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News Alert;

Attention All - **THE HOBBY WON**

Thank you to all who contacted the Carthage City Council. The proposed ordinance has been tabled and it sounds like it is dead. This is directly due to all the well written contacts that showed the council that we are not a bunch of thieves as the archaeologists were making us out to be. I received quite a few copies of emails that were sent. The method of educating the council people and dispelling the myths they were being fed worked out well.

Below is the email I received from the people "on the scene". I have edited it a bit only to remove email addresses and other personal types of info.

From: Tim Garton
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 5:59 PM
Subject: Fwd: Carthage City Council

Great news from one of our esteemed members of our 417 Relic Hunters Club. Thanks to everyone who emailed and called. I think that they realized all the lies spread by the Archaeologists were garbage, plus I feel the Archaeas and the holier than thou attitude turned the City Council off as fast as it had them thinking a new ordinance was needed. The light and truth has prevailed! Butch please forward this to Mark for me. I credit this success to all our members but one stands out, thank you Larry Cooper and God bless you sir!
Tim Garton

Begin forwarded message
From: Larry Cooper
Date: August 10, 2011 4:47:13 PM EDT
Subject: Carthage City Council
Good News,

After our 417 meeting on the 2nd and talking to Tim I sent an Email to three council members that I am acquainted with and voiced my concern about the city ordinance they were considering. John Cooper who is

the retired Carthage Fire Chief (I'm sure you know him Steve) is one of them.

Today at Kiwanis meeting Ed Hardesty who is another council member told me that he and one other member researched what the archeologist had told the council and found that a lot if it was false. The council voted yesterday to table the ordinance for good. Ed said it would not be brought up again. Ed said besides my Email and several more from local detectorist he received complaints from England and several other states besides Missouri. Ed said the council was surprised at the outpouring of complaints from treasure hunters

Larry

More good news;



Tom Dankowski, Lecturer.
Trainer, Researcher, Inventor and Author is coming
You do not want to miss the upcoming FMDAC convention at Myrtle Beach on Sept 30, Oct.1 & 2. Our special guest will be Thomas Dankowski.

He will be putting on 2 seminars and be keynote speaker. Programs that you will not want to miss if you have any desire to learn and increase your finds through intelligent detecting methods.

For those who have not had the pleasure of meeting or hearing him I can only say that you will be amazed at his level of knowledge and friendly, sincere, down to earth attitude. We are indeed fortunate to have Tom at the convention. I have had the pleasure of being at several of his seminars and have known him for about 10 years and call him friend, but then every detectorist is his friend.

See Flyer for Convention details attached



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Chapter News

Central States

President, Don Hayes

After a long cold winter spring has finally arrived. Time to pop some new batteries into the detector and head out to see if the places you researched all winter will pay off. Only problem is that here in Ohio it seems to rain every day. So I don't get out as much as I would like.

The organized hunt season has also started. I attended the Susquehanna Valley hunt in Winfield PA. this month. It was a good hunt but cold and wet. The price of silver has really put a strain on the hunts this year. So remember that the hunt sponsors can only do so much with the entry fee. Last year you may have found 30 dimes in a hunt but they were only worth \$1.50, this year you may find 10 but they are worth about 3.50 each now. You may find less but you still get the same amount of money back. So

please don't think you are getting ripped-off because you didn't find as many as last year. There are many great hunts coming up this year and I hope to see some of you there. Try to make as many as you can, it's a great place to meet new friends and hunting buddies.

This year the FMDAC Fall Convention will be held in Myrtle Beach SC and we think it will be another great weekend. The fliers should be out soon so check the FMDAC website for further information, and make your plans to attend.

I have not heard of any new problems in the Central States Chapter but if you do please send me an email so I can see what the FMDAC can do to help. Don't forget that this is your organization and we need to hear for you.

So until next time, check out the hunts listed below and attend one near you.

Please send me your stories of great finds, club events or your club newsletter that you would like to share with the rest of the Central States members.

To help make The Eagle Newsletter better we need to hear from our members! So, if you have anything you would like to tell the rest of us please let me know and I will include it in the next newsletter. We would love to hear from you.

Send all contributions to Don Hayes at:
dmhayes61@sbcglobal.net .

Good Hunting and God Bless.

