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PRESIDENT BILLER AND MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE FRANK COLLETTI VISIT WITH ANNE KADET, SENIOR WRITER FOR SMART MONEY MAGAZINE

JANUARY 2008 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It's hard to believe that another year has quickly passed. This past year was a good one for the F.M.D.A.C. Many of our clubs took advantage of outside programs to introduce people to the hobby that we love.

The South Jersey Shore Club set up at an Earth Day event in Trenton, New Jersey. They were able to talk with hundreds of people about metal detecting. Linda and I attended this event and experienced first hand the Jersey Club members working together to promote the hobby. The Lancaster Club taught a course called Treasure Hunting 101 at a local college. Several other clubs took advantage of the Wal-Mart Program. These types of outings are being held everywhere and our Clubs need to take advantage of these programs when the opportunity arises.

Independent membership rose greatly and many businesses and companies became supporting members such as White's Electronics and Minelab.

We held two great Conventions starting with the Mesa Convention and the fun filled events at Goldfield, the Cowboy Cookout and the Natural hunt. We topped the year off with the Fall Convention in Butler, PA. The men held a small golf outing, we had some very interesting seminars, and we enjoyed a nice Hawaiian banquet and listened to a very different kind of banquet speaker from a group called Finders Keepers.

Several issues with new laws came up but they were defeated and others were dropped. Mark Schuessler our Alliance Liaison has been hard at work keeping everyone informed. If laws come up in your

area, please keep Mark informed so he can relay the information.

All in all 2007 was a successful year for the F.M.D.A.C. We can look forward to some changes in 2008. The Board made several changes in order to get more people to attend the next Convention. In May of 2008 the F.M.D.A.C. Convention will be held at K River Campground in Antler, Oklahoma. We will hold everything at the Campground, including the banquet which will be more like an outdoor barbeque. We are trying to make things not as formal as in the past. We are trying to make things more relaxed and family oriented. We are planning games, such as pinpointing contest, gold panning, a detector throw, and an old fashioned night hunt to name a few. Manufacturers will also be given an opportunity to hold workshops to introduce new products. This event will also be advertised to the public. We are working with the local schools to organize a field trip for Friday. These changes should bring more people to the Convention thus allowing us to introduce more people to the hobby.

The Susquehanna Club of Pennsylvania started the year with a treasure hunt for kids at the Wyoming Valley Outdoor Expo, in Kingston, Pennsylvania. Participation in events such as this can help build your membership.

It is still early in 2008, but I truly believe that the F.M.D.A.C. will continue to grow. Hopefully the changes we have made will help. And as always, this is your organization and we are only as strong as our membership. If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments, please contact us. We will do whatever we can to help.

Duane Biller National President, F.M.D.A.C.

Note: See Alice Bertzfield's survey on page 6.

FMDAC LIBRARY AVAILABLE

Central States Vice President Dave Carter has been appointed as the librarian for the National FMDAC. Dave has some videos and DVD's available now and hopes to build the library as we move forward. You can contact Dave at dcarter5@aol.com for a list of what is available.

BUTLER CONVENTION A SUCCESS DESPITE LOW TURNOUT

A little over 60 hunters participated in the weekend hunts. That's a low turnout for an FMDAC event, especially in the northeast area. We are concerned about this so please see Alice Bertzfield's survey on page 6. There were several folks that came in the convention center and visited with the dealers and clubs set up with displays.

Several folks from Canada were present as were the members of the host club, The Butler County Treasure Hunters. President Jack Barrett, Vice-president Terry Taylor, Janet Barrett, Kevin Frye, Jim Hindman and Larry & Evelyn Miller hosted a class event.

The hunters were entertained by a young man named Brian Pokrifka playing the bagpipes up on a hill overlooking the wooded huntsite on Saturday morning. The sound through the fogged misty early morning was awesome. Everyone just stopped talking and listened to the music flow through the woods.

The Alpha Search and Rescue provided refreshments throughout the weekend. They train dogs to go into disaster areas and hunt for survivors and in worse case situations, corpses.

The hunters that came didn't know what to expect on the land donated by owner Donna Walker. She and her helpers, Jackie Walker, Carrie white, Kathy Otruba, Laura Cook, Burt White and Kate Walker.



DON AND BILL HAYES SURROUND WESTERN CHAPTER
PRESIDENT MIKE SMITH PRIOR TO THE HUNT

Mrs. Walker's hospitality was really appreciated. She and members of the Alpha Search and Rescue informed us of how they train their dogs. It takes up to two years for a dog to be ready to go out into the field.



