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METAL DETECTING CLUB OF METRO ATLANTA, GEORGIA

SMTH CLUB NEWS AND FINDS

THE GENERAL

September 2015

Our Next Club Meeting:

Tuesday, Sept 29th, at 7pm. The location is
Gwinnett County Fire Station # 5
3001 Old Norcross Road
Duluth, GA 30045

For directions, please refer to the club's website.
<http://www.stonemountaindiggers.com>
 See map under CLUB MEETING INFO below

August 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes

August Attendance

Members: 20

Guest: 3

James Algier of Alpharetta Garrett Ace 250
 Butch Holcombe from American Digger Magazine
 Anita Holcombe

Old Club Business:

1. Update of Constitution
2. International find category discussion
3. Top Ten Certificates awarded with top 3 positions, to Britain, Bill and Mark
4. Jeff taking e-mail bids for 1st Texas Fisher/Teknetics 50% off certificate.
5. Presentation by Heath Jones, co-host of Relic Roundup

New Club Business:

1. Butch Holcombe from American Digger Magazine guest speaker at this meeting
2. Bid for Teknetics metal detector certificate won by Robert Powell
3. International finds category. Discussion held. Club voted to leave finds categories as already established by Club.
4. Club Hunt date voted on by Club to be November 7th. Club members are asked to be there between 8:30-9 am, entry fee \$15, family members \$15 each. Tokens and coins will be planted, and prizes will be won. The hunt will be held in Loganville
5. The Club members have been invited to hunt in Heflin AL in October by Butch Holcombe
6. Jeff Herke informed the Club that there is a new White's detector, the Treasure Pro 400 with a Double D coil on the market

Congratulations to the Club

Received my October 2015 copy of Western & Eastern Treasures magazine in the mail today. One of this month's articles was "Metal Detecting Club Websites Exposed" by T. D. Bruce. He had visited over 100 metal detecting club website in research for a book on metal detecting.

It talks about what makes a good metal detecting club website.

A screen shot of our club website home page was used in the article. We were also one of the 7 metal detecting club websites listed in his list of "Web Sites of Merit"

I would like to give a big shout out to Randy Dickerson on behalf of the club for all of the hard work that he has put into our new website!

Happy hunting and hope to see you at the next meeting.

Jeff Herke

Current Treasury Report: August

\$1502.26 Starting Balance

\$210.00 dues
\$1712.26

\$5.45 dirty money collected
\$1717.71

\$(259.52) Silver purchase
1458.19

\$45.00 Scrap Copper
1503.19

\$80.00 raffle

\$1583.19 Ending Balance

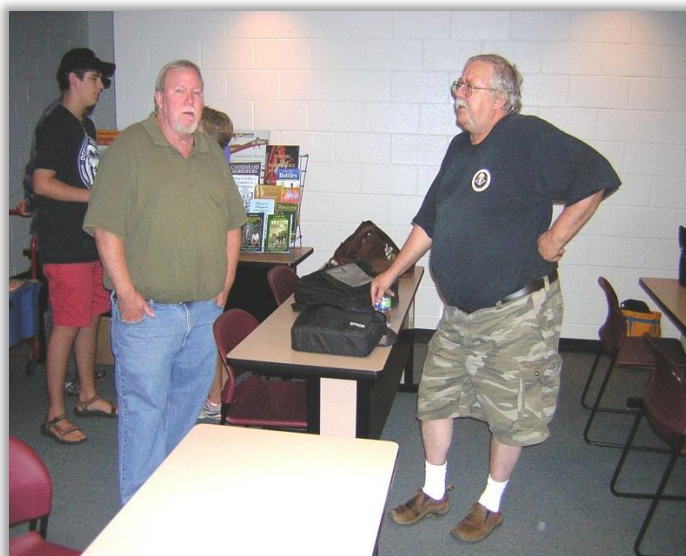
Monthly Presentations:

Butch Holcombe from American Digger Magazine:

Presented his YouTube video "American Digger on the Road- Snake bit in New Jersey" where he and friends found snake buckles, bottles, buttons, pipe bowls, and railroad tags in the woods in burn piles.

Some of these items were visible on the ground and did not require a metal detector, just keen observation. He gave a very interesting and informative talk about his finds. The Club appreciated his enthusiasm and knowledge.

John Dyer with Butch Holcombe



Monthly Door Prizes

Mason	Water bottles
Anita Holcombe	Water bottles
Ron	Gloves
Randy	Hat
Robert	case
Jim	stretch cord, decal
James	pocket knife

Raffle Prize

Jeff Herke	Silver Round
Mark Whipkey	1yr sub to American Digger Magazine

Pull Tabs for Charity Monthly Winner

Julie Hurst-Anaya	silver dime
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Monthly Find Winners

Coins: Jeff Herke Minelab CTX3030



Jewelry: Jeff Herke Minelab CTX3030



Relics: Mark Whipkey White's MXT



Artifacts: IT'S A 3 WAY TIE!!!