Don Hayes Central States Chapter President

Northeast

April 2011

The Presidents Column

Here we are into another Metal Detecting Season in the Northeast. I hope everyone had a good winter and are doing well. Now is the time to put new batteries in our detectors and enjoy the hobby we all love.

I hope by now, everyone has sent in their yearly dues. I hope everyone received the NYC Task Force request for help again with e-mails and phone calls. Remind them that their attitude will prevent you from spending your tourist dollars in NYC. The Task force has done a great job against a bunch of blockheads, and I commend them for their efforts.

I have not heard anything from Blackthorne Resort about their Treasure Weekend this year, and with the price of Silver, we will not have a chapter hunt there this year. If possible, we will look at having one later in the year. If anyone has any ideas about this, please let me know.

As some of you know, I was diagnosed with a rare form of Cancer last July. It is in the sweat glands. I have been receiving treatments every other week, and it seems to be working. Hopefully by summer I will beat this. Thanks to all of you that have e-mailed and called to check on me.

I'm sorry this newsletter is so short, but at least you shouldn't get bored reading it. If anyone wants to advertise anything,-items for sale, club hunts, etc., please let me know.

Happy Hunting,
John
FMDAC/Northeast Chapter

Southeast;

Hello everyone,

As we step into a new quarter, I wish everyone throughout the metal detecting community a prosperous and healthy new year ahead. There are several clubs in the Southeast Chapter that send me a copy of their current club news letters. There are also a few clubs that don't have a news letter for their club and that is ok.

What I would like our clubs to do is send me any significant articles of interest which tells what we are doing. It could be a story about a lost and returned item, some sort of community involvement assistance, information about upcoming club events such as an open hunt, or anything else your club may feel that we let other clubs know. These submissions will help get the word out in addition to the web sites already in use.

You can submit anything about your clubs to me at: southcacalaky@yahoo.com or snail mail: Art DiFilippo PO box 664 Goose Creek, SC 29445 Contact number: (843) 330-0016

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER OF THE FMDAC

Low Country Metal detecting Club of Summerville South Carolina Had the most new FMDAC memberships for 2010. I presented Dennis Cox with a plaque and a 2009 Walking Liberty Silver Dollar.



Dennis Cox Club President of "Low Country Metal Detecting Club".

Also during this period, Bryan Davis of **Charleston Underground Civil War Relics** gave a presentation about Relic Hunting to the Carolina Coin and Relic Association Metal detecting club of Goose Creek, South Carolina.

Some of great points of interests were:

If you don't own the property or have permission from the owner, don't risk getting caught trespassing.

Use topographical maps to find high ground around or near water. Good camping spots.

If you find something you can't identify, don't just throw it away; someone may help you identify it. Please take some time and go to Bryan's web site.

Charleston Underground Civil War Relics is "Your source for the finest in Civil War era relics from the Lowcountry of South Carolina"

<http://www.charlestonrelics.com/shop/>

I will be doing an interview with Bryan in the near future and share it with everyone in the next quarterly newsletter.

Final Note:

As I have said in the past, our hobby is constantly under scrutiny. We tend to get a bad rap in several areas of our hobby. Is it fair? In my opinion it is not. But, I do believe that only we can change that mentality. It will not happen overnight, next week, next month or even next year. But I also believe that as long as we are being ethical, honest, and abiding by the laws, we are doing nothing that will tarnish our hobby. Let us help each other and continue to do what is right. Please email any comments or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely, Art Di Filippo

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South West Chapter - Help wanted

The SW Chapter is looking for individuals interested in becoming a chapter officer. We currently are in need of a Vice President, and Treasurer.

Please contact Don Vickers at 913-832-3473 or

don@myymdforum.com if interested.

Thanks!

Don

Legislative Desk

Mark Schuessler

This has been a very active year so far with bills in many state legislatures. So far there is not much positive to report. Here is a rundown in no specific order. Many legislatures have adjourned for the year.

New York City - The Task Force for Metal Detecting Rights is still working on the New York City parks problem. The city is starting to add more parks to the closed list. They also added that you cannot dig within 50 ft. of a bush or tree. Two rallies were held with the effort being made to hand out flyers and educate the public as to what is going on. Held outside the Central Parks Department headquarters they did succeed in getting a new meeting set with

the parks department. The turnout however was less than expected. With the number of detectorists and clubs in the New York City area it should have received an overwhelming response.

