

THE DIXIE DIGGERS

WARRIOR BASIN TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION (WBTHA)

The Editor of this newsletter was out of town for the March 3rd meeting, and Secretary Bonnie Watson has been having health issues that has kept her from getting a copy of her notes put out. So, this issue will only cover the second meeting of the month of March.

The second meeting of WBTHA in March was held on the 17th at Niki's West Restaurant. The meeting was brought to order by President David Scales at 7:25 PM with 15 members present. Secretary Bonnie Watson was not able to attend the meeting due to being in the hospital. A motion to forego the reading of the minutes was made by Mike Wardlow, and was seconded by Joe Box. The motion unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS

*President David Scales lead a discussion about the Spring Members Only Hunt. President Scales will contact the Oak Mountain State Park Ranger to check if either April 25th or May 2nd are available for the Hunt.

*Mike Wardlow reported the Club received three entries to the 2015 Deep South Treasure Hunt (DSTH) while he, David Scales, and Joe Box attended the 4th Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt, put on by The East Texas Treasure Hunters Association.

NEW BUSINESS

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THE GAMES

Unique Find: #1 I.T. Shriver & Co. Filter Press manufacturers plate. The plate was found by David Scales and was the winner.

Bingo Coins: 1939, 1917 (for the money), 1944, 1914, 1951, 1947. There were no matches.

RAFFLE

1st Draw: Archie Trahan won a one ounce silver round.
Door Prize: Eddie Bradley won his \$4.00 entry fee back.

MARBLE GAME

Eric Watson won the opportunity to draw a marble, and he drew a clear marble.

Perry Watson was asked about Bonnie Watson's condition. She is still in the hospital, and is having to learn how to walk again. She is going through physical therapy to re-learn to walk. It is uncertain when she will be able to go home.

There being nothing further for the good of the meeting, adjourned by President David Scales at 8:04 PM.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 7, 2015 WBTHA meeting.
7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.
April 21, 2015 WBTHA meeting.
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May 5, 2015 WBTHA meeting.
7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.
May 19, 2015 WBTHA meeting.
7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.

June 3, 2015 WBTHA meeting.
7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.
June 17, 2015 WBTHA meeting.
7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.

July 7, 2015 WBTHA meeting.
7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.
July 21, 2015 WBTHA meeting.
7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.

August 4, 2015 WBTHA meeting.
7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.
August 18, 2015 WBTHA meeting.
7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.

Since we only have the information about one meeting, I will add a little history about nickels, from the 2012 United States

Coins by R.S. Yeoman.

Shield Nickel (1866-1883)

The Shield type nickel was made possible by the Act of May 16, 1866. Its weight was set at 77-16/100 grains (5 grams), with the same composition as the nickel three-cent coin that was authorized in 1865, and an obverse design similar to that of the two cent coin. In 1866 the coin was designed with rays between the stars on the reverse. Some of the pieces minted in 1867 have the same details, but later the rays were eliminated, creating two varieties for that year. There was no further change in the type until it was replaced by the Liberty Head design in 1883. Only Proof pieces struck in 1877 and 1878. Designer, James B. Longacre.

Liberty Head Nickel (1883-1913)

In early 1883, the nickel design was changed to the Liberty Head. This type first appeared without the word, CENTS on the coin, merely a large letter V. Some of these "CENTS-less" coins were gold plated and passed for \$5. Later in that year the word CENTS was added to discourage the fraudulent practice.

Five 1913 Liberty Head nickels were originally owned by Colonel E.H.R. Green (son of the famous Hetty Green). These have since been dispersed and are now held in various public and private collections. These were not a regular issue and were never placed in circulation.

Designer: Charles E. Barber.

INDIAN HEAD OR BUF-

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FALLO NICKEL (1913-1938)

These pieces are known as Buffalo (usually) or Indian Head nickels. In the first year of issue, 1913, there were two distinct varieties, the first showing the bison on a mound, and the second with the base redesigned to a thinner, straight line.

James Earle Fraser designed this nickel, employing three different Native Americans as models. His initial F is beneath the date. The bison was supposedly modeled after "Black Diamond" in the New York Central Park Zoo. Matte Proof coins were made for collectors from 1913 to 1916. Specimen strikings of 1917 are reported.
Designer: James Earle Fraser.

JEFFERSON NICKEL (1938 TO DATE)

This nickel was originally designed by Felix Schlag, who won an award of \$1000.00 in a competition with some 390 artists. His design established the definite public approval of portrait and pictorial themes rather than symbolic devices on our coinage.
Designer: Felix Schlag.

