

# CENTRAL STATES

## EAGLE

FEDERATION OF METAL DETECTOR AND ARCHEOLOGICAL CLUBS  
CENTRAL STATES CHAPTER

FALL / WINTER 2006

### *GONE HUNT'N*



**CARROL SPEER**

1935 - 2006

## OFFICERS

### President

Ron David  
2211 West Ninth St.  
Anderson, IN 46016  
[redlegron@aol.com](mailto:redlegron@aol.com)

### Vice President:

Dave Perry  
603 West State St.  
Princeton, IN 47670  
[Djimp900@hotmail.com](mailto:Djimp900@hotmail.com)

Anita Majors  
8123 LaRue Prospect Rd. W.  
New Bloomington, OH 43341  
[Billanitacasey.major@verizon.net](mailto:Billanitacasey.major@verizon.net)

### Treasurer:

Carl McFeeders  
7025 Dover Zoar Rd. NE.  
Dover, OH 44622  
[icseeker@core.com](mailto:icseeker@core.com)

### Sgt. at Arms:

Dave Carter  
1846 Barth Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46203-3929  
[Dcarter5@aol.com](mailto:Dcarter5@aol.com)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

09/31/2006 Balance \$876.80

### Income:

None

### Expenses:

10/30 Ron David – expenses	\$100.00
10/30 Cash – for FMDAC hunt	\$100.00
10/30 FMDAC – ad & banquet	\$260.00
11/20 Dave Perry – expenses	\$ 88.50
12/3 Paul Schultze – expenses For GPPA show	\$192.00

Total \$740.50

Balance of December 31, 2006 \$136.30

Carl McFeeders,  
Central States Treasurer

**ALWAYS ASK FOR  
PERMISSION!**

## FROM THE EDITOR:

As you saw on the cover we lost a long time treasure hunter and friend to many in November. I asked Dan Ritchey to put together a few words and realized I didn't really know Carroll well at all.

Here are Dan's comments.

"Carroll Speer was a large man in both stature and character. He grew up in Mayfield, KY. He excelled in football and earned a full scholarship to Western Kentucky University. He was offered tryout opportunities by several NFL teams. He chose to begin teaching high school English and coaching football in 1958. He worked his entire career as an educator, counselor and programs administrator, retiring after 32 years of service. He met his wife, Shirley, early in his career and eventually Kristy and Danny were born into the family. He touched many individuals during his life, including many of us who call ourselves "Treasure Hunters."

Carroll began detecting in the early 80's and was a regular participant in many competition-style hunts. He was part of "Treasure Week" from its beginning. He became quite accomplished at his "passion" and won many of the competitions in which he participated. He hunted anywhere he could, finding many nice coins and relics.

Carroll served many terms as President, and other offices, of the Hoosier Hills Treasure Hunters Club. He was also an active member of the Indiana Research and Recovery Society.

His detecting passion carried him to far away places, such as Granada and several Caribbean locations. He also traveled to England, at least nine times, where he found artifacts dating back to the time of Christ. Several of his finds now reside in some of England's finest museums.

Carroll suddenly left us on November 24, 2006, at the age of 71. Many of us are honored to have known him and he will be missed."

Dan went to a lot of hunts with Carroll and I'll bet he heard some wonderful stories. My thoughts and prayers go out to Shirley, Kristy and Danny and the rest of their family.

I'll sure miss that "Great Hunt Dave, thanks". He always had a kind word for everyone.

Dave



FROM THE DESK  
OF THE  
PRESIDENT  
RON DAVID

Hello;

As 2006 comes to an end I would like to look back on all the good things that have happened in the chapter and to the FMDAC. First of all the Central States Chapter now has the largest number of members and clubs in the Federation. For this I would like to congratulate all of those club Presidents and their members for this excellent accomplishment. Triple last year enrollment in the independent memberships

Without all the support the Chapter and the FMDAC would not be able to safe guard our hobby. What few people fail to recognize is that without the FMDAC we cannot protect the individual members, clubs and the hobby. No other organization totally supports the hunter and the hobby. Not the manufacturer, the Treasure magazines, or wanna be promoters. The manufacturers and the treasure magazines, and other organizations do support the FMDAC in their support of the hobby.

The FMDAC meets twice a year in different parts of the country to discuss with the chapter officers how to solve problems concerning the hobby around the country. You have chapters from all parts of the USA constantly communicating with clubs from every state. This means your elected volunteers travel on their own time to attend these meetings to help you, the member, have the freedom to pursue this great hobby. At some of these meetings, (Conventions), we meet with representatives from the DNR, attorneys, BLM, and other people to stay informed on the laws, and other vital info concerning treasure hunting laws and rules. We also discuss ways to improve the FMDAC and gain support for our hobby.

