MEETING PLACE:

EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY 840 MAIN ST. TIME 6:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING 7:00PM

NEXT MEETING

February 8, 2000

PLEASE NOTE: SEE PAGE 4 - COMPLETE & RETURN THIS YEAR’S YTC SURVEY!

PAGE 9 - THE YEAR 2000 YTC CHALLENGE LIST IS HERE!

PAGE 10 - INFO. REGARDING THE ANNUAL JACK HUBE POLAR BEAR
Minutes of Yankee Territory Coinshooters Meeting December 14, 1999:

>The Christmas Party meeting was called to order a 6:00 p.m. with 30 members and guests present. A plethora of tantalizing victuals was consumed in a spirit of general merriment and jocularity.

>The membership thanked Donna Ketchin for bringing the platters of sliced beasts.

>Mary Goldstein provided a donation that paid for cookies at the party.

>Huntmaster Richard MacRobbie announced that the Jack P. Hube Memorial Polar Bear Hunt will be held at Hammonasset Beach State Park on February 20th or 27th, 2000. He is hoping for a respite from global warming.

>A motion was made, seconded, and passed to donate $150 to the East Hartford Public Library in gratitude for the use of the meeting room.

>President Mike Martin announced the winners of the Early Dues Renewal Drawing:
First Prize of a silver Kennedy half dollar went to Vincent DiBattista. The following runners-up won silver dimes: Ruth MacRobbie, Bob Mills, Bob Tulay, Don Bogli, and John Daly. Ken MacMinagil and Bill Drainville each won “Call Before You Dig” calendars.

>The traditional YTC grab bag gift exchange went off without a hitch. A leather satchel containing coins was a popular gift. Scratch-off lottery tickets were popular, also. While people were scratching their tickets, Rick Browne stood up shakily and announced that he wanted to buy dinner for all those in attendance as he had just scratched a lottery ticket worth $10,000!!!! Unfortunately, a few seconds later a voice from the back of the room advised him to check the fine print on the back of the ticket. Sure enough, the ticket had to be redeemed within three seconds of winning, and the odds of winning were “in yer dreams.” Much to the disappointment of all, he had been scammed. Fortunately he hadn’t said which restaurant he was taking us to. Apparently it will be a hot dog cart.

>Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Mark Sutcliffe, Secretary

THANKS

I would like to thank whoever donated the penny cache to the YTC Auction. After tumbling them I counted and rolled 5,472 pennies. That’s a nice addition to my “Discretionary Fund.”
Mark Sutcliffe
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No Metal Detecting…

From the CT Dept. of Environmental Protection…”The use of metal detectors is prohibited at the following state park areas:"

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YTC Member Survey

[We want/need to hear your opinions, etc., to help make YTC a better, more responsive club. If we don’t hear from you, how can we know ‘what’s up’?]

1. How long have you been metal detecting?

2. How long have you been a YTC member?

3. How did you hear about YTC?

4. What do you like/dislike about YTC in general?

5. What is/are your favorite detector(s)?

6. Other machines used in past ~ 5 years?

7. ~ Number of YTC meetings attended last year (1999)?

8. Why do you/do not attend, and/or what do like/dislike about the meetings?

9. How can meetings be improved?

10. What do you like/dislike about the Probe?

11. How can the Probe be improved?

12. Do you attend club hunts, and why/why not?

13. What would you like to see YTC offer, that it currently doesn’t?

14. What future level of FMDAC support should the club provide?
   (Same level, less, more, no opinion?…comments)

Name (optional)

Please return these completed surveys to me by the March meeting, in person, or mail to:
Dave Gregorski, 260 Cedar Swamp Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
Thanks for your help.
Two More Rings Returned!
By Richard Browne

After 44 years of being buried in the sands of Long Island Sound, Freda Bredice Quintiliano’s 1955 class ring found it's way into my scoop.

Several calls to the Stratford High School finally paid off with a call from Freda. The school had contacted her brother, who's initials are also FB. He called his sister, who in turn called to claim the ring. Freda remembered where and when the ring was lost, but had a hard time with the concept that someone in New Hartford had found the ring. She now has the ring back and understands our hobby a little better.

