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FINANCIAL REPORT

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Carl McFeeders,
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PERMISSION!**

FROM THE EDITOR:

It's still chilly out but I can smell spring in the air. We have been very lucky here in southwest Indiana. Seems like those above and below us keep getting the real bad stuff. The call of the hunt is strong and folks are wiping off the old detector and heading out.

There was some confusion as to what states were in the new re-formed Central States Chapter. The national board re-drew the map and we ended up with an eight state chapter. Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky now form the new Central States. We lost Tennessee and Missouri in the shuffle. Ron David said he would like to get in touch with all the clubs in the new states and see how things are going.

We have been pretty lucky in the Central States. Only Michigan has been hit with restrictive hunting measures on their state lands and parks. Several of the clubs are organizing to see if all or some of the restrictive rules / legislation can be reversed. Jim Arnsman has been working with his senator in what may develop into a meeting with the Michigan D.N.R. We will keep you updated as information comes out. Perhaps letters and emails will be needed from the masses. Whatever is needed I'm sure the Central States clubs will cooperate.

Like I said earlier, spring is in the air. A lot of flyers for hunts are floating around so if your heading out make sure and check everything out before you leave. Make sure you have plenty of fresh batteries and your machines all work OK. Don't forget the car either. It has just come through a tough winter so have your mechanic look it over good before any long trips.

The big spring convention will be held in Laughlin, NV. April 15, 16 & 17. Yours truly is not planning on attending at this time. It is however, a good opportunity for the west coast members to get together. One of the great things about the F.M.D.A.C. conventions is the chance to meet new treasure hunters and renew old friendships made over the years. It all comes down to one thing. Treasure hunters like to get together, tell tall tales and have nice hunts. The seminars are always full of information. Some folks that have been swinging machines for years put on a pretty good show.

The manufacturer's support is overwhelming. You can always count on many displays of new equipment by the dealers and displays of numerous finds. You can air test about any kind of machine available and I'd say most would go outside with you for a field test. The dealers and manufacturers always donate prizes for the big hunts and sometimes-additional coins. If you go have a great time and dig lots of goodies.

Dave

FROM THE CLUBS

Each year SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SEEK AND SEARCH CLUB selects a "Most Treasured Member". This year's award went to long time club member Ron Jenner. A quote from the club's newsletter described it this way. "Ron has been a member for many, many years and has always been willing to pitch in and help wherever needed! Ron has been especially key to making sure the club's deaf members have been able to get the most out of each meeting."

Find of the year had some close voting as the top three were tied then the next three also tied with the rest close by. Their rules state "no ties" so a vote off was held and Dan Clark came out on top with a Prospector's pin depicting a pack mule, gold pan, pick and shovel. What an appropriate find for a treasure hunter. Current find of the month winners are; jewelry, Mike Walker (Lady's diamond ring), coin, Brent Stump (1939 & 1944 Wheat Cents), most unusual, Brent Stump again (Old brass music lyre), Miscellaneous, Linda Sherwood (Toy sad iron). Actually the iron may not be a toy at all. Some country denominations, such as the Amish, may use such an iron to press fine thin strips of lace.

The club also boasts a new Website at: <http://swmss.org> You can access their fabulous newsletter *The Scoop and The Buccaneer* on the site along with links to many other sites and information.

The McLEAN COUNTY NUGGETTIERS Metal detecting club is starting the year off with their annual "Butch's pizzas and Club's Choice products" sale. The proceeds will help the many organizations they sponsor and also allow them to put more coins in the ground for their big club hunt. This is a busy group always having some kind of fundraiser or another. You can always tell them at the hunts. A sea of red t-shirts and jackets with their logo are hard to miss.

Winners in the various raffles at the last meeting were Joan and Harold Freeman (1oz silver & silver half), Jay Eagle (silver quarter) and Nancy Fillman (silver dime). Dale Trowbridge was the lucky winner of the 50/50 and Bob Foley won a silver memorial coin, donated by Les McCalip, in the present members drawing.

THREE RIVERS RESEARCH & RECOVERY out of Princeton, IN held a re-organizational meeting on March 10th. Seven folks showed an interest in continuing the club so some future plans were made. Having a nice place to meet again, The Living Waters Church, will make it possible to build on those first few members and let this club gain some momentum. A fall hunt will be planned for sure and hopefully some other projects can resurface.

