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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**LOOKING FORWARD
TO
2007**



Well, 2006 has slipped away and we are well into 2007. Overall, 2006 was a good year for the FMDAC. Both the Convention in Niagara Falls, New York and the one in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina were well attended.

We saw an increase in clubs rejoining the Federation and a real increase in the number of independent members. This is good news. The FMDAC also saw many changes in 2006. With the death of Tony DeAngelo, the President of the North East Chapter, we lost not only a good officer, but a good friend as well. He will be missed.

John Howard took over Tony's position as President of the North East Chapter and is doing a great job. Harry Niemeyer resigned as President of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter and Vic Kamer took over his position. Election results are in and Dave Perry of the Central States Chapter is the new Secretary for the FMDAC. Special thanks to Frank Colletti for all his hard work as Secretary and his dedication to the hobby. Ed Burke took over as Vice-President of the FMDAC for Jim Beyers who is experiencing some health problems.

Lee Wiese, Vice-President of the Western Chapter has taken over as Website Manager and is doing a lot of updating and is working hard to give us a website with lots of useful information as well as being easy to navigate. If you have not visited the website lately, please take a look. Thanks Lee! If you or your clubs are doing any outside activities to promote and preserve the hobby, please let Lee know. He can post it on the website. Publicity is always helpful.

This year above all else we really need to concentrate on drawing new members to the FMDAC, especially young people. Please share any tips or suggestions you may have as to how we can do this. We will be having our Spring Convention in Mesa, Arizona in May. It should prove to be a great Convention and Mike Smith has been working really hard to make this one a success with lots of new and unique activities! There is a flyer and information in this Quest. Feel free to copy or have folks visit the FMDAC Website.

We are trying to make plans to have the Fall Convention in Alabama with the help of the Warrior Basin Treasure Hunters Association and a spring 2008 Convention in New Jersey.

And finally, the FMDAC presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to our oldest member, Elton Cox of Brownwood, Texas. His family presented it to him at his 90th Birthday Party. Congratulations Elton.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at hunts around the country as well as at the Conventions. May we all be blessed with a healthy and prosperous 2007.

Your President,

Duane Biller



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FMDAC Web Site Update

By Lee Wiese FMDAC Western Chapter VP & Web-site

Web-site URL: <http://www.fmdac.org>

I would like to start off by introducing you to the FMDAC web-team, they have volunteered to monitor or maintain all portions of the fmdac.org site. The FMDAC web team is:

- Jill McFeeders FMDAC Web-Chapter / Club Updates
- Dave Perry FMDAC Calendar Input / Moderator
- Mike Smith FMDAC Guest Book Moderator
- Wally Swartz. FMDAC Forum Moderator
- Lee Wiese FMDAC Web Maintenance

I would also like to thank John Underwood. He has been a great mentor on the technical challenges of the FMDAC web site.

Each one of the team performs a duo role in FMDAC, since each person is either a member of the FMDAC Board or holds another post within FMDAC.

Next, I would like to bring your attention to some special contributors to the web-site:

- Duane Biller, FMDAC President, with the Presidents Message
- Chapter Presidents & Newsletter Editors for quarterly newsletters
- Dave Perry FMDAC Secretary, and Frank Colletti, past FMDAC Secretary, for Quest Newsletter
- Mark Schuessler, FMDAC ALLIANCE LIAISON, for Legislation issues and his detailed State Parks Analysis (VERY NEW)
- Mike & Sue Race, for the 2006 Fall Convention Photos

- Mike & Sue Race, for the Slide Show Metal Detector Class from the Lancaster Club

I spent the last four - five weeks thinking about and putting together a slightly different FMDAC web-site FRONT Page. This page is more of a portal to the FMDAC web-site than a standard web-site page with one topic. My goal was to reach all parts of the FMDAC web site with one click of the mouse. I would say I am greater than 90% there.

This new page takes advantage of the complete viewing area of your display. The page is self adjusting horizontally and vertical to any size display or resolution. The old page is set up for 600 x 800 resolutions only. That means there is a great deal of unused space in the viewing area if you are using higher resolution on your PC monitor such as: 1024 x 768. The color style is pretty much the same as the old FMDAC pages: blue, white background with some thin red lines for contrast.

