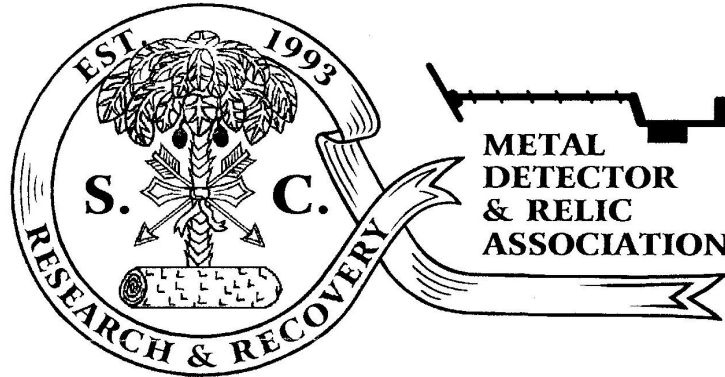







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NEXT MEETING

IMPORTANT LOOK.....IMPORTANT.....PLEASE NOTICE

**JULY MEETING WILL BE ON THE 2ND TUESDAY , JULY 11 DON'T MISS IT.
NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 11 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.**

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NEXT MEETING

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 EXCEPT FOR JULY 4 WHEN WE MEET THE 2ND TUESDAY, JULY 11. Visitors are always welcome.

MEETING DATES FOR 2006 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
JULY 11(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE, THIS IS 2ND TUESDAY, DUE TO JULY 4TH HOLIDAY) AUGUST 1 SEPTEMBER 5 OCTOBER 3 NOVEMBER 7
DECEMBER 5

REFRESHMENTS

REFRESHMENTS: We GREATLY enjoyed the refreshments provided by JIMMY EARNHEART AND BOBBY HALLMAN at the JUNE Meeting. THANKS! The refreshments for the JULY 11TH meeting will be provided by SCOTT AND KELLY ELLMAN. 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

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 July \$7.50 (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. CHECK IT OUT!

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CLUB MEETING

CLUB MEETING: THE JUNE MEETING WAS GREAT FUN AS ALWAYS. WE HAD FOUR VISITORS: SAM ROBERTSON, JOHN ABERNATHY, MARY BETH SCHWALLIE AND CURTISS L. SHOAF(LANE SHOAF'S FATHER-IN-LAW). WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: JOHN ABERNATHY, MARY BETH SCHWALLIE AND CURTISS SHOAF. 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. NEW MEMBER JOHN ABERNATHY WON THE DOOR PRIZE.

OUR VICE PRESIDENT, DONNIE CATOE, IS RECOVERING FROM HIS BACK SURGERY AND WAS MISSED AT THE MEETING. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE JULY 11 MEETING. KEEP HIM IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. GET WELL QUICKLY DONNIE!

HUNTS

THE CLUB'S LEONARD BRATTON MEMORIAL FALL HUNT WAS DISCUSSED. PROGRAM DIRECTOR BILL STILES, IS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS, AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTIVITIES. RICK BAKER VOLUNTEERED TO HANDLE THE NUGGET SHOOT. ANY NEW IDEAS FOR HUNTS OR GAME WELCOMED. NO DATE HAS BEEN SET. PLEASE ATTEND THE JULY 11TH MEETING IF YOU WANT TO OFFER INPUT. I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO TOP LAST YEARS HUNT, BUT IT WILL BE A GREAT TIME I'M SURE.

THE FOLLOWING CLUB MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GNRS HUNT:

BILL STILES AND CHRIS WATSON MADE THE WHITES TEAM
DOUG KIRKLAND MADE THE MINELAB TEAM
MICHAEL McDONALD 1ST ALTERNATE FOR WHITES TEAM
RICK BAKER 2ND ALTERNATE FOR WHITES TEAM

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

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 July meeting. Final order will be placed after the July meeting. Also, Scott is checking on optional types of hats, other than baseball cap, such as a mesh hat, visor, and a knit winter hat. The plan is for a navy t-shirt with the club logo in white. The price will depend on the number ordered but the shirts will probably be \$12 and hats \$15. THE MONEY WILL BE DUE WHEN YOU PLACE YOUR ORDER.

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GARRETT FACTORY TOUR ON TV SHOW

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN WATCHING JOHN RATZENBERGER'S MADE IN AMERICA: HAWAIIAN TROPIC. IT IS SCHEDULED TO BE ON TRAVEL CHANNEL, TUESDAY, MAY 23RD AT 9:30 PM ON ONE OF THE SEGMENTS THEY TOUR THE GARRETT FACTORY

OTHER NEWS & NOTES

Wayne Otto Memorial Hunt – The club did not win any prizes, but the money went to a great cause.

A SITE WE FIND HELPFUL IS WWW.FINDMALL.COM AND [HTTP://WWW.THEGOLDENOLDE.COM](http://WWW.THEGOLDENOLDE.COM)

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.

CLUB WEBSITE

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH ON OUR GOLD SECTION OF THE WEBSITE EXCEPT FOR THE GOLD AWARD SCOTT WON ON TREASURE DEPOT FOR OUR WEBSITE. IF YOU BRING YOUR BEST FIND 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. THERE ARE LINKS TO OTHER SITES. CHECK IT OUT!

NATIONAL NEWS

THE FMDAC FALL CONVENTION & TREASURE EXPO 2006 IS NOVEMBER 10, 11 AND 12 IN MYRTLE BEACH, SC. THIS IS SUCH AN EXCITING YEAR.

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This post from the Findmall.com website was recommended by Ricky Rogers, enjoy.

Have you ever had one of those day's that are just plain strange to the point that it makes you sit and THINK about where or why we choose the spots we do to hunt ?

