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December 11, 2018

**Newsletter for the Historical Recovery Association of North Florida
Dedicated to the Hobbies of Metal Detecting and Treasure Hunting**

Announcements:

Next Meeting: *January 8, 2019* Time: 7:00 PM

**Location: Piccadilly Restaurant
3216 South University Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32216**

Attendance Drawing

We are changing up the attendance drawing in 2019. A silver coin will be awarded as the prize. Richard Nall's name was drawn for \$5 at December's meeting, Congrats to Richard!

HRANF Website

The website has updated photos, current, and prior newsletters posted also. Please share the club website www.hranf.com with your friends on social media. We are trying to keep it updated with current information and photos. Remember if you have a favorite website that has useful information for metal detecting, use the "Contact Us" page to send the address and maybe we can add it to the "Resource page".

Membership Dues for 2019

Can you believe that we are at the door step of 2019 already? We have a fresh new start in the competitions to un-seat the 2018 winners. It's also time for the 2019 HRANF membership dues. Yearly dues: \$25.00 for individual member and \$40.00 for family group. Make checks payable to Debi Reich, Treasurer.

Competition Awards

As you know, each month we hold a finds competition. You, the members, vote on each category and you choose the winners. You decide what attracts you more to a particular object than the others, and you vote for that one. So, these awards are chosen, not by meeting the passing the requirements of a technical checklist, but by attracting the interest of the most members. These are truly awards of the people, by the people, and for the people.

The award for the winner in each category will be this beautiful certificate and a silver half dollar. The winner in the Best Hunter category will receive a certificate and a silver dollar.

This year the Board decided to issue only one award to any member. Ed Feathers tabulated the points earned by each member during the year and created a spreadsheet. He then ranked the members for each category, and we chose one member with the most points in each of them. If he/she had already earned an award, we went down to the next highest total, etc.

Election of Officers

By a unanimous vote of the membership, the following were elected: Bob Hunt, President; Pete Combs, Vice President, Ed Feathers, Secretary; and Debi Reich, Treasurer (f) Board Advisors-- The Board appointed Terry Sayre and Chip Kirkpatrick as advisors.

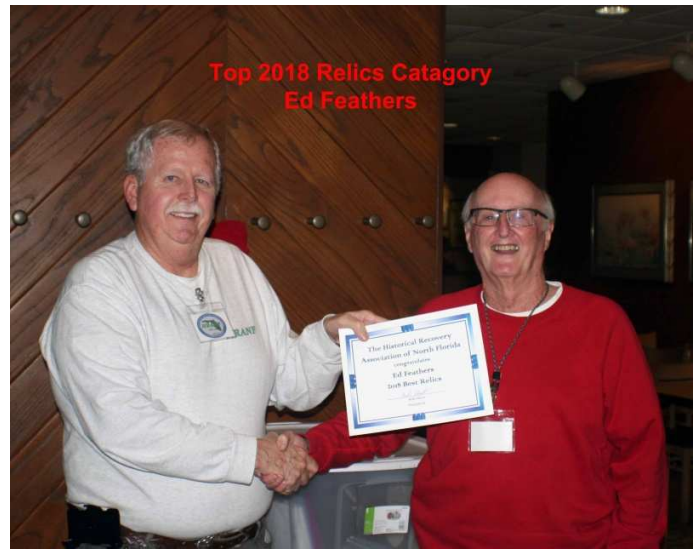


The Youth category was a tough one to decide. We only have 2 hunters in the Youth category, both of who consistently bring in amazing finds. Their dedication and enthusiasm for our great hobby constantly amazes me. We are pleased and proud to have Brett and Marshall represent our club.

This year's winner in the Youth category is Marshall Reich.



Our first award was the category of "Best Jewelry". Even though the winner had some serious health issues that curtailed his time behind a detector, his finds were significant enough to take the category. The winner of the 2018 award in the Best Jewelry category, our Board Advisor, photographer, newsletter and website guru, Terry Sayre.



I think it's fitting that the winner of the Best Relics award is something of a relic himself! Also a member of our Walking Wounded group, he is one of the most dedicated and hardest working members of our Board of Directors, our club Secretary, Ed Feathers.



Our next winner has a knack for finding unusual things that don't fit neatly in one of the specific categories. From dog tags to aircraft canon shells. Heck, he even found a hubcap from a go kart! The 2018 winner in the Best Miscellaneous category, our Vice President, Pete Combs.

**Top 2018 Tokens Catagory
Larry Turner**



**2018 Best Hunter of the Year
Chip Kirkpatrick**



Today, when you hear the word “token”, you probably think of a circular metal object you usually find in the dryer after doing your kids laundry, and it probably had the likeness of that pizza rat, Chuck E Cheese on one side. But, many of us old timers think of things like car washes, banks, even brothels. With the winning token from the Boy Scouts, showing their motto, the winner in the Best Tokens category, Larry Turner.

The winner of the award for overall Best Hunter will probably come as no surprise to you. Chip Kirkpatrick is the consummate hunter, going out almost every day, digging almost every signal, researches property, knocks on doors to ask for permission, researches the history of his finds, has stories published about his finds. And, perhaps most importantly, has found the original owners of some of his finds and returned them without charge.

