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The Metal Detecting Creed

By Jessie Thompson

We are Metal Detectorist. Venturing forth in search of relics lost to time, only to be discovered and secured for future generations.

Diligent in our endeavors to detect, we will not trespass on to posted lands and will always obtain lawful permission in advance.

Detectorist are protective of earth's creatures, nature's landscapes and tributaries. We close all gates and leave no refuse in our wake.

When requested, we will endeavor to assist in the recovery of lost items of sentimental value to the best of our ability.

History being the tie that binds us, any item recovered of a singular significant historical value will be reported to local historians.

Remember Metal Detecting is to be conducted in a respectful and courteous manner; we are the ambassadors of our hobby to all who may survey us.



Welcoming in 2010

The new year of 2010 is off to a beautiful start for the Nor'Easters Metal detecting club!

This year we have the honor of bringing into action three new officers into the club. First of which is Pat Darinzo who will be the Clubs Vice President. Duties to be officiating and assisting at meetings when the President can not make it to a stated meeting or event.

The Next position called Hunt Master will be filled By Peter Bondi whose responsibilities include calling up and qualifying hunts and perspective sites.

We also want to welcome in to the officer realm the position of Newsletter Editor Allyson Cohen Who will be the one to contact for article submissions and pictures and finds of club members.

**I want to express my thanks to
Jessie for all his help in my first attempt
at the club Newsletter. I hope it will
evolve to
be as interesting and
informative as he made it.
Please feel free to email your recent
finds and submissions to me:
allyson.cohen@sbcglobal.net
Suggestions always welcome!
~Allyson Cohen**

"Handing Over History"

Here's some good news for those of us who's only idea of a decent TV program is one that airs on the History or Discovery Channel.

There is a potential TV series in the works which is sure to entice all you treasure hunters out there.

"Handing Over History" is a reality based series, which has been in the making for several years, and is getting close to its pilot episode.

Heading up the project is Scott Mitchen, a professional diver known worldwide for his expertise using sophisticated detection equipment to locate lost ship wrecks & treasure.

Over the years, Mitchen has found many things he has wanted to give back to the people they belonged to, and he takes great satisfaction in returning these lost treasures to their owners.

The pilot episode is a tale of a Zippo lighter Mitchen found on the floor of a lake in Wisconsin, and it's eventual return to the combat veteran who lost it in the jungles of Southeast Asia while fighting in Viet Nam.



As of yet, there doesn't seem to be a date for the pilot to air, however, it is at the top of the list of story ideas being pitched for production at LifeLike Entertainment.

I'll keep my eye on the story and let you all know what I find out.

For more information, you can go to youtube.com, search for Handing over History, and view a video about the show.



It's that time again!
Don't forget your
Metal Detecting Permits

**Locations where you may send to receive a
 Yearly Metal Detecting Permit.**

Call first for any updates or instructions

Palisades Interstate Park Commission
 Permit Section
 Bear Mountain, NY 10911-0427
 Contact: 845-786-2701

Fee \$20.00

Area: Harriman State Park - Lakes: Sebago, Welch &
 Tiorati

City of New York Parks & Recreation
 Arsenal North
 1234 Fifth Ave. Room 213
 New York, NY 10029
 Contact: (212)360-2778

Requires copy of your states driver license

Fee: Free

New York State Offices of Parks Recreation & Historic
 Preservation
 Central Region
 6105 East Seneca Turnpike
 Jamesville NY 13078-9516
 Contact: 315-492-1756

Fee: \$10.00

Long Island State Park Region Beaches
 Permit Office
 PO Box 247
 Babylon, NY 11702
 Contact: 631-669-1000 ext. 223

Fee \$40.00

The Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
 Taconic Region
 Staatsburg, NY 12580
 Contact: (845)889-4100

Fee: \$10.00

Area: Lake Taghkanic, Rudd Pond &
 Canopus Beach



**In case you didn't check the
 website or attend the January
 meeting:**

This year we are going to not hold meetings in
 August, October and December this gives us
 some breaks the later part
 of the Year which is normally the least attended
 meetings.

In the event of a national holiday we will then
 hold it on the Third Monday instead.

January 11th 2010
February 8th 2010
March 8th 2010
April 12th 2010
May 10th 2010
June 14th 2010
July 12th 2010
August NONE 2010
September 13th 2010
October NONE 2010
November 8th 2010
December NONE 2010

**Meeting location is in the St. Maurice Parish
 Church room called Doran Hall the address is
 358 Glenbrook Rd. Stamford, CT 06906-2198.**



The club is looking for volunteers
 to bring coffee and donuts to the meetings.

The club will pay for it,
 you just have to bring it.

If you can help--
 Please let Jessie know.

Thanks!