Mark Whipkey White's MXT



Bill Robertson White's XLT w/ meter



Britain Lockhart X Terra 705



Find of the Month:

Britain Lockhart: CW bullets, musket ball, & camp lead
X Terra 705

Randy Dickerson Australian penny 1933



Congratulations everyone!

Top Ten '15-'16 Club Points Talley!

1. Britain Lockhart	70
2. Mark Whipkey	52
3. Jeff Herke	45
4. Bill Robertson	31
5. Robert Powell	30
6. Julie Hurst-Anaya	28
7. John Dyer	19
8. Randy Dickerson	14
9. Doug Rouner	13
10. Linda Morgan	9

Club Interests

Buy Sell and Trade

Don Hawkins has for sale the following

- Tesoro Cortes in mint condition \$360.00.
- Tesoro Toltec 11 in good condition \$225.00.
- Tesoro Sand Shark water detector near mint condition \$350.00.

Contact Don @ 770-367-6461 or
dph215@bellsouth.net

If you have anything to Buy, Sell or Trade, Please contact Doug Rouner to have your article advertised in the newsletter

Lost and Found

Lost anything or want to help find someone's lost items? Go to <http://www.lostmystuff.net/>

Many Happy Returns

None for June

Hobby News, Events and Interests

- Our own *Peter Thomas* has developed a finds and collectibles tracking website www.findcuro.com. Keep track of your metal detecting recoveries and other collectibles. Let's support Peter.
- Contact Heath Jones, Sales Manager of www.treasuremtdetectors.com at 256-284-2247 for excellent deals and information. He's available late in the evening when other dealers have gone home. I know as I've talked to him after 10PM!

Events

State and national events links

<http://www.mdhtalk.org/ethics/hunts.htm>

<http://www.fmdac.org/hunts--events.html>

- Oct 3-4, 2015
2nd Annual NGA Fall Seeded Hunt
Benefits Hope Rebirth Homeless Shelter
Trion, GA
<http://www.mdhtalk.org/news/2015/Georgia-fall-hunt.pdf>
- Oct 9-10, 2015
42nd Annual Deep Treasure Hunt

Warrior Basin Treasure Hunter Association
Smith Lake Park in Alabama

- LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
Loudmine, Georgia
October 21, 2015 Event: (Five Days)
<https://www.goldprospectors.org/Community/Events/LDMA-Outings/EventId/LOUDMINE1510?Category=LDMADIG>
- Oct 23- 24th
FMDAC Gettysburg Meeting & Hunt
Gettysburg, PA
- January 16-16, 2016
2016 Low Country Civil War Show and Sale
Mt Pleasant, SC
- Monday's @ 9 PM EST Relic Roundup Live Show
Show offers a variety of topics
www.relicroundup.blogspot.com
- OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS
<http://www.mdhtalk.org/cf/calendar.cfm?month=October>

Websites

A great site geared for treasure hunters and preservation of the hobby: <http://www.wwats.org/>

Many detecting forums can be found here:
<http://www.findmall.com/>

Another website with a multitude of forums:
<http://metaldetectingforum.com/>

A website for the treasure hunter:
<http://www.treasurenet.com/>

Here is a site on everything you need to know about gold:
<http://goldeducator.com/index.php/materialtypes>

Here is a great repository website on everything metal detecting: <http://www.mdhtalk.org>

An online relic hunting magazine. Very good!
<http://www.relic-hunting.com/>

30 Day gold and Silver Prices

Real time gold and silver prices can be found on our website. Please go to www.stonemountaindiggers.com and click on the gold and silver prices tab in the upper right of the home page.

Do you need to have jewelry appraised? Try H&A International Jewelry for \$20 located at 1820C Independence Sq., Dunwoody, GA 30338. 770-396-3456.

Great website for information on jewelry appraisals, Fredrick Jewelers. Business card appraisals are free. Full appraisals are just \$10.
<http://www.fredericksjewelers.com/>

Or maybe you need to cash in your gold and silver finds. Try ARA Refinery at www.aragold.com. Another refinery is Midwest Refinery, www.midwestrefineries.com.

Want to know the metal content value of your coins?
<http://www.coinflation.com/>
Save all those nickels and pennies!

Here is a gold/silver value calculator.
<http://www.dendritics.com/scales/metal-calc.asp>

Great website for silver coin melt values:
http://www.coinflation.com/silver_coin_values.html

Dirty Money

“Dirty Money” can be turned in to the club. Please remember to bring in your dirty modern coin finds and scrap copper or brass finds.

