



Mid-Atlantic Chapter Chatter

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Past President's Farewell

Here it is 2011 already! Where does the time go? At this time I am announcing my resignation as the President of the Mid-Atlantic East Coast Chapter, for reasons that are personal. Jeff Beatty, our current Secretary, has been appointed to take over the position until the next election. I have really enjoyed my time in this office. I have met some wonderful people and had some really good experiences over the course of my terms as your President. I would like to thank all of those who helped me in any way to do my job. I am sure that Jeff will do a great job and I will help him as much as I can. Please get behind him and give him your support as he takes over the office. As prices for silver and gold keep rising I wonder where it will end. It will be harder to have really great hunts, without raising the prices of the hunts. Hopefully we can

continue to enjoy our hobby and have some really good hunts this summer. The FMDAC is planning a Convention and Hunt sometime this fall. Look for information coming out soon. I hope to see many of you, my friends, as we are out and about across this great country. God Bless!
-----Vic Kamer

New President's Notes

I hope you all have had nice holidays and a prosperous New Year! Somewhere along the way to putting together this newsletter, I ended up appointed as Chapter President.

Our past president, Vic Kamer, resigned a few weeks ago. I hate to see him go because he did such a great job with the Chapter raffles and hunt. If you see Vic at a hunt walk up to him and tell him what great job he did!

Winter has been wearing on me like most of us in the East. My thoughts drift off towards spring, sun, warm weather and being out detecting. This is a good time to get your equipment out and go over it. This is also a great time to send your detectors, probes, etc. in for servicing. The manufacturers' service departments are not backlogged as during the season.

I want to report to you that quality customer service is alive and well at Garrett! Recently I sent my two Garrett Pro-Pointers for service. My oldest probe wasn't working right and my backup had a switch problem. In about two weeks, I received a new probe as a replacement for the old one and the other one with the switch fixed at no charge! WOW!!!

One thing to do is to at least open the battery compartments on your equipment and check to make sure the batteries are not leaking. Leaking batteries can really create a mess and possibly damage your equipment.

I am really looking forward to attending as many of the hunts I can this spring, summer, and fall. There are so many really nice hunts coming up; and, unfortunately there are a few conflicts which will make it even more difficult to choose which hunt I will attend.

If there is a hunt or a club meeting that you would like me to attend, please let me know. I will be happy to discuss this with you.

Whoever receives this newsletter, please either print it for your club members or forward it. Thanks! -----Jeff Beatty

Club News

News from New Jersey

Mid-Atlantic Research & Recovery (No web site)

The club reports Murray Tuckman passed away. Murray was an active member who gave much to the hobby. He will be missed!

The club is forming a volunteer group to assist the police and local officials when requested.

Dave Witman gave an interesting talk about detecting in St. Thomas. Dave mentioned that officials don't want us detecting on some beaches because they feel it bothers others. Also, there is a lot of competition because local guys are out 7 days a week. Dave went to a beach where you had to hunt before 8AM or after 6PM. Dave also said that you had to be aware of your surroundings because of the crime in St. Thomas.

John Dwyer found a George Washington Inaugural Button! There are not that many in existence and is a rare find! The value was estimated to be between \$850 and \$1,200. WOW! Way to go John!

Amy Maruso has two articles published in Western & Eastern Treasures! One article was about counterfeit Tiffany jewelry in the November issue and another about Cell Phones of Soldiers in the February issue. Congratulations, Amy! This is a great way to get out what clubs are doing to the metal detecting community!

There is a rumor that Mid-Atlantic Research & Recovery has some bakers as members and that delicious baked goods are served at the meetings!

South Jersey Metal Detecting Club (<http://www.sjmddc.org/>)

Mac McCutcheon is in the hospital. Get well Mac!

Mike Koering brought in his display of 8 Reales and 3 gold Guineas and gave a talk about the beach replenishment this winter. He spoke about the dredges and when they pass over a galleon site, the dredges spit out artifacts and coins! It takes long hours lots of research, and a lot of leg work. Man, that's a display I would like to see and a talk I would like to hear!

The club reports that Elaine Faunce returned a woman's wedding band that she found in a lake. The woman and her family came to the meeting to say thank you for

doing such a wonderful thing! Way to go Elaine! Thanks for giving our hobby a positive image!

