



SILVER SEEKER SPEAKER



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JOTTINGS FROM JILL

Happy Holidays to all of you from us. We have only had a little trace of snow here so far. I am not complaining, but it might help to get us in the Christmas spirit. I do have the tree up and some shopping done, but still have plenty to do. Seems it gets tougher every year to buy.

We had a nice time at our Christmas dinner/meeting. Dave Carter came from Indianapolis and Bill, Don, Peggy and Dustin Hayes also came up from down around Newark, OH. Had a nice Christmas exchange and then almost everyone came to the house afterwards for some bs and refreshment. Dave is going great. He is walking good and looks good.

Also, Bill, Anita and Casey Major came from over around Marion, OH and John Chiofalo came from Orrville. R.C Ritter from Bellefontaine, OH also made the trip, and Sandy Troyer, Jim & Pat Adams and Tamie, Jeff, Kyle, Mandy and her new friend. We had 21 who attended.

Duane and Linda

Biller could not make the dinner, as her nephew got married on that day, but they came over on Sunday and did get to see a few people and visit.

2005 dues are due. They are \$8.00 and \$5.00 if you wish to be in the FMDAC. I will be sending the membership application in by the 31st of December. This way we will be entered in a contest. First prize is membership for 2006 for the number of members sent in by 12/31. 2nd prize is a 1/10 oz gold coin and 3rd prize is a Silver Round. So get your dues in. Last year we were the largest club so let's see if we can do it again.

TW flyers will be going out sometime in January. TW is July 9th thru the 16th next year, so mark your calendars. Hopefully the price of silver will go down a little, or targets could be scarce.

Jim Beyers a member, who lives in Arkansas, sent me an e-mail in part:

I have a tumor on my kidney about the size of a ping pong ball that will result in my having my kidney removed.

I also have a few spots on my liver and lung as well as a spot in the upper portion of my spine that needs to be dealt with.

At the present time, we are waiting for the radiologists and the cancer doctor to determine if the spots on my liver are able to be biopsied to determine whether they are malignant or not. If they are malignant, then they will see how they respond to radiation.

If radiation works on the spots or if the spots are benign, then they will go ahead with the kidney removal. If the spots do not respond to radiation or other treatment, then the doctors feel that removal of the kidney will only set me up for a lot of unnecessary pain followed by treatment of the liver and other areas.

I try to stay optimistic about all of this, but it is somewhat difficult to do. Waiting day to day for the various doctors to decide a course of action is very nerve wracking."

Please keep Jim in your prayers. Jim is also the Vice President of the FMDAC.

Tony D'Angelo's

wife, Lorraine has had back surgery and she is home recovering.

RC Ritter also told us that he has to have another heart scan and possibly another knee operation.

I received an e-mail today from Henry (our "adopted son" in Iraq) and he had received the package and was very thankful. I want to thank everyone who donated to it. He said there were about 10 of them that would use the toilettries. (That was all the sample and motel things that were sent to them).

He sends e-mails to us every day or so and lets us know what is going on. For the people that have e-mail, I pass them on.

Bill Jordan, our Silver Seeker webmaster has resigned, so Anita Major has offered to take on the task. Anyone wishing to help her, please let us know, as we would like two people who can get into this site and get it up and running and updated.

Well we wish you all Happy Holidays. Till then, Jill

THE TEEN SCENE

Hello everyone...

How are all of you doing? I am doing well. It was very nice to see all of you at the Christmas Dinner. I had a good time. It's nice to be able to see everyone especially for me because I can't make it to a lot of hunts during the year. It was also good to see Peggy Hayes. I was real worried about her but she looks to

be doing much better.

Basketball season has started and I have been very busy. Going to school both places, games, (I work in the concession stand) and work are definitely keeping me away from home. However, school seems to be going pretty well. I am having a little trouble in Geometry, (but who doesn't?) and my col-

lege Chemistry class, but I think things will work out for me.

Well unfortunately I can't think of anything else to write for now. I have finals next week and I need to study, study, and study.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and New Year and I hope to hear from you soon!