We are always in need of items to be used for door prizes at our meetings. Please bring what you can to any of our meetings.

SMTH Club Information

The Stone Mountain Treasure Hunters were organized in 1982. The founding members recognized the need for an organization of metal detecting enthusiasts to promote the following:

- That metal detecting is a rewarding and beneficial hobby to be shared by any individual or family.
- That all people using metal detectors share a common responsibility to themselves, and to the treasure hunting fraternity, to respect the rights of all landowners and public officials in the preservation and protection of their

property against trespass or undue damage through carelessness on the part of treasure hunters or other individuals.

- That service to historical societies, law enforcement agencies, and charitable organizations, is an integral part of a treasure hunter's code of ethics.

In furtherance of these aims, the Stone Mountain Treasure Hunters have established this organization, for the purpose of inspiring those standards of attainment and neighborly conduct; and it shall be the endeavor of the members who may be called upon to preside over and govern this organization, to enforce the precepts of this organization by every reasonable means within their power, and they and all members of this organization shall exemplify those principles by conduct as well as enforcement in order that the club may bring honor to itself, and the world may be convinced of the sincerity of our purpose.

Club Officers 2015-2016

Mark Whipkey	President
Unfilled	Vice President
Linda Morgan	Secretary
Robert Powell	Treasurer
Britain Lockhart	Programs/Best Finds
Randy Dickerson	Webmaster
Doug Sortino	Point of Contact
Doug Beaver	Hunt Master
Doug Rouner	Newsletter Editor

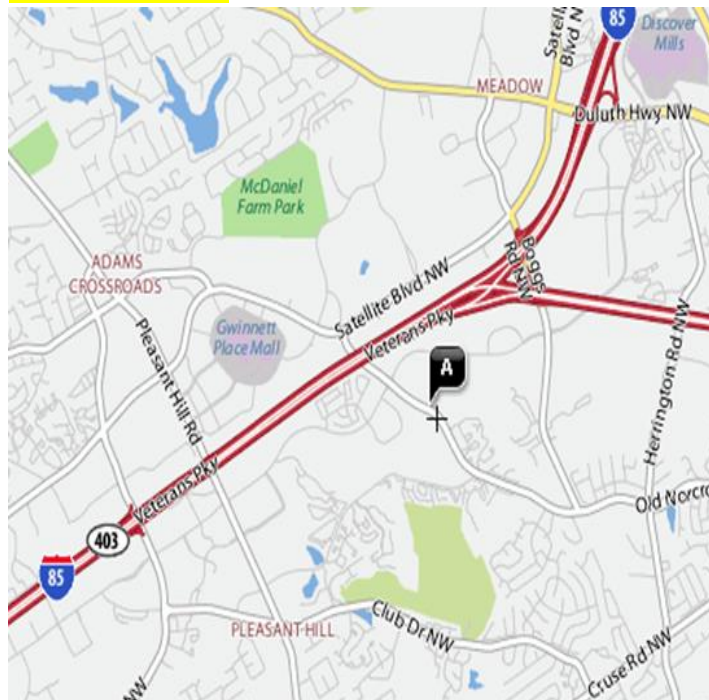
Club Meeting Information

Meetings are normally held the last Tuesday of the month (no meeting in December) at 7 PM at the

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To Join or Renew Your Club Membership: The club's membership year is from July – July. Dues are \$30 a year and are still a great value. Dues are prorated during the year. Make your checks payable to Stone Mountain Treasure Hunters. Please mail them to Robert Powell, 120 Plantation Court, Johns Creek, 30022. Should you need to contact Robert his phone is 678-566-0950 or Email is powellrc@bellsouth.net.

Point of Contact:

For information on our club, its meetings, or activities please contact Doug Sortino.

Our Club Website:

<http://www.stonemountainiggers.com>

You can find our club's constitution, Find of The Month and Year rules, the entry form for the Find of The Month / Treasure Hunter of The Year competition,

pictures showing the winning entries from the previous months find of The Month category winners, past monthly newsletters, membership list, interesting links, etc...

Please forward any constructive comments on our club's website format or what you would like to see. Submit them at the next club meeting.

For items of interest to The Club and its members, please forward any articles along with the publication's name and date or items of interest to drouner@gmail.com or submit them at the next club meeting.

Now Join Us on Facebook as well!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/127970520870457/>

Now Join Us on Instagram as well!

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Are you thinking about a metal detecting trip to England? Read this first!

<http://www.mdhtalk.org/articles/travel-overseas/england.htm>

The ole snake in the hole prank!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZPvX-UexU0>

Now go out and do some dirt fishing!