The club reports that there were some really nice finds this year but that the quantity was less than in year's past.

Dan Knight has been keeping track of his finds since 2000 on an Excel spreadsheet and has come up with some interesting data.

He has recovered over 30,000 coins and they break down as follows: 51% Memorial Pennies; 2% Wheaties; 12% Nickels; 18% Dimes; 16% Quarters; and 1% Silver.

The average value of "coin target" ended up being worth about 7 cents. His overall "hourly wage" was a bit over \$2 an hour not including time, fuel costs, or the value of jewelry found.

On average a silver or gold ring has shown up in his scoop once every 80 coins; and, while he didn't track the differences, his guess is that he finds 3 silver rings for every gold one.

There you have it one really good target about every 80 scoops! So, those who are new to the hobby don't be discouraged! You must be on the right site and have patience! Also, in the case of beaches be on them at the right time.

Surfdigger, Brian Mayer, made some DVD's when the Nor'easters' came through in November last year. Dan Knight presented the DVD's in a very informative program about hunting in a spiral pattern and using low dark areas and scattered shells as a way to target areas you want to hunt.

Barb Roulon gave an interesting talk about fake Tiffany Jewelry. Amy Maruso has an article in the November issue of **W&E** magazine about how to detect fake Tiffany jewelry.

Amy Maruso and Betty Sullivan just had an article in this month's **W&E** magazine, highlighting a way to support our soldiers overseas through a website called www.CellPhonesforSoldiers.com. For every

old cell phone mailed into this firm a soldier gets a calling card for one hour of free overseas phone time. Amy says the condition of the phone is NOT important **even those ruined by beach conditions**. This sounds like a worthy project for any club.

Henry Winzinger and Bruce Sirak, both of whom are CivilWar re-enactors, will be discussing what they do as re-enactors and describe skirmishes they've been involved in, emphasizing many of the items that can be found in the fields.

Amy Maruso found a website that has the potential to put you onto some great old metal detecting sites. The website is called Historic Aerials (see <http://www.historicaerials.com/>). It is a collection of aerial and satellite photographs where you can look at current day shots alongside or overlapped with older versions. The best part of the website is the ability to "overlap" current road pathways & names; and, better yet, a "compare" tab-button that allows you to split your screen, placing a current photo next to an older one in a perfectly scaled match up! You can then "slide" the view back and forth between the two - it's a great way to see how a certain area was developed and where some old metal detecting sites might still be today.

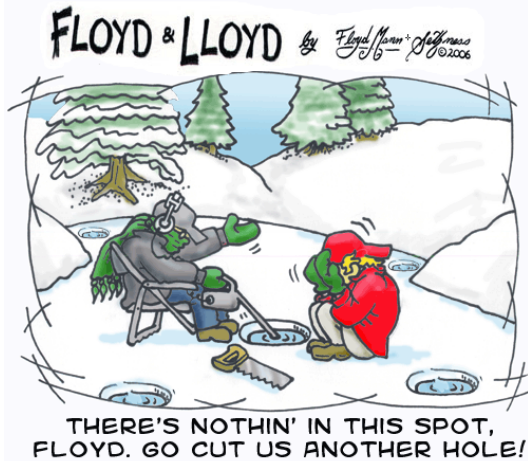
News from Virginia

Tidewater Coin and Relic Club (<http://www.tc-rc.com>)

The club reports that it will hold its 23rd annual hunt at Virginia Beach on May 14, 2001, which is the second Saturday in May. The theme of the hunt this year is El Dorado.

Jon M. Babineau from the prestigious law firm of Saunders, Barlow, Riddick and Babineau will do a talk on Finders Keepers, Losers Weepers and the laws that affect us in the state of VA. He will also speak about nonprofit status and what the club needs to do to qualify.

The Tidewater Club has some great cartoons in its newsletters. Here is one that's appropriate for this time of year!