NATIONAL TREASURER JILL McFEEDERS REACTS TO SOME
SHENAIGANS AT THE SATURDAY BANQUET

Mrs. Walker also allowed the hunters to search the entire property. Several stayed after both hunt days and found some old stuff. The site was probably used as an encampment during the Revolutionary War.



ANOTHER VIEW OF OUR HUNTSITE

All in all it was a great weekend. The National Officers and Board members would like to thank the folks at Conley's and Donna Walker and her group. Donna told me that our members supported their fund raiser and that the Alpha group did very well.

Don't miss the next FMDAC Treasure Weekend at Antlers, OK. Flyer and details are on pages 9, 10 & 11.

THANKS!

Legislative Department Year End Review

This is a wrap up of what has been happening on the legislative front. It seems that every year there is something to write about. Sometimes it's good news and sometimes not. This year was a mixed bag. If you have been watching the website then most of this should be old news to you. I will recap them in no particular order.

There were state bills in both Texas and Washington for the purpose of opening the state parks to detecting. Actually the Washington bill was to expand the areas where detecting is allowed. That one would have made the archaeologists actually prove that there was something in need of protecting. Both bills stalled in committee. There were forces in the committees that blocked them from going to the full legislature. One of the committee heads refused to even allow it to be discussed in committee. I don't know any other way of saying it except to state it forthright. That is WRONG. This country is not a dictatorship. That committee head told everyone that he has the one and only vote on something he disagrees with and blocked the representation of many people.

There was a bill to extend the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act. This bill provides funding to preserve battlefields on private property from development. Although I would not normally be in favor of more government purchase or intervention in privately owned properties, at least the areas will be preserved from being blacktopped. At the time of this writing the bill has not come to vote.

A big one for the year was the defeat of the Kentucky permit bill. This could have virtually stopped metal detecting and amateur archaeology in the state. A gross attack on private property rights, it was being fought on many fronts including from within their own archaeological ranks. I need to add that it was cleverly disguised inside a cemetery protection bill.

California entered the picture with a bill to severely complicate dredging permits. It would have added many more regulations for the supposed purpose of protecting fish. Along with more red tape and more costs for permits, permits that could have been cancelled at any time. There are already ample regulations on the books and this would have just added more layers strictly for that purpose. The bill passed the legislature and went to the governor for his signature. He "terminated" it. His statement to the legislature was basically what I just said.

A federal bill that has not moved was designed to put many areas of BLM land under a National Park type regulation system. This would have put an end to many activities that are now allowed on BLM land. I feel

the goal of this was probably to eventually turn it into national park land. Why there is any need for this is beyond my knowledge. It seems there are forces intent on preventing the people from utilizing the land that each one of us own.

I was just made aware of a change in a regulation in Georgia. I have not investigated it yet and will report on it at a later time. There is also a change in regulations concerning Oregon state parks. It is not complete yet to my knowledge and concerns archaeological surveys of the park system. I have also just found out that a rogue relic hunter has just been sentenced for metal detecting on a Civil War battlefield park. Not only were he and two others digging in the park in the middle of the day but apparently he had been arrested once before for the same thing! So it's not as if he did not know it was wrong. People like this deserve everything they get. Not only because they are seriously in the wrong but this guy was either just plain stupid or he is absurdly arrogant.

Although this is the end of the year there is still over a month and a half left. A lot can happen in the closing weeks. This is the time when shifty legislators try to slip stuff in at the last minute and get an immediate vote without anyone actually reading what is in the bill. I will keep a close watch for the remaining time. Once the New Year comes around we will start all over and soon see what new battles confront us. I would like to say that I catch them all but that just aren't possible. It takes everyone to watch for detrimental bills on all levels.

Mark Schuessler

ELECTION RESULTS

It was voted on by the Board to not send out a separate mailing notifying everyone of the non-election we didn't have.

There were not any officers opposed in the 2007 Chapter elections. So it was declared that all Chapter officers would retain their positions.

This is why you or your club did not receive any election materials. The officers are sorry for any confusion caused.



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LET'S PARTY!

FMDAC member: Boy those officers sure have a nice party on my \$5! Other member: Yeah! They all get their hunt fees paid for too! And all the booze they want also! Yeah, it must be nice.

Sound familiar? I've heard it a lot from members over the years and always wondered what a person can really expect for \$5. Can you get out of a Starbucks for less than \$5? You sure can't fill up for \$5 can you? Anyone that buys groceries has seen an increase in their purchases in the last couple of years.

