

# CENTRAL STATES EAGLE

FEDERATION OF METAL DETECTOR AND ARCHEOLOGICAL CLUBS  
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10/09/2004 – Dave Perry – room - \$79.17

12/17/2004 - Ron David Phone - \$45.00

Total \$124.17

Balance 09/30/2004 - \$334.60

Carl McFeeders,  
Central States Treasurer

## FROM THE EDITOR:

Boy did I stir up a hornet's nest in Texas. Seems our little Central States newsletter made its way to Don Young and Keith Wills. Don Young emailed me and said that I had made some statements that were not true and if I would read the transcript of the trial I would see that. I said that some of the officers were briefed by a ranger on the Bob & Ed issue. I was not at that meeting and was given a simple overview of the meeting. One of the statements, which I got secondhand, was that if they had just paid their citations everything would have been OK. Well, they did pay their fines and that money was returned to them. They were then charged with the other charges and put on trial.

Don sent me a copy of the transcript, all 350 plus pages. After reading the transcript of the trial I emailed Don and gave him my thoughts on the issue. The trial transcript showed that Bob and Ed had admitted to going into the park to relic hunt. There weren't any defense witnesses called, which I thought was strange. I concluded that they made the statements to the authorities and why fight it.

Low and behold I received a page and a half, bold type, two paragraph blazing email from Keith Wills. He said had I read the sentencing transcript I would clearly see that Bob & Ed were not guilty. (Don did not send me the sentencing transcript) He said "as you know, Bob and Ed had "no defense" from their court appointed attorneys, which at the time they felt would be more than enough to defend them on such stupid charges and lies in this case." I wouldn't think being charged with a crime and going to court would be the time to call something stupid. I would take it very serious and give it my best shot.

Keith also said they had learned their lesson on the lawyer issue and presented somewhat of a defense at the sentencing hearing. People at a local store saying it was a county park instead of a state park. Pictures of a well-worn path that everybody and their brother used to get around the barricade to go fishing. The barricade was apparently put there to keep drug traffic down. Keith also stated that the ranger and the archeologist lied in court. He has not presented me with any evidence that shows they have been charged with perjury at this point. Perhaps they will be charged in the future.

The bits and pieces I gleaned from Keith's email leave a reasonable doubt as to whether Bob and Ed should have even been charged in the first place. I do hope that Keith and his followers can help these guys get the record cleared and their gear back. I still haven't read the sentencing transcript. Maybe some day they will send it and I will read it. Meanwhile I apologize to Bob and Ed for any comments made that offended them. I thought I had the facts and I didn't. Keith surly will keep me up to date now. He told me not to be surprised to see a national effort to remind everyone of the FMDAC's decision when Bob and Ed are proven innocent.

This so called effort in my mind is a useless waste of Keith's abilities and talents. The FMDAC Board made their decision on the information made available to

them at the time. An organization that promotes honesty and integrity and ethics could not support an obviously (by the transcript) guilty party. Had Keith shared the sentencing hearing information with someone maybe things would have worked out differently. Also the untimely death of Jimmie McWilliams probably didn't help as he was following this for the board.

Bob has been gathering information that contradicts a lot of the things that were brought out in the trial. There is a lot of information on this case available on Keith's Website WWATS.ORG. Hopefully, we'll hear some good news about these guys some day.

Electronic newsletters seem to be the wave of the future. I get about 50/50 on the clubs that send me their monthly newsletters. The electronic newsletter is easy to cut and paste certain items but there is nothing like holding that paper in your hand. I can get used to the electronic idea and print my own copies when I need to. Our chapter and many clubs that do send their newsletters out this way are doing so to save money. If you have a large club it would cost a fortune to send out monthly editions.

As for our national board they have decided to send 5 issues of the *Quest* to each club. The *Quest* is also available on the FMDAC's Website. Most clubs have email lists so most members can access the newsletter. The 5 hard copies can then be passed to those who need them. Frank Colletti is the current editor so send him your stories for future editions. ([secretary@fmdac.com](mailto:secretary@fmdac.com))

## FROM THE CLUBS

I'm not going to list each club this edition because all of clubs were involved in Christmas party activities and the like. Several of the Michigan clubs are having meetings to see what can be done about the recent restrictions placed on state lands and parks. If we need an email or letter campaign we will let everyone know through our email system and Website.

Belated Happy Holidays to each and every one of you. May 2005 fill your treasure pouches with all kinds of goodies.

There will be a lot of events coming up so I will do my best to get things listed for an early spring edition so you can plan your travels and such.

I really appreciate all the newsletters and enjoy reading them to see what you are all doing. Right now my club, Three Rivers Research & Recovery Association, is reorganizing. We, like so many clubs, need new blood to keep things going. Anyway as I said earlier send me your newsletters electronically and save your stamps.

Dave

# VIRGINIA LAW!

This little piece was sent out by Harry Neimeyer. This sort of thing can and is spreading around the country. Here is the URL to the Virginia law.

