



THE CAROLINA THRESHOLD



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CLUB MEETING

By Jeff Kleparek

Once again we had a stupendous meeting in our new location, Trinity Bible Church. Jimmy Earnhart was recognized with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the club as librarian, thanks Jimmy. And finally we were able to recognize Steve Herring for 3rd place Treasure Hunter for 2007. Congratulations Steve we are looking forward to being able to see your finds throughout the year.

Thanks to Scott Ellman Program Director we will have speakers at our meetings in April, May, and June. A detailed list of speakers and topics will be in the March Newsletter so be sure to look for it. Scott will also have the website fully updated with the new pictures of our best finds that Chris Watson had graciously taken. Be sure to keep checking. For all members who attended the gold panning extravaganza club hunt in February we need to thank Francis Alexander for having us. We all had a great time from learning how to gold pan with the help of Tom Hatley, to swinging the detector around some old gold mines and home sites.

I cannot stress how important it is for us members to share in setting up club hunts. Regardless of any issues you may have had in the past with club hunts I would like to encourage you to try again.

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February brought many new visitors Robert Hill, Walter Wolfe, Tommy Hatley, and Jerry Creasman. Thanks for coming we hope you enjoyed yourself and hope you return. And let's welcome our new members Issac Seuter, Robert Hill, Ricky Brawner, and Jerry Creasman.

LET'S NOT FORGET! We need donations of brand name drinks, water or cash donations toward food purchase for the 11th annual treasure hunt. We will be providing concessions again this year and this is one of the single most important fund raisers this club has, if you can please be generous.

**Our next meeting will be held at 7pm,
March 4th @ Trinity Bible Church 915
Cherry Rd. Rock Hill S.C 29732.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Blast Kills Civil War Relics Dealer

RICHMOND, Va. -- A man who sold Civil War relics that included munitions was killed by an explosion, and residents of the neighborhood were kept out of their homes Tuesday as experts looked for more explosives.

Samuel H. White, 53, was found in his backyard Monday by neighbors who had heard the blast, Chesterfield County police said.

Police Capt. Steve Neal said that what exploded was military ordinance, possibly dating from the Civil War. Authorities found unexploded military ordinance at his house, and on Tuesday they were still collecting and detonating explosives.

White's business, Sam White Relics, advertised various relics for sale including Civil War artillery shells, cannon balls and bullets.

His Web site says he "will disarm, clean, and preserve your Civil War period and earlier military ordinance" for about \$35 each.

About two dozen nearby homes were evacuated as a precaution and police spokeswoman Ann Reid said the evacuation would remain in effect indefinitely.

Neighbor Brian Dunkerly told the Richmond Times-Dispatch the explosion hurled a chunk of metal weighing close to 15 pounds that struck the roof of his front porch about a quarter mile from White's house. He said no one was hurt, although the piece of metal shattered his glass front door, hit the floor inside and bounced to the ceiling before coming to rest in the center of his living room.

TREASURE IN THE NEWS

MAGNA CARTA COPY SELLS FOR \$21 MILLION

A 710-year-old copy of the declaration of human rights known as the Magna Carta was auctioned recently for \$21.3 million, a Sotheby's spokeswoman said.

The document, which had been expected to draw bids of \$20-30 million or higher, was bought by David Rubenstein of The Carlyle Group, a private equity firm, the spokeswoman said. The document was owned by The Perot Foundation, created by Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot, since the early 1980s.

The recent sale price included the auction house's commission.

From the Chicago Tribune, submitted by Bob Bolek,



MAGNA CARTA sells for 21.3 Million

MAGNA CARTA: 2,500 WORDS, 710 YEARS OLD

Even in the hyperbole-prone world of fine art, antiques and documents, there is the "rare," there is the "important" and there is the Magna Carta.

As rare as it is important, a 13th Century original copy of this medieval template for modern laws upholding human rights and freedoms will be sold to the highest bidder at Sotheby's here. I could be yours for an estimated \$20 million to \$30 million.

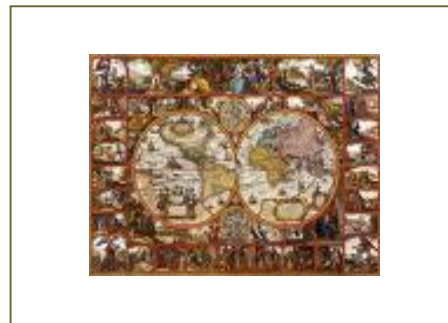
Such a chance may never come again, according to David Redden, Sotheby's vice chairman, who showed off the vellum manuscript at a preview. He described the document as the most important ever to be sold at auction.

"I guess the most astonishing thing is it's here and it's for sale," said Redden. Only 17 original copies of the Magna Carta are known to survive. English archives and libraries hold 15 of them and Australia has one, none of which is likely ever to be sold, he said. He noted there are no restrictions on who may bid on the Magna Carta or where they may take it.