15th Century Gold Pendant Found in England-

London.- A 15th century gold pendant laid buried beneath Hertfordshire farmland since the time of Henry VIII until it was discovered by an amateur metal detectorist. The remarkable gold object that depicts the Holy Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is no bigger than a postage stamp and carries an estimate of £150,000 – 250,000. The engraving is of superb quality and is comparable to mounts in two major international museums – the Victoria and Albert in London and The Cloisters in New York. It was discovered by an amateur metal detectorist just a few inches underground whilst walking in fields near her home. The detecting enthusiast had no idea of the value and importance of the piece when it was first uncovered.

Discovery of Buried Artillery Device Shuts Down Section of Boise Greenbelt-

Idaho Press-Tribune Staff

GARDEN CITY — A 200-yard stretch along the Boise Greenbelt in Garden City was closed for about three hours after a resident discovered an old artillery device buried in the area.

Police reported that a treasure hunter enthusiast with a metal detector located an unexploded "artillery ordnance device" that was found a few yards from the pavement near 47th Street in Garden City. Police in Garden City summoned the Boise Police Department Bomb Squad, which removed the device with a remote-control robot.

Officials said the device was transported to the Mountain Home Air Force Base for destruction.



A Palestinian man holds ancient silver coins recently discovered near the Egyptian border town of Rafah

Palestinians find ancient coin hoard in Gaza

(AFP) – Jan 11, 2010

GAZA CITY — The Hamas-run ministry of tourism and antiquities in Gaza on Monday announced the discovery of ancient artifacts near the Egyptian border town of Rafah.

"The most important of the findings are 1,300 antique silver coins, both large and small," said Mohammed al-Agha, tourism and antiquities minister in the Islamist-run government. He said archaeologists had also uncovered a black basalt grinder, a coin with a cross etched on it, and the remains of walls and arches believed to have been built in 320 BC.

They also discovered a "mysterious" underground compartment with a blocked entrance that appeared to be a tomb, Agha said.

The Palestinian Authority has been carrying out archaeological excavations since the 1990s, but this was the first major find to be announced by the Hamas-run government. The Islamist movement seized control of the impoverished coastal territory in June 2007 when it drove out forces loyal to the Western-backed Palestinian president, Mahmud Abbas.

Spanish Galleon From The 1700's Found Off The Dominican Republic Coast; Treasures of 'Incalculable Historical Value'

Underwatertimes.com News Service

MIAMI, Florida -- A research team has discovered off Nagua, a city in the northeastern Dominican Republic, a Spanish galleon that apparently sank in the area between 1690 and 1700, a media report said.

The galleon, whose name is unknown, was found in October, allowing pieces of 'incalculable historical value' to be recovered, the daily Listin Diario said.

Among the objects discovered was a bell made in 1693, while on the deck is the Latin phrase 'Soli Deo Gloria' (Glory Only to God), which could be the ship's name, though that is yet to be confirmed by experts.

Also found on the galleon were navigation compasses and plumb lines for measuring depth, silver coins, a pistol, sword sheaths and other military items, as well as ornaments and several jewels, notably a ring set with eight diamonds, Listin Diario said. Other discoveries included plates with makers' marks (castles, lions and fleurs-de-lis), silverware, buckles, bronze candlesticks, sword handles, and a device for measuring the ship's speed in knots.

The technical director of the Dominican Underwater Heritage office, Francis Soto, told the newspaper that the wreck was a 'great discovery' because of the 'variety of pieces' that were found.

The research team is headed by Penny Stock Chaser of Marine Exploration, a US company specializing in underwater archaeological exploration and which was contracted by the Underwater Heritage office to trace the galleon's origin.

The shipwreck occurred in the Atlantic Ocean near the estuary of the Boba River in the northeastern Dominican province of Maria Trinidad Sanchez 1690-1700, and the recovery of the first object, a bell, took place in 1983 when Burt Webber, director of operations for the same company, was exploring the area, the daily said.





NORTH DAKOTA WAGON TRAIN

From okietreasurehunter.blogspot.com



Back in the 1800's wagon trains were extremely susceptible to being attacked, generally by Indians, and these attacks are where several legends of buried treasure begin.

This article takes us to spot along the Montana and North Dakota borders. In 1864 a man named James Fisk was leading 200 men in an eighty wagon train to the gold mines of Montana. They were able to con the Commander at Fort Rice into giving them a small military escort to protect them from the Indians as they traveled.

On September 2, 1864 the wagon train ran into some problems when one of the wagons turned over in the gully of Deep Creek, about one hundred and thirty miles west of Fort Rice. When the wagon train stopped to upright the wagon the one and only Sitting Bull and 100 Indians attacked. The fight raged on for days and in two different locations a few miles apart. During the first attack at the location where the wagon had overturned several of the men and soldiers were killed and Sitting Bull was wounded, taking a bullet in his hip. I can just imagine how mad Sitting Bull was from one of the soldiers shooting him in the ass!



