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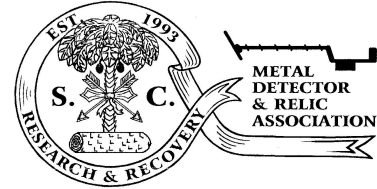
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Club Meeting

While I was taking a social work class at Winthrop College called later life, we had a speaker one night. What she said has stayed with me to this day. She spoke of the importance of having a hobby. She said it was necessary to begin a hobby early, don't wait until you retire. So often when people retire they don't know what to do with themselves. Their lives are so centered around their jobs. When they no longer have that job; they have lost their identity. Telling you about having a hobby is like preaching to the choir, but I think people like to be validated.

when you fill out an application, they often ask your hobbies. What do you list? We have too many: metal detecting, boating, rock hound, camping, traveling, reading, cooking, wood carving, watercolors, puzzles. Somebody stop me. It's a great thing to have interests.

If you missed the march 6 meeting, what a shame. We had a great time. Richard otterbourg gave a presentation on revealing a date on buffalo nickels where none could be seen. Richard knows all the important things about coin collecting.

The big club news is the beach hunt taking place Saturday, April 14 at Myrtle Bach, SC.

The low tide will be at 11:36 am so you will have time to drive down that day if you wish. Everybody will hunt on their own around the big hotels.

Richard Otterbourg is setting up a get together at 6:00 pm at Ryan's steak house for a meal and showing off your finds. We had the most fun after the FMDAC hunt when Richard reserved the banquet room at Ryan's. Here is a tip for you. Save those fishing weights you find, they could earn you a prize!

There was a little concern about our meeting place. The church building has been for sale for some time and has been sold. However, bill stiles has confirmed we can continue to meet at the church for at least the next year.

We have speakers lined up; Mary Beth Schwallie has lined up jerry, the Pineville coin seller. Everybody says he has many great stories. We look forward to that. Chris Watson and Rick baker are putting together the raffle to raise money for our Leonard Bratton memorial fall hunt. We are going to have at least three prizes. Get ready to sell tickets. There is always a prize for best salesman.

If you need to contact me, I can be reached through reddog57@earthlink.net. Hope to see you at the April meeting.

Judy Kirkland



Treasure Hunt of the Carolinas

Our club owes a great big THANK YOU to Frances Alexander for the success of our food concession at Randy Gatchell's Treasure Hunt of the Carolinas. She volunteered for the job and was cheerful and fun the entire time. It was her idea to have BBQ, hot dogs with chili, and Southern sweet tea. Let me say the hunters enjoyed it and returned for more. We had great help which included Joy Correll, Myra and Scott Bradley, Steve Herring, Bill Stiles, Richard Otterbourg (master chili chef), Bill

Stiles, Dessie Martin, Neely Thomasson (Frances's granddaughter) Amy Watson, Doug Kirkland, and Rick Baker. If I omitted anyone, I'm sorry, it isn't intentional.

Member donated sooo many sodas, we have the leftovers to enjoy at our Club meetings.

We want to thank Randy Gatchell for allowing the Club to provide the Concession. It was a great Hunt. You bring people together from all over and go to great effort to

show us a good time. THANK YOU!!!

When people combine their efforts, the outcome is HUGE. Frances Alexander, Chris Watson, Bill Stiles, and Richard Otterbourg gave beyond the call of duty and we are grateful to you for your time and effort on behalf of our club. THANK YOU!!!

I didn't know that.....

Did you ever wonder why dimes, quarters and half dollars have notches, while pennies and nickels do not?

The US Mint began putting notches on the edges of coins containing gold and silver to discourage holders from shaving off small quantities of the precious metals. Dimes, quarters and half

dollars are notched because they used to contain silver. Pennies and nickels aren't notched because the metals they contain are not valuable enough to shave...

Treasure in the News



Dig Underway At Site Of Washington's Mansion

PHILADELPHIA A historic dig is underway right in our own backyard. Archaeologists are working near the Liberty Bell searching for the remains of the former presidential mansion.

