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THE DIRTY DIGGER

Newsletter

April 20, 2011 Meeting:

Don't forget your finds of the month... Ron is going over grading Ben Franklins

If you would like to sign up to speak at a meeting on a subject see Ron

Lora is also still looking for a few members to help with some hunts.

Also lets keep up with all the good treats. It is nice to see.

Happy Birthday to all our members who's birthday are in April!!!!

We have a members only hunt on April 30, at Silver Lake. Planting at 9:00, Hunt at 10:00a. Potluck after wards we have rented out the cover at Silver Lake Beach (8a - 2p)

Meeting notes from March. - Thanks Dian

Welcome visitor Reese Burnett, and new members Doug & Annmaire Hogsett. Dian read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved. President, Ron Hetzel announced a plan to present member speakers at each meeting to explain hobby related topics to the members. He requested that interested members willing to give talks sign up at the front table to volunteer for future meetings. Vice President, David Label gave a talk about "how to properly approach specific areas for more productive searching". He discussed schools, parks, ball fields, trails and beaches and the approach to each in planning and executing a planned hunt of them. David had many valid tips for members and he stressed good public relations and neat extraction of targets with minimal disturbance of the grounds. David also stressed picking up all garbage and properly disposing of it. Ben Trower, April Hunt Chairman, gave a report on the upcoming club hunt. The hunt will be held on April 30th next at the Silver Lake Everett City Park. Ben has purchased \$500.00 in silver coins for the hunt. The planting for the hunt will be at 9 AM and the hunt will start at 10 AM. Sand scoops will be allowed in the hunt and a pot luck will be held after the hunt. The hunt is open to PTHC members only and the fee for the hunt will be \$10.00 for each member.

Check out the Seattle Times on 1/29/11 for Stan... You can link to it from our website

www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org or see Seattle Times "Seattle sketcher

http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/seattlesketcher/201407067_nearly_diving_for_treasure.html

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Club Information

Club Meetings: Next meeting April 20, 7:30

Club Meetings are held at the Everett Fire Fighters' Hall at 2411 Hewitt Ave, Everett, WA. Meetings are the third Wednesday of every month with the exception of July. **There is no meeting in July.** Doors open at 7 PM and the meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Guests are always welcome at our meetings.

At the meetings club business is conducted, events planned and there is a monthly Finds of the Month competition open to current club members. Prizes are awarded for the items judged best of the entries. Items entered into the competition must have been found with the aid of a metal detector between the previous meeting and that night's meeting.

DUES: Are due on January 1st

Membership is open to anyone who has an interest.

Persons or families joining the club must pay a one time application fee of \$5. Dues for individuals 16 years or older are \$25 per year.

A Family Membership is available for a husband and wife or single parent for \$30.00 per year which also includes their dependent children 15 years and younger.

The reason that a 16 year old child isn't included is because of our By-Laws. A 16 year old member can be elected to hold office.

"Lifetime Memberships" are also available "Individual Lifetime Membership" at \$200.00 and

"Senior's Lifetime Membership" (65 years and older) at \$60.00.

Yearly dues are due January 1st and new members dues will be prorated beginning April 1st , on a quarterly basis.

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Bad Weather - the club has decided that the meeting will be called off if the "Everett Public School System" is closed due to weather. Check your favorite radio station or tv channel.

Upcoming Events:



SECOND SATURDAY HUNT: May 14, 2011

Dave Label, VP is the Chairman for this hunt

The club Holds a Second Saturday Hunt on the second Saturday of every month with the exception of July. This Month we are meeting at Stanwood Fairgrounds, the club will offer Donuts, Pastries and coffee. Club members who find items on that list will be awarded prize(s) at the next regular club meeting. Note: a member must actually attend the scheduled hunt that day to be awarded any prize(s).

No exceptions will be made to this rule. Note: There is no second Saturday in July.

Guest are welcome to attend, but must be a member by the next meeting to qualify for payouts.

Swath Club is hosting a hunt Mother's Day Weekend

PTHC is hosting Mayfest 2011: Memorial Day Weekend, Stanwood Fairgrounds
Stanwood, WA

NWTHC is hosting "A Weekend at the Movies" Hunt June 17, 18 & 19, 2011
Farragut State Park, Athol, ID

Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics

I Will respect private property and will not treasure hunt without the owner's permission.

I Will Not destroy private property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.

I Will Not litter and will pick up any trash that I dig up or find on the **ground** while treasure hunting.

I Will leave gates as found.

I Will Not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I Will fill all excavations that are made while treasure hunting.

I Will Not tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.

I Will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

I Will use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

I Will protect my hobby, and always act as a goodwill ambassador.



Keep a look out for the following coins Must be found with detector

State Quarter yet to be found:

Oklahoma P DC P Guam P America Samoa P Hawaii P Arizona P
Wyoming P Puerto Rico P & D Northern Mariana Islands P Virgin Island P

President Dollars waiting to be found

Jefferson P / Monroe P / Madison P / Polk P & D / Martin Van Buren D / John Q Adams P /
Wm Harrison P / Johnson P & D / Grant P & D / Hayes P & D / Garfield P & D / Lincoln P & D /
Buchanan P / Pierce P / Filmore P & D

2009 Cent P (left to find)



2009 DC & Territories Quarters P's



2011 New Coins P & D



2010 New Coins P & D



Contact Ron Hetzel if you found a coin on the list, the first one that has the coin will win a silver coin for finding it.

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PILCHUCK TREASURE HUNTING CLUB:

Sorry ahead of time for errors or omissions.

