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November 12, 2019

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

Announcements:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 Time: 6:30 PM

**Location: Piccadilly Restaurant
3216 South University Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32216 (904) 721-2872**

Searching for Information



I was searching a vacant lot in town and I found a small brass plate with a heart and three holes stamped out of it. I was guessing it was a shoe heel plate but finding information was a challenge. When you are searching the internet keep an open mind to words you use, switching from "shoe" to "boot" started getting different results. From these results I added "civil war" to my search and found information and pictures of my heel plate. I found many interesting stories and the majority leaned toward my favorite.

These heel plates were usually on boots worn by women who were let's say in "the entertainment business". These heels are designed with a slight taper on the edge of the heart so dirt won't collect as easy, leaving little "Hearts of Sand". Most people from the area knew where the bawdy houses were. But for the new to town, it was still rude to walk up to a woman and proposition

her, plus you could get arrested for the act. So, if an attractive woman crossed the street, you would look for her "Calling Card" in the dirt. What soldier is going to place a pair of these on his heels? All of the men walking behind him would be following the little hearts en-route to the Battle Field being overwhelmed by thoughts of companionship.....I'm sure it would have definitely ruined the whole flow of the war.

Newsletter Articles

If you like to see more articles in the newsletter, I need help. Please send me any metal detecting stories you would like to share with the club members. You can also share information from articles you have read but please put it in your words so we can avoid any copyright violations. My email address is tsayre@sayresstash.com.

More Ideas to Clean your Finds

- (1) **Mild acids:** Soak the metal objects or coins in an undiluted solution of brown sauce, white vinegar, or Coca-Cola. This will remove the blackened areas, revealing the details on coins. (Be aware that this method is also damaging to most metals) You can then read any markings, copper or nickel items because they take on an unnaturally orange hue.
- (2) **Baking or washing soda:** For silver, clean the object with a toothbrush soaked in bicarbonate of soda (baking soda). This will remove any blackened/tarnished areas while preserving all the precious metal. Silver coins clean especially well in a bath of washing soda, hot water and aluminum foil.
- (3) **Ammonia or white vinegar:** Soak the cleaned silver, or gold, overnight in vinegar or ammonia. This will bring back the shine.

- (4) **Distilled water:** Soak your coins or jewelry in plain distilled water for several days, before removing and scrubbing with a water/washing up liquid solution. Use a nail-brush to get into corners and hard to reach spaces.
- (5) **Olive oil:** Soak your finds in olive oil. This is considered to be one of the safest way to clean up valuable coins, as the oil is so gentle it does no harm to the patina. It can take many months for the olive oil to completely clean coins.
- (6) **Wax:** Use wax to treat cleaned coins. Once treated, coins are ready for display and protected against further deterioration.

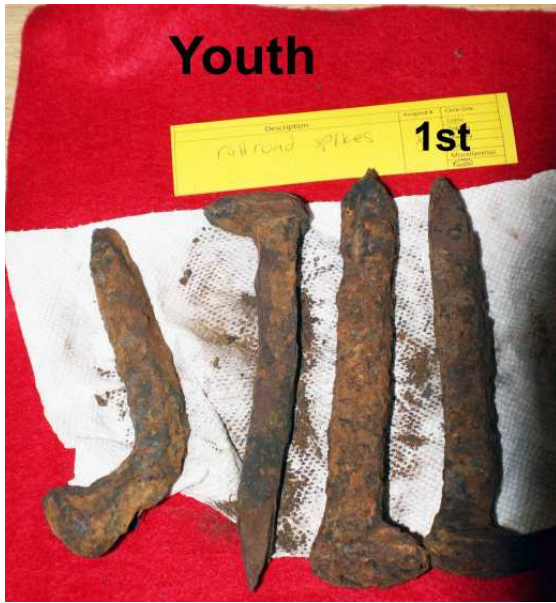
<https://hobbylark.com/metal-detecting/Best-Ways-to-Clean-Metal-Detecting-Finds>

Monthly Finds Competition

There are six categories:

- 1 **Coins** - American or foreign coins.
- 2 **Tokens & Buttons** – Coins good for items or services with no cash value & vintage metal Buttons .
- 3 **Jewelry** - Items that are normally worn as jewelry with non-historical significance.
- 4 **Relics** - Items of historical significance, metallic objects (buttons, bullets, tools, old jewelry).
- 5 **Miscellaneous** – Metallic items, Items of Non-historical significance.
Youth - Anything found by kids 16 years or under

November finds of the month table.