As the battle went on the survivors managed to make their way to where the rest of the wagon train had circled the wagons, about a mile from the overturned wagon. The Indians did not follow and they thought the attack was over. Unfortunately for them, they were wrong. Once they were on the move again and had

traveled just a few miles the Indians attacked again. .

**If you
Find
yourself
near
Rhame,
North
Dakota,
make sure
you've got
your
metal
detector**

This battle was worse than the first and in total, the men in the wagon train fought the Indians for eighteen days. During the fight the Indians manage to snag a couple of wagons that contained rifles, ammunition, liquor and cigars. Nothing but the essentials!

What remained of the wagon train was rescued by a group of 900 soldiers that had been dispatched to the scene from Fort Rice. A few of the men were able to sneak away from the attack one night and had gone to Fort Rice to enlist the help of the military. By the time the military had arrived to help the men of the wagon train the men had built several sod walls to protect them from the attack. The men of the wagon train called their sod walls Fort Dilts, after a scout who was killed in the initial attack named Jefferson Dilts.

When all was said and done there were several men from the wagon train and several soldiers that had been killed along with six of the Indians and the wounding of Sitting Bull.

Now to the treasure part of the story; it is said that when the first attack started several of the men in the wagon train buried their money for safe keeping. One of these buried treasures was supposed to be \$40,000 in gold coins that a man was traveling with so he could open a store upon his arrival at their final destination. More than one of these treasures were left behind either because of the death of the owner or because the rescuing soldiers didn't want to stick around long enough to let the men recover what they had hidden.

If you go looking for this one the site of the main battle should be easy to find. There is a small marker identifying the site. You should be able to find it off of Highway 12 a few miles west of Rhame, North Dakota.



Rare coin tossed in Salvation Army kettle

By RITCHIE E. STARNES
The Chowan Herald

Bookkeepers with the Salvation Army will need to adjust their balance sheet a little more to the good after it was discovered someone tossed a rare quarter into one of the holiday collection kettles here in Edenton.

Bill Hicks, chairman and treasurer of the Edenton Lions' Club, is well aware the town ranks among the state's oldest, but he was still surprised to find a donated coin that dates back to some of the area's historical architecture. And discovering the 1853-quarter was a mere coincidence. "This just happened to be on top of the tube," said Hicks, describing how the coin came to be stacked after the change was sorted. Had the coin not been on top and in Hick's plain view, it would have most likely been overlooked and treated as a regular quarter.

After all, Hicks said he typically handles as much as \$9,000 worth of quarters a year in fundraising. It's not unusual to find an assortment of loose items among the Salvation Army's bucket of change.

"I find that people will reach deep in their pocket and throw everything in," Hicks said. "One lady dumped the contents of her pocketbook only to come running back to say that she accidentally dropped her diamond ring," he added. Much to her relief, volunteers managed to fish the ring out of the bucket.

Among the discarded items that Hicks has found from Salvation Army collections include: bolts, an automotive fuse, a 22-caliber bullet, and even digitalis, used to treat congestive heart failure or an irregular heart-beat.

Sometimes a foreign object jams the coin-sorting machine at which time Hicks discovers anything unusual. But a rare coin would routinely pass through and without any particular notice. The found coin is valued between \$20 and \$50, depending on condition, Hicks said. Instead of trying to maximize the coin's value on such mediums as EBay, Hicks said the Salvation Army will typically sell the coin to a dealer at its appropriate value.

Rare coins seem to get dropped in Salvation Army kettles more often than most would expect. Twice during early December Salvation Army workers discovered rare coins after the sorting machine kicked them out because it didn't recognize the coin.

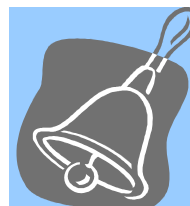


The heads side (left photo) and the tails side (right photo) of this rare 1853 quarter are seen in this photo. According to Bill Hicks of the Edenton Lions Club, someone dropped this coin in one of Edenton's four Salvation Army donation buckets earlier this month. Hicks said he noticed the coin when it ended up at the top of several other coins that had been processed through a machine sorter.

A rare Krugerrand, valued between \$1,200 and \$1,400 was discovered in Portland, Ore. In Torrington, Conn. Someone tossed a "half-eagle" coin, which was the country's first gold coin, circulated from 1795 to 1929. The face value was \$5, but today's value would fetch between \$250 and \$400.

Hicks said there's no way of knowing if the coin's owner intended to donate the old coin or if was an accident. And if someone came forward in an attempt to claim the coin? "There's no way to prove who the coin belonged to," Hicks countered. Of course, there's the possibility that the contributor didn't know they were giving anything more than loose change.