So what else is new ?

a) The site is using within the web-page something called "**iframes**". What this means is, you can VIEW & SCROLL another web-page within the page and see more on a given topic or there may be links in the scrollable area to other events. The scroll bar is always on the right of the article in the Iframe b) On the top menu bar you will see **four additional labels** just move your mouse cursor over any of the eight labels (*ABOUT, COMMUNITY, CONTACTS, FAQs, HUNTS, JOIN US, NEWSLETTERS, SPONSORS*) a menu will become visible below each word. Select an item on the drop down menu and one click you are there.

c) The site is using slide-show script to view pictures and other material. Slide shows will always be at the bottom of the web-page. Currently there are two slide shows. The hope is that you like the new format.

I am looking for material relating to the club or individual involvement in local or state governments for web-page articles. If you have knowledge of this type of material please contact me.



Purple Heart Medal

By Dave Gregorski

Yankee Territory Coinshooters *PROBE*
Hartford, CT.

I found one in my favorite park, where I've spent at least 80 detecting hours over the past 5 years. I'd been following the shoreline of a small pond which was partially drained, but a huge downed tree blocked my progress. My only choice was to go around it, which meant dealing with a slope of around 45 degrees. I mostly had to hold onto trees / vegetation to keep from sliding back down.

I had detected here before, precisely because of the difficult terrain. After all, who would be fool enough to swing a coil here? And it had paid off in a few silver coins and a nice Indian. So I was surprised to find the medal only 2 inches down. How did I miss it? Two possibilities – it was impossible to "pattern" this spot and I didn't put my coil over it, or I thought, it was a soda can and moved on. The signal was extremely loud.

Unlike many such medals, there was no name inscribed on the back. I learned that when many medals were given out at the same time, names were often omitted. The pin would have had an identifying number on it, but I found neither that nor the ribbon. So there was no chance to try and return it, even if the recipient were still alive (he would likely be in his 80's).

How did it come to be where I found it? That's always an interesting question when it comes to any old / interesting finds. One club member asked. "How could anyone let their boy play with such a meaningful item"? The answer is they wouldn't. My guess is that someone's son secretly "borrowed" the medal for playing "war games" and lost it. I know when I realized what I had. I had feelings of my own. Respect, sadness and loss, I have 2 deceased uncles who earned purple a heart and a third still living. No doubt the son (and later the father) had their own difficult feelings to deal with around the loss of this special decoration.

THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL



(Not the one in the article)

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FROM THE CHAPTERS

Northeast President John Howard explained to his readers the good time that was had by everyone at the Myrtle Beach convention. He congratulated the Top 17 winner and the other winners of nice prizes from the N.E. Chapter.



View of North Myrtle Beach from hotel

N.E. Vice-president Mark Schuessler touted the new Website and gave a short legislative update. He will be contributing to the Quest with all the legislative issues affecting our hobby. He talked about one case where the buyer on eBay turned out to be an undercover agent. See the entire article on the Website, N.E. Chapter newsletter.

Central States President Ron David is looking for help with his newsletter, *the Central States Eagle*, since he lost his editor, Dave Perry, to the Quest. Ron assigned long time FMDAC member and chapter officer Dave Carter to the post of Vice-president. Dave warned him upfront that he didn't want to do the newsletter so that puts Ron in somewhat of a pickle. Have you seen his help wanted ads on the forum?

The Cooke County Forest Preserve in the Chicago area has re-opened to hunters. There are to be some restrictions and a permit process may be implemented. Area FMDAC Representative Paul Schultze along with the local clubs helped on this one.

From Mike Smith, Western Chapter President: In the last quarterly newsletter, I asked if anyone was experiencing any trouble with the CA Coastal National Monument, Former President Clinton established in 2000. I received no replies, so I will take that as a no. So I will next look into changing of the State of Arizona's antiquities law. This will be a long process, with trying to find a State Senator and Congressman and having them propose the changes needed. On State Land, the law now claims any

item over 100 years old belongs to the State of Arizona, not that the item needs to be of any **Historical or Archaeological Significance**, like the Federal Law states. I will be calling on all of our members from the Arizona Clubs and our Independent Members to assist in this endeavor over the next year or so.

Western Chapter Vice-president and Web Manager Lee Wiese had a nice article proposing a certification program for treasure hunters and club members. It is all about responsibility and the community and also teaching the correct habits / ethics of hunters. To see Lee's entire article go to Chapter newsletters on the Website and click on Western Chapter fourth quarter.

Mike also talked about the two big hunts coming up in his Chapter. The annual Digg'n in the Dirt Hunt February 4th and the FMDAC spring convention May 4th, 5th & 6th. Both will be in the Meza, AZ area.

