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EDITOR'S NOTES

DISCLAIMER: The FMDAC is not a sponsor of Treasure Week or Southern Indiana Treasure Fest. National FMDAC does sponsor one day at TW and Central States Chapter sponsored one day at TF. Some FMDAC officers are also committee members of these events.

What a summer it has been. My adventure started at Treasure Week in New Stanton, PA. Being a new location the anticipation was high. As it turned out Fox Den Acres Campground was well suited for the week long hunt extravaganza.

Of course with any new place the trash must be removed. Each piece of trash you brought in throughout the day was good for a raffle ticket. A drawing was held at the end of the day for a Silver Round. As the week went on the fields were adjusted and readjusted with suggestions from the hunters.

Wednesday saw FMDAC Day and the hunters were not disappointed. Many prizes covered the tables and several National and Chapter officers were present to help out with the hunts.

The biggest concern for the whole week was the price of silver and metals in general. With high prices it was hard to put a lot of targets in the ground with the hunt fees. Each day seemed to have plenty of targets with the help of many, many sponsors, clubs and individuals.

All in all after talking to a lot of folks Treasure Week is indeed alive and well. It has once again

survived a major move and the dedicated committee members and hunters showed that it could be done.

The campground owner, Wilson Fox, and manager Steve Dansak and the staff went out of their way to make everyone welcome. "Lazy Pool Director", Tom Silan made sure the evenings were interesting. FMDAC President and TW Committee member Duane Biller said that the campground folks asked how they could improve things for next year.

After a week at home catching up on honey do's we were off to Starve Hollow State Recreation Area for the Southern Indiana Treasure Fest. When I heard of this hunt Carol and I drove over (2 hours from home) and looked it over. I picked some spots and was lucky enough to get my choice when I booked a few months later. (Indiana Parks have a 6 month rule)

I got to see some old friends who couldn't make TW and met some new ones as usual. Brad Shneck, Property Manager, and his staff made all of us feel right at home. As there is at TW there were a lot of activities besides treasure hunting. The Nature Center staff kept the kids busy all week with all kinds of things to do.



Some hearty souls were even present at the bi-weekly feeding of the snakes.

Central States Chapter day was one of the "best hunts" of the week according to several folks. Huntmaster Ron David wanted it to be a success not only for the FMDAC members present but all the hunters and the event organizers. At the end of the day it was one of the best hunt days of the week.

That is not to take away from the other Huntmasters who went out of their way to give us great hunts all week. The many clubs, sponsors and individuals again made it all happen.

The Indian Ceremony on Friday evening left a memorable impression on the over 200 people present. 16 people were selected to receive a genuine medicine bag made from Deer hide with Elk bone. Ron David and I were included in this honor. That was the day that

Smoky the Bear decided to try his hand at treasure hunting.

I was told by a good friend, a woman we both know said, "This is like Treasure Week, I know all these people". I have to admit it was like the old TW at Kenny's with a lot of familiar faces. There were some new ones also. Treasure Week may have jumped a couple of states and is very successful but the heart, blood and soul of the old TW was present at Starve Hollow.

(Please be advised you may not hunt in Indiana State Parks. The area used by the hunters was checked by State Archeologists and cleared for our use. We were watched all week and Brad said "the gophers were doing more damage than the treasure hunters." This could be the first step in opening sections of State Parks besides the beaches here in Indiana.)

Back home for a couple of weeks then off to Ohio for the 30th annual Buckeye Championship. Better known as "The Hayes Hunt" it was a weekend of visiting with a lot of my old friends. Oh, the hunts weren't bad either. The annual Silver Seeker hunt was held on Sunday after the always great hunts put on by the Hayes boys.

Two weeks ago it was back to the Scales Lake hunt. No hurricane this year, just some great weather. The sun shined on us all weekend and there were a lot of kids even with a low hunter turnout. The hunts for us big kids were great.

This past weekend I loaded up the grandkids and headed over to Mt. Vernon, IL for Tri-State Metal Detecting Club's annual hunt. It was a good one except for the rain for the last hunt on Saturday. Then someone made the mistake, or not, by burying the kid's hunt. That was a first for my boys. All in all it was a great experience for them as they gained some real hunting skills. After a little help showing them how to find "the slit" they did pretty good. Sunday was just super!

Then it's off to Olathe, KS for the big convention. I hope to see a lot of you there. Don't forget the late fee has been waived until October 1st. Guest speakers will be Dave Poche, author of How to find Civil War sites, Steve Kaighen, Civil War Relic hunter, Frank Colletti, author, A Guide Book of the Official Red Book of United States Coins, and David Hawley, author, Finding the Steamship Arabia.

