

Northwest Chapter 2nd Quarter Newsletter

Hi Everyone

The Spring Convention was very enjoyable. Ralph Shape from the Cascade Treasure Club was in attendance. The Hunts were held at God Field, a short distance from Mesa, AZ. and located at the foothills of the Superstition Mountains. The setting and location made for a special convention. The top prize winners were: Grand Prize, John Amato of the Arizona Treasure Hunters, and 1st prize winner Mrs Rick Costello of Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs.

Some of the Gold Nugget Raffle winners were:

1/4 zo nugget - Robin Beekley of the Cascade Treasure Club
1.5 penny wgt - Joanne Thomas of the Southeast Washington Assoc. of Treasure Hunters
1.5 penny wgt - Lyle Thomas of the Southeast Washington Assoc. of Treasure Hunters
1/2 penny wgt - Joanne Thomas of the Southeast Washington Assoc. of Treasure Hunters
1/2 penny wgt - Mark Jenkins of the Cascade Treasure Club
1/2 penny wgt - Rich Loveless of the Cascade Treasure Club

So the Northwest Chapter was well represented by the raffle ticket winners and I know that at least two of the clubs were selling raffle tickets for the raffle. Each FMDAC Club is sent five books of tickets before each convention so if you never hear about them ask your representative.

This Spring, the Northwest Chapter of the FMDAC sponsored an event at the Southeast Washington Assoc. of Treasure Hunters annual hunt. It was enjoyable. The hunt site was changed and was a great improvement. I hope that they stay there for many years to come. The chapter also had a meeting there that was well attended. The Fish and Gold Book was discussed. Bob Carstesen, a committee member, reports that the prospectors will have more and better opportunities when it is adopted. We will keep you advised as to it's progress. In June, we sponsored an event at the Northwest Treasure Hunters Club hunt at Faraget State park, Althol, Idaho. I was unable to attend and would like to thank my officers for filling in for me. I was told that the hunt and the meeting went well.

The next Chapter meeting will be held in Ellensburg WA on October 20 at 11 am.

I would like to thank Bob Carstesen (Vice President) Clay Soliday (Secretary) and Mark Jenkins (treasurer) for serving the past two years and for running along with me at our same offices for another term . If you would like to run for a chapter office nominations close in early September. If you would like me to send in a nomination or need information on getting nominated just contact me.

Here is a little known fact in the Northwest. The FMDAC has a sponsorship program The four memberships are:

Corporate (for major manufacturers)
Corporate B (for distributors and accessory manufacturers)
Sponsoring Members (for dealers)
Supporting Members (for us individuals)

Each membership has different benefits. I will become a supporting member in Jan. and I encourage everyone to do so.

If you are interested you may contact me or Bob Carstesen, Clay Soliday, or Mark Jenkins. They will have information about the memberships soon.

Get out and enjoy the rest of the summer. Find the GOOD ONES!

Lyle Thomas
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