Hicks does know that the coin came from one of the four collection stations in town, held the first weekend in December. Those stations collected \$4,825. Of course, Salvation Army bookkeepers will be adding whatever the found coin eventually fetches.



*I Wouldn't be surprised
if the Salvation Army
has an abnormally high amount
of volunteers next holiday season.*



**1817 LARGE CENT
FOUND IN UPPER CT
BY JOHN LOZITO**

**YOUNG
DEFENDERS
LEAGUE PIN
FOUND BY
ALLYSON
COHEN**



**CHECK OUT
THIS
BEAUTIFUL
CAMEO
FOUND BY
PAT D'ARINZO**



**1852 DIME FOUND BY
SEAN SHAUGHNESSY**



Hey Mister, Whatcha Find?

Recent Club Finds!

<http://www.noreasters.net>



**CIVIL WAR BUTTON FOUND
IN LOWER WESTCHESTER
PARK
BY JOHN LOZITO**

**COPPER FOUND BY
ALLYSON COHEN &
PAT D'ARINZO IN RIDGEFIELD, CT**



MY FIRST TIME USING AN SE,
AND FIRST COPPER (BY COMBINED EFFORT).
MANY THANKS TO PAT D'ARINZO FOR DIGGING
IT UP FOR ME!

I WAS CLUELESS AND WOULD HAVE
LEFT IT THERE.



**COLONIAL RAZOR AND PRAYER HOLDER
FOUND BY CAMILLE LAHR**



**1939 WORLD'S
FAIR PIN
FOUND BY
PAT
D'ARINZO**



**CONNECTICUT COPPER
FOUND BY JIM BYRNE**



**PRE-CIVIL WAR BUTTON
FOUND BY PAT D'ARINZO**



facebook

Jessie put up a Facebook group page for the club a while back. A lot of you are already on Facebook, if not, why not try it out? You can post pictures of your finds, chat with members, etc...Please become a Fan and use it.

It's Free!

Some metal detecting humor

To the vein of "You Might Be a Redneck..."

You Might Be a Detectorist...

- ...if you'll step over a penny on the sidewalk, but will dig six inches for a dirty penny.
 - ...if you hide your detecting magazines so the kids don't mess them up.
 - ...if your spouse says in a seductive voice, "Let's do something you want to do for a change", and you start packing the detectors for a hunt.
 - ...if you have a nightmare where a favorite spot becomes posted "off limits" and you have to drive out to see that it's not posted before you can go back to sleep.
 - ...if you've ever cleaned your coins in the kitchen using the good bowls.
 - ...if you mark your calendar to go to the fair on the day after the fair closes.
 - ...if you plan your family vacations around places that are good to detect.
 - ...if you'd rather your kid become an archeologist than a doctor.
 - ...if your idea of a college fund is the clad coins you've dug up.
 - ...if your kids have to go "beep, beep, beep" to get your attention.
 - ...if your children were named after detectors.
 - ...if you have a room in your house covered with maps and dedicated to research, but no living room.
 - ...if your car, truck, boat or even your house, matches your detector.
 - ...if your detector has a name other than the one the manufacturer gave it.
 - ...if you have a heart tattoo and the name of your detector in the middle of it.
 - ...if you skip lunch so you'll have money for batteries for your detector.
 - ...if you're looking for a new home and the realtor locks the car doors, but you think the rundown neighborhood with abandoned houses looks like a good option.
 - ...if you cash your paycheck and ask to be paid in rolled coins.
 - ...if the thought of a scratched coin makes you even a little bit sad.
 - ...if you cheer the hurricane as it makes deep cuts in the local beach.
 - ...if you took notes when your grandfather told old treasure tales.
 - ...if you volunteer at a nursing home because the leads are good.
 - ...if you guard a good site like a good fishing hole.
 - ...if you've ever offered to mow a vacant lot for permission to hunt it.
 - ...if sayings like "every cloud has a silver lining" or "making golden memories" make you think about a good detecting hunt.
 - ...if your car is ten years old, but you have the latest detector.
 - ...if your shoes are ten years old, but you have the latest detector.
 - ...if you have no shoes, but you have the latest detector.
 - ...if you catch your spouse using your digger in the garden and somehow feel its been violated.
 - ...if your spouse buys you detecting accessories for your anniversary and it makes you tear up.
 - ...if your spouse hints at wanting jewelry, you grab your detector and go to the beach rather than going to a jeweler.
- Now it's your turn to add to the list.



My what if:

...if you suddenly start receiving gift certificates from your girlfriends to "have your nails done".

Email me your additions to the list at allyson.cohen@sbcglobal.net, and I'll include them in the next newsletter.



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