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

Announcements:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 Time: 6:30 PM

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

Presidents Message

Happy New Year!

I can hardly believe it is already 2020. It seems like only yesterday I was worried about building a career, starting a family, and how I would ever pay off my credit card bills. I am now retired and my family is all grown and have families of their own. But, the thing about credit cards seems to be perpetual!

Our club, however, no longer has financial problems! Debi reported at our January meeting that we had a sizable balance, and that was before considering incoming dues for 2020. The Board will reconvene in a few months to settle on ways to give back to the members a large portion of the surplus. Additionally, our dues have remained at the same level for yet another year.

What a great day we had last Saturday with yet another club hunt at the Shriner's Auditorium. We had at least 15 members attend. Unfortunately, Chip was not feeling well and had to leave early. We found (and removed) a ton of trash and metal, the usual array of modern clad coins, etc. We even had 3 members find silver coins from one of our previous annual club hunts! I think the grounds have been picked clean, so we will be starting on new grounds at the next annual hunt.

Just a reminder that whenever and wherever you hunt, remember our commitments as members of HRANF. Dig a clean plug when in grass. Remove the find and replace

the plug, then smooth over the disturbed area to all signs of digging. If you dig it, haul it away. If you walk by surface trash, pick it up and haul it away. Always, ALWAYS, respect the property of others. This commitment should apply if you on a club hunt or are by yourself.

In case you weren't at the January meeting, we announced that we will once again hold a Metal Detecting 101 class at Chip Kirkpatrick's house. We will announce the date and time once we work out the schedule. This is a great opportunity for those of you relatively new (less than one year) to metal detecting. We will lecture on all aspects of detecting, have a practice hunt, then a test hunt with prizes awarded for accuracy. A great way to improve your skills and get some one-on-one from some of our more experienced members.

Why not come early to the February 11 meeting. Have dinner and have some time to socialize or ask questions in a more relaxed atmosphere. Then, stay for the meeting and my delayed presentation on testing your finds for the content of gold, silver, platinum, diamonds and Moissanite.

See you next month!

Bob

Membership Dues for 2020

It's time for the 2020 HRANF membership dues. Yearly dues: \$25.00 for individual member and \$40.00 for family group. Make checks payable to Debi Reich, Treasurer.

Some Returns Are Not to Be

Not long ago I was contacted by an employee of a business I had recently metal detected. She explained she had put her wedding band and her engagement ring and a couple of other rings in a bowl on a coffee table in her living room. After a couple of weeks she noticed her wedding ring and band were missing. She described the ring and band as being gold with more sentimental value than dollar value. She suspected that her dog had eaten them. We set up a time and I went expecting this to be my first returned ring. I must be honest I dressed expecting a nice picture showing me returning her precious lost jewelry. When I arrived, the area to search was only about 10 by 20 feet. I set my detector on all metals and lowered the sensitivity to a low number. I set out going end to end making sure my coil overlapped with each swing. Screws, nails and scrape metals were the only thing I detected. I then set out going side to side slow and steady. A few more nails and I was done. Her husband watched and I emptied my finds pouch out on the sidewalk next to the chair he sat in. He called his wife's name and she came outside where I delivered the bad news. She thanked me and then explained her daughter had a new boyfriend and he had been there twice during the last two weeks. I replied to her as the judge and jury, I find the dog not guilty. The home was a newer home and I passed on requesting to search the rest of the yard. Looking back on it I think that was a mistake I wont make again.

Pete Combs

Can You Really Hunt Out a Property?

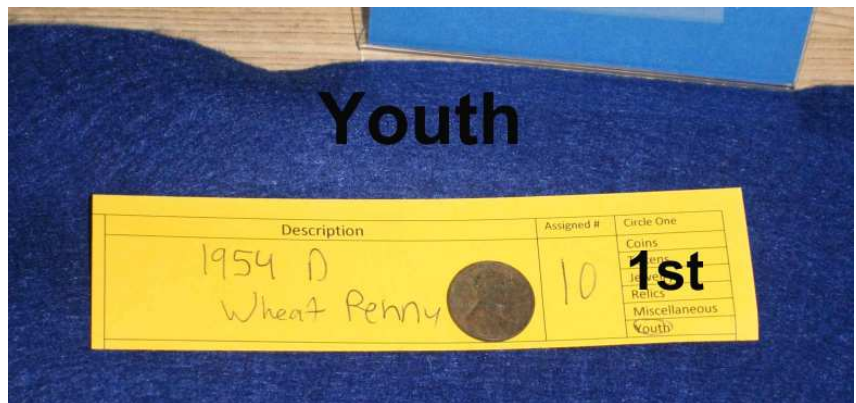
I was unable to attend the recent hunt we held at the Morocco Shrine. As I looked at all the photos of everyone's finds on Facebook I counted almost 100 coins. That got me thinking about how many seeded hunts were held there and the amount of hunters who hunted those areas. Our previous club president, Joe, would stick a silver coin vertically into the ground and place a penny on top of it. This would mask the silver and if you didn't recheck, you found a penny and missed the silver and it's surprisingly difficult to detect a coin on edge.