Ground was broken by a big machine with Mayor John Street at the controls.

Next to the Liberty Bell at 6th and Market, there will be a monument constructed marking where George Washington and nine slaves lived.

Washington and John Adams each lived at the mansion, which was located a block from Independence Mall, when Philadelphia was the nation's capital between 1790 and 1800.

"We're digging for the truth about the start of this country and the great tragedy of slavery," Mayor Street said.

'All men are created equal' is what the Americans claimed as they demanded independence from the King in Philadelphia.

But as the nation was created, freedom for all was dropped in a deal between the North and the South and slavery continued.

Many at the ceremony knew little about that fact.

There were even people from Philadelphia who didn't know the history.

"Listening to the history of it, which I never knew before, it actually brought tears to my eyes," Lenora Coles of West Oak Lane said.

Slavery though -- and keeping it as America started -- is significant to all of us, argued a Fairmount man.

"It's not just African America history, it's American history and part of the very fabric of this country," Robert Houston said.

For several weeks, park service archaeologists will dig at the location looking for anything left from the 1790s; articles showing what they ate, how they lived.

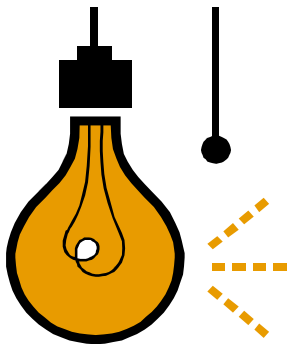
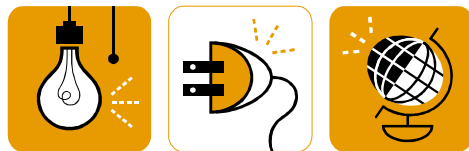
Archaeologists plan to look for any remains of the original house. The dig is expected to take about a month.

Next Club Meeting

NEXT MEETING: Dale Hege from Independence Coin will speak to us about coin appraisal, cleaning coins, cobs, and some good treasure stories.

Tuesday, April 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 2006 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: APRIL 3, MAY 1, JUNE 5, JULY 3, AUGUST 7 SEPTEMBER 4, OCTOBER 2, NOVEMBER 6 AND DECEMBER 4.



Club Beach Hunt

Ryans Steak House and Buffet 3607 Hwy 17 N. Myrtle Beach about 1 Mile North of Barefoot Landing

Save all your finds, as I will be passing out some appreciation items after the dinner. Meeting time is 6:00 P M., and should last about 1 1/2 hours.. 15 % Gratuity will be added to each Guest Check

I do not store up anyone's cell phone number, but mine is 704 591-1785, I do not carry my cell phone with me while detecting, but will have it on early Friday, Saturday, Sunday morning and will check for messages during the day and evening.

I usually eat Breakfast at McDonald about 6:30 A M on Ocean Drive Area(College Beach area) if anyone wants to meet there.. Remember early tide this weekend and I have seen a minus 2 in one area. The McDonalds address is 100 Main Street,, N Myrtle Beach about 3 miles North Of Ryans. Thanks, Richard.

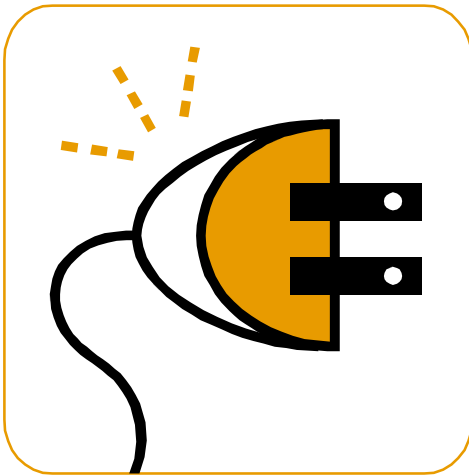
Refreshments



We want to thank doug kirkland for all of his hard work baking and putting together refreshments at the march meeting. Frances alexander and scott bradley will provide them at the april 3 meeting.. We appreciate the members who volunteer to provide refreshments. Please let me know at the next meeting or email me at 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:

FRANCES ALEXANDER

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Cool Websites

www.salars.net/treasure-hunting

Treasure Hunting Legends

From the Spanish Conquistadors, to western outlaws and lost mines, to simple pioneers crossing the prairie, legends abound regarding where these hardy pioneers hid their valuables

On TV

Cash and Treasures

Travel Channel, Tuesdays at 10PM

www.travel.discovery.com

T-Shirts & Hats

ORDERS HAVE BEEN PLACED!!!!