Well yesterday was one of those I won't forget anytime soon !

I've been doing more bass fishing lately than detecting but the wind has been blowing so hard on the lake I decided to go dirt fishing.

The main public park area of Lake Guntersville is probably 2-3 miles long and averages from anywhere to 200' to 700' deep from the parking lots to the waters edge.

I've been concentrating mainly on the BIG TREE areas where the most shade is and completely ignored one out of the way spot because it's usually too overgrown to detect. It's a small island of sorts with one HUGE Oak and a pic-nic table separated by 3 natural drainage ditches and I'd bet that it has to cut by weed eaters.

Anyway, the park has a long paved walking trail that stretches the entire length (probably 3 miles) and lot's of folks walk it on a daily basis from every age group.

Well yesterday I found this small area had been cut and cleaned, a new trash can and BBQ grill put up so I decided to give it a go.

I hunted in all metal, pulled the usual trash for 30 minutes and a few keeper coins and thought I'd gotten most of it, put the 70 in prospecting mode and hit a deep IH and merc together.

I couldn't help but notice an elderly lady watching me from a distance, she stayed there the entire time sitting on another park bench just watching. On my last signal I dug one of those Irish heart rings that has 2 hands clasping together, it was 14K with 2 small diamonds, one inside each hand. I cleaned it off and noticed an inscription inside the band that read (To my loving Rosie).

As I walked towards the parking lot she spoke to me and said she was glad to see the park service had finally cleaned up that area.

We sat and talked for quite awhile, she told me about her husbands affiliation with the park and how this was his & her favorite spot to sit and watch the geese for the last 40 years of his life.

With a mixed southern drawl and a still notable Irish accent in her voice she spoke of a ring he gave her before he passed away.

I decided a long time ago that if you LISTEN to old folks, well you just might learn something !

She told me all about Ireland and how she met her husband to be as a young girl during the war and all about coming to America. Then she filled me in on how that old park bench was put there by her husband, it was the first one for the park. After his death she sold her home and moved into an assisted living place where some of her friends live.

I guess our conversation went on for well over an hour but she NEVER asked me if I found her ring or told me her name !

I told her how much of a pleasure it was meeting her and that I needed to be going, she reached out with her nimble hand and grasped the end of my fingers on my left hand as if I was an old friend saying goodbye for the last time.

She didn't know it but I had already reached in my pouch and had the ring cupped in my hand. As she held onto my hand I told her again Rosie it was a pleasure, I rolled my right hand around and uncupped the ring. She still hadn't seen the ring and had a blank but smiling look of wonder on her face. She said, how do you know my name ... but still smiling. I raised the ring up at eye level and said this has to belong to YOU .

I can't express in words the JOY this brought to the conversation. She was overcome with it, it did my heart good just to watch the look on her face when I placed the ring in her hand.

Rosie stared at the ring for what seemed like forever and cried like a baby, she nervously slid it on her finger thanking me over and over again for finding it.

I only wish I had my taken camera with me but as always I never seem to have the foresight to keep it handy. But rest assured the image of her kind face will stick with me forever.

As I sat at home last night I couldn't help but wonder the amazing possibilities of how everything unfolded. I came to one conclusion, this hobby never ceases to make me .

H.H.

Mike

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JUNE 2006 CONTEST BOARD RESULTS

| Category | Place | Name | Item |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Coins: Silver & Gold | 1 st | STEVE HERRING | 1942 HALF DOLLAR |
| | 2 nd | DONNIE BRAZELL | 1838 CUT DIME |
| | 3 rd | BOBBY HALLMAN | BARBER DIME |
| Coins Other | 1 st | SCOTT BRADLEY.... | 1888 INDIAN HEAD PENNY |
| | 2 nd | DONNIE BRAZELL | BROOCH - BIG PENNY |
| | 3 rd | SCOTT ELLMAN | NEW HAMPSHIRE TOKEN |
| Jewelry..... | 1 st | BOBBY HALLMAN... | OLD POCKET WATCH |
| | 2 nd | STEVE HERRING | GOLD WEDDING BAND |
| | 3 rd | SCOTT BRADLEY... | SILVER RING |
| Relics Pre-1865 | 1 st | DONNIE BRAZELL... | BLOCK I ONE PIECE BUTTON |
| | 2 nd | LANNY IRBY | SC STATE SEAL BUTTON |
| | 3 rd | STEVE HERRING | FRICTION PRIMER |
| Relic Other | 1 st | JIMMY EARNHEART | CAT HEAD LOCK |
| | 2 nd | BOBBY HALLMAN | BUGGY STEP |
| | 3 rd | CHRIS WATSON | CHUNK OF SILVER FORK |
| Best Find | 1 st | LANNY IRBY | SCRIPT I BUTTON |
| | 2 nd | BOBBY HALLMAN | SC STATE SEAL BUTTON |
| | 3 rd | DONNIE BRAZELL | CLAY INDIAN PAINT POT |
| Eye Spy | 1 st | CHRIS WATSON | MEDICINE BOTTLE |
| | 2 nd | RICK BAKER | QUARTZ CRYSTAL |
| | 3 rd | SCOTT BRADLEY | QUARTZ CRYSTAL |

HUNTER OF THE YEAR POINTS

- 1 CHRIS WATSON 91
- 2 BILL STILES 69
- 3 STEVE HERRING 66
- 4 BOBBY HALLMAN 63
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- 6 SCOTT BRADLEY 44
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- 9 DONNIE BRAZELL 26
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AMAZING DEALS/BARGAINS

FOR SALE OR TRADE: GTA 1000, WHITES EAGLE SL, NEW WHITE HEADPHONE, A 10" COIL TO FIT A TOSORO DETECTOR. 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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