From Vic Kamer President Mid-Atlantic Chapter:

The Fall Convention in Myrtle Beach was a real success with about 150 people entered. The weather was fantastic. It was great talking with old friends and making new ones as well. While at the Fall Convention in Myrtle Beach I found a 2000 class ring which I was able to return, after a little research on the internet, to a very happy young lady. She lived in North Carolina and was visiting the beach at Cherry Grove in South Carolina in the summer. I found it in November, which surprised me as this beach is very heavily populated and has seen many metal detectorists over the season. This is just one of the nice things about this hobby, returning something of value to someone. The Spring Convention and Treasure Expo will be held in Mesa, Arizona May 4, 5,6th, 2007. It seems like it will be a very exciting Convention with lots of activities planned. Be sure to try to make this one.

THONOTOSASSA ARRESTS NOT ON FEDERAL LAND

After charging the defendants with poaching prehistoric artifacts from federal lands the authorities had to reduce the charges to criminal trespass and damaging private property. They had left some enormous holes at the hunt site. One investigator said it looked like a moonscape with all the sandy pits and mounds.

S.I. Rosenbaum covered the story for the St. Petersburg Times. His follow up article can be found at:

www.sptimes.com/2007/01/06/State/Artifact_looting_not_.shtm If the link doesn't work go to tampabay.com and search: Ancient tools / modern crime.

**Pease ask permission!
And fill your holes!
OR YOU COULD GO TO JAIL!**

Submitted by Vic Kamer President of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the FMDAC

I recently attended the Fall FMDAC Convention in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in November. My wife and I went down a week early just to enjoy the warm weather, the seafood, the shopping, and the beach. Naturally, some metal detecting was also in the plans.

I did not have much luck in North Myrtle Beach where we were staying, so I drove up north a bit to Cherry Grove. I had been hunting for about an hour and a half when I got a weak signal right beside a coin I had just found, so I decided to dig it up. To my surprise I reached down and brought up a 2006 class ring from Williams Township High. Inside was the owner's full name. That day at Cherry Grove I found 3 rings, including the class ring and about 35 coins. The day was a success!

I always try to return a class ring when I find them, but I knew this would be a tough one as it was found in a very popular vacation area. It means little to me, but a great deal to its owner. I decided to check Williams Township and came up with several including one in North Carolina.

Being that Cherry Grove is so close to North Carolina tried there first. Thank God for Google! I called the school and got the number of the girl to whom it belonged. I called to confirm that it was indeed her ring.

She lives in North Carolina, but her mother works in a beauty shop in Cherry Grove, South Carolina. She was on the beach one summer day and put the class ring in her pocket so she would not lose it. Needless to say, it didn't work. She was so happy to get the ring back, thinking it was lost forever. She could not believe someone had not found it before I did, as there is always people metal detecting on that beach.

NEW DOLLAR COINS DEBUT IN 2007

The new one dollar coin will debut on February 16th with the George Washington Dollar. Following the premiere coin the others that will come are; Jon Adams on May 18th, Thomas Jefferson in early August and James Monroe in November.

The semi popular Sacagawea Dollar will continue to be minted.

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**YOUR
ADD
HERE?**

The Convention, as mentioned many times, was indeed a great gathering. It is what the FMDAC does best, getting people of like minds together in one place. Here are some photos taken at the Banquet. As you can see everyone was indeed stuffed to the gills and just relaxing enjoying the company.

MORE CONVENTION PHOTOS



Jill and Carl McFeeders giving me a good smile.

Thomas J. Dankowski Guest Speaker



Tom gave a nice speech. He told some stories of his adventurous childhood. He definitely had everyone laughing. Tom is a NASA engineer and has been treasure hunting since childhood. I never did get his real age. He has had a relationship with Fisher Detectors, designing, testing and writing for their publication *WORLD TREASURE NEWS* for years. He knows his business and it was a pleasure to listen to him.



Secretary Frank Colletti chats with Vice-president Ed Burke.



Bill Hayes and I trade shots, looking on is Tod Persons



Central States President Ron David



Mark Schuessler

Legislative Update

The year has started off with both good and bad news. On the plus side it looks like the bill in Oregon that you may have read about in Western & Eastern Treasures magazine may be dead in committee. It has not shown up so far in the Oregon House. I will keep a close watch in case it pokes its head up. A second item that has come to light concerns a bill in the state of Washington. I assume that the Washington State Metal Detecting Association is behind it. I have not read through it properly yet but it appears to expand the area available for metal detecting within the state parks. The state parks in WA are very open to metal detecting. It took a lot of work by that group over many years to accomplish that goal. My congratulations to them for their on going accomplishments.