The ILLINOIS AND IOWAS TRESURE HUNTERS CLUB, Inc. lead bar hunt has come to an end. Member Rich Porter found the illusive bar on December 6, 2004. The resources used to find the bar were *The Dirty Five*, club newsletter, an Iowa topographic map, intuition, logic and luck. Rich put two and two together and ended up in Weed Park in Muscatine. Following the clues finding purple and gold playground equipment and four handicapped signs he knew he was close.

512 feet later after not finding anything he moved over from his path a little and bam!! There it was. Rich now gets to hide the bar and make new clues.

The club held their annual awards banquet on February 19th. Find of the month totals brought Daryl Mitchell in first place, Bob Chilla second and Larry Campbell third. Five people received a certificate with a cased 2004 Eagle; Ken Vade Vort, hunt chairman, Linda Mitchell, membership, Larry Campbell, club librarian, Daryl Mitchell and Tim Rushing, hunt chairmen. Janna Diehl and Coralie Gray received appreciation awards for their dedication to the club and taking care of the raffles at the annual hunt.

MIDWEST HISTORICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY president Ron Guinazzo and members Keith Leeders and Howie Roma (and maybe more) will be heading from the chilly Chicago spring to the jolly old land of England. All hope to find 1000 year old or better coin or artifact during their trip. We'll report back on how they did.

Howie Roma had a little good advice for all us aging baby boomers. He said we needed to get off our behinds and do the stupid exercises we were taught in school and in the Army. (Jumping Jacks, Squats and Deep knee bends etc.) A little at first he cautions, then increase a little every day. Soon you will be swinging that detector like a pro and it won't be swinging you.

Find of the year winners: Gold, Doris Patitz, diamond ring, coins pre-1900, Tom Malcheski, 1851 3 cent piece, artifacts, Doris Patitz, 1914 motor vehicle tag, multiples, Mark Moeller, 2-1971 Silver Dollars, silver / others, Ron Guinazzo, pewter arrowhead w/ Indian head cent, coins post-1900, Jim Taluzek, 1916D dime, Exonumia, Ron Guinazzo, Evanston Railway token and peek and seek, John Fitzpatrick, envelope w/\$240.

The SILVER SEEKERS are planning another great cruise this fall. This year's trip November 6th to the 13th will be on Carnival's "Fun Ship" the Valor and will embark from Miami and have stops in Nassau, St. Thomas and St. Maarten.

The group also intends to have their first meeting of the year at Randy Gatchel's hunt in South Carolina. For a club that has members all over the world they have their meetings at the various hunts and Treasure Week each year.

Speaking of T.W. it will be July 9th to July 16th. Jill and Carl McFeeders along with Ed Davis are instrumental in seeing that T.W. goes off without a hitch. They organize the events and see that all the hunts are as good as before or even better.

Another Silver Seeker that's been busy is Anita Majors. She has been working on the Silver Seeker and FMDAC Websites. If you go to either one you will see that she indeed has been hard at work on these projects.

The MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB has new officers for the year. The 2005 officers will be President, Riley Saylor, V.P., Harry Dayner, Secretary, Lynn Walker and Treasurer, Cheryl Jester.

Approximately 40 members were eligible to receive Years of Membership pins at the January Potluck dinner. Only six were present to receive their pins. Awardees will be announced at the next meeting. To be eligible MTH members must have at least 10 years. Pins are then awarded in five-year increments.

Find of the month resumes at their next meeting also. Newsletter editor Virginia Chojnowski reminded everyone to bring in their best finds for the competition so they can get a head start on the Winner's Circle for F.O.M. There were 24 members eligible for this award in 2004. To receive your award you have to display it at one of the club's potluck dinners.

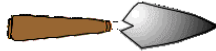
Please send me your newsletter via email if you can.

Frank Colletti is looking for short stories about good deeds done with metal detecting. So if you have a story about finding and returning a ring or just finding something for someone, just jot it down and send it to Frank. They will be published in the national publication, *The Quest*. Email to secretary@fmdac.com.

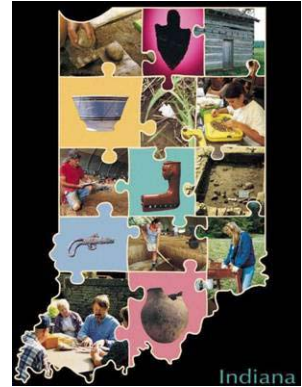
I noticed that most newsletters have good lists of upcoming events. There is no sense in duplicating the lists here. If you have a club hunt you would like me to promote in From the Clubs just let me know.