Another puzzle to me was why don't these people get involved and latch onto some of that "free party money?" I'll tell you why. There is "no free party money". They know deep down that to be an officer requires a great deal of sacrifice. Lost business while away from home, family time cut down and treasure hunting time reduced while doing FMDAC business.

I learned something from the very beginning of my involvement with the FMDAC. Most of the officers put not only a lot of time but a substantial amount of personal money into being a good officer. The FMDAC cannot nor will not finance parties. They do pay for lodging at the conventions and some travel expenses. Never are any hunt fees or banquet tickets purchased with National FMDAC funds.

Convention facilities like the ones previously used are also a big part of the FMDAC's budget. No one in the organization receives any pay except for legal, accounting services and the Web Managers dial-up Internet service. I have heard many officers take little or nothing in the way of expenses when they traveled to help the national treasury.

So the next time you pull a Five Dollar Bill out of your wallet or money clip stand there and look at it, think about what you are buying and then wonder, wow, I'm getting a heck of a deal for my 5 FMDAC dollars.

We are always looking for committed people that would like to be an officer. With the new by-law changes that will let Independent members qualify we will see a new breed of officers entering the fold.

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FMDAC SURVEY

A few treasure hunters have expressed the fact that they no longer attend the FMDAC conventions. At the last convention at Butler, PA and the one in the spring in Mesa, AZ., the attendance wasn't like it used to be. At the convention meeting, I asked if we could get the general feeling from the members as to why they no longer come to conventions.

Please take the time to respond to this survey:

1. Has the cost of traveling been a deterrent?
2. Has the cost of the hunt been a deterrent?
3. Have you been turned off by the location?
4. Has lodging been a problem?
5. Or have you just lost interest?

For example: If the location has turned you off, take the time to express where you would like to go. List a few places for the officers to consider. This is our chance to share our thoughts as members of the FMDAC. Go to the web site or take the time to respond by mail, as this is our organization.

I raised the question at the annual open meeting in Butler, PA and was ask to do a survey. I tried to cover the things that might be on the minds of others. If you see an issue not addressed in the survey please write your ideas down and send them in. Again, please respond so the officers can plan ahead for the coming year and beyond.

Alice Bertzfield

FMDAC member

Send responses to: djperry900@peoplepc.com or return address on this Quest.

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ARCHAEOLOGY STUDY OF CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD-Battle of Boonville, MO

A newspaper article appeared in the October 28, 2007 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch describing an archaeology study that was to take place November 8-10 at the battlefield where the June 17, 1861 Battle of Boonville took place near Boonville, Missouri. This was only the third land battle of the Civil War and was important in that it made it possible for the North to maintain control of the Missouri River throughout the Civil War and use it to transport supplies. The article mentioned that renowned archaeologist, Douglas Scott, along with archaeologist Steve Dasovich and others would participate in the battlefield study.

The study was being done in conjunction with Missouri's Civil War Heritage Foundation whose president is Greg Wolk. The foundation hopes to add the site to its driving tour of battlefields and it is hoped the study will produce information that will help them to post signs designating important areas within the battlefield area.

The Midwest Coinshooters and Historical Club contacted Dr. Steve Dasovich to ask him whether the study could use the help of the club members in conducting the study. The club members were told that their help would be appreciated. Members were given the opportunity to volunteer to participate, but due to the timing of the study-it was during the work week- only two members were able to participate. Club President, Roger Horrom, and Vice President, Bill Mathews, attended the study for all three days.



FIRST FIND OF THE DAY 58 CAL MINI BALL

The battlefield is about four miles outside the town of Boonville, Missouri which itself is a very historic town with over four hundred fifty homes and buildings within the town listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. Each day of the study began with the participants

meeting at the historic Hotel Fredrick located in downtown Boonville and leaving for the battlefield site at about 8:00 AM. Arrangements were made in advance with each of the private landowners for permission to detect the many farm fields where the study was to take place. Up to fifteen participants worked each day with some of them using metal detectors to locate and mark targets, others would follow them and dig the targets. Then Doug Scott would take GPS readings on important finds and record the appropriate data about each. As was found out later, the GPS information was entered into a mapping program on Doug's computer so that possible patterns defined by the information could be developed and used to create an authentic story of how the battle took place.

Cornfields and grassy pastures soon began giving up important finds such as 58 caliber mini-balls, round balls, and buttons. Other key finds were a bottom from a canister shell fired from a cannon and one single coin from the period, an 1848 large cent. All finds were cataloged and will be taken to the lab for analysis by the archaeologists and then returned to the property owners if they want them.



