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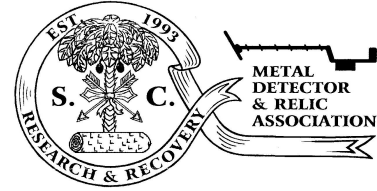
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MEMBER CLUB



## Club Meeting

Wow, we had a great meeting on June 5, 2007. Richard Otterbourg brought a stereo microscope to the meeting. We looked at some of the new Presidential dollar coins with errors on them. Ebay is just full of such error coins. He brought holders for the Presidential coins for us. Richard told about his trip to the FMDAC Hunt in Mesa, Arizona. He found coins and 5 gold nuggets as well as visiting with family and friends.

A major pleasure for me is to visit a new place. Our stay at Fort Clinch State Park in Florida was great fun. On our first visit to Fernandina Beach a man asked Doug if he was looking for sharks teeth. Doug explained about his hobby metal detecting. The guy tells Doug that he has a new detector in his closet for ten years & never used it! Doug tells him about the Hunt on Saturday and that he should come and try detecting. On Saturday he showed up at the Hunt and brought his son.

They had a great time, and by the end of the day they were discussing all kinds of places they were going to detect.

At the June 3 meeting we discussed members who were missing. Bill Stiles suggested we call or email to let folks know they were missed. If you didn't get such a message, I am telling you now that you were missed. You missed seeing some great treasure on our Board. All month long we look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Congratulations to Sam Robertson on the birth of a new baby! Come on out to the July 3 meeting. Don't forget to fly your flag. God Bless America.

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

Judy Kirkland



## Treasure in the News

Bullets tell the tale of Antietam  
May 14, 2007

SHARPSBURG, MD. (AP) -- Buried beneath a cornfield in Western Maryland lies detritus from the millions of rounds of ammunition fired during the battle of Antietam, the single bloodiest day in U.S. history.

For an archaeology team from the National Park Service that surveyed a part of the field with metal detectors recently, every spent round unearthed tells the story of the men who died and of the ebb and flow of the two vast armies that fought each other Sept. 17, 1862.

"I think about who was out here... and their proximity to each other," archaeologist Bob Sonderman said. "This wasn't [soldiers] shooting at each other at 250 yards. This was 70 yards. You could see the faces of your enemy. It must have been terrifying."

Team member Karen Orrence said more than 400 objects -- mostly bullets and shrapnel -- have been recovered. For each hour in the field, the archaeologists likely will spend about three hours in the lab analyzing the evidence they discovered, she said. The locations of shrapnel and spent and unfired bullets help the team determine troop movements, such as the

retreat line of the fleeing 7th Maine, which was ordered to attack a Confederate unit near Piper Farm in the late afternoon, said Stephen R. Potter, head of the team.

Mr. Potter said it was a stupid order. With the Union troops in their artillery sights, Confederate troops managed to drive back the assault. "I don't think they would've been able to drive the Maine guys back if they wouldn't have had the artillery that they had because what we're finding out here is pretty nasty stuff," Mr. Potter said. For example, the group found one piece of shell that was about half the size of a human hand. Inside would have been lead shot about the size of pingpong balls. Any piece could have taken off a limb, Mr. Potter said.

"It's a horrible, horrible thing," he said. By looking at the marks on bullets, Mr. Potter determined whether bullets found on the field had been fired. Deformities at the bullets' tips indicate they hit something, though there is no way to know what they hit.

"Millions and millions and millions of rounds" were fired at Antietam, Mr. Potter said.

More than 20,000 Union and Confederate troops were killed, captured or injured, or simply disappeared during the 12-hour battle, which aborted Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's attempt to invade the North.

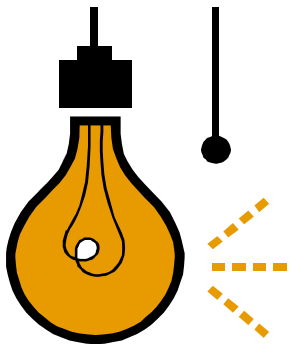
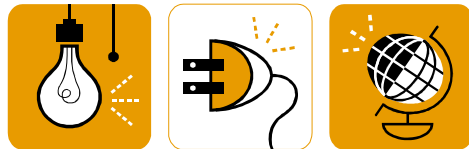
The area will be planted with apple trees to re-create the appearance of the landscape.