**Top 2018 Coins Catagory
Bob Hunt**



VP Pete Combs presented Bob Hunt with the award for Best Coins category. Bob longs for that elusive 1943-S copper penny. Good luck and Congratulations to Bob for winning the coins category.

**Display Case Winner
Skip Dube**



Pete Combs hand crafted a display case to be given away at the awards meeting and Skip Dube was the lucky winner

**Chip Kirkpatrick's Presentation on a
Silver Medallion
he found related to his Family History**



In January I (Chip) was hunting a private property on the Florida - Georgia state line and found what I believed was a can lid. It was the correct size and shape but was completely coated in a thick layer of hard dried on black mud. It was headed to my recycle barrels.

Luckily at the last second, some of the mud fell off and a small loop was revealed and I knew it was not a can lid. I began to clean it and soon saw it was tarnished, and therefore made of silver, and covered with etchings and hand done engravings. The first engraving I saw was actually my family's motto.

After cleaning the whole disc I saw it was engraved on both sides with numerous Scottish icons, phrases, mottos (including a second family motto), the initials WW and the date August 23, 1299.

While I recognized several of these, I had no idea what the others meant. So I took pictures and then spent 2 months sending them to numerous Scottish, British and American museums, universities, historians and specific social and research groups, asking for information. While there are still gaps in the information a lot of answers were received. Among them, the initials WW are believed to be for William Wallace (Braveheart) and the date refers to his execution. I MAK SICKER (current Kirkpatrick family motto) relates to the 1306 murder of John (Red) Comyn by Robert Bruce and Roger Kirkpatrick which allowed Bruce to become King of Scotland.

I'm still in shock over finding something that not only is totally unique, historical in nature but also directly involves my ancestors and family.

HRANF Secretary Report for December 11, 2018

Meeting was held on the above date at Piccadilly Restaurant, 3216 University Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida.

Meeting was called to order at 6:47 pm by President Bob Hunt who led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked everyone to sign the attendance list. Each guest introduced themselves. Total attendance was 30.

Next, Monthly Reports:

- (1) Secretary—Ed Feathers gave his report of the previous month's meeting.
- (2) Merchandise Sales —Ed Feathers reported on merchandise sales and items in inventory. The Board is working with Wade Greene and Loren Gay to get quotes for t-shirts. There was discussion about adding hats, redesigning the shirts (change color, add a pocket) and using a graphic designer. Loren Gay suggested SanMar Corp of Jacksonville as printer. Debi Reich will have someone from her school prepare sketches of 2 possible logo changes for Board review. Sales coordinator position remains unfilled.
- (3) Treasurer-- Debi Reich reported a cash balance of \$743.56 as of December 10, 2018.
- (4) Newsletter Editor—Terry Sayre asked everyone to send him pictures for publication and links to local businesses that deal in metal detecting related items.
- (5) Hunt Master- President Hunt suggested switching from monthly to quarterly hunts. Sean Haymes- Maree gave a report on a hunt in Virginia and one just north of Vero Beach. Terry Sayre agreed to send the web site for these hunts to all members. Ed Feathers reported he will call Ivan Salis again regarding a Civil War site. Hunt Master position remains unfilled.

Next, President Hunt discussed the following:

- (1) Items for Sale-Member(s) offered metal detecting items for sale.
- (2) Miscellaneous-- (a) Finds Competition Winners for 2018 were as follows--Jewelry, Terry Sayre; Relics, Ed Feathers; Misc, Pete Combs; Tokens, Larry Turner; Youth, Marshall Reich; Coins, Bob Hunt; and Hunter of the Year, Chip Kirkpatrick. Each winner received a certificate and a silver coin (b) Recognition for a "return" by Loren Gay (c) Perfect Attendance for year 2018 will be awarded next month. Starting in 2019, Perfect Attendance award will be discontinued. (e) Election of Officers--by a unanimous vote of the membership, the following were elected: Bob Hunt, President; Pete Combs, Vice President, Ed Feathers, Secretary; and Debi Reich, Treasurer (f) Board Advisors-- The Board appointed Terry Sayre and Chip Kirkpatrick as advisors.
- (3) ID Name Badge-Richard Nall's name was drawn. Richard was in attendance and received \$5. Starting in 2019, winners will receive a coin in lieu of cash.
- (4) Birthday/anniversary Recognitions — 4-5 members received \$1 coins. Starting in 2019, birthdays/anniversaries will be recognized but no coin will be awarded.
- (5) Member Presentation-Chip Kirkpatrick gave a power point presentation and a history lesson regarding his "find of a lifetime". Discovered near St. Mary's, Georgia, the find was a silver engraved Scottish disk/medallion. The medallion is engraved on both sides with iconic Scottish symbols, one of which referred to William Wallace, and the Kirkpatrick Family motto, "I Make Sure". Everyone thanked Chip for his excellent presentation.

Next, President Hunt conducted the 50-50 raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm

Ed Feathers, Secretary