Coming soon.....

(not sure on time frame....)

Thanks,
Scott



Club Website

We now have the FMDAC spring "Quest" newsletter on the website, in the members section!

Our President, Bill Stiles has added a "President's welcome" to our website.

Our club's website has been updated with a new Forum & Chat Board. You can find the link to it on every page along the left hand side. "Forum & Chat"

Feel free to post questions, ideas, tips, and other general discussion about metal detecting.

webmaster@scmetaldetectingclub.com

Thanks,
Scott



“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!

Hunts / Info

**1st Annual
palmetto relic hunters club
civil war memorabilia relic
&
book show
june 9th, 2007
w. columbia, SC**

****See flyer on our club**

Website under the page:

“Organized Hunts”, in the

June section.

Great Southern Beach Shootout

April 27-29, 2007

<http://www.gsbs.adepphoto.com/>

Grand Prize is \$5,000

Location: Daytona Beach, FL

8th ANNUAL HISTORICAL RECOVERY ASSOC. OF N. FL LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL AND HUNT

MAY 12th 2007

[http://home.comcast.net/~youndd/
Upcoming.html](http://home.comcast.net/~youndd/Upcoming.html)

MARCH 2007 CONTEST BOARD RESULTS

Category	Place	Name	Item
COINS: SILVER & GOLD			
	1 ST	STEVE HERRING	1951 ROSIE
	2 ND	DALE CASH	HALF DOLLAR
COINS: OTHER			
	1 ST	MICHAEL PLYLER	1889 INDIAN HEAD PENNY
	2 ND	CHRIS WATSON	SHIELD NICKEL
	3 RD	DONNIE BRAZELL	1903 INDIAN HEAD PENNY
JEWELRY			
	1 ST	FRANCES ALEXANDER	10K RING
	2 ND	CHRIS WATSON	WEDDING BAND
	3 RD	MICHAEL PLYLER	SILVER RING
RELICS: PRE-1865			
	1 ST	BILL STILES	VIRGINIA STATE CUFF BUTTON
	2 ND	CHRIS WATSON	EAGLE CUFF BUTTON
	3 RD	STEVE HERRING	EAGLE CUFF BUTTON
RELICS: OTHER			
	1 ST	STEVE HERRING	SILVER PLATED POLICE BUTTON
	2 ND	DONNIE BRAZELL	WWII BUTTON
	3 RD	BRIAN ELLIS	WWII COAT BUTTON
BEST FIND			
	1 ST	CHRIS WATSON	1858 SLAVE TAG (FINALLY)
	2 ND	BILL STILES	SONS OF CONFEDERACY BADGE/MISSOURI
	3 RD	MICHAEL PLYLER	BRONZE CROSS OF HONOR OF GERMAN MOTHER
EYE SPY			
	1 ST	DONNIE CATOE	INDIAN ARROWHEAD
	2 ND	SCOTT ELLMAN	MEDICINE BOTTLE
	3 RD	BILL STILES	CLAY PIPE BOWL

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

- ✓ For sale or trade: whites eagle sl, 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
- ✓ 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

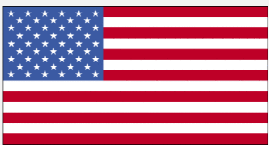
Our club was started by a small group of friends that had the hobby of metal detecting as a mutual bond. We decided that Rock Hill, S.C. would be an ideal place for our club to be based.

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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See us at:
www.scmetaldetectingclub.com