DR. DOUG SCOTT, CHIEF ARCHEOLOGIST, OVERLOOKS KIM LINDBURG AND EDDY PINPOINTING AN ITEM

The officials of the town of Boonville were very receptive of the group doing the study and to show their appreciation, provided a daily lunch time meal to each of the study participants. There was a nice reception held at the Hotel Fredrick on the first night of the study to provide each of the participants a chance to meet each other and the town officials and discuss the events and results of the first day of the study. A highlight of the whole adventure for Roger and Bill was the opportunity to attend a dinner held for the study group on Friday night. A couple participating in the study, Mike and Mary Duncan, are proprietors of the historic Arrow Rock Tavern located in Arrow Rock, Missouri which is about

13 miles from Boonville. The Duncan's run a restaurant in the 1834 tavern and Mary prepared a family style chicken dinner for everyone's enjoyment. The tavern is the oldest continuously operating tavern west of the Mississippi River.



FROM LEFT RICK PIERCE, STEVE DASOVICH'S 3 CHILDREN, STEVE, MARK ?, MRS DASOVICH, DOUG SCOTT, ROGER HORROM, BILL MATHEWS, MIKE DUNCAN AND EDDY ?.

After the dinner, Mike gave the attendees a wonderful tour of the old tavern and hotel and passed on some very interesting information about the history of the building. The battlefield study was completed on Saturday and everyone headed home. Doug Scott will issue a report on the results of the study once all the information is analyzed. Some of the photos taken during the study are posted in the photo gallery section of this website, so check those out if you wish. This was a great experience and provided both Bill and me with some insight as to how such an archaeology study of a battlefield takes place.

Submitted by: Roger Horrom

THE HIDDEN HISTORY LEAGUE

David Ortiz contacted President Biller in October of 2007 to see if the FMDAC could help him get a treasure hunting club going in his public school. Sidney Sawyer Elementary School is located in low income area with a 97% Hispanic population. 2051 students attend the school starting with Kindergarten through the eighth grade.

David wanted us to help him obtain equipment for the kids to use and then they could study the history behind the item that was found. Duane put out a request and soon a couple of used detectors were on their way to Chicago.

"By allowing the children to have a hand on experience in the field of archeology, what better way to do so than to use a metal detector? When I explained the club to the fourth through eighth grade students, I was shocked to find out that the majority of the students didn't even know what a metal detector was," David said.

He has 64 students interested and as of the first of the year 29 signed up for his club. We wish David good luck with his project and if anyone reading this would like to get clubs started at their school contact Dave or Jill. We hope to expand this program of furnishing detectors to groups of school kids.

ROOT CELLAR

This is a story that I have repeated before. This is one of my favorite winter stories and such a great memory for me. I can almost smell the tall pines and taste the clean U.P. air!

Part of what I enjoy when I go detecting with my father-in-law, up in Michigan's western U.P., is simply riding to the sites that we are going to hunt. As many of you know, my father-in-law, Bob, is a retired logger who really knows his way in the north woods. During his logging days he was fascinated by the deep woods and its many hidden secrets-- secrets that from time to time over the last 40 years, he would discover.

These secrets of the woods are now almost invisible. These were once locations of early lumber, mining or railroad camps and ghost towns. Not only did Bob make some mental notes of these locations, but often he would research these sites. Ever since my wife and I gave him his first detector for Father's Day a few years back, we have been hunting these areas together.

As I mentioned, getting there is half the fun. I get a chance to sit back and enjoy the scenery. And in the western U.P. the beauty is breath-taking. Of course the journey to these sites is often miles of two-track driving deep into the woods. The wildlife is awesome! The site of a mother bear with her cubs, the red, summer coat of the White Tail deer, wolves, beavers, eagles, woodcock . . . I take it all in as a precious, treasured gift from our marvelous creator.

On this occasion, we were heading to an old hunting camp. As we drove along, Bob related a story associated with the site that we were about to detect. I guess you could say this story has become a local legend.

The old hunting camp was, in its day, a large well-developed spread. There was a group of cabins, equipment sheds and a mess hall, as well as other buildings. This site was used for several years until the

end of the 1800's when it was destroyed by a forest fire, then never rebuilt. The story about the old camp starts several years after its destruction by fire.

A woodsman who lived off the land, trapped, hunted and even attempted to prospect in the area, hiked deep into the woods. He started this trip into the woods much later in the season than usual. The area, which was best known for its long hard winters, was enjoying a late Indian summer. Thinking he would capitalize on the unusually good weather the old woodsman decided to work his trap lines one more time. The hike would take about ten days if everything went well . . . which it didn't. Like most trappers, he would use crude shelters called line shacks along the course of his trap lines.

