMEMBER THERE ARE LINKS TO OTHER SITES AS WELL AS A CHAT ROOM. CHECK IT OUT! THE INFORMATION THAT BOBBY HALLMAN BROUGHT TO THE MEETING ABOUT THE NATIONAL METAL DETECTING LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP, IN WOODBURY, CT, HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE WEBSITE WITH A LINK TO A REGISTRATION FORM AND TO THEIR WEBSITE.

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U.S. House Oks Safeguard for war sites

CHARLESTON - The U.S. House of Representatives this week approved legislation to identify and help preserve Revolutionary War sites in South Carolina.

The measure, the Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Act introduced by U.S. Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., was included in the National Heritage Areas Act approved by the Senate last year.

The House approved the measure Monday. A technical change is expected to be quickly approved by the Senate before the measure goes to President Bush for his signature, Spratt's office said.

Under the measure, the Interior Department will study, along with state and local historic societies, whether Revolutionary War sites in the state should be designated the "Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area."

The study will determine sites which should be conserved and identify the best ways to do so. It will also determine if local groups or state and local governments already have plans for such sites and whether financial plans for conservation have been developed.

The study would include sites in North Carolina as necessary.

Spratt told the House the bill focuses on "the most important part of the campaign for the Revolution, the Revolution in the South, where the Revolution was largely won after the fall of Charleston in the back country. "He said there are a number of Revolutionary War sites including state and national parks as well as other public and private sites.

Some need federal dollars to reach their potential while others are in danger of being lost, Spratt said.

"This study encompasses battles like Kings Mountain, Cowpens, and Camden, and heroes like Thomas Sumter, Francis Marion, Daniel Morgan, and Nathaniel Greene," Spratt said.

"After the fall of Charleston in May 1780, when the South seemed lost, they turned the tide of battle in the back country and sent a battered Cornwallis to Virginia, where he was beaten at Yorktown. This is a story that needs to be told well, and a heritage corridor will help us do that," he added.

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Outhouse sites yield treasures and pleasures

BY MARY BAUER St. Paul Pioneer Press

Avid Hunters dive right in to expose deepest secrets

Anyone who has ever used an outhouse at a remote cabin or farmstead has had the thought: What if I fall in?

Meet a group of people who jump in.

"It's like a treasure hunt," said Randy Travers, 46, of Maplewood. "You never know what you're going to find."

He knows what he's hoping to find: bottles. Travers is among a group of Twin Cities collectors who go to great lengths — and depths — to find rare bottles from the turn of the 19th century and earlier by digging up old outhouse sites.

Outhouses were a repository for all household refuse, so privy digging is the archaeological version of Dumpster diving. The practice is growing as the massive bottle dumps of the late 1800s are excavated or paved over.

Area bottle collectors speak in awe of spectacular finds when the Twin Cities freeway system was being built and downtown buildings were torn down to make way for jails and banks.

Several years ago, "An asphalt company was digging to get sand across the street from where I worked," said Grove "Rich" Bradbury of St. Paul's Williams Hill site at the junction of what is now Interstates 94 and 35E. "Bottles would tumble out" out of the backhoe bucket. "I was there every lunch hour."

But those days are over, so bottle hounds are going where no man — or woman — has gone before.

"When I heard my uncle say, 'I'm going to dig an outhouse,' I thought, 'How gross,' " said Travers, who tagged along some 30 years ago.

His aversion disappeared when he found an Anheuser-Busch beer bottle from 1890. Travers estimates that 60 percent of the 40,000 bottles he has found came from privy pits.

Privy digging sounds like something out of a Dickens novel, but it's not as disgusting as it sounds.

"By the time we get to it, it's pretty pure dirt," said Jean Donovan, 81, former president of the Little Canada Historical Society and a retired privy digger. "Although once in a while, you'd find the remains of a Sears and Roebuck catalog."

The most valuable finds come from outhouse sites at least a century old. Travers and Bradbury use this simple rule of thumb: If it stinks, it's too new.

You can tell a lot about a city by what its founding families put down the hole. Bottle collectors are walking encyclopedias of intimate area history — what businesses were where and what the locals ate and drank.

"I'd put a bottle collector up against an archaeologist any day," Travers said.

Donovan recalls one privy pit in which she was puzzled by a stash of glue bottles too numerous for one family's use. She kept digging and found a cast-iron shoe form. The homeowner likely repaired shoes.