Louisville, KY - No change in the situation there.

The bill to allow metal detecting in the KY State parks, SB 81, apparently stalled in committee again. It was thought that this would easily pass the Senate this year. The stale old "permit" bill, SB 51, is sitting in the background as it has been for many years, with no apparent support from anyone except the sponsor.

The **Wisconsin** situation has seen a little progress. The bill that was submitted in a previous year to correct the problem was not resubmitted this year. This may be due to the fact that the sponsors are no longer members of the legislature. In addition, as you probably already know, Wisconsin has had other issues occupying their time. There are hopes that the new Governor will make changes once the other furor is behind him. The DNR held meetings in each county for public input on the agency. One question that was on the agenda and could be voted upon by the public was to allow metal detecting with a \$20 annual permit. It passed the vote. But that doesn't make it law. It was simply a question to get the general public's input.

Alabama - Steve Phillips ask for help in Alabama a short time ago. You may recall that name from a few years back. At that time he not only beat a bogus charge of removing archaeological items from a river bottom but he succeeded in getting a law written to correct the situation he was charged under. Well that law has been twisted and corrupted by the archaeological elite. He has ask for help to get a bill passed, HB 104, to change some wording to prevent them from subverting the law. The bill, with a long list of co-sponsors, has apparently received 2 votes in the House where it passed easily. It appears it needs a third vote before being officially passed. However the legislature has closed its session this year so I am not sure where it stands.

Washington state took a hit this year in the form of a bill to regulate relic hunting on private property. This bill overwhelmingly passed the legislature and was signed into law. It has some strange wording in

that it states that "field investigations" on private property must be conducted by professional archaeologists. The definition of a field investigation is a survey conducted by a professional archaeologist. It would seem then that since none of us are professional archaeologists then we are not doing a "field investigation" as defined so the law does not apply. That is not legal advice it is just the way I read it.

The situation with the Gold and Fish Book is still being worked on. In simple terms it is a very expensive "permit" system. Due to the cost it may very well virtually eliminate most people from doing any water metal detecting and prospecting or many other water related hobbies. (swimming and boating excepted)

The bill to correct some problems with hunting in Washington state parks, SB 5506, received no action this year. It was left sitting in committee.

A bill in **Oregon**, SB 870, to correct a flawed law has seen no action. This would change a few words in the present law making it legal to keep something that you find on private property. Right now, according to the law, it belongs to the state. Yes you read that right. If you "unintentionally" find something you can keep it but not if you are actually searching for it! This bill adds a section by taking the same wording and changing it to "intentional".

A new bill concerning dredging in Oregon, SB 765, would establish the charge for permits. It would cost a resident \$50 per county. A non-resident of Oregon would have to put out \$2500.00 per county. Seems more then a little steep. Don't know if that is to stop or just to gouge those travelling from CA due to the problems there, or if it is just an attempt at a money grab. It sure doesn't do much for the tourism trade for those who have been dredging there. Looks like a method of attack on this one would be to contact the tourism department.

California - Last of all is the continuing problem with dredging. A moratorium was in place until environmental studies could be conducted. All this brought about by lawsuits from Indian tribes. A bill to end the moratorium this year failed to pass the committee. The latest is that some lines have been

added to the budget bill to cut the whole affair and thus eliminate dredging as a budget cut. They are citing the expense of administering the new permit system as too expensive. According to some sources they are using old and incorrect info. The cost of administration was put at 1.8 million with \$330,000 in permit fees. So they are looking at "saving" 1.2 million. Of course they left out the fact that this will wipe out an entire hobby and the livelihoods of many people. An estimated \$23 million dollar impact (from the CA government's own study) from the prospecting industry will disappear, along with quite a few jobs. You would probably be stunned to find out that the people pushing this are the very people responsible for this whole mess to start with - the Karuk tribe. I wonder if the Indians will prohibit their own people from dredging on Indian lands? It seems a real travesty that the very action that was most responsible for the migration to CA, the gold rush (prospecting), could be wiped out.

Get Involved. It will be coming to your neighborhood next!