I also gave Freda a copy of the Kain's World video that featured Rich Janak, Bob Tulay and myself and a close up shot of her ring.

Her Thank You note follows:

Dear Rick,

I would like to thank you again for finding my H.S. Ring. Also your special interest & effort to locate me. This is such an awesome story & everyone I tell is so astonished that after all these years (44) the ring is in excellent condition.

It was great meeting you & your wife in person & I also thank you for the tape of the Channel "3" announcement on T.V. My family loved it!

Hope you see you soon & have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Sincerely,
Freda Quintiliano (Bredice)

The second ring was returned to Attleboro High School for return to the owner. I only know of the owner by the inscription in the ring...SMP, and SUE 1987. At this time there are two girls with the same initials. I am told that the ring should find it's way to the rightful owner at the next class reunion, if not before.

I would have preferred to return it personally, but that is not the way the school handles such requests. I will try it once. Here's a chance for a school to build my faith.

At this time I have two other class rings that I am waiting information on from the schools. I also have contacted a school and a newspaper editor in returning a third class ring. More will follow as events progress.

[Rick’s done so well in making the effort to return lost (sometimes long-lost) rings. I know it would be satisfying to me, to return an item to it’s ‘home’. Ed.]

More ‘Cry In Your Beer’ Stories
[Or, why can’t this happen to me!]

Waco, TX – A contractor won a contract to remove the metal from several old houses that were to be demolished. When he took down a lead [as in ‘dead’] downspout a large leather bag fell out spilling gold coins dating back to the 1830’s with an estimated value of $130,000.

Fort Lauderdale, FL – Workmen using a bulldozer were razing an old apartment when the blade struck the planter on the front porch and $2500 of old silver dollars, quarters and dimes poured out. The owner said he had no idea of who buried the money and allowed the workers to keep it.

Manistee, MI – Over $900 in old large type currency was found in the overhead rafters in the attic of a 90-year-old home. The money was stashed in a large and rusty lard can.

Atlantic, IA - $190 [face value, I assume] in misc. gold coins were found in an iron kettle. The kettle was buried in a pigpen [that], at one time, was the site of a chicken coop.

Jackson, TN – Workers resurfacing a parking lot uncovered a trove of US gold coins worth up to $3000 each and made off with them before the police could seal off the area. The Mayor said that somebody probably buried them in 1861 or 1862 to hide the coins from the advancing Federal troops. [...] and now, from the advancing policemen.]

[Reprinted in part from an article by Jim Warnke, Nov. ’99 issue of Treasure Hunter’s Gazette.]
The Greatest Treasure
By Dave Gregorski

The man was getting on in years. He hunched over after getting out of his truck, as his back was sore and stiff. Stretching would help some, and he wondered how long this treasure hunting excursion would last. (Treasure, in this case, might be some centuries-old relics.) Being late in November, he sadly realized that the ground would soon be frozen, and vowed to cherish his time here, however short.

He had chosen to hunt this site alone, to ‘scope it out’. No sense getting his hunting buddy overly excited…this could be a ‘bust’. The man had learned to look at the land with a metal detectorist’s eyes. Surely some human activity had occurred here, perhaps even a long time ago. He wondered how much had changed, and how the place had looked in the past. The small stream still ran clear, and never went dry. Remnants of old trees had become nourishment for the current stand of trees and sparse brush. The spot where he stood was relatively flat, and the surrounding ridges offered a feeling of safety if not actual protection. If he were to live back then, he and his friends would have chosen a place like this to put down roots. Thoughts of the past and of future possibilities warmed and excited him.