It's been quite a year. A lot of battles on the legislative front, some controversy, some great hunts and at the end of the day we can still swing our loops in most places.

Dave

NO CHAPTER ELECTIONS

All present officers are unopposed for the upcoming election. They will remain in office with the exceptions of Central States and Northwest chapters.

Don Hayes was appointed to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Ron David. His brother Bill will assume the duties of Vice-president when Dave Carter's term ends on December 31. Dave decided not to run for health reasons. Ron and Dave will be missed we thank them for their many years of dedication.

Renton, Washington resident Mark Jenkins will lead the Northwest Chapter after the resignation of Bob Carstensen.

See the bios that follow.

NEW CENTRAL STATES CHAPTER PRESIDENT



For those that don't know me, my name is Don Hayes. After announcing that I was running for President of the Central States Chapter of the FMDAC National President Duane Biller appointed me to the position on the resignation of Ron David.

I live in Norwich, Ohio with my wife Peggy. We have 3 boys, 2 of which, Cory & Travis are still living at home. The oldest, Dustin is married and is now his wife's problem. I have lived in the same area of Ohio all of my life and really see no reason to leave. I have worked for the U.S. Air Force for 24 years first as a federal employee and later with a government contractor at the Air Force Primary Standards Laboratory in Heath, Ohio.

I started metal detecting back around 1976 and have been hooked ever since. I enjoy all types of detecting but mostly I do coinshooting the local area schools and private homes. I really enjoy Civil War Relic hunting but don't seem to have many chances to do that

lately. I also enjoy going to the planted hunts and participating in the competition hunts. My brother Bill and I also have put on the Buckeye Championship Treasure Hunt also called the Hayes Hunt for the past 30 years.

I consider the friends I have made in treasure hunting my greatest find, Some I have known for over 30 years. I want to personally thank Ron David for his many years of service to the hobby through the FMDAC and many other contributions too many to mention. I will do my best to follow in Ron's shoes and to help keep the hobby going strong for future hunts any way I can.

Thank you,
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NORTHWEST CHAPTER PRESIDENT

President Duane Biller named Mark Jenkins Chapter President. Mark is a college student soon to be employed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Long time FMDAC supporter Clay Soliday will come in as the Vice-president. Mark's contact info is on page 2.

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER PRESIDENT REPORT

During the month of August, I visited the "South Carolina Treasure and Artifact Association" in Greer, South Carolina. Randy Reese, his wife Rebecca, and his Club welcomed me and were pleased to see the SE Chapter President support at their meeting. Randy suggested that the Carolina Coin and Relic club in Goose Creek link their web sites together. (I have a few items to finish on the web site before publishing the web page.) I agreed and suggest that all the South Carolina clubs do so as well. This allows anyone wishing to join a club in SC to see which clubs are close to the potential prospect. This makes it much easier than having to do multiple searches. Their club gave me an opportunity to promote the FMDAC. This club was actually the first club I joined years back and would drive from Charleston to Greer as a member. There were very many familiar faces with warm hospitality and their club is strong and doing good things. It was also mentioned that a possible social hunt between the three local clubs in SC may be a thought for the New Year ahead of us.

The month of September was also busy. I visited with a second FMDAC club in Rock Hill, SC. "South Carolina Metal Detector & Relic Association". Bill Stiles and Chris Watson also welcomed me to their club meeting. Again I was given the opportunity to promote the FMDAC and see how our clubs are doing. They also have a strong club and a great group of people. Mention

of linking club web sites together and a possible future hunt seemed very promising. Scott Ellman, Web Master for their club site, offered his experience and advice developing a web site for our local club "Carolina Club and Relic Association" Many thanks to both of these clubs for allowing me to be a part of their club meeting.

As the Southeast Chapter President I decided to run a contest. It's basically a Membership drive. I am challenging all FMDAC members of the South Eastern States to step up and recruit "New" members into our organization for the Year "2010" Help build the FMDAC organization and tell everyone what we are all about. I'm willing to bet that everyone that reads this post whether they are a FMDAC member or not, at one time or another has thought, What would happen if our hobby was in jeopardy in "Their" state or "Their" city ??