He was well over half way through his journey and deep in the woods when a winter storm moved in. At first the woodsman thought nothing of the snow. In fact, tied to his heavy pack was a set of snow shoes for just this problem.

As it turned out, this storm he was facing was like nothing he had ever seen! Snow fell so hard that he could barely see more than few yards ahead. What made matters worse; the storm had trapped him as he was cutting cross-country. How he wished the storm had hit him while he was near the river. Instead he was far from anything familiar.

To avoid a deep two-mile crevice where the river was impossible to follow, he would cut through the forest. Eventually he would intersect the river downstream where he would find one of the trapper's shacks.

The trail was familiar to him; that is at least when he could see it. It was kept trampled by other trappers and roaming deer. After just one hour of heavy snow, the wood's floor all looked the same. Getting his bearings from the sun or the stars was hopeless with dark gray clouds overhead. To make matters worse, using a compass in Iron County is all but useless, because of the ground's iron content.

The snow started out with large, wet flakes which came down like a shower. Within a short time he was soaking wet and soon the rapidly falling temperature froze his clothes and beard. Disoriented and cold, he tried to set up his small canvas tent which was nothing more than a wind break. By now, the wind was furious and defeated his every effort. He soon realized his struggle against the sharp, cold wind was for his life! Finally, he wrapped himself in the canvas, and then covered himself as best he could in the already deep snow. The night passed slowly and the snow was growing deeper by the minute.

By morning the snow had let up, yet the sky remained dark with clouds. Knowing the north woods at this time of year, he realized this could go on for weeks, even months. His best chance of survival was to take shelter at the closest line shack . . . but clearly he was lost. Looking around as he moved slowly through the woods he hoped to spot a familiar landmark. Nothing looked familiar! He feared he was walking further and further in the wrong direction . . . perhaps to his death.

For a short time the snow let up enough so that he could see about an eighth of a mile in every direction. He strained to see as far as possible before trudging any further. That's when he noticed what looked like a clearing. It was hard to know for sure, from this distance he was not sure if it was a clearing, or if his eyes were playing tricks on him. Something deep inside seemed to tell him to take a closer look.

Yes, it was a clearing, perhaps the site of an old cabin or camp. He could not recall ever seeing this before, which only confirmed he was lost! The surface of the snow was level except in three areas which measured about twenty feet square. In these areas the snow seemed to indent about six inches. Without a doubt this was once a camp and these were areas dug under the buildings. Little good that would do him. Oh, how he wished one of those buildings was still standing! Then he noticed a depression caused by a much longer building. This could have been a bunkhouse. On the other hand, if this was a work camp, or perhaps a hunting camp used by a lodge, this may have been a mess hall. All these thoughts ran through his mind as he approached the larger indentation.

The snow was starting to come down hard once again as if to remind him of the danger he was facing, that's when he noticed a large hole in the ground several yards away. As he approached the opening, he reached back to take his rifle from its sheath. If this hole was big enough to provide shelter, he wasn't too anxious to share it with a critter.

When he looked into the opening, he was surprised to see steps! It was a root cellar! At first he broke a long stick from a nearby tree and probed into the hole as far as he could reach to announce his presence. Then with a rag and some lard from his pack he used a shorter stick to make a torch. As he entered the man-made cave, he could not believe his eyes! There before him were porcelain cooking pots, glass mason jars with coffee, beans, rice, flour, etc. Was he dreaming? Had he been in the snow too long? Was this a mirage? No, it was all there before him! There were two oil lamps stored next to two cans of lamp oil. There was even a large pile of empty flour and potato sacks.

He struggled to get his doe skin gloves off, and then he quickly put one of the lanterns to work. His first order of business was to seal the doorway of his new found shelter. As he kicked the heavy snow away from the sides of the hole, he found a heavy wooden door. When he lifted it from the snow, he found evidence of the camp's demise. The door's outside was charred from the heat of a forest fire. Had it not been at ground level, it would be gone.....

As my father-in-law brought his truck to a stop, he finished the story. Bob told me this was the camp where the old woodsman survived for weeks in one of the worst winter storms in upper Michigan's recorded history.

Some believe this was a story spun in a northern bar. The more the story teller's mug was refilled, the better the story got. Bob went on to tell me that one of the reasons some doubt the story is because the root cellar was never found. "Do you believe the story is possible?" I asked.