His reverie was interrupted by the thought of the task at hand, as he knew the short days would limit his hunting. It wasn’t a task, really, but almost a meditation. As the man removed his gear from the back of the truck, he was suddenly aware of a presence. He looked up quickly to see a young boy staring inquisitively at the metal detector. “Watcha doin’, Mister?” The man was used to such inquiries, and began his practiced response, used to give just enough information, so the person would leave and allow him to hunt in peace. But there was something about this boy, that made him pause. The face was young, yet the mixture of sadness and genuine interest made him seem older. Life had already been hard on the boy. The man didn’t need to take in the thin, frayed clothing to know that. He felt a twinge in his heart, like he hadn’t felt in a long time. After a deep breath, the man decided to let the boy tag along, ready to show him the rudiments of the hobby he enjoyed so much.

The man kept it simple, and mostly let his actions speak. The boy watched intently as a few twentieth-century coins, and then some unrecognizable pieces of metal were unearthed. The man was surprised by his own reaction, when the boy asked if he could dig up the next target. Such a request would normally result in the end of the brief ‘relationship’. This time, the man sensed the excitement in the boy, and the difficulty the boy had had in making his request. He had been told ‘no’ too often, for one so young, if not in word then by life itself. The man handed the boy his digging tool, and watched approvingly as the lad semi-expertly cut a wedge out of the soil.

What happened next was almost beyond belief. As the clump of soft dirt separated, there shone a glint of gold. The man’s instinct was to grab at it, especially as the roundness of the shape became more apparent. But something held him back. The boy’s studied expression turned to one of awe. His eyes shone not with greed or guile…just wonder. A gold coin is the ‘holy grail’ of metal detecting…yet the man couldn’t move. The boy gently picked the ‘quarter eagle’ out of the dirt, and looked at it with almost a reverence. The man’s initial reaction was to want to pull the coin out of the boy’s hand. The youngster surely didn’t know what he had, and besides, it was the man who’d found the gold.

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Yet something made the man pause. He had been blessed in his life in many ways, and was thankful that he knew the truth of that. This youngster had long ago forgotten how to smile, yet somehow had maintained a good heart. The almost obscene thought of letting the boy have the coin was countered by a cascade of other thoughts…what would he do with it?…he might sell it or lose it…some adult might take it from him. He would surely never really appreciate what he had. Maybe not in the way the man would…maybe in a way the man wished he could. A remnant of scripture came into the man’s head…something about becoming as a child, to enter the kingdom of heaven. The man envied the boy for a moment, then softened as he knew what he was going to do.

“Sure is pretty, isn’t it?” The man just nodded, taking one last good look at the sharp, gleaming features of ‘Miss Liberty’. His voice almost choked, with a feeling he hadn’t experienced in too long a time. “Why don’t you keep it, son. It’ll bring you good luck.” The boy’s mouth opened in amazement. He began to politely refuse, but a greater power interceded and allowed him to close his hand on the treasure, as his head bowed with grace and gratitude. The silence was broken by a soft “Thanks, Mister”, and the man smiled. He knew that now, as always, treasure is where you find it.

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**Club Christmas Party**

The drizzly night opened into the bright, festive atmosphere of the club meeting place. There were decorations, music, and entertainment…not to mention a great variety of very tasty foods. When we could eat no more, some of us did anyway. There was no formal meeting, so people spent the extra time socializing, sharing stories, etc. (Yes, treasure hunting is alive and well, thanks to the unusually mild weather… though several members had an all-day hunt one Saturday when the wind chill was well below freezing.)

In time, Mike Martin began the grab-bag distribution. One had the choice of picking a wrapped gift, or taking a gift previously opened. There were several unsuccessful attempts to downplay or hide gifts… YTC people are too sharp for such ploys. One member left fingernail marks on the wrapping, resisting giving up her prize. One gift exchanged hands at least five times, and ended up in the hands of Chuck Anderson, who fortunately had the final choice of the evening. A number of children joined in the fun.

Many thanks to all who contributed, especially Donna Ketchin who organized the food portion of the evening. Though a notice did not get into the *Probe*, quite a number of toys were donated to the Connecticut Children’s Place. Thanks to those who passed the word by phone.
'King of U.S. coins' goes for king's ransom: 4.14 million

Associated Press: NEW YORK

A silver dollar minted as a gift for the Sultan of Muscat and dubbed the "king of U.S. coins," fetched a record-breaking $4.14 million at auction Monday night. "To get over four million is absolutely incredible," said Raymond N. Merena, president of Auctions by Bowers and Merena Inc., which held the auction at the Park Lane Hotel in Manhattan.

