



## SILVER SEEKER SPEAKER

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## JOTTINGS FROM JILL

Well the FMDAC fall convention is over and it turned out to be a great hunt. We ended up with 100 hunters and the weather cooperated great. A Silver Seeker, Jim Kemp from Livonia NY won the top prize, a Treasure Chest worth \$1250.00. He also had another top 40 prize and won a treasure bag. There was also other Silver Seekers in the top 40. Ed Davis of Greenfield, IN won a treasure bag and with another Top 40 token he won another Treasure Bag; Dolly Kemp of Livonia, NY (I think it was another one of Jim's tokens) won a Treasure Bag; George McElhone of Clifton, NJ won a Treasure Bag; Duane Biller of McClellandtown, PA won a quarter lb. round and 2-2 peso gold coins, plus on another top 40 a 1/4 oz. gold coin; Frank Colletti of East Meadow, NY a 10 oz. Silver Bar; Art Harris of Little Rock, AR (a new SS) a 10 oz. Silver Bar; Walter Genthner of Virginia Beach, VA a 10 oz. Silver Bar.

Also Detectors winners were Rick Zohon of Lower Burrell, PA won a Bounty Hunter Landstar and Duane Biller won another treasure chest full of silver & gold.

In the Detector Raffle – George McElhone claimed the prize, but actually was getting it for his friend, John Soto of Brooklyn, NY.

Friday night 50/50 of \$78.00 was won by Jo Ashley of Lancaster, PA and the Saturday 50/50 of \$89.00 was won by Carl McFeeders of Dover, OH.

In the 15 coin raffle – Harry Niemeyer won a 2 peso gold coin and a Silver Round; Jim Kemp won a 2 peso; Pam Wallace won a Silver Round; Art Harris won a Silver Round and Rick Zohon won a Silver Round.

In the Bayou Bash for Silver & Gold, Ed Burke won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize which was a 1/4 oz. gold coin; Jan Niemeyer won a 1/10 oz. gold coin; Mike Race won a 1/10 oz. Gold coin; Pat Bidding won a 1/10 oz. gold coin; John Howard won a 2 peso gold coin and a Silver Round; Dennis O'Brien won a Silver Round also.

Thanks for all the support from the Silver Seekers who attended the FMDAC convention. At the last minute Walt Miller and Ken Weitlauf from Cincinnati decided to come and although they did not win any big prizes, they had a good time.

Also at the banquet, Linda Biller was presented with the Betty Weeks award by Amy Maruso, Sue Race and Jill McFeeders, past recipients. She was pleasantly surprised and a good choice. Also Carl and me were presented with the FMDAC President's Award and were quite surprised at that also. That award holds a special place on our wall.

Although Ivan tried to put havoc on our convention, it didn't work. When we got to the hotel, people had evacuated from New Orleans and other points south of Shreveport and the hotel was full of kids and dogs! By Thursday they had pretty much cleared out and the hotel was great and very good to us. The humidity was high for the hunt on Saturday morning and the temperatures were in the 90's on Saturday but Saturday night a cool front came in the back door and the humidity dropped way down and Sunday it was beautiful with low humidity and lower temperatures. The hunt field was right beside the hotel and was in shade trees. It couldn't have been at a better place.

Dave Carter had his

knee operated on the other day and I have talked to him and he is doing well. He will be at his sister's for awhile recuperating.

I received an e-mail from Dan Hargrove the other night. Scotty now has a brand new daughter. Can you believe our little Scotty has 2 children? Boy are we getting old.

We will be having some sort of a meeting at the Lancaster Open Hunt the end of October in Lancaster, PA. It will be sometime after the hunt on Sat. Hope to see a bunch of you there.

There is an 8 day Silver Seeker Cruise in the making for next year. Leaving November 6<sup>th</sup>. I hear that quite a few have already signed up. It is going to Nassau, St. Thomas and St. Martinique on the newest fun ship Valor. If anyone is interested, get a hold of Duane Biller at (724)439-1380 or e-mail him at [snakeman@earthlink.net](mailto:snakeman@earthlink.net).

