

THE DIXIE DIGGERS

WARRIOR BASIN TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION (WBTHA)

The first meeting of the WBTHA in May was held on Tuesday the 1st, at Niki's West Restaurant. The meeting was brought to order by President Mike Harvey with eighteen members present. Secretary Bonnie Watson was out of town and Mike Harvey read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read.

President Harvey explained that Bonnie and Perry had to travel to Houston, because Perry's brother Bruce is in the hospital with leukemia.

OLD BUSINESS

*Shirts! Joe Box reported the green long sleeve shirts do not come with a pocket. Several members had to modify their order.

*The hunt flyers were completed as far as possible before the start of the meeting. Mike Harvey will have them completed and mailed.

*We have received the first entry form and it came from a man in North Carolina.

*Mike Harvey said Garrett responded and they will do the same as they did last year. Kellyco has not committed yet. Mike Scott from Fisher is overseas and not available for a discussion of what Fisher can help us with.

*David Scales asked Eddie Bradley how we access the members only section of the website. Eddie explained it is password protected and he will give the members the password.

*Joe Box reported on the other colors available for tee shirts. They are navy, orange, lime, black gray, and the lady can get burgundy and teal. The members present decided to go with navy, black, gray, teal and burgundy. For each color we will buy 2 XL, 2 XXL and 1 Large.

NEW BUSINESS

*There is a coin show in Bessemer in July and there is also a bottle show the same month.

*Joe Box brought some bad news to everyone's attention. Keith Wills of Texas has some spurs in his neck, and if he doesn't have surgery he

could end up in a wheel chair in a few years. He is self employed and does not have insurance.

*Richard Garner made the members present aware of a seller on eBay who sells dust covers for metal detectors. He sells them for \$9.99 including shipping. The seller is treasure place.

THE GAMES

Bingo Coins: 1947, 195 (for the money), 1924, 1911, 1952, 1943.. Jim Shipman had 1924 and 1952 pennies.

Phillip Oliver had a 1943 Mercury dime.

Oldest Coin: Mike Wardlow won this month with a 1900 Barber dime. Jim Shipman was close with a 1905 Indian head penny.

THE RAFFLE

1st Draw: Charles Head won a 1922 Peace dollar.

2nd Draw: Joe Barfield won a silver half dollar.

3rd Draw: Eddie Bradley won a copper round.

4th Draw: Eddie Bradley passed, Mike Harvey passed, Jim Self passed, and Bill Glass won a tax token.

THE MARBLE GAME

Tony Ashmore won the opportunity to draw a marble out of the bag. He drew a clear marble.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

The second meeting in May of the WBTHA was held at Niki's West Restaurant on Tuesday the 15th. The meeting was brought to order by President Mike Harvey at 7:30 PM with 21 members and two guests present. Secretary Bonnie Watson read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as amended to say Mike Wardlow did not get paid for winning the Oldest Coin contest.

OLD BUSINESS

*Judy Harvey talked to Kellyco and they put our Hunt on the calendar. They did not commit to sending a representative. Mike Harvey talked to Fisher and they said they will help us, but did not specify how. Another company, Bliss Tools has a new metal detector. The detector is foreign made, but has been tested in Virginia beside detectors normally used at DIV (Digging in Virginia), and it worked well. It is a discriminating machine comparable to a White's TI.

*Shirt order! Mike Harvey is taking the money for the shirt order tonight.

*Members present were reminded that the DSTH early discount is due by June 30th.

*WBTHA will not meet on July 2nd since Niki's West Restaurant will be closed that whole week for their annual summer vacation.

*Mike Harvey did get the hunt flyers finished and mailed out, but to save postage he did not mail members a flyer. Members can get the flyer from the website.

NEW BUSINESS

*Mike Wardlow our guest, Charlie Dunlap. Charlie is new to the hobby and he has a Bounty Hunter detector. He would like some help learning how to use his machine.

Mike Harvey introduced our other guest, Mike Franks. Mike was in the hobby awhile back and is trying to get back into it. Welcome both of you!!

THE GAMES

Unique Find: #1 "Southern Bell 1879 -1954 5 Years of Service to the South" charm; #2 Red Diamond advertising thimble; #3 Sterling silver spoon; #4 1924 City of Birmingham dog tax tag #6002; #5 1925 Birmingham dog tax tag #1060. #4 was the winner and was found by Mike Wardlow! #1 was found by Perry Watson; #2 was found by Jim Shipman; #5 was found by Don Wilbanks; and #3 was found by Charles Head. Great finds by all of you!
Bingo Coins: 1930 (for the money), 1935, 1926, 1942, 1945, and 1950.

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Charles Head had a 1935 dime; Mike Wardlow had a 1950 penny; Mike Chimento had 1935 and 1942 pennies; Jim Shipman had 1942 and 1945 pennies; and Don Wilbanks has a 1942 penny.

THE RAFFLE

1st Draw: Jim Wilson won a lighted loop.

2nd Draw: Don Wilbanks won a 1964 half dollar.

3rd Draw: Jason Guthrie won a 1964 half dollar.

4th Draw: Russell Twilley won a copper round

5th Draw: Bonnie Watson won a copper round.

6th Draw: Greg Rollins won a donated bottle.

7th Draw: Mike Harvey won a donated bottle.

8th Draw: Joe Barfield won a donated bottle.

9th Draw: David Scales won a donated bottle.

10th Draw: Bonnie Watson won a donated bottle.

THE MARBLE GAME

Russell Twilley won the opportunity to draw a marble. Joe drew a clear marble.

There being nothing further for the good of the meeting, President Mike Harvey adjourned the meeting at 8:39 PM.

