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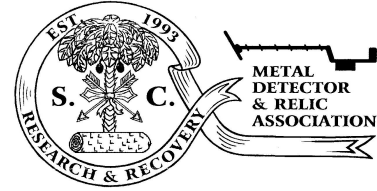
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MEMBER CLUB



Club Meeting

Wow, we had a great meeting on May 1, 2007. Our speaker, Rusty Robinson is so knowledgeable about the history of this area. He gave us information to help determine the age of an old house. He brought books and old maps of this area.

Chris brought the raffle tickets and already over 200 tickets were sold at the meeting! We are off to a great start. It's going to be a great hunt. Contact Chris Watson if you need tickets.

More valuable treasure has been found, I'm certain, but this month's board was chock full of amazing finds. If only we could know the story behind a wheat penny that still had some of the lead from a bullet that damaged it. It's always interesting to hear the stories of the first place finds. We look forward all month to the meetings and are always inspired to get out there and find our own treasures.

Richard Otterbourg wasn't at the meeting, but he was thanked for his effort to entertain and reward those members who participated in the club's Myrtle Beach hunt. We look forward to hearing about Richard's adventure in Mesa, Arizona at the FMDAC hunt. Doug and I are off to the Fernandina beach hunt in Florida. Hope we can find some treasure there. If not perhaps we will find new friends, and that is valuable also.

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

Judy Kirkland



Treasure in the News

ODYSSEY'S LATEST SHIPWRECK FIND YIELDS OVER 500,000 SILVER AND GOLD COINS

Tampa, FL -- May 18, 2007 -- Odyssey Marine Exploration (AMEX: OMR), the world's leader in the field of deep-ocean shipwreck exploration announced today that it has completed the pre-disturbance archaeological survey and preliminary excavation of a Colonial period shipwreck site code-named "*Black Swan*" in an undisclosed location in the Atlantic Ocean. The artifacts recovered from the site include over 500,000 silver coins weighing more than 17 tons, hundreds of gold coins, worked gold, and other artifacts. All recovered items have been legally imported into the United States and placed in a secure, undisclosed location where they are undergoing conservation and documentation. It is believed that this recovery constitutes the largest collection of coins ever excavated from a historical shipwreck site. They were recovered in conformity with Salvage Law and the Law of the Sea Convention, beyond the territorial waters or legal jurisdiction of any country. The Company does not believe that the recovery is subject to sovereign immunity by any nation pursuant to the Law of the Sea Convention. The work accomplished to date on this site has diligently followed archaeological protocols using advanced robotic technology, and the artifacts are now undergoing a meticulous conservation process by some of the world's most experienced coin conservators.

The Company is not prepared to disclose the possible identity of the shipwreck at this time, and may only do so after thoroughly examining the artifacts, analyzing the research and proving the identity, if possible, of the shipwreck. "Our research suggests that there were a number of Colonial period shipwrecks that were lost in the area where this site is located, so we are being very cautious about speculating as to the possible identity of the shipwreck", said John Morris, Odyssey Co-founder and CEO. "Nevertheless, we have treated this site with kid gloves and the archaeological work done by our team out there is unsurpassed. We are thoroughly documenting and recording the site, which we believe will have immense historical significance."

"The remarkable condition of most of the first 6,000 silver coins conserved has been a pleasant surprise, and the gold coins are almost all dazzling mint state specimens." said Greg Stemm, Odyssey's Co-founder. "We are excited by the wide range of dates, origins and varieties of the coins, and we believe that the collecting community will be thrilled when they see the quality and diversity of the collection."

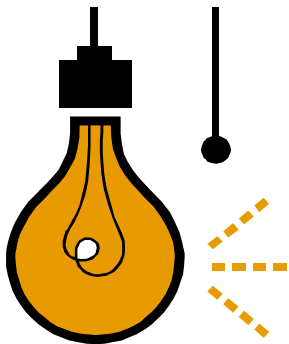
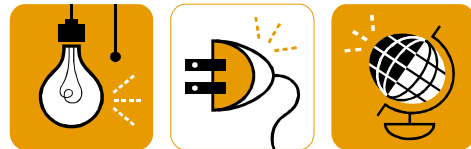
The excavation of this site follows Odyssey's successful excavation of the *SS Republic*®, a shipwreck lost in 1865 off the US coast. The deep ocean robotic archaeological excavation of that site produced approximately 65,000 artifacts, including over 50,000 coins with a retail value of over \$75 million. The company is continuing operations on several other projects with its ships and ROV systems, and is currently awaiting the appointment of Spanish archaeologists following an arrangement with the Spanish Government and the Junta of Andalusia prior to resuming operations on the *Sussex* project pursuant to an agreement with the UK Government.