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+HB2078>

A quick scan says this is against the grave robbers, relic looters and not so much as against the hobbyist. And requires asking permission which is always been recommended by the FMDAC and other national organizations.

It seems to be spreading across the country; we had Georgia, Michigan, New Jersey, Florida and now Virginia. I may have missed some but it is happening.

Maybe when someone asks at a local club meeting for you to write or call your legislator, representative, assemblyman, senator, or the manufacturers of detecting equipment they won't just get blank faces and dumb looks anymore. Yep that's what I said and what I see when I mention doing something. It is time to stop sitting there, asking what an organization is doing for you and to ask what you can do to help.

The top national organizations have to stop their backstabbing, arguing, whining, complaining and start to work together.

The local clubs in all states whether they belong to a national organization or not should all be uniting and trying to find a way to work together to defeat or amend these laws.

Our strength is in numbers only, not dollars. All the organizations total funds do not amount to enough to pay lobbyists.

We are not anywhere near the NRA in political pressure or funds (they have millions) but we have to work together and try to do something before we lose more rights.

Harry Niemeyer - President  
Mid-Atlantic Chapter



**RON DAVID**  
President, FMDAC C.S.C.

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Welcome to 2005. I hope that the year finds you eager to make that amazing find. Be it that lost diamond ring, the rare coin you have never found, something gold, a super relic. It's still out there waiting to be found. Good luck in the months ahead.

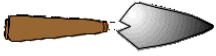
Discussions heard around the country from the FMDAC. Memberships from new clubs are coming in. Manufacturers support is on the rise. Knowing that the direction the FMDAC is heading they are willing to support our programs. I'm being called weekly about treasure's being found by the metal detector users.

Members are calling or emailing me to ask about what the FMDAC is doing to prevent the closing of land to metal detecting. Mainly it would take money, lots of it, for a lobbyist. First of all if we raised our dues to fifty dollars, it would still be just a drop in the bucket. What the FMDAC members have to prevent are all the land closings. A letter, an email, or a phone call to our elected representatives would do a world of good. Let the FMDAC Chapter President know of your problem and I will call upon the FMDAC membership to support a letter, email, and phone campaign. We have the power of the membership and other organizations that support the hobby and the FMDAC. It's our best weapon.

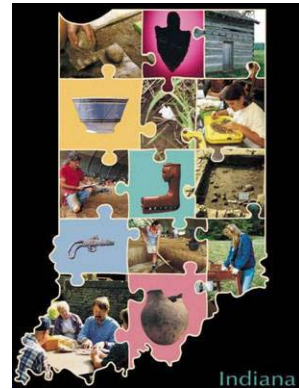
I hope to see many of you at club meetings or treasure hunts this year. Stop by and say hello. I want to wish all of you a happy 2005 and good hunting.

Ron David,  
Central States Chapter President

Next page is the January edition of the Indiana Archeological news, enjoy.



# Archaeology News



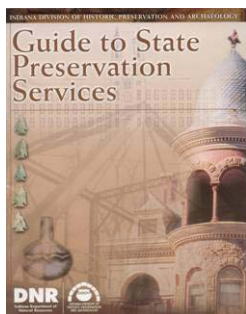
- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist*

- **End of year summary-** A brief review of some of the many activities of the Archaeology Section of the DHPA in 2004 is in order. Our staff reviewed almost 20 cemetery development plans and around 3,000 environmental and coal mining projects. Sixty-three accidental discoveries, of varying types, were reported to us and/or investigated. We also reviewed proposals for, and products from, archaeology projects funded with Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) monies. Indiana Archaeology Month, the ninth annual statewide celebration of the science of archaeology, was coordinated by our staff, and several new educational outreach materials were produced. With these activities, and many other duties and projects not listed here, it was a busy year for our archaeologists, serving the public and the resources!



For the archaeologists with universities, private firms, etc., it was also a very busy year. In figures recently turned in by our office to the National Park Service, our records indicate that as a result of environmental review projects and grant funded archaeology projects, over 58 hectares of Indiana land were archaeologically investigated, and over 450 new sites were recorded!

- **Start of the new year-** As we begin a new year of archaeological work and discoveries, let us know if you need blank archaeological site forms, copies of any of the handouts which are available from our office (a great number can be found at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archeopubs.html>), etc. We will be happy to provide you with whatever you need to start 2005.



Our office distributes the official archaeological site forms for Indiana.

- **Archaeologist**  
**DHPA-**

For those who might not be very familiar with our office, the *Guide to State Preservation Services* is a good document to request.

**position at**  
**Archaeologist**

Cathy Draeger has been hired to double-fill a temporary vacancy in our Archaeology Section. Cathy will now be conducting Section 106 reviews.

This information is distributed via email by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA). This is meant to provide information on current archaeological topics and issues in which the DHPA is involved. An archive of past *Archaeology News* issues is available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archeonwsltr.html> . If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office at 317/232-1646.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-  
[www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html)

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