On the not so happy to report side is a bill in Kentucky. HB117 deals with protection of cemeteries on private property. Sounds pretty noble doesn't it? Here is one that you need to read closely. Neatly tucked inside is a little gem requiring permits for archaeological excavations on private property. When reading the definition section you will find that it is so broad that almost anything could be deemed as an archaeological site, including occupied homes. This could be used to shut down metal detecting and the collecting related hobbies such as arrowhead hunting. The owner of the property would not have the right to give someone permission to search their property. You would have to apply to the state for a permit. You would not get one unless you are a card carrying, trained and experienced archaeologist. Most likely you would also have to be part of the "inner circle". This would shut out not only us but also any archaeologists who are not collaborating with the "group". That would mean that

any of those archaeologists who are friendly to the hobby would probably be shut out. It also bars even your local historical society from doing a dig, and your scout troop etc. Bills like this should worry everyone not just detectorists. This tramples all over everyone's private property rights. The website gives you contact information. Please do your part and send a letter or email. It only takes a few minutes. The hobby you save will be your own.

Another item just popped up in Arkansas. House bill 1068 is a rewrite of an existing law. It is titled "An Act to Protect Archeological Sites; To Increase the Penalties for Disturbing Archeological Sites; And For Other Purposes". There is a lot of rewording. Most of it doesn't really change much except for increasing the penalties for violations. What it does do is institute a **50 year rule**. This is dangerous. This kind of thing is starting to happen in many states. Most of these get slipped through when they are neatly tucked inside something else and fly under the radar. The state of Florida slipped such a rule in a few years ago and it is causing problems there. Arkansas has just opened up their parks on a limited basis for detecting. Could this be attempted by those behind the scenes to put an end to it? This one must go down to defeat. The sponsor of this bill is Representative Ragland. If he is your representative then let him know your views.

There are links to this information on the website. You will also find contact info for the legislators as well as discussions on the forum. Please visit the website, look up the contact info and make your voice heard. Check in on the website regularly to keep abreast of any legislative issues and add your views to the discussion.

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GPAA GOLD SHOW 2006

Submitted by Daryl L. Mitchell
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Saturday, October 21, Linda and I made the trip from Muscatine IA to Onalaska WI to attend the Gold show that was put on by the GPAA. This was the second time in the past three years and both times the show has been held at the Onalaska's Omni Sports Center.

GPAA Gold Show 2006



Besides checking on new equipment and seeing how it might fit into my needs its great seeing old friends again. The first person I found was Paul Schultze. He has attended a number of open hunts at the Iliniwek Forest Preserve. He has always brought along a nice array of treasure-related equipment and books. If you want to talk treasure hunting and stories make sure you have taken your blood pressure medicine because Paul can really get your heart to pumping



Paul Schultze

The Smaleys

The next couple that we met (actually Linda found them first as I was talking to Paul) were Jill and "Chuck" Smaley of CordovaL.

Every year "Chuck" goes to Alaska to work a gold claim. During our conversation Linda would tell me to close my mouth because I would be drooling. "Chuck" said that he would be glad to come to one of our club meetings and talk about his gold mining tours to Alaska.

We had a nice visit with Steve Miler and as you can see by the photo above Steve had a booth loaded with a lot of items to aid the detectorist.



Steve Miller



Doug & Betty Maeder

If you were at our open hunt in June, you should recognize this couple, Doug and Betty Maeder. They have an interesting new way of displaying their detectors using an old patio table.

The thing that always catches my interest at the gold show is the separation of fine gold from sand. This year I checked out the Goat Trammel by Desert Fox. Actually the trammel and the Desert Fox Spiral Wheel, working together, made quite a gold separating pair.



One event that always draws a crowd is the gold panning contest. This young lady was just finishing up as I got there.

I don't know what the old Prospector's name is but the other one is an easily recognizable person. Maybe I shouldn't mention it but "OLE Santa" is showing something that every diehard treasure hunter needs for Christmas, another detector or piece of treasure hunting-equipment he just can't make all those big recoveries without.

This year's GPAA show wasn't as big as the previous one but we still had a good time and I enjoyed seeing the gold recovery equipment working.

From the editor:

I wish to thank the clubs and Independents that voted for me in the last election. I appreciate those clubs that did vote and took the time to make their voice heard. It was sad that only 42 clubs and 6 independents out of well over a hundred voted. I was elected by only a two vote margin. I want to thank Frank for his past work for the FMDAC and I doubt if he fades very far away.

