

## MID-ATLANTIC EAST COAST CHAPTER CHATTER

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**Summer is over and Fall has arrived. Soon a lot of us will not be able to hunt because of the weather where we live. However, most of us never stop thinking about going out with our detectors. This is a good time to do research on new places to hunt. I want to thank all the clubs that sent me their newsletters and sent information about their clubs. If you want your club represented, please send me your club newsletters or even just a note saying what is going on. It is fun reading about what the other clubs are doing and what they are finding. Keep up the good work!**

**\SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY METAL DETECTOR CLUB-They announced that their open hunt will once again be at the Winfield Fire Company Grounds on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The cost of the hunt will be raised to \$190 due to the high cost of coins. The hunters attending this year's hunt were asked if they wanted a price increase with more targets in the ground and the majority agreed. Ed Burke Jr.**

**Was going through some old finds and discovered an 1897 Half in a compact he had dug and luckily kept. So do not discard anything you dig without checking it out. They held their Club hunt and picnic on July 26<sup>th</sup> at Moon Lake. June finds of the month: Coin- 1929 standing liberty quarter-Jeff Beatty, artifact-a double switch blade knife-Ken. The Club is planning on participating in the Sportsman's Show in January at the Kingston Armory. The club will hold a raffle for a detector, 2 peso gold coin, and a silver dollar there. Also they will have a display of finds to promote the club and the hobby. July finds of the month-coin-an 1898 French coin -Jeff Beatty, Jewelry-a 2007 school ring 10k-Bill Erwine, artifact-a miniature toy pistol-Pat Bidding. Nice work guys!**

**MASON DIXON TREASURE CLUB-The Club is saving pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Newark. Finds of the month for June, Best jewelry-Wayne-a platinum wedding band, Most Unusual-Barry-a plastic treasure chest with a gold doubloon and a skull ring. Members have been busy finding a cell phone and returning it to the owner, an earring which**

was a gift to the woman who lost it from her husband, and made a child happy when a metal toy was dug and given to a him , and a beach item was uncovered and returned to the owner. Makes you feel good when you can do this for people. Great job.

**BUTLER COUNTY TREASURE HUNTERS**-They are busy planning for the National FMDAC Fall Convention and Hunt to be held in their area. Plans are coming along nicely, with 3 very unique seminars scheduled for Saturday and very interesting speakers for the Banquet. They held their Fall Club hunt on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. They signed up 2 new members. The club is really growing which is great and they are pulling in some young people which is fantastic. More young people are needed in the hobby. June winners-Best Display-Henry Theil-3 silver coins, an old ax head, and some silver jewelry, Best coin-Dan Bollinger-1943 half dollar, best jewelry-Tom McCarthy-14kt gold chain, best artifact-Vic Kamer-lead soldier, Oldest Coin-Perry Smyda-1824 caped bust dime, Most silver-Red Craft with 4 silver dimes. Harry Neimeyer was bored one gloomy and damp day so he decided to go through his junk finds that he tosses on a shelf somewhere. He discovered two 14kt gold earrings and a small 925 silver ring with a gemstone amongst all the junk. So check into those supposedly junk piles.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY METAL DETECTOR CLUB**-A Brown bag hunt was held at the Washington County Fairgrounds on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Their club hunt and picnic was held August 25<sup>th</sup> in Mingo Park. Al Crow is still acting President of the club and is doing a great job. June Prizes were 50/50-Alex Antanovich, Silver \$-Martha Ferling, and door prize-Al Crow. July Prizes were 50/50-Melvin Polen, Silver\$-no drawing, and door prize-Jane Polen.

**SOUTH JERSEY METAL DETECTING CLUB**-In June, Brian Mayer and Joe Demarco held a seminar for club members on beach hunting and how to make the most out of finding and retrieving targets. Their Fall Club Hunt is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>. In August the club members brought in many finds from the beaches, including , sinkers, a long heavy silver chain, gold and silver rings, bracelets, two \$ coins a crematory badge, toy cars, watches, sunglasses, keys, gold earrings, loads of clad coins and false teeth. Other finds included a horseshoe, an old eyeglass case, buckles, a silver spoon, 1888&1906 Indian Head Pennies, and a toy train engine. In September the club welcomed back one of their

**founding members Mac McCutcheon and 2 new members as well. Brian Mayer will be holding the Ocean City Beach Shootout V October 7<sup>th</sup> at 20<sup>th</sup> Street and the Boardwalk. On September 16<sup>th</sup> the Club was invited to attend a scavenger hunt at Tyler State Park. Their Club Fall Fun hunt will be at Atsion Lake Park on October 14<sup>th</sup>. This club is quite busy, don't you think?**

**TIDEWATER COIN AND RELIC CLUB-Marvin Frye was a visitor at the club's August meeting and re-joined the Club. Turns out he was actually the first full term President of the Club back in the early 1960's. Welcome back Marvin. August finds of the month-Mike Prezcottti-1/10<sup>th</sup> ounce African Krugurand, Relic-Louis Biro-a bottle from the 1700's, Jewelry-Sherry Ferguson-Citrine gold ring, Wild Card-Nancy Hill-keys and locks, Table-Ina Finn, and other-Sherry Ferguson-lock.**

