

# THE DIXIE DIGGERS

## WARRIOR BASIN TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION (WBTHA)

The first meeting of the WBTHA in May was held on the 3rd at Niki's West Restaurant. The meeting was brought to order by President Mike Harvey at 7:30 PM with 14 members and 2 guests present, Joan Hammond and Robert Thomson. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Bonnie Watson and were approved as read.

### OLD BUSINESS

\*Mike Harvey reported we received an entry from Lloyd Dunn of Buhl, Alabama.

\*Bonnie Watson checked on all the members and everyone was alright. Several members found unusual "things" in their yards after the tornadoes.

\*Mike Harvey talked to Kevin Hodges, a sales rep for Minelab, and Kevin gave Mike the phone number for Emma Vera. Emma has not responded to Mike's attempts to contact her.

### NEW BUSINESS

\*Shannon Vetch and his friend, both from Georgia, contacted David Scales about joining WBTHA and helping with the Deep South Treasure Hunt. A discussion was held about them joining.

### THE GAMES

Bingo Coins: 1913, 1919, 1920 (for the money), 1918,

1911, 1935. Tony Nassef had 1919 and 1920 pennies and a 1935 quarter; Perry Watson had a 1918 penny; and Jim Shipman had a 1920 penny. Oldest Coin: Perry Watson had the oldest coin, a 1918 penny.

### The Raffle

1st Draw: Perry Watson won a Franklin half dollar.

2nd Draw: Don Wilbanks won a Franklin half dollar.

3rd Draw: Lawrence McKelvey won a 2001—2002 State quarter set.

Door Prize: David Scales won his \$4.00 cash back!

### Marble Game

Bill Glass won the chance to draw the green marble, and he was successful and won \$6.50.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

The second meeting of the WBTHA in May was held on the 17th at Niki's West Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mike Wardlow at 7:30 PM with 17 members present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Secretary Bonnie Watson, and approved as read.

### OLD BUSINESS

\*Mike Wardlow reported from Mike Harvey that Brian

Pennington will be our Garrett rep at the Deep South Treasure Hunt.

\*Joe Box received a call from Wanda with Kellyco. She was checking on everyone after the tornadoes.

### NEW BUSINESS

None

### THE GAMES

Bingo Coins: 1944, 1936, 1951, 1916, 1954, and 1909 (for the money). Joe Clayton had a 1944 penny; David Scales had 1916, 1944, and 1951 pennies; Jim Shipman had 1936, 1944, 1951, and 1954 pennies.

Unique Find: #1 Republic Iron and Steel Co. Spaulding Mines badge; #2 1910 watch fob/ The badge was the winner and was entered by Jim Shipman. The watch fob was entered by Tony Nassef.

### The Raffle

1st Draw: David Scales won a Morgan silver dollar.

2nd Draw: Bonnie Watson won a silver half dollar.

Door Prize: Mike Wardlow won \$4.00 cash.

### The Marble Game

Joe Box won the chance to draw out a marble and he drew a clear marble.

Mike Wardlow reported the dates of the Civil War

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Relic Show in Pigeon Forge is August 26 thru August 28, and it will be held at the Cobb Civic Center.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM.

The following are tales from [www.metal-detecting-ghost-towns-of-the-east.com/buried-treasure-in-alabama.html](http://www.metal-detecting-ghost-towns-of-the-east.com/buried-treasure-in-alabama.html)

In the town of Fort Payne it has been rumored that a wealthy businessman, John Willismith, before he died buried \$100,000 in gold. Mr. Willismith owned most of the town, so the gold could have been buried anywhere, or perhaps in different locations.

Near Athens, Alabama there may be a Confederate treasure. Apparently in 1865 \$100,000 of gold and silver coins was put into two large metal boxes by Confederate troops, and then thrown into the swamp. The troops were trying to keep the gold and silver away from Union soldiers.