This will be my first national newsletter and we will try to get information to you about all aspects of the hobby. There are a lot of attacks from various sources, pending legislation and a lot of other issues we will be discussing. Of course we will also get the bi-annual convention info to you as well. A quick check of the calendar of events page on the Website will get you info about most of the hunts and treasure hunting related events throughout the country and beyond. Feel free to click the link and submit your event.

Another program I would like to see get kicked off is an enhancement to our existing kids essay contest and kids hunts. A "Young Hunters" program where we get involved with kids teaching them the hobby and maybe getting their parents involved also. This will be a work in progress. I would like for any of you out there to submit ideas to get the kids more involved.

I would like to get "your info" to you as quickly as possible. Right now we send each club 3 Quests in the hopes that someone will pass them out at a meeting or at least discuss it at a meeting. I don't think the clubs are going to go to the expense of copying and mailing it to all their members. What is the solution? Electronic is the answer. We could send you the Quest and any other information the membership might need instantly. Calls for action could go out if some sort of campaign is requested by the Board. A lot of people say we will spam them with stuff or sell their email addresses. Members of my own club expressed concern. That would not be the purpose at all and it would not happen on my watch. The list would be kept confidential. I have no doubt with Lee as our Website manager we will keep it so. Only Mike, Sue and Lee and of course myself will have access to the list.

Will there be advertising on the electronic messages? I sure hope so. The only way it could affect you is if you like what you see and click on their (the advertisers) link. It would be a win / win for everyone. We would only have to mail hard copies to those that do not have access to the Internet or email. That would be very few and we could mail theirs directly to their home and not have to depend on someone else to get it to them.

Those of you that are hesitant must realize that every time you click on a link you are getting a "cookie".

We make a solemn promise not to send you anything but information and links to our legitimate sponsors. Please, let's give it a try. Make sure Mike and Sue Race have as many of your members emails as possible.

I have started receiving newsletters other than the Central States. That is great! To save postage please send them via email if you can. I prefer Word format, it lets me cut and paste some of your fine articles. Any article I use will get full credit from the newsletter and the author will get his / her byline.

Dave

FMDAC Members take Note:

2007 Membership dues must be submitted by the end of December 2006 for all Clubs and Independent Members.

The following FMDAC winners are for the December 31 early entry paid dues contest held each year.

Club winners:

1st prize goes to Arkoma Coin & Relic Club, of Arkansas prize is pre-paid 2008 membership for 15 members.

2nd prize goes to the Shore Seekers of Maryland prize is a two peso gold coin.

3rd prize goes to Susquehanna Valley Metal Detecting Club of Pennsylvania prize is a silver round.

Independent membership's winners receive free dues for 2008:

1st Tom McGrath of Florida

2nd Luke Jacques of Vermont

3rd Earl Dunlap of Arizona

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ACCOMODATIONS

The convention will be at the **Windemere Hotel, 5750 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85205**. The rooms will be \$69.00 plus tax per night. (This includes a continental breakfast). That rate will be from May 4th to May 7th. To make reservations you can call 1-800-888-3561. Be sure to tell them you are with the FMDAC. You can check out this beautiful hotel at www.resortmesa.com

CAMPING

There are lots of campgrounds in the Apache Junction, Mesa area. You can find them on the Internet or call Mike Smith at 866-983-7011. He will gladly help you out.

ATTRACTIONS

There are many things to do in around Mesa, Phoenix and Apache Junction. You are at the heart of Superstition Mountains. Goldfield Ghost Town is an 1890 Mining town with many shops and plenty to do.

SEMINARS AND EXHIBITS

We will have displays by manufactures and dealers, clubs and individuals at the Windemere Hotel. Seminars on a variety of topics will run on Saturday. The display area will be open Saturday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Registration will be open at the Windemere Hotel on Friday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and then it will be at Goldfield Ghost Town from 4:30 to ??????

OPEN MEETING

There will be an open FMDAC meeting at the Cowboy Cookout on Friday evening. This cookout is open to all registered hunters and guests and will be at 6:45 pm. You will be able to select from steak, chicken, fish or vegetable dinner which will include your drink of soda, coffee or tea. Also there will be a cowboy band on hand to entertain. Please plan on attending.

BANQUET

The banquet will be on Saturday evening and it will start off with a cash bar at 6:30 pm followed by a buffet dinner at 7:30pm. After the dinner we will have a guest speaker.