**LANCASTER RESEARCH AND RECOVERY CLUB-On June 24<sup>th</sup> at Treasure Fest held in Lancaster, PA., Club member Andy Blessing was in the top 10 drawing twice, receiving a gold nugget on the third draw, and then the grand prize of \$1000 cash on the ninth draw. Congratulations, Andy! Other club members were also in the top 10. Mike Race won a DVD player and a ¼ ounce Silver Round. Rob Myers got a gold nugget. At the August meeting Michael O'Donnell did a presentation of the archeological dig at Centerville, Virginia. Jim Goodermuth won a detector on Canada Day at Treasure Week in July in Schreve, Ohio. Club President Sue Race and her partner also won the Boccie Ball Tournament at Treasure Week. Oh, and Jim Goodermuth also Placed in the week long Men's Competition Hunt. Way to go Jim! Member Mike Race found and returned a class ring found in Blue Marsh Lake. The loser had it around his neck on a chain. It had been lost for 3 weeks. Good job, Mike. The Club held its Fall club hunt on September 16. This club held an introductory workshop which they call Metal Detecting 101. Adults and kids ages 5+ can find out how to use a detector. The cost is \$1 per participant. It was held September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Environmental Center, Lancaster County Park. They show a variety of detectors and a few displays of finds. They hold an informal session about metal detecting, where you can hunt, share some rules and regulations and club information. They follow up by burying some coins and then teach them to use the detector, digging techniques and pin pointing. techniques and pin pointing. This is a great introduction to metal**

detecting as well as PR for the Lancaster Club. Great work guys. Here is an article from a local Lancaster paper.

**Understanding folks with the metal for a good hunt**

**By RYAN ROBINSON, Voices**

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**Rick Werdt started waving a metal detector back and forth along the small beach. My young nieces and nephews abandoned Styrofoam noodles, arm floaties and sand buckets to crowd around him. Move over Johnny Depp—the Pirates of Raystown Lake were hunting for buried treasure. Voices shrieked with excitement every time the detector beeped. It didn't matter that they dug pennies and quarters from the sand instead of Captain Jack's Aztec gold medallions. Later, I got a treasure hunting lesson. Werdt, my brother-in-law, waved his metal detector for a minute right outside his RV. Then it beeped. "A coin", he predicted. A minute later he dug up a 1979 penny, four inches below the surface. The fact the "treasure" was one cent didn't kill the thrill of the find. I understood why money is plunked down hundreds, even thousands of dollars for metal detectors nowadays. Sue Race said her Lancaster Research and Recovery Club's membership has steadily risen since 1990 to about 140 today. Baby boomers, teenagers—some whole families—are donning headphones and detecting beaches, parks and just about anywhere that might hold old coins and relics. It only takes one substantial find to hook someone. In 1976, Race gave her husband, Mike, a detector to "keep him busy." About a decade later, she tried it out and found a gold wedding band her very first time out. "K, this (detector) is mine," she told her husband. Since then, the New Holland couple have beep-beeped around Pennsylvania, other states and even abroad. The Races helped a neighbor find their keys and a beachgoer find a bracelet lost in the sand. When Donald Trump's helicopter crashed in a New Jersey swamp in 1969, killing three executives, local detectorists helped police locate small pieces of metal from the crash. Detectorists here once found guns used in a robbery a half hour after the crime, and they did it free of charge when asked. Most detectorists tell you they do it for the fun and thrill, and will never make much money. But serious detectorists sometimes unearth some valuable finds. Jere Hambleton, of Lancaster, found a Spanish Reale coin from the 1740s in Lancaster County Central Park. John Todd, also of Lancaster, found a \$600 gold ring. Terry**

**Sourbee, of Drumore, said detectorists also get a history lesson. He found a 25-cent iron token stamped Wanamaker's Department Store Ship Chandlers. Sourbee said the store would not have called itself "ship chandlers" after about the time of the Civil War. Sourbee also found a foot peddler's badge from the early 1930s. There's nearly a dozen metal detecting clubs in Pennsylvania. The Lancaster group's next outing is set for October 20-21 at Central Park. A Metal Detecting 101 course is also offered at the park. Race warns there are rules detectorists should follow, such as asking permission before. Metal detecting on federal property, and in other place such as Lancaster City parks is illegal Race said. There's hundreds of metal detectors offered for sale on eBay, from \$100 to over \$3000 depending on their capabilities. Race recommends borrowing or renting a metal detector for a day or so before buying one. That's because while some call metal detecting an addictive sport, others have dubbed it the world's worst hobby. Race said the friends she and her husband have met metal detecting have become like a second family to the former military couple. Some of her other friends, however, can't understand why she spends so much time with a metal detector. To her, the answer's simple. "You never know what you're going to find."**

#### **UP-COMING HUNTS**

**Lancaster Fall Open Hunt- October 20-21 Lancaster Count Park  
Deep Search October 28-Belmar New Jersey  
Mid-Atlantic East Coast Chapter Hunt October 28 Carlisle Pa  
FMDAC National Convention and Hunt November 2,3,4. Butler PA**

#### **2008 HUNTS**

**Susquehanna Valley- April 19-20 Winfield PA  
Old National Pike May 16-17 Uniontown PA**

**I would like to see many of you at the Fall Convention and Hunt here in Southwestern Pennsylvania. To get a registration form go to the FMDAC website. The first cutoff date has been lifted. No penalty before October 15<sup>th</sup>. We have some unique free seminars and interesting guest speakers at the Banquet. I also urge you to visit the FMDAC website and check out the Legislative Information. Enjoy this Fall season and take time to smell the burning leaves! Vic Kamer**

**P.S. To all who receive this, please share it with your club and feel free to make copies. Thank you!**