The sale price is more than double the previous $1.8 million world record auction price for a rare coin, he said. The coin, which sold in 1 minute and 45 seconds, went to an American buyer identified only as a Southwestern business executive, said Donn Pearlman, a spokesman for the auctioneer.

Carried on a secret mission to the Middle and Far East by an emissary for President Andrew Jackson, the rare coin was a present for the Sultan of Muscat - now Oman - after a new trade treaty was ratified.

The coin is part of a collection of nearly 1,000 rare coins being auctioned by the family of the late Walter Childs of Brattleboro, Vt. The Sultan of Muscat coin, known to coin collectors as one of the "king of U.S. coins," was one of eight silver dollars minted in 1884. The coin is dated 1804 because silver dollars were not being minted at the time, and an old coin mold had to be used. Another seven silver dollars using the 1804 date were minted in 1850, but are not considered as valuable as the original eight.

"To coin collectors, this is like the Mona Lisa or the Holy Grail," Q. David Bowers, chairman of Auctions by Bowers and Merena, said Monday. "This really is an American treasure."

It was another 1834 coin sold by Bowers and Merena in 1997 to a West Coast coin dealer that fetched the previous record of $1.8 million.

"The Sultan of Muscat coin is virtually in the same condition as the day it was minted," Bowers added. "It's never been mishandled or dropped. It's never been cleaned or polished; for that to happen over a period of 150 years is truly amazing. Because it has never been cleaned, the coin has acquired a soft blue and gold patina over its true silver color. It has been kept in a velvet-lined drawer inside a specially designed wooden cabinet inside a bank, Bowers said.

[Taken from the Waterbury Republican, submitted by Irene

Unpaid Dues?

If your name is highlighted on the mailing label, your dues payment has not been recorded as this Probe goes to press. What does this mean?

1. This will be your last issue of Probe.
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3. As a non-YTC-member, you will no longer have voting privileges.
4. You'll miss fun stuff.

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Y.T.C.
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You may also pay at any YTC function.
Y.T.C. Challenge List for Year 2000

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A Joker may be substituted for any one item in the same level.

PRIZES For Completing:
Level 1…….Silver Dime
Level 2…….Silver Quarter
Level 3……..2 Silver Quarters
Level 4……..Silver Half Dollar
ALL LEVELS …..SILVER DOLLAR

Y.T.C. Challenge 2000 Hunting dates include:
January 1, 2000 -December 31, 2000

[A find may be used to satisfy only one item.]

Each member wishing to participate receives a copy of the Challenge List and the "Challenge Manager" keeps a duplicate copy. During each Club meeting, finds will be verified by the "Challenge Manager" or "Helper" who will check off the items on the master list. Items need not be displayed in the month they are found, but may not be carried over from one year to the next. Planted items from organized hunts DO NOT qualify. Upon completion of each level, the prize for that level will be awarded at that Club meeting. The "Challenge Manager" is the final judge as to whether a find qualifies or what the find is, and what item on the list will be checked off should a conflict exist.
UPCOMING EVENTS

1999 Garrett Club Program: Please register all Garrett metal detectors purchased or received as gifts during 1999, with Garrett. If you make them aware that you are a member of YTC, Garrett will credit the club with 10% of the purchase price. Obtain an application form from any YTC officer. This credit is used to procure the yearly Freedom Ace Give-A-Way detector. This is an easy and effective way to support your club!


‘BONE 2000’, April 28-30 -7th Best o’ North East Treasure Hunters Weekend. Details to come in a future Probe.

UPCOMING HUNTS

Annual Jack Hube Polar Bear Hunt - Sunday, February 20 - Members must be in good standing (i.e., dues paid up!) to participate. Hunt fee is only $10! Hunt begins at 1 P.M., and in the event of bad weather, huntmaster Richard MacRobbie may postpone the hunt to the following Sunday, Feb. 27. More details next month, including a map (to Hammonasset).


