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## Club Meeting

By Jeff Kleparek

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Amazing, generous, giving; these are just a few words that can be used to classify the nature of the people of Trinity Bible School. The new location they are allowing us to use, without so many words, is magnificent. Parking is available all around the church and school complex. The inside is spacious and comfortable with enough space to fit many new members. The same basic rules of etiquette apply. No smoking, clean up after ourselves, and leave the place looking better than when we arrived.

Although Trinity is allowing us to use the facility free of charge, we are still compelled to make quarterly donations for the sake of helping Trinity Baptist reach others for Christ. We approved to make a few donations in advance as a gesture of good will to Trinity Baptist.

Our first meeting in the new location went off without a hitch. And if things could not have gotten any better, they did! Thanks to the Herald

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## Treasure in the Headlines

By Treasure net forum

### WALL YIELDS TREASURE OF OLD COLLECTIBLE COINS

Piles of old coins worth as much as \$200,000 were found in a long-abandoned home, including scores that the owner had apparently thrown down a hole in the wall.

Jeff Bidelman, owner of Rare Collectibles near Johnstown, said he was helping the family clean out the house after the death of the owners, who had not lived there for two decades.

He was dragging a bag of old coins down the steps when he noticed the hole in an upstairs wall.

"The woman said when she was a kid, there were always rumors that that's where they threw their money," Bidelman told the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat.

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# My Official Resignation

By John Ginter

## Executive Committee

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- I am hereby officially tendering my resignation as an adult. I have decided I would like to accept the responsibilities of an 8 year-old again.
- I want to go to McDonald's and think that it's a four star restaurant.
- I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud puddle and make a sidewalk with rocks.
- I want to think M&Ms are better than money because you can eat them.
- I want to lie under a big oak tree and run a lemonade stand with my friends on a hot summer's day.
- I want to return to a time when life was simple, when all you knew were colors, multiplication tables, and nursery rhymes, but that didn't bother you, because you didn't know what you didn't know and you didn't care. All you knew was to be happy because you were blissfully unaware of all the things that should make you worried or upset.
- I want to think the world is fair. That everyone is honest and good.
- I want to believe that anything is possible.
- I want to be oblivious to the complexities of life and be overly excited by the little things again.
- I want to live simple again.
- I don't want my day to consist of computer crashes, mountains of paperwork, depressing news, how to survive more days in the month than there is money in the bank, doctor bills, gossip, illness, and loss of loved ones.
- I want to believe in the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, mankind, and making angels in the snow.
- So. Here's my checkbook and my car keys, my credit card bills and my 401K statements. I am officially resigning from adulthood. And if you want to discuss this further, you'll have to catch me first, cause....."Tag! You're it!"

## Club Meeting from page 1

for placing our article in a new section of the newspaper. We had a **record breaking 13 visitors**, of which **4 joined us immediately**, for a total of 36 members and guests at the first meeting of the year. WOW!

President Bill Styles presented certificates of appreciation to the following executive committee members for their past and continued outstanding service to our club: Chris Watson, Francis Alexander, Judy Kirkland, Mary Beth Schwallie, Jimmy Earnheart, Rick Baker, and Scott Ellman. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the club.

Due to an unforeseeable situation, we did not have access to the library this month, but great news! The Library **will** be open for our next meeting in February.

Look for our updated website to be coming soon. Scott already updated several areas of the site, including the last several newsletters. Thanks to Chris Watson for taking pictures of our member's best finds. (Don't worry, Chris; I don't think the drink spill made much of a difference!) We will have several new pictures listed on our site to not only attract attention to potential members, but for us to share our personal success with others.



Certificate of  
Appreciation

## JANUARY 2008 CONTEST BOARD RESULTS

Category	Place	Name	Item
<b>COINS: SILVER &amp; GOLD</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	MIKE PLYLER	1926 SILVER DIME
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	RANDY GATCHEL	1917 SILVER CANADIAN QUARTER
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	BILL STYLES	WORN SILVER COIN
<b>COINS: OTHER</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	LANNY IRBY	18__ BIG PENNY
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	RANDY GATCHEL	1844 BANK OF MONTREAL ½ PENNY
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	FRANCES ALEXANDER	1980 CARIBBEAN \$1 COIN
<b>JEWELRY</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	FRANCES ALEXANDER	14KT GOLD EAGLE CHARM
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	MIKE PLYLER	SILVER RING
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	BILL STYLES	ANTIQUÉ BRASS PENDANT
<b>RELICS: PRE-1865 (MILITARY)</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	LANNY IRBY	CIVIL WAR NAVAL EAGLE BUTTON
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	MARK NORRIS	CONFEDERATE FLORAL BUTTON
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	RANDY GATCHEL	HARMONICA REED
<b>RELICS: OTHER</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	BOBBY HALLMAN	IRON BUCKLE WH GROWN ROOT
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DON CATOE	1935 ID TAG
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	FRANCES ALEXANDER	IRON HOOK
<b>BEST FIND</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	LANNY IRBY	1919 WATCH FOB
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	RAY CORRELL	DIAMOND BRACELET
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	FRANCES ALEXANDER	10 KT WHITE GOLD BAND
<b>EYE SPY</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	MIKE PLYLER	ARROWHEAD
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DONNY BRAZZELL	PEPSI KEY RING
	3 <sup>RD</sup>	RICHARD OTTERBOURG	CATAWABA CELT

**Treasure in the headlines from page 1**

Within minutes of tearing down the first-floor wall below the hole, Bidelman was wading in piles of old coins.

"They think they are going to get \$100,000," Bidelman said. "I think they will probably get \$200,000."

After sorting through the coins, Bidelman found some minted as early as 1793. Some are worth about \$8,500 and have already been posted on the internet for purchase, Bidelman said.