There will be more in the next newsletter concerning our dinner/meeting for Christmas.

Well that's it for now. Till then, Jill

## THE TEEN SCENE

Hello everyone! How are all of you doing? I am very well. I am keeping myself very busy as usual. School and homework are definitely keeping me busy, as well as work and marching band. I have had a lot of fun being the Field Commander this year...but I'm not gonna be too heart-broken to see this season end! I mean, being responsible for the actions of 60 kids at all times can be quite stressful at times. Don't get me wrong, I love them all to death...but sometimes...I just need to get away from them for a while. Surprisingly

enough, their sound is very good for only having 60 kids. They beat a few bands at our last band show that had way more than 60, which is always a good thing.

Well...I'm looking forward to winter...although I hate driving in the snow and ice...I love snow...and Christmas, and snow days! I am definitely not a big fall/Halloween fan. I don't know what it is, but I have never liked Halloween. If I never had to celebrate Halloween again it would probably be okay with me. I really don't have a specific

reason I just have never really liked it. I am a huge fan of Christmas...I love decorating the house and spending time with family and all that kind of stuff...so I'm hoping that Christmas comes fast...and soon after that will be my birthday!

I'm not sure when I will see all of you again. I know that I will see some at the Christmas dinner, which I am looking forward to. I hope all is well with everyone and I'll talk with you soon!

Love, Mandy

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## CARL'S COLUMN

Having our first frost of the Fall season the other day and getting out the flannel shirts, signals the start of cold weather after all the nice warm weather we have been used to. It's going to be a big change.

Our trip to Shreveport La. was greeted by temperatures in the high 80s and 90's. Was nice though, as it was some way from the hurricane, and didn't affect us.

Many thanks to Terry Smith and Gary Blake for taking 10 of us out to a civil war battlefield to hunt. Hunting this was hunting in a solid grown up woods for 4 hours. It was a lot different than on a playground. Then we went to another site, an open hayfield. It was sure a contrast between the two places.

In the woods, you couldn't swing the coil; you poked it around vines, briars &

trees. More than one of us came back to the truck with blood running down our arms. Most everyone found some mini balls. Nothing real expensive found. Oh yeah, Frank Colletti found a small Cooperhead snake. He didn't think much of that. Thanks again Terry & Gary.

The convention was well organized and so were the hunts. We had a nice but small turnout for the hunt with 100 hunters. Everyone had a good time. The banquet was good and Ed Fedory gave a good talk as the main speaker.

Thanks to Troy Galloway, we had the Texas State Champion Banjo Picker playing for our entertainment before & during the banquet.

After the hunt was over, Vic & Cheryl Kamer, Duane & Linda Biller, Jill, Tod and I drove up to Murfreesboro, Arkan-

sas to the Crater of Diamond State Park & looked for gems. No luck though in finding any. It was very hot and we didn't work too hard at it. The small museum was nice.

We took our time getting home. All in all, we had a nice trip.

Remember the spring FMDAC convention and hunt will be in Laughlin Nevada on April 15, 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Plan on being there. If you need a flyer, let us know as Jill has them.

The club meeting will be held on Sat. October at the Lancaster Open Hunt. Hope all of you can attend.

Take care and see you in Lancaster.

Happy Hunting, Carl

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Frank Colletti (B)	13 WILBUR MANCHESTER
4 MAS KADONAGA (B)	14 NANCY BURKE (B)
CHRISTINE BEATON (B)	16 TOM LINN (B)
5 FRANK EDTL (B)	20 BEAULAH RAY (B)
6 BILL HAYES (B)	23 BOB GANGER (B)
7 TAMMY HARR (B)	25 STEVEN NEVIN (B)
8 BY DERR (B)	26 LANA VERTUCCIO (B)
JOYCELYN LAFLIN (B)	27 ANITA MAJOR (B)
10 JOHN DYER (B)	29 JACK CORNWELL (B)
11 CLIFTON OWENS (B)	30 JOAN GENTHER (B)