Love, Mandy

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CARL'S COLUMN

OUR FIRST SNOWFALL OF THE WINTER IS IN PROGRESS. WE HAVE ABOUT AN INCH ON THE GROUND WITH MORE TO FOLLOW. IT'S A GOOD TIME TO STAY IN DOORS AND GET THINGS READY FOR NEXT YEAR., LIKE TAKING THE BATTERIES OUT OF THE DETECTORS AND CLEANING THEM UP. THEN PUTTING THE DIGGING TOOLS AND POUCHES AWAY WHERE YOU CAN FIND THEM IN THE SPRING.

WE HAD A SMALL TURNOUT FOR THE CHRISTMAS MEETING BUT WE HAD A NICE TIME AND THE FOOD WAS GOOD. THEN WE ENJOYED THE FELLOWSHIP OF ALL HERE AT THE HOUSE FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS. IT WAS GOOD TO SEE DAVE CARTER AND BILL

HAYES AGAIN. DAVE IS WALKING VERY WELL AFTER A SUCCESSFUL KNEE SURGERY. BILL , ANITA & CASEY STAYED OVERNIGHT WITH US AND WE ENJOYED THEM VERY MUCH.

DUANE, PRESIDENT OF THE FMDAC HAS PUT OUT A NEWSBRIEF WHICH I AM CONDENSING FOR THIS COLUMN.

NEWSBRIEF

ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, AND THE ENTIRE BOARD, WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT HAS BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE TAKING OVER AS PRESIDENT OF THE FMDAC, BUT

IT HAS BEEN QUITE A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. I HAVE TRAVELED, AT MY OWN EXPENSE, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY MEETING MANY OF OUR MEMBERS, ATTENDED MEETINGS AND LISTENED TO THEIR COMMENTS AND CONCERNS ABOUT THE HOBBY. IT HAS BEEN BOTH AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO SERVE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

ELECTIONS: THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION FOR OFFICERS FOR THE UPCOMING TERM, SO THERE WAS NOT AN ELECTION. THEREFORE THE EXISTING OFFICERS WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 BETTY WEEKS (B) | 21 CHRISTY WISSINGER (B) |
| 3 JIM ADAMS (B) | JIM SCHROFF (B) |
| MIKE RACE (B) | 22 BILL MAJOR (B) |
| 6 TERRY BEACHY (B) | 24 WALTER GENTHER (B) |
| 7 CINDY WEITLAUF (B) | NELSON WEST (B) |
| 8 KIM COX (B) | 25 WILFRED SOTO (B) |
| JIM HATCHER (B) | 26 MAXIE HARPER (B) |
| 9 BONNIE LANE (B) | KATHY SCHROFF (B) |
| EUGENE WHITELAW (B) | 27 BILL JORDAN (B) |
| 10 DANAE MCMAHON (B) | 28 MARION MUSSER (B) |
| Jim LaWarre | CLYDE NIMAL (B) |
| 12 CINDI MCMAHON (B) | 30 CHERYL KAMER (B) |
| 14 EDDIE BURKE(B) | JOEL GALLOWAY (B) |
| 17BOB BURDETTE (B) | |
| 18 JERRY DRNJEVIC(B) | |

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 8 SCOTT & SHERRY MACLANE (A) | 26 RON & RUTH ANN DAVIS (A) |
| 9 ALAN & EVELYN HUMPFER (A) | 27 ROGER & BEV SCHMID (A) |
| 12 DOUG & MARGE CLEAVES (A) | 28 BERNITA & AL NIGHSWANDER (A) |
| 13 Duane & Linda Biller (A) | GARY & KAREN HECKMAN (A) |
| 16 BOB & TERRI PATTEN (A) | 29 DAVE & ALICE BERTZFIELD (A) |
| 21 KEN & JILL NORRIS (A) | 30 JILL & CARL McFEEDERS (A) |
| GARY & JANET MANNING(A) | BEVERLY & BILL MYERS (A) |
| 23 TIM & CHERYL PHILLIPS(A) | |
| RAPH & RUTH ANN HYSONG (A) | |
| DAVID & CONNIE BROWN (A) | |

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS: AS YOU KNOW, THE SPRING CONVENTION IS IN LAUGHLIN ON 4/15, 16 & 17TH. THE FALL CONVENTION IS IN PANAMA CITY, FL FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT JILL OR DUANE.