I would like to welcome the GPAA for joining the growing number of organizations now supporting the FMDAC.

I would like to congratulate VP, Dave Perry, our Newsletter editor on being elected, Secretary of the FMDAC. I hate to lose such valuable person to our chapter, but our loss is the Federations gain. Dave will also be the new editor of the Quest. Again CONGRATULATIONS. To our past Secretary of the FMDAC, Frank Colletti, I'll personally miss you and THANKS for everything. Frank has served as our secretary since 1986. I remember coming into the FMDAC together.

I have appointed Dave Carter to finish out Dave Perry's term of office; however I'm looking for someone to volunteer as the chapter's newsletter editor. One of the chapter requirements is that the newsletter must go out to the membership every three months. Thanks again Dave for making this happen.

Well, its looks like its time to wrap up great year, 2006 and look forward to 2007. I hope 2007 will be your best year ever for super finds. Good hunting and I hope to see you in the future.

Ron

FROM THE CLUBS:

GREAT LAKES HISTORICAL REASEARCH eNewsletter (edited)  
From Jeff Berman

Our club renewals are still coming in with about 25 members renewing for 2007. We still have about 15 members I have not heard from. Just a couple of things about not renewing or renewing late, after January 1, 2007 you will not receive any club news via email, and I will be sending our club membership into the FMDAC probably in the next 2 weeks. After I send the FMDAC list in for 2007 membership, you will not have the option to have FMDAC membership unless you send the \$5 membership dues in yourself.

The raffle drawing for the 2 display cases were drawn at the Monday meeting, the 2 winners were members Jack Morris and Mark Slinkman. Congratulations guys, your prize was given to a local club member who attended the meeting and they will get the prize to you.

Please remember we are trying to keep peace with the forest preserves and the rangers that patrol them. It's in the best interest of the club and our hobby to refrain from metal detecting in the grass. Please enjoy the woods; there are many finds to be made as our members prove each month. I can't stress this

point enough, we can't afford to be kicked out or not welcome in any of these public places. (This paragraph related to club hunts)

This was my last meeting as president of the club. I have had some interesting times, and I learned a lot about our club and our members. I have made many friends that I appreciate this in itself. Please continue to support our club and our new board for 2007 as I intend to.

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SEEK & SEARCH CLUB, From *The Scoop & the Buccaneer* by Al Holden (They have some interesting ideas)

This December we are continuing on with our popular Christmas meeting theme of 'Buy, Swap, Sell and Show!' What interesting goodies are you looking for, or perhaps ready to part with?

Here are a few items that were on the sales tables at our last Christmas meeting: metal detectors, treasure hunting gear, coins, gold rings, magic tricks, wet suits, old bottles, tokens, crafts, and much more!

Also, we had tons of great stuff on display 'for show only' which was very cool! Do you have an unusual collection to show off? I'm sure it would inspire many of our fellow club members to see a display of our 'veteran hunters' best finds!

For the 'sell' part of the Christmas meeting, I actually purchased some neat old books and some art work. They made great Christmas gifts at that meeting! You'd better bring your wallets, friends!

Do you have any treasure-related equipment to sell? Actually, your items don't have to be treasure-related, but they must be "G" rated.

How about some 'found' treasures to sell or trade? How about some stuff "JUST FOR DISPLAY?" Maybe you have an interesting collection or some craft items that you made to sell. Maybe you have something you made to just show-off. Well, we would love to see them! We are hoping that this will be our biggest and best Sell, Swap & Show night ever!

The meetings usually end with our great door prize drawings. Listen up folks! Our board has loaded lots of goodies on their sleigh --- but they won't let me say more! Trust me, for December we have some great surprises in store!

My apologies to CEDAR VALLEY RESEARCH & RECOVERY for not mentioning them in the last Central States Eagle. Daryl Mitchell finally emailed me a copy and told me my address wasn't in their list. That is all straightened out now. Daryl puts out a very nice newsletter full of all kinds of information.

This fledgling club has gotten off to a great start. A little over a year old the members are getting involved, monthly meetings and a club treasure hunt for a big lead "hockey puck". (The first clue for the puck was in this edition.) They just had the first annual Christmas get-together and from what was described they were going to have a great time.

Along with all their treasure hunting / meeting activities they have decided to commit to a community project each year. Many clubs do this and as Daryl mentioned when you help others it always comes back to you in some way. Anyway, they have chosen the Abbe Center in Marion Iowa as their project this year. They will be donating items and cash to the Center.

