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**ALWAYS ASK FOR
PERMISSION!**

FROM THE EDITOR:

Ah, a good controversy. It appears that at the last Federation hunt there were some folks that were upset because Duane Biller, the Federation President, won the grand prize at the hunt. My take on this is, he paid his entry fee, and he did not plant tokens so why would he not be eligible for the prize.

I have been attending hunts for over 25 years. I have been Hunt master, where I have hunted and I have been Huntmaster where I didn't. It always depended on the size of the hunt. In a smaller hunt scenario most of the hunters help bury the field and after awhile we all go out and hunt. When I first started doing competition / planted hunts I witnessed the some of the hunters burying and then hunting. I thought to myself, they have an advantage because they know where all the coins are at. What a foolish thought. I soon learned that you could not possibly account for every coin you dropped in the ground. At 99% of the hunts I have been at a non-hunter always planted the tokens.

Oh, there has been many a hunt where the illusive token has passed me by. The Panama City hunt was one of those hunts. Not a token to be found in my pouch. Did I whine and cry? No I didn't. I congratulated the winners. You should have seen the look on Duane's face when he opened his envelope. As the commercials say, it was priceless.

The moral of this story is as follows: Get involved. Help plant the coins. Have a non-hunter from your group volunteer to plant the tokens. But most of all be a good sport and be happy for those that do get a top 40 or other prize token at the hunts. It's not fair to ask the leaders of the convention not to hunt just because they hold a title. They go out of their way to make sure everything is above board. If you have an argument with that maybe you should just stay at home and complain about something there. I'm sure you can find something.

Meanwhile we have a great convention and hunts lined up for the first weekend in May. Convention chairman, Mark Schuessler, has done a great job putting this all together. There will be all the things that make a good convention, displays, new products, seminars and of course the hunts. The most enjoyable part is all the people. I like seeing old friends and meeting new ones at each hunt I go to.

Get out there and did up some earth. Be sure to get permission and FILL THOSE HOLES! So many places are being closed up because some careless person was in a hurry or just didn't care. Once a place is closed it may never be opened to us again.

Dave



FROM THE DESK
OF THE
PRESIDENT
RON DAVID

Hello.....

Spring is finally here. Sharpen the digging tools and start the year with a bang. I began the year at Randy Gatchell's hunt in South Carolina with a temperature of 80 degrees. It was good to see my friends from around the country who were attending the hunt. Many told me that they were looking forward to the FMDAC hunt at Niagara Falls.

Our Eastern Chapter President, Tony De Angelo is having serious health problems and we wish him well.

A treasure hunter in Indiana was recently arrested in one of our State Park Forests. First, he didn't ask the Superintendent for permission to hunt and unfortunately he wasn't a FMDAC member.

I would like to inform the membership about a chance to further support the FMDAC. It's new and it's called the "Sponsorship Program". This enables the individual member, dealer, distributor, and manufacturer to participate. Sponsorship members can receive an FMDAC patch, decal, certificate and other items for supporting this program. To find more about the Sponsorship Program contact me at redlegron@aol.com.

Remember, if you have any questions or suggestions that you want brought up at the FMDAC board meeting, let me know as soon as possible.

I hope to see you this year at a hunt or a club meeting. Take care and happy hunting. Central States Chapter now has the most members in the Federation.

Ron

FROM THE CLUBS:

The SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SEEK & SEARCH CLUB had 89 members in attendance for their December meeting. The potluck meal tables were loaded with cakes, cookies, pies, meat and cheese trays, candy and one of Don Benedict Sr.'s famous, melt in your mouth, smoked turkeys. Newsletter editor, Al Holden, also wanted to thank Alan and Linda Randolph for faithfully bringing the coffee and punch each month.

This group is getting ready for their big spring hunt. As a lot of other clubs, everyone is anxious to get out and swing their machines. This latest cold snap put a damper and a lot of the early hunting. Anyway their big hunt will be on May 21st. It is a closed hunt for members only but with 89 showing for a meeting I'll bet this hunt will be a dandy.