2005 MEMBERSHIP: THE 2005 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO ALL 2004 CLUBS. IF THE CLUB'S APPLICATION IS RECEIVED BY 1/1/05, THAT CLUB WILL BE ENTERED

INTO A DRAWING. FIRST PRIZE IS MEMBERSHIP FOR 2006 Cont'd on bottom of page FOR THE NUMBERS OF MEMBERS ON THE 2005 APPLICATION. 2ND PRIZE IS 1/10 OZ. GOLD COIN AND 3RD IS A FEDERATION ROUND. JR. MEMBERS ARE FREE, SO MAKE SURE YOUR CLUB HAS YOUR CHILDREN' OR GRANDCHILDREN'S INFO SO THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE A CARD FOR 2005. ALSO WE HAVE INDEPENDENT MEMBERSHIP FOR \$10.00 A YEAR. FOR THAT AMOUNT THE MEMBER

GETS FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE FMDAC, INFORMATIONAL MAILINGS, A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER THEY RESIDE IN AND ARE ENTITLED TO ALL BENEFITS OF THE FMDAC MEMBERSHIP.

FILM LIBRARY: DAVE CARTER HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO HANDLE ALL THE RESPONSIBILTIES OF THE FILM LIBRARY.

QUEST: THERE WILL BE A QUEST OUT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING

The 92nd meeting of the Silver Seekers was called to order by President Carl McFeeders at the Manor Restaurant in Strasburg, OH. There were 21 members and guests present.

The previous minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Carl said that since gold and silver are up, that we are waiting to purchase our dimes for Treasure Week. We hope it goes down before then. Also Ed Burke is checking around about coins for our raffle, but we are also holding up for that since gold is up right now.

Jill said that dues are due and they are still the same, \$8.00 for Silver Seeker dues and if you want to join the FMDAC it is an additional \$5.00. Silver Seekers is the largest club in the FMDAC. She will be sending in the membership by December 31st to be entered in the contest. The FMDAC has a contest and first prize is free membership for the following year for the amount of members sent in by December 31. Second prize is a 1/10 oz gold coin and 3rd is a Federation round. So please get your dues to her.

She also talked a little about the FMDAC since Duane was not in attendance. There were no other nominations for office, so the officers are the same as last year. Also the Spring convention is in Laughlin in 2005 and any one wanting a flyer, you can download it on the FMDAC website or see Jill.

She also said there is a new Independent Membership for anyone who does not belong to a club but wants to join the FMDAC. That cost is \$10.00 a year and they are entitled to mailings, etc.

The Quest will be going out soon and for all Silver Seekers who have e-mail it will be sent to them. Otherwise it will be condensed into the newsletter. The FMDAC will be sending out 5 Quests a year now to the clubs.

1st readings were read for James L. LaWarre, of Tuscarawas, Ohio recommended by Jill McFeeders and Tara Burke, of Kingston, PA. recommended by Ed Burke. Since we will not be having a meeting until after the first of the year, the 2nd reading was waived and they were voted into the membership of the club. Welcome

2nd readings were read for Arthur Dale Harris of Little Rock, AR; Lloyd Kelly of Arcade, NY; Archie and Sherry Trahan of Port Allen, LA. Welcome to the Silver Seekers.

OLD BUSINESS: We discussed the website and people wanted to know what was going on with it. They would like to see someone else have access to it, as if Bill is busy or cannot get to it, someone could help out. Anita Major has offered to do this and she will get in touch with Bill. Anyone having any ideas about the website, please let Bill or Anita know. Hopefully it will be up and running soon. A forum would also be nice on it so that we could keep in touch.

NEW BUSINESS: The next meeting will be announced as we are not sure when and where it will be.