"Sure it's possible, some of it makes sense, but I am not too sure if I believe it," he replied.

Bob's story really made the area more interesting! As we detected around the site, it wasn't long before we discovered the camp's large trash pit. The pit was hidden beneath a heavy layer of leaves. We both took an interest in this. Soon our detectors were propped against a tree and we started removing the remains of dozens of rusted cans. We had hoped to find some 1800's bottles and did we ever! The sad part was they were the most common early bottles known to man. . . . worthless catsup bottles! We did find a Hutchinson type soda bottle and a neat paneled Dr. Tobias Venetian Horse Liniment bottle.

When the trash pit was thoroughly explored, I went back to detecting. I wasn't at it very long before I felt nature calling. Being modest I decided to deal with this in private. I noticed a slight rise to the ground and decided to retreat to the other side of it. As I walked over the gentle rise, I noticed the ground seemed spongy. When I reached the top, panic took over . . . I started to sink! Before I had a chance to think about what was happening, I was standing in a hole more than six feet deep!

I must have let out a holler because Bob was looking down at me in no time at all! While my mind was racing to figure a way out, I realized just before me was a stairway. When I turned around, I saw porcelain pots and plates sitting on earthen shelves cut into the walls. On another shelf there were large empty canning jars. Beneath my feet was the large rotted beam that once supported the earth roof. I was lucky it let me down so

gently! Right next to my feet were the remains of an old pair of leather boots. These boots were so big that made my size 10's look tiny!

We busied ourselves at the job of clearing away the earth from the cave-in. Then we searched the root cellar with a fine-toothed comb. There we found the remains of old lanterns, lamp oil cans, and old cloth sacks that were now like dust. I had hoped we would find something dated. A diary would have been nice!

Our discovery certainly doesn't prove the old legend to be fact. But it does make it more plausible. Of course those of you who know me have heard me say, "Metal detecting without an imagination is like metal detecting without batteries!"

Submitted by Allan Holden

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THIS WEEKEND!

GONE HUNT'N



BEVERLY Y. BOES

Beverly Y. Boes age 59 of Princeton, IN Went to the Lord Friday November 23, 2007. She was born in Washington, In. November 12, 1948 to John Marvin and Rosemary (Craig) Spraggins.

Beverly was a medical secretary in Dr. Foley's office until retiring after 18 years. She was a charter member of Living Waters Church in Princeton.

She is survived by her husband, Harold, a charter member of Three Rivers Treasure Club and step-father Leonard Seibe, Evansville, eight children and their spouses, one sister / brother-in-law, nineteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and special friends Cathy and Rollie Clark.

The Boes family has been a treasure hunting family for many years. They have been staunch supporters of the hobby.

Thanks to Colvin Mortuary.



WALT AND JOAN AT THE BANQUET

Joan Ann Genter, 66, of Virginia Beach, VA, died at 7:50 AM on Monday, November 5, 2007 at Peaceful Valley Campgrounds.

She was born Thursday, October 30, 1941 in Poughkeepsie, NY, the daughter of the late Salvatore and Dorothy (Pagnato) Damelio.

She was a member of St. Mary's Church at Wappingers Falls, NY. She was a retired data entry operator for IBM. Joan enjoyed camping all over the USA.

Surviving are her husband, Walter Genter, whom she married March 29, 1964; 2 Daughters, Mrs. Joseph (Dorothy) Thomas of Virginia Beach, VA, Mrs. Walter (Mary Ann) Rowe of Poughkeepsie, NY; 6 grandchildren; Mother, Dorothy Damelio of Virginia Beach, VA; and a brother, Edward Damelio, of NY.

She was preceded in death by her father. There was a private service and burial.

Editor's note: Joan and Walt were at Conley's Resort for the Saturday night banquet and at the hunt site on Sunday. Joan was able to see a lot of friends as she chose to come to Butler. I will never forget the smile she gave me across the parking area as I waved goodbye when they left.