I also challenge you to go back to the FMDAC home page and read again what our mission is to the preservation of our hobby. To unite, promote, and encourage. That's pretty strong words that have deep meaning. Go back to the home page and get familiar with the Legislation page, see how many issues are at hand and realize that these alerts, whether directly or indirectly to your city or state, affect each and every one of us in one way or another. Everyone understands the meaning "There is strength in numbers" Let's make it work for us! The membership cost is still "Only" \$5, if your club is a FMDAC Club. If you are not an FMDAC club, we will show you how to become one. Membership cost for an Independent is still "Only" \$10, which is for members that have no clubs in their area. Want to form a club? We'll show you how to do that too! As your Southeast Chapter President, I encourage everyone to support the FMDAC and believe that "**You**" can make a **difference!**

Link to Art's contest page:

<http://mydmforum.com/forum/index.php?topic=360.0>

Art Di Filippo

WESTERN CHAPTER

LUCK / SKILL IN NEVADA

I answered a Craig's list ad yesterday and after contact was made I met a couple vacationing at Lake Tahoe to help them find their lost wedding ring! It appears to be 4 carats, one large 2 carat stone branched by 2 small 1 carat stones. Absolutely beautiful! All I asked for was fuel and parking expense which I figured would be about \$30.00.this was before even heading up to the lake to meet them.

"No problem, we appreciate your offer to help". We met at Tahoe and he hands me some folded bills which I placed in my pocket without even looking at them. After introductions, it is off to the beach. I handed out detectors, instructions on the usage and set everyone up in ALL METAL Mode with instructions to "Dig 'Em All".

The lady that lost the ring set flip flops out in the corners of where she remembered she was sitting while playing with her children. Her husband, my Bride and I started the search. After about 15 minutes I heard my Bride mutter "Wrong ring". I look over and she is holding a 4 diamond 14k ring and has a look of disgust as she knew we were searching for a Silver colored Platinum ring!

The lady who lost her ring comes over and my Bride says "If we do not find yours you can have this one". That is not what she wanted to hear, "I just want my own ring back". The search continues! Here is the 14K ring. We had it checked by our Jeweler and he said the value is \$1700.00. WOW!!

Not 20 minutes later, up comes this gorgeous beauty, not 15 feet from where the other ring was found and at the depth of about four inches.

As we are getting ready to leave, the husband offers then helps me carry the detectors to my truck! He says, "I am going to send you the \$1000.00 reward". Speechless for a bit I replied, "I am not saying send it, nor am I saying do not send it." He offered and I left it at that, and if he does, GREAT and if not I do not really care. I felt so much joy just being able to solve a nasty emotional experience that the trip alone was worth the effort!

Good Karma comes back 10 fold. Believe me it DOES!!! His ring is so spectacular I do not believe a better specimen will be found by me EVER! On the way home my Bride says "How much money did he give you"? "Don't know", I replied. I reach in my pocket and bring out 5 Jacksons.

Jan Sarras

Club member, Silver State Metal Detector Club

Reno, NV

.....A reply from the happy couple re-united with their ring,

Thank You for Finding our Ring

First and foremost, we offer our eternal gratitude to Jan and Kerry for answering our craigslist ad, driving to Lake Tahoe and of course for finding our ring. If we

had any idea how to send karma points we would send tens of thousands of them.

We have to be honest, we turned to craigslist as a last ditch effort after calling several rental metal detector agencies in the area looking for someone to help us with little luck. Needless to say, we had really low hopes and low expectations that there were people out there who would actually help us find our ring out of the goodness of their hearts (and of course, as we now understand...for the love of your sport).

Thank you, thank you, thank you Jan + Kerry. As we said on the beach, you were part of the fifth happiest day in our lives so far (preceded only by the day we were engaged, married, had our daughter and then our son). Should you ever find yourselves back in Portland, please know you will have two very grateful hosts!

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A recent alert came to us just before Labor Day. Clay County, Florida, which is just outside Jacksonville, was having a public meeting to discuss a ban on metal detecting on all county property. With short notice and a holiday weekend it was tough to research. Emails to the county commissioners went unanswered. We corresponded with some people from the area who were hoping to attend and gave them some suggestions. Our research turned up little on the reason for the ban. The proposed law was posted only a few days prior to the meeting. An alert was sent out and posted on many forums asking for people to send emails. Even with a limited readership due to the holiday a good number answered the call.

The meeting took place on Sept.8, the day after Labor Day at 2:00 pm which prevented many from

attending. Many changes were made to the proposal prior to the meeting. These were mainly implemented by Commissioner Robinson who was on the committee that it went through. A county employee spoke first in favor of the law. He handed out copies of eBay listings of items that came from historical properties in the county and telling of other problems with detecting on county historical sites. An archaeologist spoke but stated she was not against metal detecting just against it being done on county owned historical sites.

