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## Club News

GET READY FOR THE JANUARY 6 MEETING—IT'S GOING TO BE EXCITING: DISPLAY MONTH. IN ADDITION TO THE TREASURE BOARD, WHICH IS ALWAYS FULL OF INTERESTING FINDS, WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL CATEGORY: INDIVIDUAL DISPLAYS. THIS CAN BE A COLLECTION OF COINS, BUTTONS, TOY METAL CARS, WHATEVER YOU COLLECT THAT YOU PUT TOGETHER AS A DISPLAY. GET CREATIVE. DOUBLE POINTS WILL BE AWARDED. IT IS ALWAYS LIKE A VISIT TO A MUSEUM.

THAT IS EXCITING ENOUGH BUT IN ADDITION TO THAT, BILL STILES WILL PUT ON A PROGRAM: DETECTOR SHOW AND TELL EXPLAINING HOW HE USES HIS FISHER F75. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE AT THE FEB. 3 MEETING.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU



CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CAPTAINS GALLEY WAS WELL ATTENDED WITH OVER THIRTY PEOPLE TAKING PART. THE FOOD WAS GOOD AS WELL AS THE COMPANY. PROGRAM DIRECTOR, SCOTT ELLMAN, ANNOUNCED THE COVETED TREASURE HUNTER OF THE YEAR. THE PLAQUE FOR FIRST PLACE WAS PRESENTED TO:

RANDY GATCHEL

COMING IN SECOND WAS MIKE PLYLER, AND DONNIE BRAZELL THIRD PLACE. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.

THE S.C. METAL DETECTOR AND RELIC ASSOCIATION MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT TRINITY BIBLE CHURCH, 915 CHERRY ROAD, ROCK HILL, SC. 29732 IN THE ACTIVITY BUILDING . VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
RANDY GATCHEL'S TREASURE HUNT OF THE CAROLINAS  
HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

## TWO RINGS RETURNED TO OWNERS IN ONE MONTH

During the past few years that I have known fellow Club member, Mike Plyler, I have noticed his generous nature. During the drought last summer we were all detecting at the Ebenezer Boat Landing. Mike had a five-gallon bucket of fishing leads he had recovered while detecting. He would give fishing leads to all the fishermen around. We found four rings that summer, Mike found twenty-nine last we heard. It's as though he has a special knack for finding treasure.

Mike's friend, Arnold Couick, told him about trying to detect a ring someone lost a couple of weeks before. Arnold checked with Dave to see if the ring was ever recovered. Arnold, Mike and Dave met at the site and after only about ten minutes Mike was able to recover the ring and returned it to the happy man right there.

Well, making that recovery made Arnold remember another wedding band he had tried to find for another man, Jack. When he contacted the man's wife, Arnold learned that he was at the Hospice House with cancer and he had never found his lost wedding band he lost in 1999. Arnold visited him and told him about their success with the other ring and that they would try to find his ring. Arnold decided to search down a path leading to an old shed where he thought Jack might have walked. There, where Arnold just left from, Mike found the long lost wedding band after detecting for about an hour and a half. It was about two inches down. On Saturday, together they visited him at the Hospice House to return his ring. It was one of his best days in a while. He was so relieved to see that ring, but he said he wanted to be buried with the replacement ring and for his wife to keep the old ring. She got a chain to wear it around her neck where she said the ring, engraved with their initials, would be close to her heart.

It was very timely returning that long lost ring that Saturday and lifting his spirits; he passed away on Wednesday. Mike and Arnold attend the same church, but it seems they have a ministry of their own. Mike said it was just cool to finally look for and find something for someone.