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NEXT MEETING
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Bring to the March meeting - ‘best finds of 1999’ (see p. 3) and children’s clothing for the CT Children’s Place (see p. 10). See also pp. 8-10 for details about the annual Jack Hube Polar
Minutes of YTC Meeting January 11, 2000:

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. with 29 members and 1 guest, Lee Moulton of Enfield present.

The Secretary’s Report was accepted as published.

The Treasurer’s Report was read and accepted with a balance of $1996.67 plus $415.65 worth of silver (purchase cost).

Correspondence:

Received a note from Ken Pelzar who is traveling to St. John U.S. Virgin Islands to do some detecting with his Minelab. He will be receiving his certification to teach High School Bio/Chem in the Spring. Congratulations!!

Received a note from Art Lundberg who has undergone a couple of major surgeries since we last saw him in August. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Business:

Chuck Anderson reminded members to sign up for the hunting partners list.

Huntmaster Richard MacRobbie announced that no sand scoops or Atlantic City-style leg sifters will be allowed at the Jack P. Hube Memorial Polar Bear Hunt on Feb. 20th. It will begin on West Beach at 1 PM and the snow date is Feb. 27th.

Chuck Anderson moved to give Richard MacRobbie a check for $330 to cover the $75 club donation to the hunt, $5 for the Treasure Chest, and a $250 advance to purchase coins and prizes. Motion approved.

Chuck is seeking suggestions for speakers. Dave Cooke may speak on Indian artifacts. Chuck will hold an electrolysis seminar at the February meeting, treating mustaches and bikini lines.

The March meeting will feature “Best Finds of 1999”. Please bring in whatever you consider your best find(s) of last year to show off!!!!

We must choose themes for each month’s donations to the Connecticut Children’s Place so that we can publicize them in the Probe. February is toiletries, March is clothes, April is toys!!!!!!

Chuck will be signing up volunteers to host monthly club outings at the February meeting. He proposes that the club donate $10 for each club outing to fund small prizes for various categories of items found at the outings.

Members are reminded of the elections in March. Most positions are available except Secretary (unless someone really wants his job), Librarian, and Probe Editor.

The new officers of the North East Chapter of the FMDAC are: President, Tony D’Angelo; Vice President, Dennis Szanto; Secretary, Lucille Muscari; and Treasurer, Ken Gudermatch. Congratulations and Good Luck!!

FMDAC dues are due. There was a discussion of the merits of belonging to the FMDAC which boiled down to the fact that the Federation is currently our only hope for having any sort of representation at the national level. Richard MacRobbie moved to pay our dues to the Federation, seconded by Phil Skewes, the motion passed with one dissenting vote.

The latest issue of the Quest FMDAC newsletter will arrive shortly but will be held until the February meeting to save on postage costs.

Dave Gregorski encourages members to fill out the Member Surveys and send them in.

Rick Browne announced that he was blessed with a diamond tester at Christmas. He will bring it to the meetings. He advised that new synthetic diamonds will test positive and must be confirmed by a flame test.

Ken Gudermatch showed off his impressive 1999 “eyeball finds”. He was blessed by finding a broken coin return. He told about his trip to Cancun, Mexico where 12 detectorists visit annually and the marina workers eyeball gold jewelry in the water!

Discussed having a club table at the BONE VI treasure show the last weekend in April. Members were concerned with security and staffing and no decision was reached.

John Hubley reported additional winners of the 1999 Challenge: Level 1: Eleanor Hube and John Govoni; Levels 1&2: Steve Wente; Level 2: Dave Gregorski; Levels 4&5: Bob Tulay.

Ken MacMinagil won the 1922 Silver Dollar Raffle.

Jim Groom won the 50/50 Raffle.