ROY VOLKER 1924-2008

IT'S HARD TO FIND THE WORDS TO SAY
EXACTLY HOW WE FEEL TODAY

A GREATER LOSS, WE HAVE NOT KNOWN
AS WE ARE MOURNING ONE OF OUR OWN

AT THE SAME TIME, ALONG WITH OUR GRIEF
WE FEEL A CERTAIN SENSE OF RELIEF

NO LONGER WILL HE STRUGGLE FOR BREATH
HE HAS FOUND HIS PEACE WITH DEATH

HE PRAYED TO GOD, HIS SINS HE DID REPENT
AFTER WHICH, FROM GOD, THE ANGELS WERE SENT

WE WERE ALL NEAR, WHEN ANGELS TOOK HIM
AWAY
WE STOPPED OUR CRYING AND TOOK TIME TO PRAY

NOW HE'S REUNITED WITH THE ONES HE LOVED BEFORE
AND MEMORIES MUST SUSTAIN US, HE IS WITH US NO MORE

WE MUST BE STRONG FOR EACH OTHER
WIPE THE TEARS FROM OUR FACE
AS WE TRY TO REMEMBER
HE'S IN A BETTER PLACE

HIS LIFE WAS FULL OF ADVENTURE AND LOVE
HE WAS TRULY GOOD
HE HAD MORE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION
THAN ANYONE EVER COULD

HE HAD A STRONG LOVE FOR US,
HIS FAMILY AND HIS WIFE
IT REMAINED A CONSTANT ENTITY
THROUGHOUT HIS LONG & HAPPY LIFE

THERE WAS A LITTLE SAYING, THAT HE
OFTEN LIKED TO SAY
JUST BEFORE A DIVE HE'D SHOUT "TODAY IS THE DAY!"

LET THIS ALWAYS BE A REMINDER TO US FROM DAY TO DAY
THAT WE MUST PERSEVERE, HE IS IN OUR HEARTS IN EVERY WAY

HE'S TAKEN HIS LAST JOURNEY
HE'S WRITTEN HIS FINAL BOOK
NOW HIS SEARCH HAS ENDED
UPON HIS TREASURE, HE WILL LOOK



LAUREEN (VOLKER) EDELSTEIN

Roy Volker – Founded Midwest Coinshooters of St. Louis, MO. The poem and pictures are from his daughter.

2008 SPRING FESTIVAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Gold Panning

2 GPAA Clubs along with Mike Smith our Western Chapter will hold workshops on Gold Panning. Mike is also planning on a panning competition and you will also be able to test your skills on your own in the Kiamichi River which runs through the campground.

Detector Throw

We all thought of tossing our detector when it malfunctioned. Well now you will have the opportunity to throw someone else's detector in this fun event. Ron David our Central States President will head up this hilarious game.

Old Fashioned Night Hunt

Lynn Howard the wife of our Northeast Chapter President John Howard is putting together this fun, mysterious and surprising hunt. No diggers will be needed only a heart for fun. Remember many surprises await you. Only bring your laughter.

Pin Pointing Contest

Vic Kamer our Mid Atlantic Chapter President will hold both individual and team competitions. Vic may throw in a few twists in the competition but it's all for fun.

Scavenger Hunt

We are planning an old fashioned scavenger hunt. See if you can follow the trail of clues leading to the hidden Treasures.

Kids Games

Alice Bertzfield is planning many games for kids. Even though there is a little kid in all of us Alice won't let us play.

Kids Hunt

We will hold a kids hunt between the two Sunday hunts. The time for this hunt will be around 1 1:00AM.

Camping

K-River Campground will be the headquarters for all the activities for all the events. Camping is also available for the event at K-River Campground. Rates will vary from tenting sites to full hookup. For rates and reservations call 580-298-2242

Displays and Dealer Area

Our dealers and manufacturers will have displays set up on the campground grounds under the pavilion. They will also hold workshops and seminars on the grounds.

Hotels

There are motels located in both Antler and Clayton, Oklahoma. The main motel that we will use is the Oliver Inn in Antler.

They have about 40 rooms and rates are \$39.00 + tax for a Queen Room 2 people - \$45.00 + tax for a King room 2 people and

\$45.00 + tax for a double room 2 people. Reservations 580-298-3387

Clayton Country Inn in Clayton rooms will be \$59.00 Reservations 918-569-4165

Budget Motel in Antler rates will be \$40.00 for a single and \$45.00 for a double

Reservations 580-298-1110

A&A Motel in Clayton, Rates \$49.00 Reservations 918-569-4103

Saturday Morning Hunt

The Saturday Morning hunt will be all silver dimes with tokens buried for silver rounds and prizes. The entry for this hunt will be \$50.00. This hunt will start at 9:00AM with registration beginning at 8:00AM

Saturday Night Banquet and Dinner

We will have our Banquet and Dinner under the pavilion. This will be an informal event so you can come as you are. Cost for the Dinner is \$18.00.