Find of the Month were:

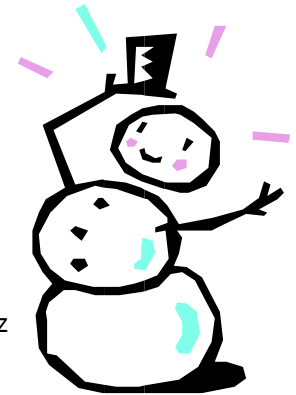
Jewelry - Silver Ring R.C. Ritter

Coin - 1853 1/2 dime R.C. Ritter

Miscellaneous – arrowhead (it came up in a clump of dirt he was digging) – R.C. Ritter

Actually he was the only one that brought anything. Congrats to R.C.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Hayes, 2nd by R.C. Ritter. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Jill McFeeders/Sec/Treas



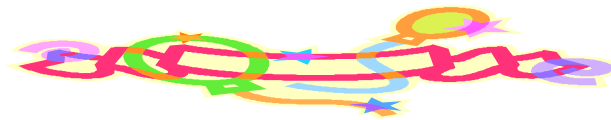
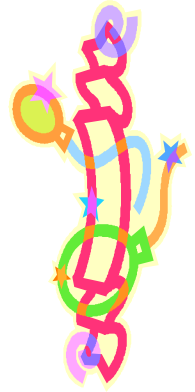
Happy Holidays

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 MARGE CLEAVES(b) | 14 DUANE BAXTER (B) |
| JOEL BAKER (B) | 15 ROBERT FRANKLIN SR. (B) |
| 3 BOB WEBER (B) | 16 MANDY BUCEVAC (B) |
| MARK LANDERS (B) | 17 TOM BALLOWE(B) |
| 4 TERRY TAYLOR (B) | FRANK HUBBARD (B) |
| 5 CECIL B. LANE (B) | 18 BILL BABB(B) |
| 7 BOB HUBER (B) | JC ROBBINS (B) |
| GEORGE KNIGHT (B) | 22 GEORGE HICKMAN (B) |
| 8 TERRY BOERCKEL (B) | 25 PAUL LUCAS (B) |
| ERVIN FACKLER (B) | 26 JAMEY BROOKS (B) |
| 11 DOUG CLEAVES(B) | 27 WENDELL DECKER(B) |
| RICK TROUT (B) | 28 DON HAYES (B) |
| DENNIS O'BRIEN(B) | 30 ALISON DEGROFF (B) |

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 DOUG & BECKY BARNETT (A)
 2 ROBERT & MARIAN KASUNICK (A)
 17 Virginia & Dave Boyd(A)
 CLIFTON & KRIS OWENS (A)
 27 JANICE & NELSON WEST (A)



CARL'S COLUMN CONT'D

(LOOK FOR IT WITH YOUR JANUARY NEWSLETTER OR ONLINE)

MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS: WE ARE WORKING WITH SEVERAL COMPANIES TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTS TO FMDAC MEMBERS. WE ALREADY HAVE A DEAL WITH JAY FOSS OF RESEARCH UNLIMITED WHO WILL GIVE FMDAC MEMBERS A 10% DISCOUNT ON BOOKS, MAPS, VIDEOS AND TOOLS. ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO

PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM,, CONTACT DUANE.

THE BOARD AND I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HARD FOR BOTH THE ORGANIZATION AND THE HOBBY, BUT YOUR COMMENTS AND IDEAS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. MANY OF THE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN STARTED OVER THE PAST 2 YEARS HAVE COME FROM MEMBER'S IDEAS. IF ANYONE

WOULD LIKE ON THE OF THE OFFICERS TO ATTEND THEIR MEETING, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US AND WE WILL IT IN OUR SCEHDULE. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT ANYTIME.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS - DUANE

WELL , I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A GREAT NEW YEAR. HAPPY HUNTING, CARL



Merry Christmas
and a
Very Happy New Year!

WHO'S WHO

This isn't your typical Who's Who.

If you know who the little girl is in the picture, Please let Jill McFeeders know.

We're trying to find because she won a metal detector at Treasure Week this year.



MEMBERSHIP INFO CHANGES

Jim LaWarre - birthday 12/10 - anniversary - June 28th and wife's name is Barbara

Dale Harris - birthday - 7/25 (will get you anniversary)

Lloyd Kelley - birthday is 11/23 and anniversary is 2/24 and wife's name is Charlaine

Archie Trahan - birthday is 11/26 and Sherry Trahan - birthday is 2/14 and their anniversary is 9/8