## Next Club Meeting

### NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, July 3, 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 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: JULY 3, AUGUST 7 SEPTEMBER 4, OCTOBER 2, NOVEMBER 6 AND DECEMBER 4.



## Club Raffle

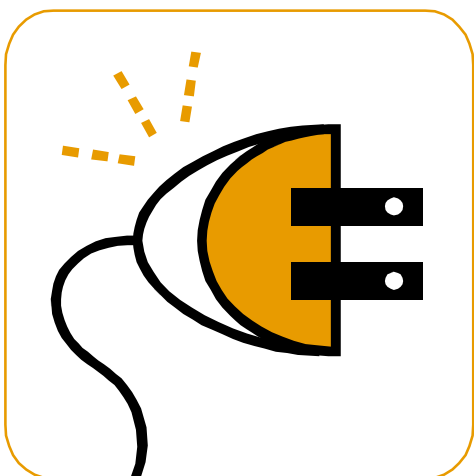
Raffle tickets to raise money for Leonard Bratton Memorial Hunt, selling at record pace. Don't forget to bring your money and stubs to turn in to Frances Alexander. Chris Watson has more tickets for you to sell. Don't forget there will be a prize for who sells the most tickets.

## Refreshments



We want to thank Jimmy Earnheart and Bobby Hallman for all of their hard work putting together refreshments at the June meeting. Frances Alexander and Judy Kirkland will provide refreshments at the July 3 meeting--perhaps egg salad sandwiches will be on the menu. 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:

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## Interesting Website

<http://www.findmall.com>

If you have not been to this site yet, check it out, as they have a lot of "how to" for detectors, and other great information!



***“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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## FMDAC

FMDAC, on their main page has a new section for clubs with newsletters and classified ads listing things for sale.

Our Club is listed on the FMDAC site for Classified ads, which is linked to our website! So if you have something you'd like to sell, please let Scott know, as he can put it in the newsletter and website for you.

# JUNE 2007 CONTEST BOARD RESULTS

Category	Place	Name	Item
<b>COINS: SILVER &amp; GOLD</b>			
1 <sup>ST</sup>		CHRIS WATSON	1741 REALE
2 <sup>ND</sup>		DON BARNETTE	1917 WALKING LIBERTY HALF
3 <sup>RD</sup>		MARK NORRIS	1890 SEATED LIBERTY QUARTER
<b>COINS: OTHER</b>			
1 <sup>ST</sup>		DONNIE BRAZELL	1880+/- 3 CENT PIECE
2 <sup>ND</sup>		SCOTT BRADLEY	1908 INDIAN HEAD PENNY
3 <sup>RD</sup>		CHRIS WATSON	1864 INDIAN HEAD PENNY
<b>JEWELRY</b>			
1 <sup>ST</sup>		DOUG KIRKLAND	SILVER RING
2 <sup>ND</sup>		DON CATOE	SILVER RING
3 <sup>RD</sup>		SCOTT BRADLEY	SILVER WEDDING BAND
<b>RELICS: PRE-1865</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>		RICK BAKER	FLINT LOCK PLATE
2 <sup>ND</sup>		CHRIS WATSON	MINIE BALL
3 <sup>RD</sup>			
<b>RELICS: OTHER</b>			
1 <sup>ST</sup>		DON BRAZELL	NY MILITARY BUTTON
2 <sup>ND</sup>		DON CATOE	WWI COLLAR PIN
3 <sup>RD</sup>		SCOTT BRADLEY	BOY SCOUT NECKERCHIEF SLIDE
<b>BEST FIND</b>			
1 <sup>ST</sup>		RICK BAKER	COKE FOB
2 <sup>ND</sup>		DONNIE CATOE	KIRK ARROWHEAD
3 <sup>RD</sup>		DOUG KIRKLAND	GARNET CABOCHON RING
<b>EYE SPY</b>			
1 <sup>ST</sup>		DOUG KIRKLAND	MEGLADON SHARK TOOTH
2 <sup>ND</sup>		DON CATOE	BIRD POINT ARROWHEAD
3 <sup>RD</sup>		RICK BAKER	SILVER RING

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
- ✓ 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

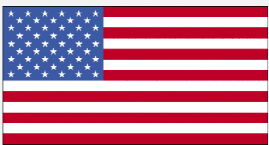
Our club was started by a small group of friends that had the hobby of metal detecting as a mutual bond. We decided that Rock Hill, S.C. would be an ideal place for our club to be based.

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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