Also I have attached the current Archeological newsletter from Amy Johnson. Everyone seemed to enjoy the last one.

**FILL
YOUR
HOLES!!**



Archaeology News



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

- **Possible Changes to Indiana Archaeology Law-** Senate Bill 575 has been introduced in the Indiana General Assembly, which if passed and signed into law, could make several changes and additions to our current Indiana archaeology and historic preservation law (Indiana Code [IC] 14-21-1). To read the text of this proposed bill, go to <http://www.in.gov/apps/lisa/session/billwatch/billinfo>. For information on our current law, you may access <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archmonth/pdf/questions.pdf> as well as <http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title14/ar21/ch1.html>.
- **Indiana's Demand for Archaeology Grant Funding In Perspective-** The federal Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) matching grants program administered by the DHPA remains extremely competitive. For the last three years, there has been an average of two-and-a-half-times as many dollars requested, as there is available for grant awards. The funding is shared by three categories: architectural and historical projects, development (rehabilitation) projects, and archaeological projects.

Over the last ten years, the total dollars requested through this program has increased by more than 115%, which demonstrates Hoosiers' growing interest in identifying, documenting, and preserving their cultural heritage. The demand for grant funding remains strongest in the development category, but the demand for archaeology funding has been growing steadily – increasing by about 230% over the last ten years. The accompanying chart demonstrates this trend.

The HPF archaeology grant category covers large-scale surveys to identify sites, limited investigation of individual sites to determine their eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places, a variety of public education activities, and preparation of nominations to the National Register for sites that have been determined to be eligible for listing. Eligible applicants include municipal governments, educational institutions, and not-for-profit organizations.

Archaeological survey projects are funded on a 70/30 basis – 70% grant funds, 30% matching funds; all other activities are funded on a 50/50 basis. The maximum grant award for survey and investigation projects is \$50,000; the maximum grant award for public education and National Register projects is \$10,000. For more information about the HPF grant program, contact the DHPA Grants Staff at 317-232-1646 or visit the division's Website at www.in.gov/dnr/historic. The graph below shows the demand for HPF grants by project category over the last ten years. The volatility between the years 2000 and 2002 is attributable to several factors. In 2000, the

availability of \$1.45 million of State funding for rehabilitation activities caused a big drop in the development category; however, the architectural and archaeology categories were unaffected. In 2001, a large and unexpected increase in the HPF apportionment necessitated a secondary grant round, which caused a jump in all three categories. In 2002, the national recession caused a drop in the demand for development grants; however, the architectural and archaeology categories were relatively unaffected.

- **Changes in Archaeology Section and DNR-** The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology has recently advertised for a full time archaeology position. We will introduce the new member of the DHPA archaeology team to you in a future edition of *Archaeology News*. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources also has a new Director, Kyle Hupfer. It is a time of changes and new opportunities, and we will keep you up to date.

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) web page-
www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archemonth.html

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

RON DAVID

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Hello fellow treasure hunters and FMDAC members. Finally winter is nearly over and spring is just around the corner. Club hunts are just around the corner and the FMDAC Spring Convention is next month in Laughlin, AZ. I'll be contacting all of the clubs in the chapter concerning any topics they wish for me to discuss or any questions they may wish to be answered. I'll be sending out to all clubs the minutes of the board meeting held in April and bring you up to date all happenings.

Dave Perry, our V. P. has suggested that a contest be held for all Central States Clubs for a new logo that shows of our clubs in the chapter that can be put on stationary, business cards, and the Chapter banner. The clubs in the Central States Chapter are: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky. If any club member is interested in designing a logo you may send it to the Chapter President, Ron David at 2211 W. 9th St., Anderson, IN 46016 or email to:

redlegron@aol.com.

There will be an award presented to the winner, a GOLD COIN. To the runner-up, a FMDAC silver round. All entries must be sent by May 1, 2005. Good luck.

Hopefully a newsletter from the President of the chapter can start being mailed to the clubs in April. This may open the lines of communications even more.

Well, until next time I hope to see you at a hunt or just out hunting. Good luck and good hunting.

Ron

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