

THE DIXIE DIGGERS

WARRIOR BASIN TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION (WBTHA)

The first meeting of the WBTHA in March was held on Tuesday the 6th, at Niki's West Restaurant. The meeting was brought to order by President Mike Harvey with twenty-one members and four guests present. Secretary Bonnie Watson read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read. President Harvey introduced our guests as: Randy Harris, Jim Wilson, Richard Garner (former member), and Philip Oliver (Pastor of Voice of Life Ministries).

OLD BUSINESS

- *Deep South Treasure Hunt committee meeting will be held after the regular meeting has adjourned.
- *We have not received the hard copy of the confirmation from Cullman County Commission for Smith Lake Park.
- *The Members Only Hunt was discussed again.
- *The shirts, hoodies and jackets were discussed and we will get a count tonight.
- *The FMDAC membership dues are now due. They are \$5.00.

NEW BUSINESS

*Mike Wardlow reported on legislation that has been introduced in Florida which would pretty much make it illegal to metal detect anywhere in Florida, including private property. A similar bill is pending in Kentucky. Eddie Bradley said a group that is trying to fight the law has a website www.detectingrights.com

*The Southeast Treasure Hunters (SETH) in Gadsden, Alabama is having a club get together at Ft. McClellan and WBTHA members are invited. See Chris Roberts for details.

*Lawrence McKelvey brought up how important it is for all of us to cover our holes, take the trash we find with us and leave the area in as good or better shape than when

we got there. Failure to do these things and police ourselves could lead to the type of legislation discussed earlier. A good discussion was held about this matter.

THE GAMES

Bingo Coins: 1950, 1911 (for the money), 1945, 1919, 1938, and 1956. Michael Chimento had 1945 and 1956 pennies; Tony Nassef had 1919, 1945, 1950, and 1956 pennies; Perry Watson had 1919, 1938, 1945, 1950, and 1956 pennies; and Mike Wardlow had a 1956 penny. **Oldest Coin:** Perry Watson won with an 1899 Indian Head penny; Mike Wardlow had a 1900 Barber dime; Michael Chimento had a 1925 penny; Tony Nassef had a 1906 Indian Head penny; and James Wardlow had a 1905 Barber quarter.

THE RAFFLE

1st Draw: Mike Harvey won an imaginary silver dollar
2nd Draw: Bonnie Watson won an imaginary silver half dollar.
3rd Draw: Bill Glass won a donated glass bottle.
4th Draw: Eddie Bradley won a donated glass bottle.
5th Draw: Mike Ashmore won a donated glass bottle.

THE MARBLE GAME

Eddie Bradley won the opportunity to draw a marble out of the bag (which was suspicious since Jan, his wife drew his ticket!!). He drew a clear marble.

Jim Wilson and Richard Garner joined the Club. Welcome guys!!

Next meeting is March 20th!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

The second meeting in March of the WBTHA was held at Niki's West Restaurant on Tuesday

March 20th. The meeting was brought to order by Vice-President Mike Wardlow at 7:30 PM with 17 members and two guests present. Secretary Bonnie Watson read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS

- *David Scales told Mike Wardlow he has received the written confirmation from the Cullman County Commission for Smith Lake Park.
- *Mike Wardlow reminded everyone about the Members Only Hunt, March 31 and reminded everyone to bring a rake and extra sand scoops if you have one.
- *Jim Self has been contacted by someone who wants to sell a Bounty Hunter for \$70.00.
- *Shirts and jackets list is still being compiled.
- *Several members went to Ft. McClellan with Chris Roberts and found a few coins and some military relics.

NEW BUSINESS

*Since the confirmation has now been received for the Deep South Treasure Hunt in October, we can get the flyers ready and mail them out.

THE GAMES

Unique Find: #1 Lucky 7 sterling silver cufflink; #2 1914 Climax Bar token; #3 1906 Barber silver half dollar; #4 Masonic pin/button; #5 1915 20 Centavos Cuban coin (90% silver); #6 First aid kit found 12 inches deep at Ft. McClellan. #2 was the winner and was found by James Wardlow. #6 came in a close second and was found by Jim Shipman. #4 came in third and was dug by Perry Watson. Coming in in fourth place was #1 and it was found by Michael Chimento. Tied for fifth place was #3 and #5 found by Pat DeSantis and Charles Head respectively. Congrats to all who had unique finds!!

Bingo Coins: 1915, 1956, 1923,

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1926, 1925, and 1953 (for the money). Charles Head had a 1956 penny; Perry Watson had 1953 and 1956 pennies; and Jim Shipman had a 1915 penny.

THE RAFFLE

1st Draw: Mike Wardlow won a silver dollar
2nd Draw: Charles Head won a silver half dollar.
3rd Draw: Joe Box won a donated bottle.
4th Draw: Jim Self won a donated bottle.
5th Draw: Lawrence McKelvey won a donated bottle.
6th Draw: Bonnie Watson won a donated bottle.
7th Draw: Charles Head won a donated bottle.

THE MARBLE GAME

Jim Shipman won the opportunity to draw a marble. Jim drew a clear marble.

There being nothing further for the good of the meeting, President Mike Harvey adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