Jane Browne won the Attendance Drawing for one silver quarter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Sutcliffe, Secretary.
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Special Programs for Monthly Meetings

Your club will attempt to offer a variety of programs for the monthly meetings. A few speakers are being lined up (Dave Cooke has agreed to share with us this Spring, re. Indians in New England), plus ideas are being ‘kicked around’ for things that may be of interest to YTC members. Notices will appear in advance in the Probe, when possible.

For the March meeting, there will be a ‘show and tell’ for personal ‘best finds of 1999’. Members are asked to bring in a few items, and to informally share their ‘stories’ if they wish, or just to display them. Don’t be shy…your treasures are worth sharing!

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Hello Fellow Hunters. We had a nice full table this month due to combining Dec. and Jan. Finds. There was a good assortment across the Board with Post-1899 Coin/Other being the only empty category. Here are the winners.

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<td><strong>KEN GUDERNATCH</strong> took the prize in this category with his 1773 One Reale coin minted in Seville, Spain. He was out alone one sunny day with his Fisher machine hunting on private open land when he found his coin at a depth of 2 inches.</td>
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<td><strong>RICK BROWNE</strong> found his winning 1912 Barber Half while out with three others, at a beach they were told had been hunted out. It’s often said no place is ever hunted out as Rick and his friends proved. Rick found several Barber coins, Wheaties and two gold rings. Not bad for a hunted-out beach.</td>
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<td>COIN-OTHER</td>
<td><strong>DAVE GREGORSKI</strong> was out with other hunters on a private corn field. Dave says that most of the corn had been plowed under except for a little strip, where laid-down stalks made it hard to get the Whites near the ground. But he got lucky and at a depth of about 2 inches he found his winning 1723 Wood's Hibernia Halfpenny.</td>
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<td><strong>BOB TULAY</strong> is the winner in this category. He was out alone in fresh water where at a depth 7-8 inches and some hard digging he found his winning 1935 Conn. Tercentenary Token. He says he had previously found a few others but it was neat finding one with a clear date on it.</td>
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<td>JEWELRY - GOLD</td>
<td><strong>BOB TULAY</strong> wins again with his 10K Onyx Ring with a 1/4 K Diamond verified as real. He says he was out with &quot;The Gang &quot; in salt water swinging his Fisher 1280 at a beach that was very hard to get at and hard to dig, but being driven by the lure of finding gold they kept at it and were well rewarded.</td>
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<td>JEWELRY - SILVER</td>
<td><strong>MARK SUTCLIFFE</strong> went out alone on a damp day alone to the Woodstock Green. He says there was not much except some chewed up beer cans and his Winning Silver Ring with an Amber Stone.</td>
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<td>JEWELRY - OTHER</td>
<td><strong>PHIL LAPINTE</strong> bought a new small coil for his Whites machine and went to an area where he has hunted before and found nothing. The second time he found his winning Costume Jewelry Ring.</td>
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<td>RELIC - TOY</td>
<td><strong>VINCENT DIBATTISTA</strong> took his Classic IDX to his Aunt's house to help her in cleaning up a lot of old pipe that his uncle had collected over the years. While searching for pipe he found his winning Toy Car down about 4 inches.</td>
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<td>RELIC - MILITARY</td>
<td><strong>PHIL LAPINTE</strong> went out alone on private land with his Whites detector to an old building that was a school at one time. He was finding no coins but a lot of junk. Then he found his winning Circa 1812 Gilt Artillery Button at a depth of 5 inches.</td>
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<td>RELIC - OTHER</td>
<td><strong>BOB TULAY</strong> was out with &quot;The Gang&quot; hunting in fresh water and found his Pellet Pistol lying on the sand surface, under water. He picked it up, pulled the trigger and BANG went the gun. It turned out to be a gas-powered pistol that had a live CO2 cartridge in it but fortunately no pellet. Nearby he found several more cartridges but no pellets. He figures that perhaps some parent took the gun from their son and tossed it in the water.</td>
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<td>CONSOLATION PRIZE</td>
<td><strong>KEN GUDERNATCH</strong> wins the silver quarter this month his 14K man's gold, non-diamond Ring.</td>
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GOLD!!