HUNTS

All hunts will be at Goldfield Ghost Town, 4 miles north of Apache Junction.

There will be a free fun hunt Friday evening at 5:30 pm for all registered hunters.

A Gold Nugget hunt will be held on Saturday morning promptly at 8:00am. Registration will be at 7:00am. The two main hunts will be held on Sunday at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, with registration starting at 8:30am. They will be held rain or shine. You must be an FMDAC member to enter the hunts. We will have all silver coins in the paid hunt fields. There will be a free kid's hunt between the two main hunts on Sunday.

TRAVEL

You can fly into Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix. The hotel is 15 to 20 minutes from the airport.

If you need any more info or have any questions then please contact

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All times and schedule subject to change.

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ENTRY FORM REQUIREMENTS

This entry or a copy of this entry must be sent in with a check or money order, along with a business size, self addressed, stamped envelope. Canadian members must pay with a US Money Order.

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- 1. Registrants at the time of registration at Convention must present their current FMDAC Membership card.
- 2. Please fill out the form COMPLETELY, including The FMDAC club or Independent to which you Belong. Your signature is very important. If you do not sign the release; you will not be permitted to hunt.
- 3. There will be \$25 returned check fee.
- 4. Pack your tickets early. NO TICKET – NO ENTRY.
- 5. Hunt will be held rain or shine. NO REFUNDS. Please complete the form and make check/money order payable to the FMDAC and mail to:

**JILL MCFEEDERS
7025 DOVER ZOAR RD.
DOVER, OH 44622**

DON'T FORGET YOUR SELF ADDRESSED BUSINESS SIZED, STAMPED ENVELOPE – (Tickets and info will be sent back to you.) If you do not send an envelope, your tickets will be held.

ENTRY FORM

I am a member of the FMDAC in good standing and I wish to participate in the following events.

FRIDAY NIGHT COWBOY COOK-OUT

of meals _____ (Until 4/1) \$23 _____ (4/1 to 4/15) \$25 _____ (After 4/16) \$28 _____

SATURDAY HUNT

of entries _____ (Until 4/1) \$40 _____ (4/1 to 4/15) \$45 _____ (After 4/16) \$50 _____

BANQUET

of meals _____ (Until 4/1) \$30 _____ (4/1 to 4/15) \$40 _____ (After 4/16) \$50 _____

SUNDAY HUNTS

of entries _____ (Until 4/1) \$85 _____ (4/1 to 4/15) \$95 _____ (After 4/16) \$105 _____

**DO NOT MAIL AFTER 4/20/ 2007
PAY AT THE CONVENTION.**

I have enclosed a check/money order (US FUNDS) in the amount of \$ _____
You do not have to be a member of the FMDAC for the Cowboy Cookout or the Banquet.

NAME _____
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____
 STATE _____ ZIP _____
 CLUB NAME or INDEPENDENT _____
 PHONE _____
 E-mail _____

I acknowledge that I WILL NOT hold the FMDAC, Windemere Hotel or Goldfield Ghost Town, responsible for any injuries or accidents I may incur while participating in any of the above events.

Signature _____
Date _____

FMDAC
C/O Duane Biller
184 Grange Rd
McClellandtown, PA. 15458

THE FMDAC'S CODE OF ETHICS

I WILL ALWAYS CHECK FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LAWS BEFORE SEARCHING. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO "KNOW THE LAW".

I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER'S PERMISSION. WHERE POSSIBLE, SUCH PERMISSION WILL BE IN WRITING.

I WILL TAKE CARE TO REFILL ALL HOLES AND TRY NOT TO LEAVE ANY DAMAGE.

I WILL REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY AND ALL TRASH AND LITTER THAT I FIND.

I WILL APPRECIATE AND PROTECT OUR INHERITANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

I WILL, AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE HOBBY, USE THOUGHTFULNESS, CONSIDERATION AND COURTESY AT ALL TIMES.

I WILL WORK TO HELP BRING UNITY TO OUR HOBBY BY WORKING WITH ANY ORGANIZATION OF ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT MAY HAVE PROBLEMS THAT WILL LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO PEACEFULLY PURSUE THE HOBBY.

I WILL LEAVE GATES AS FOUND.

I WILL BUILD FIRES IN DESIGNATED OR SAFE PLACES ONLY.

I WILL REPORT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ENTER AND OR REMOVES ARTIFACTS FROM FEDERAL PARKS OR STATE PRESERVES.