TREASURE BOARD  
DECEMBER 2, 2008

COINS: SILVER & GOLD

1 <sup>ST</sup> BILL STILES	1901 BARBER HALF DOLLAR
2 <sup>ND</sup> MIKE PLYLER	1881 CHILEAN \$ .20 SILVER COIN
3 <sup>RD</sup> SCOTT BRADLEY	1917 MERCURY DIME

COINS: OTHER

1 <sup>ST</sup> STEVE HERRING	1858 FLYING EAGLE CENT
2 <sup>ND</sup> STU LORD	UNKNOWN US COIN
3 <sup>RD</sup> MIKE PLYLER	1946 WHEAT PENNY

JEWELRY

1 <sup>ST</sup> MIKE PLYLER	14K GOLD WEDDING BAND (RETURNED)
2 <sup>ND</sup> STEVE HERRING	14K GOLD BRACELET
3 <sup>RD</sup> SCOTT BRADLEY	GOLD WEDDING BAND

RELICS (MILITARY PRE-1865)

1 <sup>ST</sup> FRANCES ALEXANDER	GRAPE SHOT
2 <sup>ND</sup> MIKE PLYLER	EAGLE INFANTRY BUTTON
3 <sup>RD</sup> STEVE HERRING	MUSKET BALL

RELIC: OTHER

1 <sup>ST</sup> STEVE HERRING	WWII USA PIN
2 <sup>ND</sup> RAY CORRELL	FIREMAN RING
3 <sup>RD</sup> SCOTT BRADLEY	WWII LAPEL PIN

BEST FIND

1 <sup>ST</sup> MKE PLYLER	14K GOLD WEDDING BAND (RETURNED)
2 <sup>ND</sup> JEFF KLEPAREK	1700 SHOE BUCKLE
3 <sup>RD</sup> STU LORD	SELF MADE COIN

EYE SPY

1 <sup>ST</sup> JIMMY EARNHEART	BROWN ARROWHEAD
2 <sup>ND</sup> DOUG KIRKLAND	SHARK TOOTH
3 <sup>RD</sup> STEVE HERRING	OLD MARBLE

## DECEMBER 2, 2008 MEETING NOTES

THERE WERE A LOT OF LAUGHS AND INTERESTING IDEAS EXCHANGED AT THE MEETING. THIRTY PEOPLE WERE PRESENT WITH THREE VISITORS. WE WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS VAN EYRE AND JEFFREY CURTISS WHO HAS OPENED ROCK HILL COINS.

RANDY GATCHELL'S TREASURE HUNT OF THE CAROLINAS WAS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING, HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE PASSING OF HIS MOTHER. HE WILL BE MAKING NUMEROUS TRIPS TO OHIO AND WILL BE UNABLE TO HAVE THE HUNT. IT'S SAD TO LOSE A LOVE ONE, BUT ALWAYS SEEMS HARDER WHEN IT'S SO NEAR CHRISTMAS. WE ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS RANDY.

IDEAS FOR CLUB OUTINGS WERE EXCHANGED. SCOTT BRADLEY WILL INVESTIGATE AN OUTING AT CEDAR PARK. IT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD PLACE TO DETECT AND A GROUP OF LADIES THERE WILL PROVIDE A MEAL FOR A REASONABLE COST. THIS IS ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF FROM ROCK HILL. HOPE THIS WORKS OUT.

THERE WILL BE A CIVIL WAR SHOW IN CHARLESTON, SC JAN. 10 AT GILLIARD AUTORIUM.

### REFRESHMENTS:

ARNOLD COUICK AND MIKE PLYLER OUTDID THEMSELVES (WITH THE HELP OF THEIR WIVES) PROVIDING REFRESHMENTS AT OUR DECEMBER MEETING. DOUG GRINDSTAFF HAS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE JANUARY 6 MEETING.

We will be passing around the sign up sheet for 2009 at the January 6 meeting, so make plans for which month best suits you. You do not need to do anything elaborate; cookies and soda would be appreciated. Just plan for 30 to 35 people; bring cups, ice, and napkins.

CLUB DUES:

IT IS TIME TO PAY DUES FOR 2009. A GREAT MANY TOOK CARE OF THIS AT THE DECEMBER MEETING, BUT THERE ARE MORE OPPORTUNITIES. THE DUES ARE \$15 FOR THE YEAR WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$5 IF YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF FMDAC AND \$5 FOR A JUNIOR MEMBER. IF YOU WISH TO MAIL YOUR DUES; MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SC METAL DETECTOR & RELIC ASSOCIATION AND MAIL TO:

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