Along with millions of other people around the world we all love it. We seek it, we treasure it, we hoard it. Why? Because, like diamonds and platinum, it is scarce and hard to come by. One pound of gold (12 Troy ounces) can be stretched into a thin wire 600 miles long. The ancient Egyptians knew how to hammer gold into sheets so thin that it took 367,000 leaves to make a pile an inch high and the individual leaves were translucent to light.

But did you know that gold has healing powers? Read on. In medieval Europe, alchemists mixed powdered gold into drinks to “comfort sore limbs,” one of the earliest references to arthritis. Word of gold’s power to relieve the pain of arthritis passed down through the centuries. Its mysterious efficacy has been confirmed by modern medical research. Today it is widely used, in combination with other compounds, in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. In ancient Rome, gold salves were used for the treatment of skin ulcers. Today, gold leaf plays an important role in the treatment of chronic ulcers.

As long as 4,500 years ago, the Egyptians used gold in dentistry. Remarkable examples of the artistry of these early orthodontists have been found, perfectly preserved, by archaeologists of our own time. Today, American dentists use some 13 tons of gold each year for crowns, bridges, inlays and dentures. The reason? Gold is non-toxic, it can be shaped easily, and it is tough—it never wears, corrodes or tarnishes.

The use of gold in modern medicine began around 1890, when the distinguished German bacteriologist Robert Koch discovered that compounds made with gold inhibited growth of the bacillus that caused tuberculosis, His work was honored with the Nobel Prize in Medicine.

Today, medical uses of gold have expanded greatly. It is used in surgery to patch damaged blood vessels, nerves, bones and membranes. And it is used in the treatment of several forms of cancer. Injection of microscopic gold pellets helps retard prostate cancer in men. Women with ovarian cancer are treated with colloidal gold. And gold vapor lasers help seek out and destroy cancerous cells without harming their healthy neighbors.

Gold has become an important biomedical tool for scientists studying why the body behaves as it does. By attaching a molecular marker to a microscopic piece of gold, scientists can follow its movement through the body. And because gold is readily visible under an electron microscope, scientists, now, for the first time, can see whether and where a reaction takes place in an individual cell.

Some researchers are placing gold on DNA to study the hybrid genetic material in cells. Others are using it to determine how cells respond to toxins, heat and physical stress. Because it is biologically benign biochemists use gold to form compounds with proteins to create new lifesaving drugs. One experimental new gold compound blocks virus replication in infected cells. It is being tested for the treatment of AIDS. Every day, surgeons use gold instruments to clear coronary arteries.

{By Jim Warnke, reprinted from the Treasure Hunter's Gazette, Vol. 8 No. 95, November, 1999.}

[I’m sure that Auric Goldfinger could add a few words…but that’s another story.]

YTC Member Survey

We don’t have a crystal ball (but it would sure help us to find that treasure if we did). In the meantime, we want to tap into another kind of treasure...YOU!

We value your ideas, thoughts, and criticisms (and hopefully the latter will be tastefully expressed!). It’s somewhat trite but very true, that the club is you...plus you...plus you. [Gee...that even rhymes!] See page 4 of the January Probe...we want to hear from you.
MYSTERIOUS MUSKETBALLS
by Scott Stone

Have you ever had one of those sites that produces hundreds of finds but for which you can find no explanation? Perhaps a small area in the woods that produces seated coins for no known reason or a particular schoolyard that, although new, has given up numerous older coins? Although my favorite mystery site has seldom rewarded me with the coins that I usually seek, it has allowed me to do something that only the battlefield and Civil War relic hunters usually accomplish...to fill a large mason jar with musket balls!

Musketballs are one of the most common relics here in New England and are not only found in field and woods but everywhere else as well from church lawns to town commons, cemeteries, and new school yards. My particular site is an area of about 50’ x 50’ on a small wooded hillside in the midst of a populated area. Although I’m sure that I found more there prior to keeping records, I have in the last few years found over 150 musket balls on this small site. Several other people know of this spot and have pulled at least that many more out between them. Lucky for me that most people quickly get bored digging nothing but lead!