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T-shirt s \$15

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UPCOMING HUNTS 2011

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AUGUST

20 & 21 Buckeye Championship Treasure Hunt
New Concord, OH. Contact Don Hayes .
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SEPTEMBER

24 & 25 Genesee Valley Treasure Seekers Treasure
Hunt

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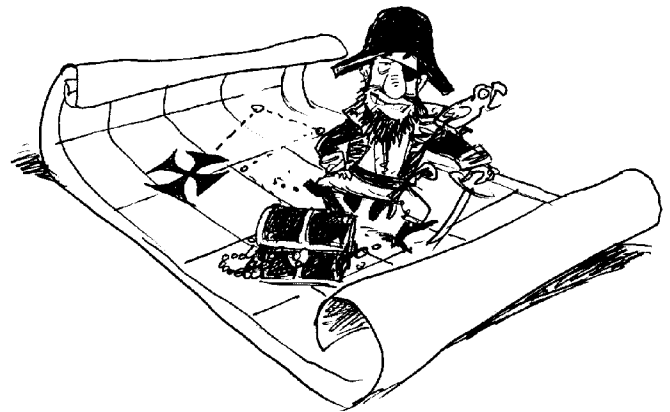
OCTOBER

7 & 8 Warrior Basin Treasure Hunters; Open
hunt

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29 & 30 Lancaster Research & Recovery Club Open
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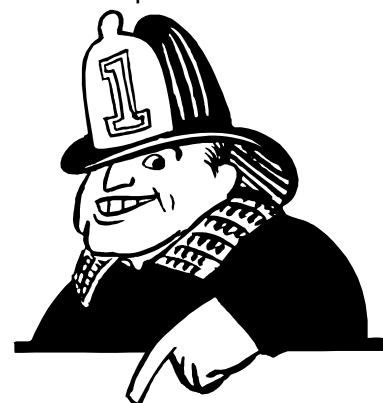
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Sun and Fun on the Beach

ACCOMODATIONS

This year we will be staying at the Springmaid Beach Resort, 3200 S. Ocean Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC. They have given us a great rate of \$76.70 per night tax included. You must reserve your room by Sept. 1, 2011 to get that rate. Phone 843-315-7100 and mention the FMDAC

CAMPING

There are plenty of campgrounds close by. You can go to www.myrtlebeachcamping.com on the web or call North Myrtle Chamber of Commerce (1-800-980-BEACH (2322))

ATTRACTIONS

There is plenty to do in Myrtle Beach for the whole family. You can check out all of the attractions at www.northmyrtlebeachchamber.com.

SEMINARS AND EXHIBITS

We will have displays by manufactures and dealers, clubs and individuals. Seminars on a variety of topics will run on Saturday.

OPEN MEETING

There will be an open FMDAC meeting after the exhibit area closes. Please plan on attending.

BANQUET

The banquet will start off with a cash bar at 6:30 pm followed by a buffet dinner at 7:30pm. After the dinner we will have a guest speaker.

HUNTS

A warm up hunt will be held on Saturday morning promptly at 9:00am. Registration will be at 8:00am. The two main hunts will be held on Sunday at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, with registration starting at 8:30am. They will be held rain or shine. You must be an FMDAC member to enter the hunts. We will have all silver coins in the paid hunt fields. The hunts will be held on the beach at the Bay Watch Resort.

There will be a free kids hunt between the two main hunts on Sunday.

TRAVEL

If traveling by plane you should fly into the Myrtle Beach Airport. The hotel is about 5 minutes away

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need any more info or have any questions then please contact Duane Biller at 724-439-1380 or Jill McFeeders at 330-364-1608.

The Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs is a 501C not for profit organization.

ENTRY FORM

USE ONE ENTRY PER PERSON (COPY IF NECESSARY). This entry or a copy of this entry must be sent in with a check or money order, along with a self addressed, stamped envelope. Canadian members must pay with a US Money Order.

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- 1. Registrants at the time of registration must present their current FMDAC membership card.
- 2. Please fill out the form COMPLETELY, including the FMDAC club 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 \$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
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DON'T FORGET YOUR SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE – (Tickets and info will be sent back to you.) If you do not send it, your tickets will be held.

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

SATURDAY HUNT

(Until 9/1) \$60_____ (9/1 to 9/15) \$65_____ (After 9/15) \$70_____

BANQUET

(Until 9/1) \$30_____ (9/1 to 9/15) \$35_____ (After 9/15) \$40_____

SUNDAY HUNTS

(Until 9/1) \$120_____ (9/1 to 9/15) \$125_____ (After 9/15) \$140_____

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Signature_____ Date_____