November Finds Competition Winners

COINS

1st	Loren Gay-1904 Morgan dollar
2nd	Bob Hunt-1853 Seated Liberty quarter
3rd	Mickey Cecil-1943 Walking Liberty 1/2 dollar
4th	D Watkins, C Kickpatrick, R Kingsbury, P Combs, and R Powell

JEWELRY

1st	Bob Hunt-Order of Eastern Star silver pin
2nd	Matthew Cecil-copper ring
3rd	Chip Kirkpatrick-1800s lady's silver cuff link
4th	E Feathers, R Kingsbury, P Combs

RELICS

1st	Bob Hunt-1908 dog license tag
2nd	Richard Nall-Jax beer bottle, 1913-1956
3rd	Mickey Cecil-Jax dog tag (1930-31); Pete Combs-UMG Co tag
4th	R Powell, E Fite, P Mock

MISC

1st	Dianna Watkins-Ft Clinch pressed coin
2nd	Chip Kirkpatrick-Carter ink well
3rd	Mickey Cecil-sterling silver key chain
4th	Hunt, Feathers, Combs, Matt Cecil and Powell

TOKENS/BUTTONS

1st	Chip Kirkpatrick-1939 Worlds Fair
2nd	Mickey Cecil-RF Whitmer & Co \$.50
3rd	Pete Combs-1992 Chuck E Cheese
4th	B Hunt

YOUTH

1st	Marshall Reich-railroad spikes
2nd	None
3rd	None

Finds Competition 2019 Leaders

BEST HUNTER Top 6-Name and Points

Chip Kirkpatrick-158
Bob Hunt-113
Pete Combs-85
Mickey Cecil-61
Ed Feathers-53
Larry McDonald-27

FINDS

COMPETITION Category	Name and Points
COINS	Chip Kirkpatrick-45
JEWELRY	Bob Hunt-27
RELICS	Chip Kirkpatrick-28
MISCELLANEOUS	Chip Kirkpatrick-31
TOKENS/BUTTONS	Chip Kirkpatrick-31
YOUTH	Marshall Reich-36

HRANF Secretary Report for November 12, 2019

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by President Bob Hunt who led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked everyone to sign in at registration table. Total attendance was 24. One guest, Tom Stowers, joined the club. President Hunt recognized the military veterans present, thanked them for their service, and reminded everyone to thank a veteran for their service when they see one.

Next, monthly reports:

- (1) Secretary-- Ed Feathers has a copy of last month's minutes if anyone would like to read it.
- (2) Merchandise Sales Coordinator—Loren Gay discussed the styles and colors of shirts and introduced a new product, a long sleeve, half zip, sweat shirt. Everyone thanked Loren for coordinating this project.
- (3) Treasurer—Debi Reich reported a cash balance of \$1,315.72
- (4) Newsletter Editor—Terry Sayre asked everyone to send him short stories of personal metal detecting experiences.
- (5) Hunt Master—Position remains unfilled.

Next, general business:

- (1) Christmas Dinner-in lieu of a meal, the membership voted to pay for dessert provided by the Piccadilly at the December meeting. Debi Reich volunteered to make the arrangements.
- (2) There will be no finds competition at the December meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring a couple of their most interesting finds and share a little story about them. There is no date requirement for when they were found.
- (3) Morocco Shrine Center—due to additional events planned at the Center, the club hunt scheduled for Saturday, November 16 was cancelled. Ed Feathers will ask for permission to return in January or February of 2020.
- (4) Nomination of Officers-Members unanimously nominated the following: Bob Hunt, President; Pete Combs, Vice President; Ed Feathers, Secretary; and Debi Reich, Treasurer. A formal vote and appointment of an Advisory Committee will take place in December.
- (5) Returns-Chip Kirkpatrick (2) and Marshall Reich discussed returns.
- (6) West Jacksonville Club Hunt--Young Smith discussed the hunt attended by 6 members. Ed Feathers was lucky and found the property owner's combination knife.
- (7) St Augustine Club Hunt-Powell Mock made arrangements for a hunt off CR 208 in west St. Augustine for Saturday, November 23. More details to follow.
- (8) Category and Best Hunter of the Year Awards-coin winners will be announced at next month's meeting.
- (9) Hunt the 27th—Dianna Watkins' next beach hunt, which is open to the public, will be held on Wednesday, November 27. Clues are posted on her web site.
- (10) ID Name Badge—Will Poole's name was drawn. Will was in attendance and received an 1811 British ½ penny donated by Ivan Salis. For future awards, Robert Kingsbury donated 3 silver Canadian coins. Everyone thanked Robert for his generosity.
- (11) Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.
- (12) Member Presentation-Chip Kirkpatrick's subject was "How to Clean My Finds". Chip's suggestions ranged from lemon juice to the detailed construction of an electrolysis machine, which is an easy and efficient way to remove rust. Everyone thanked Chip for his presentation.
- (13) President Hunt conducted the 50-50 raffle. Winner received \$34.50.

Pete Combs and Terry Sayre announced the results of the Monthly Finds Competition. Silver quarters were awarded for 1st place in Coins, Jewelry, Relics, Miscellaneous, Tokens/ Buttons and Youth. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Ed Feathers, Secretary