

VISITORS

Dalton Cahill, Dave Galloway, Josh and Sherri Sherman, Michael Runion, Larry Hoffman

NEW MEMBERS

Josh and Sherri Sherman, Dalton Cahill

GUEST SPEAKER

Lynn Waldrop, City of Hampton Parks/ Buckroe Beach

LINK TO HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TAX EXEMPTIONS

May 25 - May 31, 2008

<http://morningbrew.sdwhiteonline.com/tag/virginia/>

REFRESHMENTS

June '08 Wesley Jacobs

FINDS OF THE MONTH

WINNERS RECEIVED A \$1.00 NEW GOLD DOLLAR

Coin - Gary Gray 1895 Barber ½ Dollar

Jewelry - Dave Kaminski 14kt bracelet

Relic - Steve Warren CW artillery hammer

Table - Bob Combes

Wild Card - Oldest coin - Gary Gray 1871 Canadian penny

Other - Bob Combes Cow tag

NEW BUSINESS

Lynn Waldrop, Park Ranger presented a power point presentation for metal detecting at Buckroe Beach. Club members were signed off and were given a badge to wear while detecting. The beach is open from sunrise to sunset. The playground and surrounding grassy areas are off limits. Please remember the 3 R's - RECOGNIZE, RETREAT AND REPORT any suspicious items. Then run like \$^%@!!! (joke)

OLD BUSINESS

Gary Gray will have a report in June regarding the patch. I think the majority agreed one size would be the best. 2 ½ inch patch would fit nicely on hats, shirts, etc.

David Main and Gary Gray have been securing a permanent meeting place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Since the meeting has taken place, they have secured the Pretlow Library located at 111 W. Oceanview Ave. Norfolk, VA 23503. Their phone number is 441-1750. We have the meeting room A with a kitchen from September through the rest of the year. In January, the room will be booked for the entire year which will make it much simpler. They will report on this at the May meeting. They sent around the picture brochure and have reported that the library is very nice and roomy.

Steve Warren made a motion that we change the voting for finds of the month to having all the members participate and vote. Then the votes will be tallied. The Table finds would be a raffle ticket for each person who entered in that category and be drawn from the entries. Hopefully, members will bring in more items for a chance to win prizes. It was voted to keep the current way of voting for the finds of the month including table with three members picked as judges. Here's the Sherman's scoop...

I was born and raised in Cassville, Missouri, small farming community for the most part. Got started detecting with my grandfather, who was always a treasure hunter, even though he couldn't afford it much. He made his own dredge when he lived in California in the Navy, so treasure was in his blood, and got passed down to mine! I started around 1995 when we bought an old White's Coinmaster. We fooled around with that for a long time, but never got serious with it back home. When I joined the Navy and moved to South Carolina, I bought a Bounty Hunter Pioneer and fooled around with it some on the beaches there, never really

serious though. We moved to Maine, didn't do any detecting up there, and then down here to Virginia, where I got serious! I started out buying an ACE-250, did a lot of dry sand and park hunting. I took the big leap afterwards, buying a Fisher CZ-20, and had a good 6 months with it till I thought I leaked water into it. Thinking it was on the fritz, I bought a Minelab Excalibur, which will be my water partner for its life or mine I'm sure! Found my first (and only so far) gold ring with it, and loads of change. My newest detector is a White's MXT E-Series, and I'm looking forward to relic hunting and enjoying it, as soon as I got somewhere to relic hunt!

Sherri was born and raised in Arizona, so we were really swapped as to where we would've liked to be (at least me). She moved to Missouri her Junior year and we started out together after high school, and have been together for 8 years now. I got her started detecting and gold prospecting about a year ago, and she at least likes it enough to put up with me.

A SALUTE TO THE WILD WILD WEST

I hope everyone had a great time at the open hunt. I can't thank my "Deputies" enough for all their help --- securing the base, the shoveling of sand, manning the registration desk, ticket sells, seeding, helping with the kid's hunt, handing out prizes, and cleanup. Special thanks to Pat for cooking the hotdogs and serving lunch. Special website thanks to Mike Preziotti for his great links for the hunt. We had 51 adults and 9 kids participate. I know there were some minor problems and I apologize. This was a learning experience for all of us on the hunt committee and God willing, we will be back next year, bigger and better!!!
REMEMBER YOUR SECOND CHANCE FUCHSIA TICKETS ARE BEING DRAWN AT THE JUNE MEETING!

CLUB COIN CLUES

The 1st clue will be given at the June meeting.