Next Club Meeting

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, June 5, 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: JUNE 5, JULY 3, AUGUST 7
SEPTEMBER 4, OCTOBER 2, NOVEMBER 6 AND DECEMBER 4.



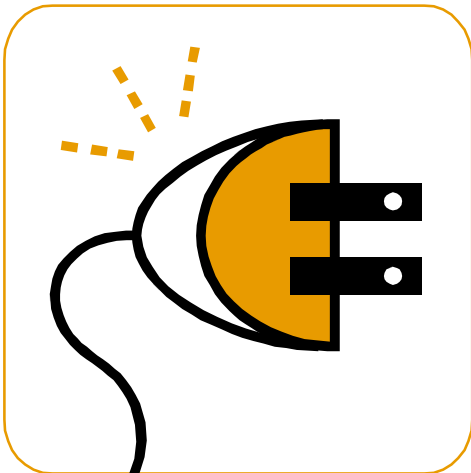
Refreshments



We want to thank Arnold Couick and Scott Ellman for all of their hard work putting together refreshments at the may meeting. Bobby Hallman and Jimmy Earnheart will provide them at the June 5 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:

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Jokes from the Prez

Thought for the month, Don't fly off the handle, if you do you won't have any thing left to hold onto.

Every day above ground is a good day.
A bad day metal detecting is better than a good day at work.

When the first grade teacher scolded little Johnnie for not knowing his lesson his reply was well if you're so smart why are you just teaching the first grade.



“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.**

MAY 2007 CONTEST BOARD RESULTS

Category	Place	Name	Item
COINS: SILVER & GOLD			
	1 ST	LANNY IRBY	1883 S MORGAN SILVER DOLLAR
	2 ND	DONNIE CATOE	1878 SEATED DIME
	3 RD	SCOTT BRADLEY	1928 SILVER NETHERLAND 25 CENT COIN
COINS: OTHER			
	1 ST	SCOTT BRADLEY	LARGE CENT
	2 ND	JERRY RHYNE	1936 BUFFULO NICKEL
	3 RD	MARK NORRIS	BULLET SHOT WHEAT PENNY
JEWELRY			
	1 ST	STEVE HERRING	14K BRACELET
	2 ND	RAY CORRELL	GOLD RING
	3 RD	SHALER WILLIS	14k RING
RELICS: PRE-1865			
	1 st	DON BARNETTE	SC STATE BUTTON
	2 ND	DONNIE BRAZELL	1861 OFFICER STAFF BUTTON
	3 RD	BILL STILES	HICKS PRIMER CONTAINER W/PRIMER
RELICS: OTHER			
	1 ST	DON BARNETTE	NEELY MILL EMPLOYEE BUTTON
	2 ND	SCOTT BRADLEY	NAVY BUTTON
	3 RD	DONNIE BRAZELL	WWII 1942 BUTTON
BEST FIND			
	1 ST	LANNY IRBY	SC STATE SEAL BUTTON
	2 ND	DONNIE CATOE	BOLDEN BEVEL ARROWHEAD
	3 RD	STEVE HERRING	14k GOLD RING
EYE SPY			
	1 ST	DONNIE CATOE	CRYSTAL ARROWHEAD
	2 ND	RAY CORRELL	LOCKET
	3 RD	SHALER WILLIS	GERBER KNIFE
SPECIAL CATEGORY: BEACH FINDS			
	1 st	JUDY KIRKLAND	FOSSILIZED SAND DOLLAR
	2 nd	CHRIS WATSON	SILVER KEY CHARM

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

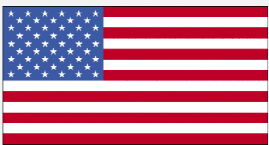
Our club was started by a small group of friends that had the hobby of metal detecting as a mutual bond. We decided that Rock Hill, S.C. would be an ideal place for our club to be based.

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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