Imagine trying to march toward Richmond, up the narrow strip of hot, mosquito-infested land and swamps between the James and York Rivers with 140,000 men and 10,000 horses with the mission to capture that city, the Confederate Capital. In the spring of 1862, the powerful army of the Potomac, led by Union Commander-in-Chief Major General George B. McClellan, marched so close to Richmond that they could hear the church bells, ready to strike a fatal blow against the capital and end the war. Relive the rich civil War History that took place in Tidewater's backyard 145 years ago with Tidewater's guest speaker 27-year U.S. Marine Corps officer Buck Liberto.

No one found the acorn this year! (Not sure exactly what it is) A member of the club hides the acorn and gives members clues to its location each month.

Finds of the Year: Coin- Norm Franz, 1602 English Sixpence; Relic- Ina Finn, Virginia Button; Jewelry- Anthony Wheelless, 14kt gold diamond ring; and, Other- Ina Finn, Presidential Campaign Button. Congratulations! Awesome finds!

News from Pennsylvania

Butler County Treasure Hunters (No web site)

Joe Guerre has replaced Jack Barrett as President of the club. Jack was a president of the club for the past 14 years! He finished his remaining term and left to relocate to Florida. Jack did a great job as

president and will be missed by all the members of the club. Jack, you picked a great winter to relocate! Good luck to you buddy! You are an asset to our hobby and to any detecting club you may join! Let us know how you are doing.

The club had a fantastic two day club only hunt at Coopers Lake Campground. Besides the normal camping activities and events, a two week Medieval Days Fair is held at the campground with more than 10,000 people from all over the world attending. The club reports that the more than 500 acres were saturated with coins, jewelry, and medieval-type artifacts.

Winner of Coin Shooter of the Year went to Joe Novosat with 4,123 and 2nd place Larry Leathers. Winner of Best Displays of the Year goes to Joe Guerre, 2nd place Terry Taylor, and 3rd place Joe Novosat. Find of the Year went to Joe Guerre. Congratulations to you all!

Washington County Metal Detectors Club (No web site)

The club reports that Martha Ferling, a long-time member and dedicated detectorist has passed away. She was one of the oldest members of the club and was hospitality chairman for many years. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Bob Hammitt had back surgery last November. We wish you a speedy recovery Bob!

The past club president, Al Crow has passed the torch onto Richard Garrison. Congratulations and good luck Richard!

At club hunts, Al Crow has a "Spell and Win" game. Spell "Win" by finding letters stamped on pennies and trade from anyone to complete your word to win. There is a chance for two winners. The winner receives a silver half.

David Rust spent his time detecting between hunts at a club hunt and found a silver ring about 20 feet from the picnic pavilion after the first hunt and a 1911 Barber dime about 50 feet away after the second hunt. After re-checking the hole he recovered a Mercury

dime and a 1925 Standing Liberty quarter! It pays to recheck your holes even in a competition hunt! Great job of detecting David!

In the Hunter of the Year award categories Steve Dodd won Miscellaneous, Ron DeWalt won Jewelry, and Al Crow won Coins. It comes as no surprise that David Rust (see above paragraph) won Grand Master Hunter of Year. Congratulations to you all!

Susquehanna Valley Metal Detector Club
(<http://svmdc.bravehost.com/>)

The club has been in contact with the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds for another spring time members only hunt.

In January, yours truly (Jeff Beatty) gave a talk about my travels and finds in the UK.

In February, Dan Grove, a bottle hunter and privy digger, gave a talk about his hobby.

In the Finds of the Year categories, Lenny Cooper won Jewelry, Josephine Wilson won Artifact, and Al Wilson won Coin. Congratulations!

Lancaster County Research and Recovery Club
(<http://www.lrrc.org/>)

Like Kyle Busch in his Z-Line Designs Toyota, Gary Beaverson with his trusty F-75 commandingly stepped out in the lead to win Finds of the Year! Mike Race took second place and Dan Wilkins took third. Congratulations guys! But why haven't any of the ladies placed in the top three!?

Gene Paige had a major surgery in January. We hope to see him out hunting with us in April. We wish you a speedy recovery, Gene.