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Outhouse sites yield treasures and pleasures, CONT;

"You almost could make up a story by what you found in the outhouse," she said. Bottles for bitters and tonics signal a family wealthy enough for fancy cures, Travers said. More than a few liquor bottles means a drinker, Donovan said. The bottles are a catalog of St. Paul and Minneapolis businesses dating to 1860. An 1890 bottle from M.A. Burke from East Third Street in St. Paul is notable because Burke was a rare breed, a female pharmacist. Simon's Aromatic Stomach Bitters, a brown square bottle, is among the most sought-after bottles, Travers said, because it was not widely made. Before 1920, bottles usually were embossed with the company and product name to encourage their return and to prevent them from being reused by competitors, Travers and Bradbury said. Druggists, doctors and all manner of quacks patented the bottle design but not the contents, they said. The latter would require disclosing the contents, which ranged from liquor to just a little bit of morphine to quiet a cranky baby. Bottles with the word "remedy" instead of "cure" suggest they were produced after 1906, when the Food and Drug Act required proof of such claims and required the labeling of cure-alls containing alcohol, morphine, opium, cocaine, heroin, cannabis and other mood-altering medicinals. Most collections include what Travers calls the "go-withs," things tossed down the hole on purpose or by accident. His and Bradbury's collections include intact clay tobacco pipes, fragile china doll heads and teapots. They also have coins, metal toys and oodles of marbles, presumably from loose pockets. They find lots of bones, most with saw marks. "Hopefully they were something the butcher did," Bradbury said. The bottles can range in value from nil to thousands, but the value hardly matters to collectors, who tend to hoard. Travers gives most of his bottles away, whittling his personal collection to about 2,500. But he's not done yet either. "It's the best hobby," Travers said. "It's great exercise. And it's free stuff."

FMDAC NATIONAL NEWS

THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE SEPTEMBER LOST TREASURE MAGAZINE ABOUT THE SPRING 2006 CONVENTION AND TREASURE EXPO. THEY ARE PLEASED THIS YEAR TO OFFER TWO CHANCES TO PARTICIPATE. WE FEEL SO FORTUNATE THAT THE FALL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN OUR VERY OWN STATE. WE ARE HOPING LOTS OF OUR MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE. IT'S A RARE OPPORTUNITY.

THE FALL CONVENTION AND TREASURE EXPO WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 10, 11 AND 12 IN NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC AT THE BAY WATCH RESORT. THERE WILL BE A SATURDAY HUNT, TWO SUNDAY HUNTS AND A "FREE FRIDAY NIGHT BEACH BASH HUNT" (I'M ASSUMING IT'S FREE IF YO! U HAVE P AID FOR ONE OF THE HUNTS) ALONG WITH THE FREE KIDS HUNT AND THE SEMINARS, DISPLAYS, AND WORKSHOPS. THE FMDAC FALL CONVENTION & TREASURE EXPO 2006 IS NOVEMBER 10, 11 AND 12 IN MYRTLE BEACH, SC. THIS IS SUCH AN EXCITING YEAR. THE INFORMATION AND FORMS ARE ON OUR CLUB WEBSITE OR YOU CAN VISIT FMDAC.ORG CLICK ON EVENTS TAB.

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AUGUST 2006 CONTEST BOARD RESULTS

Category	Place	Name	Item
COINS: Silver & Gold	1 st	CHRIS WATSON	STANDING LIBERTY QUARTER
	2 nd	RICKIE ROGERS	1934 MERCURY DIME
	3 rd	SCOTT BRADLEY	1935 MERCURY DIME
Coins Other	1 st	RICKIE ROGERS.....	1903 INDIAN HEAD PENNY
	2 nd	RICK BAKER	1844 BIG PENNY
	3 rd	SCOTT BRADLEY	1890 INDIAN HEAD PENNY
Jewelry.....	1 st	DOUG KIRKLAND...	SILVER/SAPPHIRE RING
	2 nd	LANNY IRBY	GOLD RING
	3 rd	RICKIE ROGERS...	CAT PEN
Relics Pre-1865	1 st	LANNY IRBY ...	SC BUTTON
	2 nd	CHRIS WATSON	SC BUTTON FRONT
	3 rd	BOBBY HALLMAN	ZOUAVE BUTTON
Relic Other	1 st	JIMMY EARNHEART	COLONIAL BUTTON
	2 nd	LANNY IRBY	EAGLE BUTTON
	3 rd	RAY CORRELL	1930''S TOY CAR
Best Find	1 st	LANNY IRBY	1819 SLAVE TAG
	2 nd	RAY CORRELL	US ARMY RING
	3 rd	CHRIS WATSON	CHARLESTON CIGAR CUTTER
Eye Spy	1 st	SCOTT BRADLEY	CHARLESTON CHAMPAGNE BOTTLE
	2 nd	CHRIS WATSON	ROUND BOTTOM BOTTLE
	3 rd	JIMMY EARNHEART	ARROWHEAD

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.

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AMAZING DEALS/BARGAINS

FOR SALE OR TRADE: WHITES EAGLE SL, ANYONE INTERESTED EMAIL OR LET ME KNOW WHAT REASONABLE OFFER YOU HAVE. THANKS & HAPPY HUNTING; Contact Lanny Irby at 803-684-2592 after 5 PM or email at mduser@comporium.net



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Rock Hill 29732-9476

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