Terry

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.

January finds of the month table.



January Finds Competition Winners

COINS

1st	Chip Kirkpatrick-1864 2 Cent
2nd	Pat Murphy-1901 Barber Dime 0
3rd	Mickey Cecil-1924 Winged Liberty Head Dime
4th	Hunt, Sayre, Feathers, Kingsbury, Nall, Simmons,
4th	Combs, Gay and McDonald

JEWELRY

1st	Pete Combs-Gold colored ring, masked 18K
2nd	Terry Sayre-Silver ring, 925, Celtic cross
3rd	Richard Nall-2 finger diamond cross ring
4th	Feathers, Hunt, Silling, Gay, Mickey Cecil, Kingsbury,
4th	Kirkpatrick, Dachenhausen and McDonald

RELICS

1st	Doug Akins-Cow and horse tie down
2nd	Terry Sayre-Fishing reel, 1940-50s
3rd	Al Dachenhausen-Mason cane silver handle
4th	Kingsbury, Feathers, Mickey Cecil, Combs, Hunt and Kirkpatrick

MISC

1st	Dale Simmons-1940s Boy Scout neckerchief Statute of Liberty
2nd	Pete Combs-Diecast #3 race car by Tootsie Toy
3rd	Pat Murphy -lead toy
4th	Kingsbury, Feathers, Sayre, Hunt, Kirkpatrick, McDonald,
4th	Mickey Cecil and Watkins

TOKENS/BUTTONS

1st	Robert Kingsbury-1936 Dodge Auto token
2nd	Bob Hunt-button
3rd	Chip Kirkpatrick-Air Force token
4th	Combs, Mickey Cecil and Feathers

YOUTH

1st	Marshall Reich-1954 Wheat penny
2nd	None
3rd	None

Finds Competition 2020 Leaders

BEST HUNTER
Top 6-Name and Points
Pete Combs-11
Chip Kirkpatrick-10
Robert Kingsbury-9
Terry Sayre-8
Bob Hunt-7
Mi Cecil & D Simmons-6ea

FINDS	COMPETITION
Category	Name and Points
COINS	Chip Kirkpatrick-5
JEWELRY	Pete Combs-5
RELICS	Doug Akins-5
MISCELLANEOUS	Dale Simmons-5
TOKENS/BUTTONS	Robert Kingsbury-5
YOUTH	Marshall Reich-5

HRANF Secretary Report for January 14, 2020

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Bob Hunt who led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked everyone to sign in at registration table. Guests introduced themselves. This evening, 4 individuals (Al Dachenhausen, Joe Roberts, Pat Murphy and Danny Gaulier) joined the club. Total attendance was 32.

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 presented numerous size/color T-shirt combinations for sale. Everyone thanked Loren for coordinating this project.
- (3) Treasurer—Debi Reich reported a cash balance of \$1,205.50 and stated there will be no dues increase in 2020.
- (4) Newsletter Editor—Terry Sayre repeated his request for members to send him a personal story about their metal detecting experiences and if applicable, update their email address.
- (5) Hunt Master—Position remains unfilled.

Next, general business:

- (1) Morocco Shrine Center— Ed Feathers announced details of the club hunt scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2020. Terry Sayre will send an email blast to all members prior to the hunt.
 - (2) Planning Committee—a meeting of Officers and Advisory Committee members was held on Saturday, January 11, 2020. President Hunt updated everyone regarding many of the subjects discussed at the meeting including member retention (chaired by Pete Combs), lighting at Finds table (Bob volunteered to construct stand), finds stories (now quarterly), private Facebook page, SPAR hunts, financial reward for Returns, additional social time, etc.
 - (3) 101 Class-Class for all new members will be held at Chip Kirkpatrick's house within the next 1-2 months. More details to follow.
 - (4) Hunt the 27th—Dianna Watkins' next hunt will have a Valentine's theme and be held on January 27th. The hunts are open to the public. Look for clues on Dianna's web site.
 - (5) ID Name Badge—Ed Feathers' name was drawn. Ed was wearing his name badge and received a 2017 Canadian \$5 silver coin donated by Robert Kingsbury.
 - (6) Annual Club Hunt-Chairman Powell Mock gave a brief progress report on the hunt tentatively scheduled for April or May at the Morocco Shrine center. More details to follow.
 - (7) Birthdays and anniversaries – recognized.
 - (8) Returns and Permissions-Mickey Cecil and Ed Fite related their personal experiences.
 - (9) Buy/sell/ trade- none
 - (10) Monthly Presentation-Chip Kirkpatrick gave a PowerPoint presentation about Coin Roll hunting. He stressed having a good reference book, lighting and magnifier, and 2 banks. Chip showed pictures of coins with doubling, repunch, and wording errors. It is important to set up a sorting procedure. Everyone thanked Chip for his informative discussion.
 - (11) President Hunt conducted the 50-50 raffle. Winner Ed Fite received \$48.
- 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