Most recent F.O.M. winners are: Jewelry, Mike Walker with a Silver Sterling ring, Coin, Greg Stonerock with a 1909 Wheat Cent, FOB, Badge and Token, went to Shawano Cleary with an Ivory Soap Token, Most Unusual Find, Greg Stonerock with a Ball Mason jar lid, Misc., Shawana Cleary, a 1928 A Series Gold note.

From Al Holden

As many of you already know, our good friend, Jack Short, went over to the V.A. Hospital last week with severe abdominal pains. From what I am told, Jack had a tear in his colon from a previous examination. Of course, this puts toxic poison in your system in a big hurry.

When they realized what they were up against, Jack was transferred to the main Battle Creek Hospital, Battle Creek Health System, 300 North Ave. Battle Creek MI.

Isn't it amazing that your body contains elements that can kill you! If you don't believe there is a creator, just study the workings of the human body. I especially like what King David said in the Psalms, **"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."**

Many of us have been praying for our dear friend. Surgery revealed some damaged tissue and they will be giving Jack some blood transfusions. Please keep Jack and his wife, Betty, in your prayers. Jack is very sick, but he is also very much loved.

We were visiting in my store the other day and I, without saying anything, admired Jack's good health and thought how out of shape I am. It's amazing how quickly things can change. Get well soon, my dear friend!

The McCLEAN COUNTY NUGGETTIERS donated their time to the Salvation Army during the Christmas season. Their efforts resulted in \$496.95 to the very important annual campaign. The Nuggettiers also have their Home for Hearts Service Project, which donates much needed items to the Salvation Army's food bank and other areas of need, soaps, diapers, etc. In addition to all of that 16 members helped fold 5000 sacks for a can distribution program.

Election of Officers will be the main topic on the next meeting date. Newsletter editor Kathy Meeks urged everyone to get their nominations to the committee, consisting of Gene O'Neal and Ron Neal. This is a very active club usually all dressed in their signature red T-Shirts at whatever event they may be participating in.

Latest F.O.M. winners, November, Best Coin, Nancy Fillman, 1914D Silver Dime, Non-Coin, Larry Fillman, Bell, Jewelry, Gene O'Neal, ring and Oldest Coin, Bob Meeks with a 1866 Shied Nickel. February, Best Coin, Doug Swanson, 1972 Ike Dollar and Doug again for Non-Coin with a smoke ring token. Most finds of the month winners for the year were First Place Doug Swanson (15), Second Place Larry Fillman (13) and Third Nancy Fillman (9).

The ILLINOIS AND IOWA TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB is gearing up to start find of the month in April. Editor of the *Dirty Five*, David Moeller, said he would post their F.O.M. rules in the next newsletter.

The group held their annual banquet in February. The Davenport Iowa Golden Corral was the spot for the 26 members and some guests to get their fill. Awards were given out to all that served the club in 2005. Amanda Balk was the lucky winner of the ¼ Oz. Gold Coin door prize. It was also announced that F.O.M. winners will get plaques shaped like the I & I logo, with each being just a little different according to winner's placement.

This club, as many, is now on the World Wide Web.
<http://www.chocolatemintcow.com/~iandi/>

An unusual feature in the last two newsletters was "Valentine Treasures". Many of the members told stories of how they and their spouses met. There was some interesting tidbits. Donna Lambin tells how her husband Ed was pushed into her at a skating rink and "they've been going in circles for 55 years now". With 4 kids, 8 grandkids and 4 great grandkids I'm sure Ed and Donna stay plenty busy.

When I saw the MICHIGAN TREASURE HUNTERS were having a guest speaker named Dave Perry I checked my schedule to make sure it wasn't me. It isn't. Mr. Perry is a coin expert from Redford Jewelry and Coin. His talk about preservation, storage and how to clean (or not) a dug coin should be very

interesting. Mr. Perry has also agreed to grade one coin per person at the meeting.