Pen Mar Historical Recovery Association
(<http://www.gettysburgelectronics.com/enmar.html>)

In December, the club had Toby Law of Hagerstown, MD, as a featured speaker. Toby is one of the pioneer Civil War relic hunters who from the early days of relic

hunting used his metal detector in the fields and farms that were campsites and battlefields of the Civil War. Toby is the author of "Gone Diggin," a vibrant, honest and occasionally hilarious reminiscence of a Civil War relic hunter. Toby focused on how relic hunting is a preservation service to prosperity. Time and development has not been easy on Civil War Artifacts such as buttons and iron objects. Housing developments are being built on major battlefields and campsites. Unless the historic artifacts are recovered and preserved before development, they are gone forever and a piece of our heritage is lost.

In February, the club had Dennis Easterday of Hagerstown, MD, as a featured speaker. Dennis has been a very successful detectorist, majoring on Civil War relic hunting, where he has successfully recovered thousands of artifacts, which are being preserved for future generations to enjoy. Dennis had an interesting story to tell about the day he and Keith Zorger were metal detecting in the Gettysburg area and recovered an arm bone that had been amputated at a Civil War hospital site. The bone still had a minie ball lodged in it.

Secretary's Report

Please email me your newsletters, minutes from your meetings, or just highlights from your meetings. It doesn't have to be elaborate. I try to highlight as much as I can but if I have no information, I can't include it. Even though it is a daunting task to go through all of them, I enjoy reading them and sharing the highlights with others.

I will forward the Federation's January 2011 Edition of The Quest and the Treasure Week 2011 Flyer in separate emails to everyone on my distribution list. Please either print them or forward them to your club members. Thanks!

Amy Maruso has two articles published in Western and Eastern Treasure (see News from New Jersey). Thanks for highlighting our hobby in a positive way, Amy!

This spring and early summer, I have my common dilemma of choosing which hunts to go to and the normal date conflicts. The following looks like my lineup so far: the Susquehanna Hunt and the SJ Beach Blast in April; the Old National Pike Hunt in May; the Roanoke Valley Hunt and the ECRD Beach Blast in June; and, the event I really look forward to, Treasure Week in July!

I feel very fortunate to be located in the Mid-Atlantic which has so many clubs and dedicated people that put on so many open hunts year after year! I don't believe there are any other areas like ours in the US that have this many open hunts. So, please get out and enjoy these hunts! I hope to see and meet you at one of these events.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and please let me know if there's anything you want or don't want. Thanks!-----Jeff Beatty

SPECIAL NOTE: After reviewing all the clubs' newsletters, I found there is a misunderstanding of the SJ Beach Blast Hunt. This hunt was originally Treasurefest in Lancaster, PA and then moved to New Stanton, PA. The support for the hunt kept dwindling; and, in order to keep the hunt going, the organizers decided to move the hunt to a location where there is a base of many hunters. This hunt is and always was a not-for-profit hunt. All fees paid go into the ground, in this case the sand, as coins or prizes. If you can, please get out and support this hunt!

Upcoming Hunts 2011

APRIL

16th – 17th – Winfield, Pennsylvania. 32nd Annual 2-Day Treasure Hunt sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Metal Detecting Club at the Union Township Fire Co. Three hunts per day. No Clad! For more info, contact Lenny Cooper at (570) 752-6347, e-mail coop6347@msn.com or Ed Burke at (570) 331-0600, e-mail potogold1@verizon.net

22nd – 24th – Keene, New Hampshire. 18th Best O' New England (BONE) sponsored by the Professional Treasure Hunter's Historical Society, Yankee Treasure Hunter's Club, North East Metal Detecting Forum, Treasure Hunter's Gazette newspaper, Streeter's Treasure Hunting Supply & many volunteers. Hunts, workshops, hobby show, workshops, food! For more information go to <http://www.streeter.org/community/modules.php?op=module&name=News&file=article&sid=1230>. For Treasure Hunter's weekend reservations, telephone George Streeter 1-603/876-4443 or email Gstreeter@ne.rr.com. NOTICE! Send BONE 18 checks for donations, cover charges, etc. to PTHHS, 307 Main St., Marlborough, NH 03455

MAY

14th – Virginia Beach, Virginia. 24th Annual Open Hunt sponsored by Tidewater Coin and Relic Club at the beautiful Virginia Beach oceanfront. Rain or shine. Detectors, gold, silver and prizes galore. Contact Ina Finn at sanddigger@charter.net or (757) 679-0467

18th – Onset Beach, Massachusetts. 19th Annual Open Hunt sponsored by The Gateway Treasure Hunters Club. For complete details and hunt application go to <http://gthclub.org/events/>.

