

THE DIXIE DIGGERS

WARRIOR BASIN TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION (WBTHA)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I hope 2014 is a great year for us all!

There was only one meeting in December, and it was held on the 3rd, at Niki's West Restaurant. The meeting was brought to order by President David Scales at 7:30 PM with 17 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Bonnie Watson, and were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

*Treasurer Joe Box prepared a check to be sent to Smith Lake Park.
*President Scales had run out of the Club's silver dollars for the Raffle, so he put one of his personal silver dollars in. The Club owes President Scales a silver dollar.

NEW BUSINESS

*There is a relic show in Franklin, Tennessee next weekend. It is the 27th Middle Tennessee Civil War Show & Sale.

THE GAMES

Bingo Coin: 1951, 1950, 1955 (for the money), 1931, 1914, 1956. There were no matches.
Oldest Coin: David Scales won with an 1864 Indian Head penny (Fat).

RAFFLE

1st Draw: Bill Glass won a silver dollar.
2nd Draw: Judy Harvey won a 1984 mint set.

Door Prize: Jim Wilson won his \$4.00 cash back.

MARBLE GAME

Don Wilbanks won the opportunity to draw a marble and he drew the green marble!! He won \$105.50

The members present agreed that \$500.00 would be taken to the Middle Tennessee Civil War Show & Sale to purchase relics for the DSTH.

There being nothing further for the good of the meeting, adjourned at 8:18 PM.

As usual with the January issue of The Dixie Diggers, we will have a reminder of the Code of Ethics for treasure hunters. The way we conduct ourselves in the field can help our hobby or it can adversely affect the hobby, especially in the eyes of the general public.

The following Code of Ethics is taken from the FMDAC website:

I WILL ALWAYS CHECK FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LAWS BEFORE SEARCHING. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO "KNOW THE LAW".

I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER'S PERMISSION. WHERE POSSIBLE, SUCH PERMISSION WILL BE IN WRITING.

I WILL TAKE CARE TO REFILL ALL HOLES AND TRY NOT TO LEAVE ANY DAMAGE.

I WILL REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY AND ALL TRASH AND LITTER THAT I FIND.

I WILL APPRECIATE AND PROTECT OUR INHERITANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

I WILL AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE HOBBY, USE THOUGHTFULNESS, CONSIDERATION AND COURTESY AT ALL TIMES.

I WILL WORK TO HELP BRING UNITY TO OUR HOBBY BY WORKING WITH ANY ORGANIZATION OF ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT MAY HAVE PROBLEMS THAT WILL LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO PEACEFULLY PURSUE THE HOBBY.

I WILL LEAVE GATES AS FOUND.

I WILL BUILD FIRES IN DESIGNATED OR SAFE PLACES ONLY.

I WILL REPORT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ENTER AND OR REMOVE ARTIFACTS FROM FEDERAL PARKS OR STATE PRESERVES.

Remember, it is not difficult to lose our freedom to metal detect. We must do everything in our power to ensure we are able to pursue our hobby.

The following Code of Ethics is from the Lost Treasure Magazine website:

I Will Respect Private Property And Do No Treasure Hunting Without The Owner's Permission.

I Will Fill All Excavations.

I Will Appreciate And Protect Our Heritage Of Natural Resources, Wildlife, And Private Property.

I Will Use Thoughtfulness, Consideration, And Cour-

tesy At All Times.
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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 That I Find.

I Will Not Litter.

I Will Not Destroy Property, Buildings, Or What Is Left Of Ghost Towns And Deserted Structures.

I Will Not Tamper With Signs, Structural Facilities, Or Equipment.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 1st New Years Day!
January 6th WBTHA Meeting.
January 20th WBTHA Meeting.

February 4th WBTHA Meeting.
February 18th WBTHA Meeting

March 4th WBTHA Meeting.
March 18th WBTHA Meeting.
March 29th—30th 12th Treasure Hunt of The Carolinas. Ed Brown's Rodeo Ground in Blacksburg, South Carolina.