Feb. Finds of the Month Recap

LAND

WATER

Oldest U.S. Coin

- | | | | |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|---------|
| 1. 1840 Seated Dime | - Dian S | 1. 1918 Cent | - Randy |
| 2. 1887 Indian Head | - Mark J | 2. 1939 Cent | - Stan |
| 2. 1887 Indian Head | - Ron A | 3. 1957 Cent | - Bud |
| 4. 1914 Barber Dime | - Tom P | 4. 1964 Dime | - Ron A |

Most Valuable U.S. Coin

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|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|
| 1. 1904 S Dime | - Randy R | 1. 1942 Quarter | - Tom |
| 2. 1915 S Quarter | - Ron A | 2. 1943 quarter | - Stan |
| 3. 1902 Barber Half | - Mark J | 3. 1941 Dime | - Ron |
| 4. 1945 Dime | - Tom P | 4. Dollar Coin | - Bud |
| 4. 1950 Dime | - Ray D | | |

Jewelry

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|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------|
| 1. 14k Garnet Ring | - Ron A | 1. Silver Agate Ring | - Ron |
| 2. 14K White Gold Ring | - Randy R | 2. Silver Ring | - Stan |
| 3. 925 Silver Ring | - Dave | 3. Silver Ring | - Tom |
| 4. Gold Cross | - Mark | 4. Ear Ring | - Randy |

Miscellaneous

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|----------------------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| 1. Wizard | - David | 1. Medallion | - Stan S |
| 2. Bell | - Randy | 2. 1800 Buckel | - Ron A |
| 3. 1909 Seattle Fair token | - Mark | 3. Spanish Coin | - Randy |
| 4. 1861 British Coin | - Ron A | | |



Toys (Land and Water)

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|----------------|---------|
| 1. Jeep | - David |
| 2. Vintage Car | - Randy |
| 3. Cap Bomb | - Bud |
| 4. Hot Rod | - Jim T |

SCOPING OUR YOUR LOCAL PARK AND SCHOOLS

Areas of interest at your local park or school.

- a. Bark Chip Play Areas
- b. Sports Fields
- c. Open Spaces
- d. Trails
- e. Beaches & Rec Areas

First drive or walk around the park looking for obvious areas where the dirt or vegetation has been removed or disturbed in some fashion. Ivy removal is popular at this time and other renovation work could be going on.

Don't just get out of your car and start swinging. First decide what you are looking for, old coins, toys, modern coins or jewelry, and then create in your mind a hunting plan. Many times I have done just that only to find a promising area on the way back to the car after a day of hunting.

BARK CHIP - Most parks these days have some type of bark chip play area. These areas are good for finding modern coins and an occasional good jewelry find. Don't just concentrate on the area under the equipment. This is the most hunted areas and usually void of good items. Try the outer edges and center areas. The metal poles will play hell with your equipment, turn down you sensitivity and use a smaller coil, slowly work around the equipment. Stay away if too many children are present. My digging tool of choice in bark chips is a sturdy ice pic.

SPORT FIELDS- All sport fields are a good place to find modern coins and jewelry. Each type of field has its hot spots. In baseball fields it's in the outfield and around the stands and behind the backstop. In soccer fields it is along the sidelines, center field and goal areas. In football fields almost anywhere. Take extra care when retrieving your find as damaging the field will result in future no hunting rules. I use an Ice Pick most of the time. Try to find out where the team waits for the game to start. Try to refrain from hunting un-irrigated grass fields in summer as it can cause great damage to the grass. If you still want to hunt, use an ice pick.

OPEN SPACES- All parks have some types of open spaces. Look for areas where people will congregate. Under large trees, near benches, along walkways, on hills, around picnic tables and shelters. It is sometimes helpful to go when a lot of people are present to find these locations in advance, then returning early or later in the day when no one is around to get in your way. Again be careful with your treasure retrieval.

TRAILS- I sometimes call them rabbit trails. Some wooded parks have non official trail made by foot traffic. All kinds of things can be found. Some of these trails may have existed from a time before the park was designed and may hold old coins and old toys. My favorite place to hunt on these trails is the area up against neighboring property fences. The park fence was not always up and many a child lost coins and toys while playing in what was considered an extended yard. I usually hunt the right side of the trail going in and the left going out. Lots of things can be found only inches off the beaten trail, under brush. Hobo or urban camps can also be found. Approach with caution but if found vacant all kinds of good things and some not so good things can be found.

SCHOOL YARDS- School yards can be very productive. The ever present bark chip areas, grass play areas, areas next to and around walkways and shrub beds. Especially try to determine where the school busses let the children off, if there is grass around. Remember during school hours stay away from the inside fenced areas. Your digging tool could be viewed as a weapon and lead to arrest or other confrontation with the police. Most schools are not off limits for hunting. Fill in your holes so no one gets hurt.

BEACHES AND REC AREAS - I have found that beaches and some rec areas are not too productive. Our good weather is too infrequent for large deposits of treasure. Hunt the water line for toys and jewelry, open sand areas, especially where people may have been sun bathing, next to paved trails and the parking areas. Hunting these areas can be fun and an occasional goodie can be found.

RULES TO FOLLOW AND OTHER COMMENTS

1. If asked to leave by authorized personal, do so immediately.
2. Take care to fill your holes and pick up all trash you recover.
3. Be courteous of others, especially children playing bark chip areas. You can be viewed as a Threat by their parents.
4. I try to do a good deed while out at the parks, especially if being viewed by other guests.
5. Don't be intimidated by busy bodies wanting you to leave, it is your park too.
6. Don't litter.
7. Watch out for people dangers. Try to observe your surroundings, especially in wooded trails.
It is sometimes good to assume the rattlesnake headphone position.

David Label