

# THE DIXIE DIGGERS

WARRIOR BASIN TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION (WBTHA)

Since we did not have any meetings in December, I have nothing to report to you as far as Club business is concerned.

If you were not at the last meeting in November, and you have not seen the last newsletter, we have had an election. We have a new President, Mike Harvey. Mike Wardlow remains as our Vice-President. Bonnie Watson returns as Secretary. David Scales is back as our Treasurer.

Thanks to Joe Box for the many years he has served as President of the WBTHA!!!

Since this is the beginning of a new year, I think it would be appropriate to review the Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics.

This one is from Treasurenet.com.

**\*I will strive to be an ambassador of my hobby and a good steward of the land.**

**\*I will assist authorities and the public in the recovery of lost items when asked, and will make every effort to return marked items to their rightful owners.**

**\*I will hunt private lands by permission only and obey the wishes of the landowners.**

**\*I will obey the laws of my country, state, province and local government and will speak out against those laws which are unreasonable or unjust.**

**\*I will obey all laws concerning archaeological sites, and the recovery and possession of artifacts from such sites.**

**\*I will report any sig-**

**nificant historical discovery to the appropriate authorities and provide proper location information and documentation.**

**\*I will be an advocate to advance the knowledge and technology of my hobby.**

The next set is an excerpt from Lost Treasure Online.

**\*I will fill all excavations.**

**\*I will build fires in designated or safe places only.**

**\*I will leave gates as found.**

**\*I will remove and properly dispose of any trash I find.**

**\*I will not litter.**

**\*I will not tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.**

I believe it is very important for our hobby that we follow our Code of Ethics.

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We are not always guaranteed the opportunity to take part in a hobby we love. All it takes is for one person and a few people to complain about holes left unfilled, or dug trash left on the ground to have a prohibition placed on our hobby. I see stories from time to time about cities that have banned the use of metal detectors in their parks, etc. I don't want to see that happen here.

I have had to miss the first two meetings of 2011, but I hope to see all of you at the February 1st meeting!!!

