

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER F.M.D.A.C.

Hi Everyone

I hope that you all had a good summer and found a lot of good finds. I have heard of a very rare seated dime, 1874 cc being found by Mark Jenkins and a Northwest Territory Token was found by Clay Soliday. It is believed to be one of a kind. Both are valuable to say the least and have been submitted to Lost Treasure Finds of the Year and I have asked them to submit something to the Quest.

That shows that yes there is still some very nice finds to be made.

Washington's Political Scene;

The State Parks. Mark Jenkins is working with M.D.A.W. They are working on a new bill to be resubmitted on the parks issue and I feel that it is necessary to support them.

Many of the different Washing State departments will only support a chain of command.

1st they want a state group, MDAW, which only represents the state.

2nd a regional group like NW Chapter of the FMDAC.

3rd a national group.

By following an organized group chain of command, it shows the government departments a similar structure to theirs and that we have strengths in numbers. Also the fact that we follow a standard guideline like the 10 commandments of metal detecting it shows our unity, which is very respectful.

On the Prospecting Scene. Bob Carstesen is working with the Resource Coalition and reports the following:

The new Fish and Game for Washington Bob will attend a meeting on writing it November 16 and will fill us in on it at our Ellensburg meeting on Nov. 17. He also reported that the National Forest Service recognizes a Metal Detector as a piece of Prospecting Equipment so we fall under the 1876 Mining Laws.

The State of Washington is electing a new Governor in 2008. Mr Dino Rossi will be once again running against Chris Greigore. I have been told that he once was a member of a Cascade Treasure Club and is very much in favor of opening the State parks to Metal detecting. I urge everyone to check him out and judge for yourself regarding his values, ideas and his stand on Treasure Hunting and do the same to his opponent. Then vote the way you choose. As for me, I am considering donating and offering to help with his campaign.

I have no reports from any of the other states at this time.

FMDAC Chapter elections; No ballots were sent out because the four people that were nominated were unopposed. The FMDAC Northwest Chapter Officers for 2008 and 2009 are as follows:

President: Lyle Thomas

V. President: Bob Carstesen

Secretary: Clay Soliday

Treasurer: Mark Jenkins

Congratulations to all of them.

The next meeting will be Nov. 17 (Sat) at the Buzz Inn at 11 am. Everyone is invited. We will discuss the Convention and Chapter Business and the New Fish and Gold. I will be sending out a report on the Convention sometime next week.

Lyle Thomas