This club's F.O.M. doesn't start until March so they had an un-official Toy find of the month in February. Stan Cebulski took first place with a 1934 Ford toy car, second went to Tom Sniezek with an Indian Warrior and third place Kermit Car was found by Harry Dayner.

Founding member 01, Al Temple, is to give a nice talk about the founding of the Michigan Treasure Hunters. Club President Paul C. Leonard said, "I believe Al's talk will give one and all a greater insight into a club considered by many to be one of the finest of its kind in the country."

MIDWEST HISTORICAL SOCIETY out of Chicago announced 2005 member of the year and treasure hunter of the year. President Ron Guinazzo surprised Recording Secretary Larry Hoefft when he announced the winner of the member of the year plaque. Larry has been a member for several years and has devoted a lot of time and energy to the club.

Tom Malcheski was named Treasure Hunter of the Year for the third time in a row. This prestigious honor came in a close race as Ron Guinazzo and Lloyd Tatman closed in on Tom's 88 points with 83 points each. Under the club's new find of the month rules Tom will not be eligible next year due to consecutive year's clause. Tom is also the man responsible for refurbishing the little Matchbox cars the club members find on the beach.

Finds of the year competition saw a lot of familiar names. Doris Patitz took the gold category with a 14K Diamond ring, Coins before 1900 went to Ron Guinazzo with a 45BC Celtic Gold coin, and Ron also won Artifact with a Civil War Button. Art Schroeder took Multiples with eighty coins, Mike Szymczek won Silver / Other with a Silver Amethyst, coins after 1900 went to Art Schroeder and Ron Guinazzo again took Exonumia with a 1st Century Roman Silver.

From: Jeff Berman
GLHR February 2006 E-Newsletter
Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006

Hello everyone,

I'm keeping this email newsletter short, everyone received their membership package in the mail last week including a club newsletter. Our club meeting we went over the newsletter contents and briefly discussed some of those items. FMDAC cards will be mailed out to our members who signed up hopefully in the next few weeks, I haven't received them yet.

Our club hunts are as follows:

February 18-19, 2006 Bemis Woods North side of Ogden Ave just east of the Tollway

March 4-5, 2006 Indian Road Woods - On Central Ave between Devon and Elston Ave

3 visitors attended our club meeting; we invited them to our weekend club hunt and to attend our monthly meetings. We had one new member sign up, Joe Labedzki from Park Ridge, IL. Joe's and his brother have hung up their fishing poles in favor of metal detecting. Joe's brother may also be signing up for the club.

Back in the 1970's and 1980's I used to hear of a sickness called fishing pox, now I think its silver pox... Our club is up to 36 members and growing.....

Great meeting tonight, thanks for the cooperation. Happy hunting, take your trash and cover your holes.

The traveling SILVER SEEKERS' first meeting will be over by the time you read this. The Hunt of the Carolinas is one of the first hunts of the season and a lot of the members will be there so they will have their first meeting. It was announced that the second meeting will be at the Susquennah Hunt in Winfield, PA. This is the hunt where the Wayne Otto raffle will be held. Jill said she would let you know if anyone won that wasn't there.

Jill and Carl have been busy getting ready for the Niagara Falls convention also. A lot of work goes into getting all the stuff she has to pack from Dover Ohio to wherever the convention might be. She always seems so organized. I know when I walk in and see Jill I know everything is going OK.

We should have some find of the month results for our next publication.

THREE RIVERS TREASURE CLUB, formerly Three Rivers Research & Recovery Association, shortened its name as you can see. The members thought it would better reflect the actual activities of the members. The members overwhelmingly voted for the change.

This little club is still trying to reorganize with a few of the older members trying to get some new blood in the folds. Everyone has so many things going on these days it seems there isn't enough time to do it all. Wish us luck.

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