

THE DIXIE DIGGERS

WARRIOR BASIN TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION (WBTHA)

As everyone knows, there were no meetings in December. So, I have nothing to report to you about any Club business in December, except that Mike Harvey and several other members went to the Civil War show in Tennessee in early December. The "crew" were able to obtain some items needed for the 2013 Deep South Treasure Hunt.

At this time of year, I always think it is a good idea to review the Code of Ethics. This one is from White's Metal Detectors website:

#1 I will respect private property and will not metal detect without the property owner's permission.

#2 I will not destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.

#3 I will not litter, always pack out what I take in and remove all trash found.

#4 I will leave all gates and other accesses to land as found.

#5 I will not damage natural resources, wildlife habitats, or any private property.

#6 I will use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

#7 I will abide by all laws, ordinances or regulations that may govern my

search, or the area I will be in.

#8 I will fill all holes, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in way that will damage, be damaging to, or kill any vegetation.

#9 I will report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation.

#10 I will be an ambassador for the metal detecting hobby.

Be polite and informative to those who inquire about your hobby - you are the ambassador of a pastime we want to protect and we will be judged by how you act & respond.

I think it is important to us to review these tenets from time to time. The way we act, the way we clean up behind ourselves, including taking out the trash we find and covering the holes we dig to recover targets is important to us to continue to pursue our hobby. All it takes is one person leaving uncovered holes to get everyone banned. It has unfortunately happened in places before. Once a ban has been put in place, it is extremely difficult to get it reversed. For that reason, we need to make sure we are not the offenders. We need to police ourselves,

so we do not lose our hobby to legislation. It only takes one person complaining to get it taken away.

Here is a short calendar of events:

January 2013

15 WBTHA meeting @ 7:30 @ Niki's West Restaurant.

February 2013

5 WBTHA meeting @ 7:30 @ Niki's West Restaurant.

4th - 8th - Congress, Arizona. The World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers (WWATS) presents Rendezvous 2013 a few miles from Stanton across from the fire station at the Community Center. As every year, topics will include information to better the hobby's Organizations and Clubs for the coming year. You can bring as many Board members you like or any other members of your Organization or Club. All are welcome to participate. Vendors will be on site with special deals for the Organizations and live demos throughout the week.

19 WBTHA meeting @ 7:30 @ Niki's West Restaurant.

March 2013

5 WBTHA meeting @ 7:30 @ Niki's West Restaurant.

9th - Wabasso, Florida. Treasure Coast Archaeo-

logical Society 26th Annual Hunt only 5 min from the 1715 Spanish fleet wreck treasure beaches. Competition hunt, silver and Reale hunts. Lots of prizes including metal detectors, scoops, headphones and a lot more. The cost is \$85 for the whole day (all hunts) including lunch. The fun starts at 9 a.m. If you send payment before March 1st, 2013, the cost is only \$75. See website for maps, forms and more information at <http://www.tcas.us/tcashunt.htm> or e-mail mking11@earthlink.net

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I hope you have had a chance to get out and do some detecting, and made some finds. See you at the next meeting!!