20th – 22nd – New Stanton, Pennsylvania. Old National Pike Treasure Hunt at the Fox Den Acres Campground. Contact Duane Biller (724) 439-1380 or email snakemandb@earthlink.net

22nd – Ocean City, NJ. 2nd Annual Beach Blast sponsored by the East Coast Research & Discovery Association - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., rain or shine, at the John Taylor Pavilion. For more information, contact Harold Lowenfels ECRDA 2010 Beach Blast, 2845 Lenox Street, Toms River, NJ 08755 or e-mail Art Pearson at artmds@verizon.net

29th – 30th – Stoney Creek ON Canada. Southern Ontario Beach Hunt. Contact Sherry Cziraki or e-mail czirakis@sympatico.ca

JUNE

3rd – 5th – East Durham, New York. Lost Treasure Weekend at the Blackthorne Resort. For more info call 518-634-2541 or go to <http://www.blackthorneresort.com/contact-us/>.

5th – Shawsville, Virginia. 19th Annual Open Hunt by the Roanoke Valley Coin & Relic Club at Camp Alta Mons. More info, Marilyn Epperly, 2136 Maiden Lane, SW, Roanoke, VA 24015, (540)342-0153 or e-mail grammaepp1@juno.com or Anna Feazell (540) 563-4118 or e-mail at shortbelle@aol.com

JULY

10th – 17th – New Stanton, Pennsylvania. Treasure Week at the Fox Den Acres Campground. Three hunts a day with many other hunts and activities. For more info, contact Jill & Carl McFeeders, jcseeker@core.com or phone (330) 364-1608.

25th – 31st – Vallonia, Indiana. Southern Indiana Treasure Fest at the Starve Hollow State Recreation Area. Three hunts a day with many other hunts and activities. For more info, contact Chad Beasley (812) 966-2137 or Terry Rittenhouse (765) 857-2400.

Editor's Note: If you know of any other open hunts or if I have listed something incorrectly, please let me know so that I can update this list for the next newsletter.

TREASURE WEEK 2011

Have you ever wanted to go to summer camp for adults and have fun and play again? How about a summer camp just for metal detecting? Or, how about metal detecting every day for eight days or as many days as you like? Here is your opportunity!

Treasure week 2011 is fast approaching. Make your plans to attend now. There are paid hunts every day and there are free junior kids and novice hunts during the week. There are also many other fun and free to do for all.

Breakfast is served every morning for free or a small donation; and, for a small fee, lunch is served by the ladies from the campground. A free chicken dinner will be held on Friday night sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the FMDAC. All registered hunters and their families are included.

Besides detecting, daytime activities include all the facilities available at the campground such as a swimming pool, wildlife museum, playground, fishing lake, game room, convenience store, and wireless internet.

Organized activities include tie-dyeing, which is always a well-attended event and other arts and crafts. There are

flea market areas which are free to all campers to setup at your campsite. A Treasure Week Newsletter is published and a page is added daily giving the highlights of the day's activities.

Evening activities include a pool party with entertainment; Chinese auction; bingo; "horse" races, a regular auction, and a coin auction; etc. Or, you can just relax and socialize with your fellow campers.

Please make your plans now and get your entries in early because it is very difficult to get items to be planted in the fields at the last minute. **EARLY ENTRIES MAKE FOR A BETTER HUNT.**

Treasure week is held from July 9th thru the 16th 2011 at Fox Den Acres Campground in New Stanton, PA.

Treasure Week huntmasters have always been known for great hunts. All monies paid and donations go into the hunts for that day. With silver being so high this year, it will be a little different, but your huntmasters will do everything they can to make it a super day.

Schedule for the week is: Saturday and Sunday- Silverseekers Club Days; Monday- Fisher and Treasure Finders Day; Tuesday- White's Day; Wednesday- Tesoro and Pot o' Gold Day; Thursday- Canada Day; Friday- FMDAC Day; Saturday- Garrett and Diamond Back Detectors Day.



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