*From The Roscoe Times, submitted by Royce McCain, Eugene Sroka, Steve E. Osmialowski, and Jerry R. Hallett.*

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

Frances Alexander  
43 Fairway Ridge  
Lake Wylie S.C 29710

### Refreshments



We want to thank Lanny and Donnie for the refreshments at the January meeting. Frances Alexander and Mike Plyler will provide refreshments in February.

#### 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.

#### Amazing Deals & Bargains

- Gt Royal headphones form White's - 1 yr warranty - \$45, two pair. Contact Lanny Irby 803-684-2592
- Bill Styles has display cases for sale: large \$8, medium \$6, small \$3. See him at ANY meeting to purchase.



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## Club Treasure Hunts

### Thars Gold in them thar waterways

Thanks to Scott Ellman and the one and only Mrs. I need to find big gold once a month Francis Alexander, we will be holding a gold panning extravaganza in a highly guarded secret location West of York SC on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. ANYONE interested in gold panning, greenhorn or experienced come and join in on the action. So far there is 14 people signed up and plenty room for more. So don't make any excuses and be sure to meet up at Windy Hill Orchard in York SC at 8am on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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*Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.*

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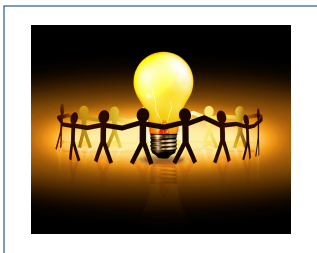
### Randy Gatchell Hunt

Be sure to check out February's newsletter for complete details. The Club will provide concessions so Please Bring Name Brand Drinks and water to our February meeting to donate to the club. The proceeds we receive from the sales at the hunt is one of our most important revenue generators.

### The I guess we'll call it the Club Relic Hunt

We had a club hunt Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup>. We had quite a turn out of 12 members and guests and some spectacular finds!!! Without giving up too much, thanks to Mike Plyler it was the first time I saw a 1829 half dime pulled out of a hole. Look for much much more on February's treasure board.

## January Visitors & New Members



**Welcome visitors**, we hope you return and join the club; we enjoyed having you and hope you come back.

Wm. Diamanduros, Ellen Rogers, Mark Buckaloo, Larry White, Charles Gibney, Frankie Bell, Mandy Wolff, Larry White, Joe Herlong

### Congratulations to our new members.

Ron Montgomery, Randall Wolfe, Robert Scott, & Doug Grindstaff. We look forward to sharing our passion of treasure hunting. We anticipate some good finds each month for the treasure board from all of you.

## ETHICS & C.Y.A (GLUTEUS MAXIMUS)

*By: The not so proper and polite editor's evil twin*

Thanks to Lanny Irby for discussing a story about a game warden in Santee wild life sanctuary, who took a detector, jailed a man for three days, and fined him \$250,000 for trying to remove artifacts from the sanctuary. It was a real eye opener.

The story prompted me to want to discuss Ethics and common sense rules for metal detecting. Since we just had several Visitors and several new members join the club I figure this would be the best time to discuss them, and it doesn't hurt for the veterans and pro's to be reminded once in a while.

### Good METAL DETECTING ETIQUETTE

*Hey you,  
yea I'm talking to  
you. Do not skip  
this article if you  
know what's  
good for ya.*

**1) Always have signed permission from the landowner or person Qualified to make that decision before searching.**

**2) No matter where you detect, city or private land, ALWAYS FILL YOUR HOLES!!** There is nothing worse than an elderly woman looking out her window and seeing her already difficult to take care of yard riddled with holes and mounds of dirt, just after speaking with her church congregation about "That nice young man who she is letting detect in her yard" OOPS your fault, you just screwed it up for the rest of us and you just missed out on detecting that church that was built in the early 1800's because **you didn't have time to fill the holes so you could get to that date on time.** Yea I'm talking to you, lunch break hunts are included.

**3) If you carry it in, carry it out. Don't leave your soda pop cans, plastic wrappers, or any other trash behind.** That goes for anything you dig up including that friggin 20" plow blade you spent 30 minutes digging out of that hole you could have parked a Buick in. And don't forget to fill the hole.

**4) Be extremely careful about fire. The landowner & neighbors, livestock & wildlife in the area, are depending on you to make sure all campfires & smoking materials are out.** Only you can prevent forest fires only you. The bears gotta point.

**5) Here's a sticky point & one that has, unfortunately, cost a few friendships: If a friend takes you to one of his or her digging spots, it doesn't necessarily become your spot as well.** Check with your friend First, even if the landowner gives you the O.K. Because I'll be darned if I'm going to spend 6-12 months researching the area, find a spot, graciously invite friends or club members, get to detect once, get caught up for a few weeks with family and work emergencies to find out your so called hunting buddies picked the place clean and found some one of a kind relics. Use some common sense & Courtesy, doing things like that could cause even the most well reserved person to act out in ways you didn't think possible.

**6) I wish this were law rather than etiquette:** Keep a careful record of the particulars of your finds. This record keeping will help maintain the artifacts' historical context. The what & where of an excavated artifact is of great importance to future historical research. You never know. That messed up button you found deep in the woods could be the only one in existence.

In short: abide by the law, respect the landowner, & his property, your hunting buddies or club members & their found spots. Value the friendship of your fellow detectorist and maintain a careful record of your finds.

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### Covering Your Gluteus Maximus

1. follow etiquette rule number one
2. When in doubt refer to rule number one.
3. Did I mention rule number one?

In case you need some help with the permission letters, here is the link  
<http://www.treasurefish.com/permission.htm>

Just copy and paste on to a word document, use your own info and you're done. Now get out there and get permission to hunt.

