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Presidents Message:

Wow 2011 will be one of those years we remember for a long time. The bed-bugs, Osama brought to justice, the occupy Wall Street crowd, we could go on and on. I am not a politician nor a preacher, I am just like you guys ..Someone just trying to get by. I see the way our country is going and to some point my stomach turns. But what can one guy do to fix anything? I suppose the Occupy group had the right idea, Protest. Then again I think they had it wrong. You cannot protest unless you have a plan. One needs to know that the outcome of their efforts will affect a given situation. I liken it to throwing a handful of pebbles into a pool of water. You get a lot of little ripples all over and then they just fade away

This brings me to a group who has been in my thoughts as of late. The Task Force for Metal Detecting Rights. They have been around for a while trying to get the Parks Department in New York City to be fair with regards to Metal Detecting. They won a couple and lost a couple, all I know is that they pour their hearts into this matter so thanks to Harold, Avery and Carter and all the members and supporters. They have tried organized emails, phone call barrages, protest and yes, even one on one meetings! They know their efforts will eventually help us all. That is how you get people to recognize what is that you want as no letters to Santa will do it, you have to work hard at it. So next year please support

*Best
Wishes
for a
Happy
Holiday
Season!*



their efforts whenever they ask as it benefits us all.

So as this is the last newsletter for the season I would like to thank all of those who put forth effort into our club. Allyson Cohen for the newsletters, Pat Russo, Dan Lewis, Steve Sutter and Pete Bondi for the hunts and Pat Darinzo for over all club support and being there for me as a friend. I would also like to thank those who bring in extra prizes for the 50/50s like Dan Godleski and Russ Bergenson and others.

Thanks for making this a club that really does shine. I love you guys.

~Jess



**Our next meeting will
be January 11th,
2012 in the
Catacombs.**

**Our guest speaker will be Author
and illustrator "Don Troiani".**

**Please park behind the church-
Thank you!**

**At our February 9th meeting,
please come in to meet the Bottle
Guy, Joe Butewicz of NJ.**

**Joe will talk, show and
appraise some of your
antique bottles!**



Metal detector fans make case with city

By Nicole Montesano

Of the News-Register (Yamhill Valley, Oregon)

After listening to pleas from nine enthusiastic metal-detector hobbyists, two of whom drove all the way from Portland, Parks and Recreation Director Jay Pearson said he's inclined to see McMinnville lift its longstanding ban on use of detectors in city parks.

They said they would be willing to follow rules designed to protect the parks from damage and respect the rights of other users. They said they would also be willing to educate fellow enthusiasts about those rules, and to take out permits to add a layer of individual accountability.

Pearson applauded the hobbyists on its willingness to step up and accept responsibility. He said that's what he needed to hear more than anything else.

He urged them to organize a local metal-detecting club to facilitate an ongoing relationship with the city and an educational program.

McMinnville resident Terry Curl said he liked the idea of creating a formal organization and obtaining formal permits.

"It could help us if we go to another area," he said. "We can say, 'We're members of the McMinnville Club,' and they can see that we're responsible."

Pearson promised to schedule a follow-up meeting in January or February. He hopes to have drafted set of rules ready for consideration by that time.

He said he might also take some of the hobbyists up on an offer to demonstrate their techniques for members of the city's parks maintenance crew in order to alleviate staff concerns.

Pearson said the city banned metal detecting a number of years ago, after some people caused problems.

He said the biggest problem was use of garden shovels or like tools to dig up finds, as it caused considerable damage to the grass.

However, the two from Portland, who belong to a club there, said the hobby can and should be practiced far less destructively.

They and others in attendance said the preferred technique is to use the device to pinpoint the location of a find, carefully cut and fold back a small section of sod, dig out the object with as much care as possible, re-fill the hole and gently tamping the sod back into place. They said that allows the grass to re-root, leaving little or no trace.

They told Pearson they would have no objection to the city requiring the use of either a pin pointer or probe to help ensure best practices.