The document is being sold by The Perot Foundation, a philanthropy founded by Texas billionaire and former presidential candidate Ross Perot, which purchased it for \$1.5 million in 1984. For approximately five centuries before that, the document belonged to the wealthy English Brudenell family of Deene park in Northhamshire, although it is not certain how they acquired it. Sotheby's is auctioning the only original copy of the manuscript that has been held primarily in private hands since it was produced by a royal scribe in 1297. That was

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OF THE CAROLINAS
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*****SUNDAY FEATURES TWO HUNTS*****

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SILVER COMPETITION HUNT USES SILVER DIMES AS TOKENS SO YOU CAN'T LOSE ON THIS ONE.
KID'S HUNT IS FREE. (12 AND UNDER)**

**THE FIELDS ARE GETTING CLEANED OUT
BUT THERE IS STILL A LOT OF TRASH SO BE PREPARED!!!!!!!**

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FEBRUARY 2008 CONTEST BOARD RESULTS

| Category | Place | Name | Item |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| COINS: SILVER & GOLD | | | |
| | 1 ST | Donnie Brazzell | 1830 ½ Dime |
| | 2 ND | Mike Plyler | 1947 Roosevelt silver dime |
| | 3 RD | Jeff Kleparek | 1943-1944 Mercury dimes |
| COINS: OTHER | | | |
| | 1 ST | Randy Gatchel | Colonial Copper |
| | 2 ND | Donnie Brazzell | 1864 Indian Head Penny |
| | 3 RD | Ricky Rogers | 1776-1976 Bicentennial Dollar |
| JEWELRY | | | |
| | 1 ST | Steve Perring | 14kt Gold Ring |
| | 2 ND | Frances Alexander | 18kt Gold Baby Ring |
| | 3 RD | Ray Corell | Silver Bracelet |
| RELICS: PRE-1865 (MILITARY) | | | |
| | 1 ST | Bill Styles | Eagle Staff Officer Button |
| | 2 ND | Lanny Irby | Eagle Button |
| | 3 RD | Randy Gatchell | Melted Minnie Ball |
| RELICS: OTHER | | | |
| | 1 ST | Mike Plyler | Kings Mountain Military Academy Button |
| | 2 ND | Jeff Kleparek | Police Button |
| | 3 RD | Lanny Irby | Confederate Bullet |
| BEST FIND | | | |
| | 1 ST | Mike Plyler | 1829 ½ Dime |
| | 2 ND | Lanny Irby | Horse Rosette |
| | 3 RD | Mark Norris | 2 Police Cuff Buttons |
| EYE SPY | | | |
| | 1 ST | Jimmy Earnhart | Large Marble |
| | 2 ND | Chris Watson | Black Tourmaline |
| | 3 RD | Francis Alexander | Turquoise |

"February's door prize went to Donnie Brazzell whom immediately gave it to one of our newest and youngest members, Issac Seuter"

Magna Carta from page 2

the year the Magna Carta, originally written in 1215 and revised through the 13th Century, finally was entered into English common law by King Edward I. Handwritten copies were made for distribution around the kingdom. Written in ink on a 710-year-old sheet of animal skin vellum and bearing the wax seal of King Edward, the manuscript has held up surprisingly well. Although it is marred by some staining and missing words, Sotheby's Magna Carta, or Great Charter, is about 14 inches wide by 16 inches high and features 2,500 Latin words densely packed into 68 lines of text. Most of it is legible, particularly if you use a magnifying glass. The now-sepia-colored handwriting is exquisite, in an elegant chancery script with flourishes on perfectly formed letters that are only about one-eighth-inch high. "Quite frankly, the reason it's called Magna Carta is it's big," said Redden, noting that because the document was long and vellum was valuable, scribes had to write in the most economical manner possible. But, he added, "In a very important way it doesn't matter what it looks like because what one is offering is one of the most important symbols of world history." Beyond England, the Magna Carta provided the foundation for legal systems throughout the world, Redden said, including those of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, former British colonies in Asia and Africa and, of course, the United States. Many of the ideas and language used in the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Gettysburg Address and the Declaration of Independence find their roots in the Magna Carta. These include the right to a speedy trial before a jury of one's peers; no taxation without representation; the concept of

government of the people, by the people and for the people; the idea of government drawing power from the consent of the governed; the right of habeas corpus, which protects against unlawful imprisonment; and freedom from unreasonable search and seizure. Most important, the Magna Carta established the revolutionary concept that no man is above the law, even the king. In 1215, it was forged out of outrage against the abuses of King John, a cruel sovereign who ran roughshod over his subjects. After a rebellion by barons, he hammered out the first version of the Magna Carta with them and signed it at Runnymede, a meadow alongside the Thames. Although it was revised over the years, the document did not become part of common law until 82 years later. The catalyst was rebellion against another abusive king, John's grandson Edward I, who exploited his subjects, seizing goods, extorting loans and raising taxes to finance his wars of expansion. After The Perot Foundation purchase of the document, it spent most of the last 23 years on display at the National Archives in Washington. It was removed this fall. Proceeds of the sale will fund medical research, education and aid to wounded soldiers. "It wasn't our copy. It belonged to The Perot Foundation. We always knew it was on loan to us. That's the nature of a loan, it's not permanent," said National Archives spokeswoman Susan Cooper. When asked if they would like to get it back on loan from the next owner; she declined to speculate. But Redden was not as shy on their behalf. "The National Archives would like it back," he said, crisply. "They very much, explicitly, would like back."

Treasure hunt cont:

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SATURDAY'S OPTIONAL EXTRA FEE HUNT

OF SILVER HUNT COMPETITION ENTRIES _____ \$20.00

SUNDAY'S OPTIONAL EXTRA FEE HUNT

OF SILVER HALF/QUARTER HUNT ENTRIES _____ \$15.00

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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 If you are unable to attend the next meeting, you can mail your check made payable to SCMD to:

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We want to thank Francis Alexander and Mike Plyler for the refreshments at the February meeting. Scott and Kelly Ellman will provide refreshments in March.

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.scmetaldetectingclub.com

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 6, we have grown to a membership of over 50, with new members joining almost every month.

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