Two fellow detectorists spoke and did a fine job of representing the hobby and refuting statements made to our detriment. In the end the law that was passed prohibits detecting only on historical and archaeological sites and cemeteries. It also addresses digging in that someone can be cited for doing permanent damage.

The emails did make a difference. One of the commissioners made a statement at the end of the hearing referencing the number of emails received. You can view the recorded meeting by going to the counties website.

I had reported earlier that S22 the omnibus lands bill had failed to pass. While that is a correct statement it does not tell the whole story. Even though it was defeated it still became law. That's right. It failed to pass in the House but was signed by the president. How did they accomplish this? They have totally corrupted the legislative process. A few days prior to the vote on S22 the House passed HR146. That bill went to the Senate. The Senate "changed the wording" in the bill. That's the technical term. What they actually did was changed the bill number on S22 to HR146 and passed and then passed HR146. It then had to go back to the House for a concurrence vote. Even though this was a totally different bill then what the House previously voted on they could not vote it down as the "number" HR146 had already passed. If the concurrence vote failed it would have to go to committee to work out the disagreements but the bill could not be stopped. It passed by just a few votes.

Is your blood pressure rising? It should be. This is a total abuse of legislative authority and a bullet through the heart of our founding fathers. It has taken just a bit over 200 years for them to figure out how to destroy the process that was set up to prevent such travesties. What this says is that a bill can become law by passing only one chamber. In my opinion this was premeditated. It was the backup plan. This means that anytime a bill is defeated in one chamber all they have to

do is take the number off a bill that passed and stick it on the defeated bill. This should enrage everyone. My senators got an earful from me on it.

Next is the news that the California dredge bill was signed by the governor. A veto was hoped for but did not happen. All dredging on CA is suspended until the proper "impact studies" are done. We all know how the government operates in these matters. The prospecting organizations will be watching the process closely to insure that it is done properly, timely, and not abused. It is believed that this only affects state property and not federal as it is a state statute.

Lastly I want to say that the internet is starting to become a detriment to the hobby. This is because there are people posting finds that were not exactly legally obtained. In addition, in the quest to brag or show off there are many items posted that would best be left off. There are others watching our forums. Such as government employed archaeologists. And they ARE taking notes. This was the basis for the closures of state lands in Wisconsin and in part for the potential Clay County, Florida ban. How many posts are already sitting in files around the country? How many of them have names attached?

All those videos also fall in the same category and many are nothing to brag about. I have seen too many that display some really poor digging habits and even give the locations of the public property where they are doing it. That's like putting a big X on that site to be shut off to detecting and an X on your back as the guilty party.

The real burn with me comes from those who think nothing of trespassing on private property. They cite loopholes to justify their law breaking. Here is a news flash. If you are on private property without the owner's permission then you ARE trespassing. Even if the law says you cannot be prosecuted unless you return or refuse to leave, you are still 100% in the WRONG. There's more. Since you are there with the premeditated intent of digging and removing items that legally belong to the owner, you can be prosecuted on the first offense for property damage, theft, and possibly criminal trespass.

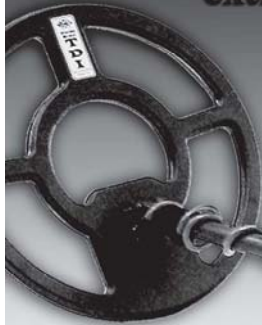
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The FMDAC held a raffle for the legal fund on their day at Treasure Week. The 5 Detector raffle with 5 winners featured, Jim Bujnowski, Erie, PA - Fisher - F70 donated by Fishers; Mike Race, Lancaster, PA - Tesoro Lobo, donated by Tesoro; Ernest Michael, Delaware, MD - Garrett Ace 250, donated by Garrett, John Howard - Detector Pro Pirate Pro donated by Outdoor Outfitters and Cindy Sommer - Garrett 150 donated by Outdoor Outfitters



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ACCOMODATIONS

The convention will be at the Holiday Inn, Olathe, KS. The rooms will be \$89.00 plus tax per night. That rate will be from October 15 to October 18, 2009. To make reservations you can call 1-913-829-4000. Be sure to tell them you are with the FMDAC. These prices will be good until September 15, 2009. You can check out this beautiful hotel at www.holidayinn.com/olatheks

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ATTRACTIONS

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SEMINARS AND EXHIBITS

We will have displays by manufacturers and dealers, clubs, and individuals at the Holiday Inn. Seminars on a variety of topics will run on Saturday. The display area will be open Friday from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Registration will be open on Friday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and then it will be at the hunt site on Sat. morning and all day Sat. at the FMDAC booth.