Also included in the newsletter was a nice article about the GPAA gold show. Daryl told of seeing old friends and all the great displays of new equipment and other items. His favorite was the gold separating equipment. He put his eye on the Goat Trammel and Spiral Wheel by Desert Fox. He said they made quite a gold separating pair.

Cedar Valley is working on getting a Website together. There will definitely be more to come.

NORTHERN INDIANA RESEARCH & RECOVERY SOCIETY secretary / treasurer Mike Beaver took top spot in 2006 Club Member of the Year with 108 points over second place Barb Wallace's 100. Third was Dave Wise with 50. Mike also was top dog in the 2006 Treasure Hunter of the Year with 144.28 points with Martin Stookey coming in second with 92.74. Kevin Mosher was third with 69.54.

You can access this club's info on <http://clubs.kconline.com/nirrs>

MIDWEST HISTORICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY President Ron Guinazzo told of his and other member's recent trip to England. Ron was joined by Keith Leeders, Bob Miskiewicz on his flight and later joined up with Bob Santana, Reid Geisler and Tom from Philly for a two week hunting trip.

In Ron's own words: "I have really gotten to know the fields, and didn't get lost on this trip. During the first week we found a lot of great stuff. Reid found the only gold coin, a 1865 Half Sovereign in great shape. I found a gold Intaglio ring which was sent to the museum for dating. Everyone found silver, some hammered coins ranging from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, some milled coins 1600's to present and some Roman coins and lots of unidentified pieces that Chris will have to look through."

It really sounds like they had a great time. I'll bet the meeting was interesting with all the finds and stories.

THE McCLEAN COUNTY NUGGETTIERS finished off their year ringing bells for the Salvation Army on December 2 and then with a big Christmas party on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The Salvation Army is this club's charity and they spent the whole day from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. This is in addition to their ongoing Home for the Hearts program obtaining useful articles for the needy.

The Christmas party featured many donated prizes, a grab bag gift exchange and special raffle drawings and of course some good food.

Recent F.O.M. winners were: Gene O'Neal Best Jewelry with an earring, Best Coin and Oldest Coin went to Larry Fillman with a Buffalo Nickel and 1917 Wheat Penny. Harry Lane took non-coin with 3 toy cars.

Reading through *The Dirty Five*, the official newsletter of THE ILLINOIS & IOWA TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB, their January meeting is going to feature "Who wants to be a Millionaire".

Newsletter editor David Moeller said it like this. "We will play a game based on the popular television show. We will have a random drawing of members present, trivia questions, life-lines and prizes. We will have a prize structure like the TV show and will have prizes for the audience unlike the show." That's an idea that is unusual and different. I like it.

The edition also made the members aware that they have history in their own back yard. David told them of an 1812 War battle that took place at Campbell's Island, located in the Mississippi river near present-day Rock Island. It was purchased in 1904 to be made into a resort. A bridge was built in 1904 and today it is mostly residential. David also reminded his members to respect private property and always have permission, leave it better than you found it take out your trash.

Jill and Carl McFeeders, the busiest couple in treasure hunting, finished out the year with a SILVER SEEKER Cruise, a few days at Disney and then the fall FMDAC convention.

Jill went on to describe the convention as a great success and how she was happy there were several of us Seekers in attendance. Jill also mentioned Central States VP appointee Dave Carter was absent because he is recuperating at his sister's house after a fall slipping on some water from a leaking refrigerator. This is the first convention Dave has missed in a long time. Jill got a big card and had everyone at the convention sign it then sent it on to Dave.

Jill, along with the rest of the Treasure Week committee, will be busy the first of the year getting all the stuff ready for TW. She said the flyers would come out late in January or February. Keep an eye on the FMDAC calendar for that week.

The info will be posted as soon as it's available. It will also be available at silverseekers.com

That is all the current newsletter info I have.

And now, a final word: With my election to National Secretary I will be resigning as Central States Vice President and editor of this publication. My new duties include publishing the Quest 5 times a year. I hope to institute an eQuest to get info out quicker and more often than a published edition. Some will reject that but with all the clubs in the Central States I think we only have 5 or 6 that do not have email or access to the Web.

Thanks for all the newsletters. That is where I get most of my content. There is a wealth of information in those little jewels and I have taken advantage of that. Keep 'em coming. I tried to use something out of every one I got. I won't be able to do that in the Quest but Lee Weise is going to feature a club newsletter each month on the Website so forward yours to Ron David. I will use them in my new life also. I prefer to get them via email and Word format works best for me.

**WANTED**

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR  
CONTACT RON DAVID**

**redlegron@aol.com**

DAVE PERRY, EDITOR  
CENTRAL STATES EAGLE  
603 W. STATE ST.  
PRINCETON, IN 47670