Sunday Morning Big Hunts

We will hold 2 big hunts on Sunday morning. The first hunt will start at 10:00AM and the second Hunt will start at 1:00PM. Registration will begin at 9:00AM for both hunts. These hunts will be all silver with tokens buried for Silver rounds, gold coins, prizes and our top prizes including our two big treasure chests.

TIMES FOR ALL EVENTS HELD AT THE CAMPGROUND WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE PAVILION AND ALSO SCHEDULES WILL BE GIVEN OUT.

ENTRY FORM

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 or must pay an additional \$10.00 which will entitle them to Independent membership
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.) YOU MUST SEND AN ENVELOPE OR YOUR TICKETS AND INFO WILL BE HELD.
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I am a member of the FMDAC in good standing and I wish to participate in the following events.

SATURDAY HUNT

of entries _____ (Until 4/1) \$50 _____ (4/1 to 4/26) \$55 _____ (At convention) \$60 _____

BANQUET

of meals _____ (Until 4/1) \$18 _____ (4/1 to 4/26) \$20 _____ (At convention) \$25 _____

SUNDAY HUNTS

of entries _____ (Until 4/1) \$100 _____ (4/1 to 4/26) \$110 _____ (At convention) \$125 _____

INDEPENDENT MEMBERSHIP _____ \$10.00

DO NOT MAIL AFTER 4/26/ 07 - 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 Banquet.

NAME _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CLUB NAME or INDEPENDENT _____

PHONE _____ E-mail _____

I acknowledge that I WILL NOT hold the FMDAC, GPAA, or K-River Campgrounds responsible for any injuries or accidents I may incur while participating in any of the above events.

Signature _____ Date _____

FMDAC Convention Hunt Rules

1. You must be an FMDAC member to participate in the hunt and show your FMDAC card at Registration.
2. NO PI (Pulse Induction) machines are permitted.
3. Headphones must be used on the hunt field.
4. Coils over 11 inches are not permitted to be used.
5. Only small digging tools will be permitted. (3" width)
6. Only registered hunters permitted on the hunt field.
7. The Hunt Master is totally in charge.
8. Prizes will be regulated according to number of entries.
9. All coins used in Sunday's hunt will be silver.
10. Coinage for Saturday's optional hunt will be at the discretion of The Hunt Chairman.

FMDAC Board of Directors

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.

FMDAC MERCHANDISE

Patches \$3.00

4' Stickers \$1.50

3" Stickers \$1.00

Lapel / Hat pins \$4.00

S&H \$1.00

Hats and T-shirts will be available at the convention

Contact Jill McFeeders

7025 Dover Zoar Rd.

Dover, OH 44622

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FMDAC TRAVEL WEBSITE NOW AVAILABLE

We are excited to announce the addition of a new funding program for FMDAC. FMDAC now has its own travel website! This is a full featured travel website private labeled with the FMDAC name and logo. Go check it out! You can find it at: www.fmdactravel.org.

How it works: Every time travel is arranged through an online travel website, travel companies pay commissions for your reservation. When travel is booked on our new website, FMDAC will receive 40% of these commissions paid as royalties!

This is an exciting program that we will make available to our supporters. They can visit the website, book their personal travel and FMDAC will receive our share of the commissions. But, we also need to take advantage of the program internally to maximize the funding from this program.

Website Features

If you are familiar with booking travel online, you shouldn't have any trouble navigating the new website. The site functions in a similar manner to other travel websites such as Expedia® and Orbitz®. Some of the key features you will find on the website include:

- Air, hotel, car rental search and booking features
- Vacation packages
- Cruise packages
- Ordering flowers online
- Ordering event and sport tickets

Website Address: www.fmdactravel.org please bookmarks this URL.

Internal Travel

All business travel for FMDAC should be arranged through our new website. If you are arranging travel for yourself or someone else in the organization, please use our new website and bookmark the site for future use.

Personal Travel

Just like our supporters, the website is available to you and your family to book your personal travel. Please help us increase our funding. Use our new website whenever you travel!

Group Travel

In addition to the travel website, we also have group travel services provided to us through this program. Through this part of the service we have a group travel

specialist available to arrange group travel events. This includes internal group travel as well as fundraising travel events that can be arranged for supporters. As with the website, all group travel arranged through this program will pay commissions back to FMDAC. Group travel must comply with YTB Group Travel Guidelines.

If you have any questions about this new travel program, please contact Jill McFeeders.

Please help to make this exciting new program a success!

**Book all travel at:
www.fmdactravel.com**

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GOLF PACKAGES

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FLOWERS**

**ALL YOUR TRAVEL
NEEDS AT ONE STOP
SHOPPING**