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## The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the FMDAC Newsletter

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### Presidents Message

To;

FMDAC Board of Directors

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MAECC Officers

I have belonged to the FMDAC for over 15 years. I really got involved when I responded to a posting on the forum by Betty Weeks. I titled my reply to Betty as:

“What Does The FMDAC Do For Me – Nothing AT All”

Naturally I received an email from Betty who really was upset. I called her at her home in Oregon and we had a lengthy discussion about the FMDAC. At the end of the discussion we were pretty good friends and remained so thru many phone calls and other conversations at conventions.

A few months after my initial call to Betty she called me and said she was creating a Membership identification Committee to research how to gain the listing of the membership. This had been tried before with no success. She than said “Harry! You better volunteer to be on this committee because you started all this”. How could I have refused her? So I volunteered not knowing what the future held for me.

I joined Jim Beyers in a difficult but successful effort of working together to resolve this issue. Out of our efforts of many hours of writing emails and phone calls came the present Membership Committee, the Roster and finally the FMDAC now knows who its members are.

One day during a convention Duane called me and asked me to assume the position of the MAECC Presidency. I accepted the post. Of course I did not know that I would have no help in gathering data for the job because the records were not passed on, but we did build with a lot of help from the previous Treasure.

I did the first “Wal-Mart Program” and several Boy Scout presentations along with visiting clubs. I set up FMDAC promotion tables at several major events in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

We had some interesting Chapter Hunts and I pushed for and we now have an insurance policy for all of our FMDAC events.

I have been pushing the "Communication" issue all this time and find that while it has improved greatly it is still a problem which may never go away.

We had an issue in Virginia in which I worked along with Terry Bram – WWAT'S Director in Virginia (Betcha didn't know that) and the issue was resolved with the anti-metal detecting language removed from the bill prior to the passing of the bill.

We had a similar bill in New Jersey which was passed before anyone knew of it so nothing could be done to prevent it. Later we found it was not aimed at the hobbyist but at the relic looters.

To my knowledge it has never been enforced, Of course some areas now require permission before detecting, but doesn't the FMDAC support asking permission? Of course there are some in N.J. who believe different, but they are the radical minority.

I can no longer compete in the high-speed of competition hunts due to an increasingly painful back problem.

My Doctor has told me many times to stay off the computer because sitting here for hours is what is causing my back pain.

Working on the Quest, answering emails and trying to keep members updated requires many hours on the computer.

My family history is to live until the late nineties and a few over 100.

I intend to keep up that tradition.

I have just reached my 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday a few months ago, with that and several other issues in mind I have, after much discussion with my wife Jan, decided to resign as the Chapter President effective July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006 . This will give us more time to travel together and enjoy doing some other things which we have wanted to do but have set them aside to allow for the FMDAC events.

Of course this will mean replacing the Chapter Secretary also.

I know that Duane will have to make an appointment to fulfill the vacancy. However I believe and recommend that the best person for Chapter President would be to move up the Vice-President Ed Burke. He is the best there is in my opinion, Ed just retired and he needs something to do. 8^)

I will turn over all equipment and data plus information on future projects to the next appointee.

I intend to remain a member and will continue to support the organization.

This is a decision I have been worrying about for several months and it is with great regret that I have to do this.

I am remaining a member and as such I can still help Frank with the Quest if he and the Board agrees.

The GPAA Show information will be passed on and I have reserved two tables in Lynchburg at the show. The Chapter hunt planned in Lynchburg, VA hasn't been set up because it seems that there will not be anyone available to work it. Also there is really not a big draw to make the hunt in that city a successful event. I do not believe we should waste the Chapter monies on a Chapter hunt there.

I do not care who thinks and says that my Chapter has more money than the FMDAC or other Chapters. It is not there to squander just so a few good ole boys can have a good time.

With the regulations of that city we are only permitted to detect on the beach and only during the hunt time. Anything found on the beach that was not seeded for the hunt will have to be turned in to the proper authorities at the hunt. All other detecting is banned. So any attraction to a hunt is minimal at best.

Respectively Submitted

*Harry Niemeyer* – MAECC President

CC: I will send this to all Chapter clubs in 24 hours from 6:00pm 07-10-2006.

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*I sent the above letter to the FMDAC Officers and Board members last evening at @ 6:00 PM.*

*After a 24 hour period to digest and understand the letter it is now being sent to all the clubs and the representatives in the Chapter area.*

*I have found many friends within the FMDAC and hope to remain friends. I never had any problems or issues come up that would or could be twisted into something between the FMDAC and myself or seem derogatory against the FMDAC.*

*It was a great ride but we have to face the future and I believe The Chapter will a more successful entity with a president with younger ideas for the future.*

*Thanks for the good times*

*Harry Niemeyer – MAECC President*

## **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 WHO ENTER AND OR REMOVES ARTIFACTS FROM FEDERAL PARKS OR STATE PRESERVES.

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