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 JOHN & LEE ADKINS (A)
4 MARY LU & FRANK HUBBARD (A)
7 DENNIS & DONNA MORRISON (A)
EUGENE & JANET WHITELAW (A)
14 SANDY & STEVE CUNNINGHAM (A)
16 JOYCELYN & MARK LAFLIN (A)
18 JAMES & NANCY CRAWFORD (A)
23 JAN & BOB GANGER (A)
24 FRANK & JANET MOORE (A)

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 JERE HAMBLETON (B)       | 14 CARL MCFEEDERS (B)   |
| DALLAS JANNEY (B)          | DEBBIE ZOHON (B)        |
| 3 FRANK MOORE (B)          | 15 HOLLY CREAMY (B)     |
| RICK SCHRAMM (B)           | 18 CHERYL WACIENGA (B)  |
| 4 SANDY CUNNINGHAM (B)     | PAUL VERTUCCIO (B)      |
| 5 BOB BUXTON (B)           | 22 GEORGE PASVANTIS (B) |
| 11 JIM STEGMAN (B)         | 23 Lloyd Kelly (B)      |
| JOE HOOVER (B)             | 26 Sherry Trahan (B)    |
| BUCK BUCHWALTER (B)        | 28 HOWARD MEADOWS (B)   |
| 12 BERNITA NIGHSWANDER (B) | 29 DUANE BILLER (B)     |
| 13 WILBUR MANCHESTER       | MARY LOU KREST (B)      |

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 ED & ROSE YOURISH (A)  
 9 WENDELL DECKER & WIFE (A)  
 15 ERIC & MITZI STRANSKY (A)  
 18 HOWARD & ROWENA MILLER (A)  
 19 MARK & KATHY SCHUESSLER (A)



## It's a Small World

It all started late one night with a phone call. Kit Conbill, Arthur, IL, had lost his wife's grandfather's wedding ring while gardening. They had only been married about a year. Naturally, they were beside themselves. They looked on Kellyco's website and came across John Underwood's address and phone number. Kellyco still had John listed under the IL. Clubs. John lives in Virginia.

Kit and his wife asked John if they could help them. Well John tried Ron David

(he was at the FMDAC hunt), then he tried Dave Perry (he was at the FMDAC hunt). This is where I come in. I was next on the list of Central States Officers. John then called me. I got out my trusty Silver Seeker membership list and we started going through it looking for someone who lives in IL close to Arthur. Ken and Barb Link's names came up. I gave John their phone number and he called them.

As it so happens, Ken was off the next day and said he would be happy to go

out and look for the ring. Ken was only there about 2 minutes and found the ring much to the husband's relief and the wife's delight.

Think about this, if Kellyco had taken John's name off the list (as he had requested several times), if we had gone to the Convention also, or if Ken hadn't had the next day off, the ring might have been lost forever.

Anita

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/30-31 Lancaster Pa – For more info contact Mike & Sue Race (717) 355-0691 or e-mail them  
[msrace@hydrosoft.net](mailto:msrace@hydrosoft.net)



## Happy Halloween

May you receive more treats than tricks

## WHO'S WHO

Unfortunately we don't have a Who's Who for this month's issue. Please see me or Jill if you would like to pass on a picture.

Last month's Who's Who was Donny Hayes. Did you know him?

## MEMBERSHIP INFO CHANGES

Al Temple, 37482 Lancaster, Livonia, MI 48154  
 Phone No. 734-464-9815 - Birthday is 12/12  
 and Anniversary is 3/27 - Wife's name is Doris.

Arthur Dale Harris – wife's name is Sandra  
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 501-221-0417 e-mail [Silenttroop31@aol.com](mailto:Silenttroop31@aol.com)  
 Birthday 7/25

Sherry & Archie Trahan 4948 Pecan Grove Rd.

Port Allen, LA 70767 225-627-6409

Sherry's birthday 2/14 – Archie's birthday 11/26  
 – Their anniversary is 9/8

Lloyd Kelley (Debbie Buxton's dad) – Wife's name is Charlene 383 Southview Dr.

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[LEK3280@aol.com](mailto:LEK3280@aol.com) His birthday 11/23 – Anniversary 2/24