"I also like the idea of having a written paper to explain what you expect," McMinnville resident Larry Cooper told Pearson. "You can hand it out when you give the permits," suggested McMinnville resident Bill Halsne.

They also assured Pearson that standard practice is to remove all finds, in the spirit of public-mindedness, whether they are coveted items like coins or rings or waste items like bottle caps.

The atmosphere chilled a bit when Pearson asked how they would feel about submitting to background checks in order to obtain permits. Several seemed insulted, others that they would not object.

"If it would allow us to metal detect in the parks, I'm for it," Halsne said.

Pearson said there would likely still be some restrictions.

Outhouse Orchards Hunt:

The Nor'easters hunt at Outhouse Orchards in North Salem, NY was held on November 5, 2011.

The orchard is about 110 acres, and has been an orchard for the past 100 years; before that, according to the owner, it had always been a farm.

Ten minutes into the hunt, Pat D'Arinzo found a Silver Swiss "Tiffany" pocket knife, *a nice start to the day!* Later Roger Touhy found a King George coin, and myself, I found a pretty cool sterling bracelet. There was also a huge amount of clad found.

The orchard is a large area and I don't think we even put a dent in it. It's definitely worth revisiting for a future hunt. It's also a great place to take the family. They have apple and pumpkin picking, and a store on site which sells pies, assorted jams & jellies, etc...



Sheffield Island Hunt



Beautiful Sheffield Island

Photo courtesy of John Mazzucco

The sunshine, combined with the ocean breeze made for perfect detecting weather for the Nor'easters Sheffield Island hunt on October 22, 2011.

One of our members, Sean Shaunessey was ahead of the game, finding a silver ring while detecting near the dock before our departure, and had another silver ring in his possession shortly after arriving at the island.

As it was the end of the season and the lighthouse was being closed up for the winter, after our lunch break, members helped break down the island's large seasonal tent. The breakdown definitely required a crew, but we were all more than happy to help out.

Our day was cut a little short by some unexpected winds, and we had to make haste back to land, but I think everyone was happy to share the beautiful day on such a picturesque and historical site.

As Sheffield Island is one of my favorite detecting venues, I hope they'll ask us back again next year.

~Allyson Cohen



Jesse Huntin'

Photo courtesy of John Mazzucco



Pat D.

Photo courtesy of John Mazzucco



Sean S. with one of the Silver rings he found



Button found by Pat D.



Suspender clip found by Allyson C.



Member's helping to break down the island's seasonal tent.

The ADT hunts in Southampton:

The ADT (Artifact Detecting Team) held one of many of its hunts in Southampton, Long Island on Nov 19 & 20, 2011. Some of our members, including myself, attended the event.

The ADT is sponsored by Minelab, run by Barry Small, and was started as a way to raise funds to save historical sites in Long Island.

It was an awesome day weather-wise, attendance was good and the size of the farm fields were more than adequate for the group.



Barry was very attentive, making sure we were all enjoying ourselves and happy with the venue. He also got us an opportunity to hunt a previously hunted field which had produced a lot of finds.

Going back and forth between fields, I finally settled on one field and spent the rest of the afternoon patiently gridding a portion of what had been hunted the day before (I wasn't able to make the first day of the hunt).



I was not disappointed, as it yielded a bunch of buttons, including flat buttons, an old thimble (broken sadly), and one rusty but intriguing "whatchamacalit".

Amongst our members, many old buttons and some coins were found. The button yield was so great, the field has been dubbed "The Button Farm" by many who attended that weekend.

I looked forward to my next ADT hunt, which came shortly thereafter, and I was pleased with the coins and buttons found on that site also.

I initially thought the drive from CT would be a bit far, but at about 2 hours, I found the drive and location definitely worth my while. Sadly as I write this, I'm fighting a cold which with much reluctance, forced me to cancel my plans of attending the ADT's last hunt of the season tomorrow. What a bummer. ~Allyson Cohen



Coins,
buttons
& Misc.
found by
Jesse
Thompson



Visit the website at www.artifactdetectingteam.com for more info.