BANQUET

The banquet will be Saturday evening. It will start off with a cash bar at 6:00 pm followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00pm. After the dinner we will have a guest speaker.

HUNTS

All hunts will be off site. Maps will be available at Registration. A hunt will be held on Saturday morning promptly at 9:00 am. Registration will be at 8:00 am. The two main hunts will be held on Sunday at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, with registration starting at 8:30 am. They will be held rain or shine for all FMDAC members. You can join the FMDAC for an additional \$10.00 at Registration. All targets will be silver coins and tokens – NO CLAD. There will be a free kid's hunt between the two main hunts on Sunday.

TRAVEL

You can fly into Kansas City International Airport. The hotel is 15 to 20 minutes from the airport. Check out www.ytb/fmdac.com for all your travel needs.

If you need any more info or have any questions then please contact:

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All times and schedule subject to change.

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ENTRY FORM REQUIREMENTS

This entry or a copy of this entry must be sent in with a check or money order, along with a **business sized, self addressed, stamped envelope**. Canadian members must pay with a US Money Order.

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Registrants at the time of registration at Convention must present their current FMDAC Membership card.
2. Please fill out the form COMPLETELY, including the FMDAC club or Independent to which you belong. Your signature is very important. If you do not sign the release; you will not be permitted to hunt.
3. There will be a \$25 returned check fee.
4. Pack your tickets early. **NO TICKET – NO ENTRY.**
5. Hunt will be held rain or shine. **NO REFUNDS.**

Please complete the form and make check/money order payable to the **FMDAC** and mail to:

**JILL MCFEEDERS
7025 DOVER ZOAR RD.
DOVER, OH 44622**

DON'T FORGET YOUR SELF ADDRESSED BUSINESS SIZED, STAMPED ENVELOPE – (Tickets and info will be sent back to you.) **If you do not send an envelope, your tickets will be held.**

ENTRY FORM

I am a member of the FMDAC in good standing and I wish to participate in the following events.

SATURDAY HUNT

of entries _____ (Until 9/1) \$50 _____ (9/1 to 10/1) \$55 _____ (After 10/1) \$60 _____

BANQUET

of meals _____ (Until 9/1) \$30 _____ (9/1 to 10/1) \$40 _____ (After 10/1) \$50 _____

SUNDAY HUNTS

of entries _____ (Until 9/1) \$100.00 _____ (9/1 to 10/1) \$115.00 _____ (After 10/1) \$125.00 _____

LATE FEES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO

DO NOT MAIL AFTER 10/ 10 2009
PAY AT THE CONVENTION.

I have enclosed a check/money order (US FUNDS) in the amount of \$ _____.
You do not have to be a member of the FMDAC for the Banquet.

NAME _____
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____
CLUB NAME or INDEPENDENT _____
PHONE _____
E-mail _____

I acknowledge that I WILL NOT hold the FMDAC, Holiday Inn, or the MSAS Club responsible for any injuries or accidents I may incur while participating in any of the above events.

Signature _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Date _____

THE FMDAC'S CODE OF ETHICS

I WILL ALWAYS CHECK FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LAWS BEFORE SEARCHING. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO "KNOW THE LAW".

I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER'S PERMISSION. WHERE POSSIBLE, SUCH PERMISSION WILL BE IN WRITING.

I WILL TAKE CARE TO REFILL ALL HOLES AND TRY NOT TO LEAVE ANY DAMAGE.

I WILL REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY AND ALL TRASH AND LITTER THAT I FIND.

I WILL APPRECIATE AND PROTECT OUR INHERITANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

I WILL, AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE HOBBY, USE THOUGHTFULNESS, CONSIDERATION AND COURTESY AT ALL TIMES.

I WILL WORK TO HELP BRING UNITY TO OUR HOBBY BY WORKING WITH ANY ORGANIZATION OF ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT MAY HAVE PROBLEMS THAT WILL LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO PEACEFULLY PURSUE THE HOBBY.

I WILL LEAVE GATES AS FOUND.

I WILL BUILD FIRES IN DESIGNATED OR SAFE PLACES ONLY.

I WILL REPORT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES ANY INDIVIDUALS REMOVES ARTIFACTS FROM FEDERAL PARKS OR STATE PRESERVES.

FMDAC QUEST
DAVE PERRY
603 W. STATE ST.
PRINCETON, IN 47670