C.W.M.D.'s FIRST HUNT

C.W.M.D. (Civil War Metal Detecting) had it's first hunt this past October 13th and 14th, 2011. The turn out was very good, with a total of 32 members ready to hit the fields. We had a slight obstacle with the field in the beginning, and at the Friday night meeting I informed the members about a delay getting the field cut due to all the rain, and the tractor getting stuck in the mud. The property owner said that by noon time on Saturday, the field would be detectable, and with a little help from Carter and myself, the field was cut



Breast Plate found by Bjorn Moreau

right about the time we were told it would be the day before.

Buttons, Bullets, a Company Letter and other interesting items and relics were found. A breast plate was found by Bjorn, and the funny thing about it was that he did not know what he had found until cleaning his finds later that evening.

We hope to have another hunt before the holidays, and will be testing property in the near future.

As always, if Civil War relics are found during our test hunt of a property, we will post the pictures on our web site:

(www.civilwarmetaldetecting.com) along with our research of the property, and let you decide.

Come join us for a weekend and enjoy detecting and the comradery of our members. We will never exaggerate a hunt. We will only show you what we found. The decision to hunt is yours.

Look forward to seeing you on our future hunts. ~Keith Debes



UPCOMING C.W.M.D. HUNT CHANCELLORSVILLE, VA

IF YOU FAMILIAR WITH SOME OF THE CIVIL WAR HUNTS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON THIS YEAR, YOU MIGHT REMEMBER THE CHANCELLORSVILLE, VA HUNT HELD ON MARCH 19TH & 20TH 2011.

IF YOU WERE THERE, YOU WILL REMEMBER THE REBEL YELL OVER THE CANNONBALL THAT KEITH D. FOUND, OR WAS THAT THE GUY WHO CARRIED IT AROUND FOR HIM ALL DAY COMPLAINING? EITHER WAY, IT WAS AN EXCELLENT HUNT.

GOOD NEWS IS THEY HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO HUNT THE PROPERTY AGAIN! THE HUNT WILL BE ON JANUARY 7TH & 8TH, 2012. THE COST OF THIS HUNT IS \$65.00 FOR THE WEEKEND, WHICH IS HALF THE PRICE PAID FOR THE LAST WEEKEND.

THIS AREA HAD A HUGE CONFEDERATE PRESENCE, AND IS LITERALLY ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE CHANCELLORSVILLE BATTLEFIELD.,

SEE THE WEBSITE FOR SIGN UP, PAYMENT AND HOTEL INFORMATION.

CIVILWARMETALDETECTING.COM

White Oak Civil War Museum

I've got to mention the White Oak Civil War Museum in Falmouth, VA.

This museum is awesome. I think almost everyone who participated in C.W.M.D.'s hunt ended up at the museum by the end of the trip.

Most of the items in the museum were locally dug from encampments in the area, and represent both Union and Confederate troops.

The museum's collection is a metal detectorists dream. Seeing the artifacts first hand also helps you to identify what you are finding in the field,

and sadly in some cases, what should not have been thrown away.

The gentlemen who run the museum are very friendly and helpful in identifying items, and even gave me a display case for the hat badge I found.

If your ever in the area, I suggest you stop by, You won't be disappointed.

You can visit their website at www.whiteoakmuseum.com. ~Allyson Cohen



One of many piles of bullets at the museum. If you're wondering why you weren't finding any, this could be the reason.



Rings found by Dan Godleski



1851 Cent and bracelet
Found by Jesse Thompson



Coins Found by Pat Russo



Hey Mister, Whatcha Find?

Recent Club Finds!

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Pipes found by Chris Bauck



North Carolina
Button
Found by
Carter
Pennington
At a site
In Virginia

Class
Ring and
Lock
pendant
Found by
Allyson
Cohen





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