Some of the projectiles show obvious evidence of having been fired, but many more almost appear to have been dropped giving the impression that this steep hillside once held bales of hay on which targets were propped for practice. I’ve tried to find the source of the musket fire, but after several unsuccessful attempts, have concluded that it was from the backyard of a nearby house or is beneath the parking lot of a local business. My research has not yet identified any reason for the amount of ordinance found here.

The shot themselves cover the whole gamut for muskets and pistols and reveal that there really was no accurate "standard" caliber. Of those that I’ve measured, 28 were of the approximate .75 caliber of the Brown Bess and 32 were close enough to account for the .69 "standard" caliber of the Revolutionary War musket. However dozens more range anywhere from .38 to .63 caliber. I've got a lot of research to do relative to early firearms before I can explain this and identify the guns involved.

Three things that I have learned are this: 1) the site is pre Civil War, as no Minie balls or rifled slugs have been found and the only conical projectiles have been some crude shot of about .38 caliber; 2) never trust your metal detector: the majority of these musket balls have been dug from 6-12" and read as IRON on my CZ6. After noticing this, I was soon digging all signals and finding that 95% were lead musket balls and only 5% were iron or trash; and 3) sometimes its not the coins or the values of the finds that counts, its the history and the mysteries to be solved!

[Reprinted from the Colonial Treasure Hunters Association newsletter, Volume 17 Number 7, August/September 1999.]

Annoyance
By Kenneth Krivanec

The silent slide of each passing cloud
Brings on a calmness as if in a hypnotic state
I can dream or sit motionless in timelessness
A serene and pleasant situation or an eternity
All in a moment’s hesitation.
Far off thoughts or memories brought back and held,
Pleasant things and moments rare.
Then from another dimension,
A disturbance and need for attention –
A buzz – an itch; a Fly to defy serenity.

[A somnolent summer reverie, filled with visions of What’s Important, was interrupted by a fly bumping into Ken’s arm. Ken proceeded to write the above as it threatened to leave his grasp forever. A publisher has seen fit to include it in an anthology. Congratulations,]
More Polar Bear Hunt Info.

NO sand scoops (or sieves of any kind) will be allowed! You can use small hand trowels, fingers, etc. Electronic pin pointers are also O.K. Most targets should be no deeper than ~3 inches. See also page 9.

Tokens will be buried (in addition to coins) that can be redeemed for prizes. See following article on ‘the Indian’. (Also, donations to be used as prizes are needed and welcome - contact Richard MacRobbie.)

If you want to assist in planting the targets, get to the parking area at 12 noon. Sounds like a fun hunt!

A word to the brave… afterward, a ~full moon low tide will occur around dark.

Story of “The Indian”

A YTC tradition may be somewhat of a mystery to newer members. You may have heard or read references to ‘the Indian’ (e.g., see page 9 of this *Probe*). Yes, it is an Indian cent, but it means much more.

Various members of our club (with a little assistance from our treasury) have filled a treasure chest with valuable goodies. At certain official club hunts, one token of the many found is designated as the ‘special’ one by the huntmaster. The lucky (skillful?) hunter earns a shot at the contents of the chest.

Only it’s not that easy. A blind draw is made, in an attempt to pick the Indian cent from among 10 pennies. If the Indian ‘comes out’, the treasure chest contents are awarded (and the chest remains with the club). If not, the drawn wheat cent is removed, improving the odds for a winner at the next hunt. This continues until the Indian is drawn, and then the contest is ‘reset’.

Right now there are 10 pennies (including the Indian cent) in the mix (as Don Bogli won the treasure last October). Not only are you competing against all the other THers (assuming the token is found), but against various odds in the ‘luck of the draw’. However, the ‘treasure’ is a real one (it is displayed at every meeting or newsletter.  

Tidbit

Englishman William Wood received a patent from George I to make coinage for Ireland and the American colonies. The Rosa Americana pieces consisted of halfpennies, pennies, and twopence, and were intended for use in America. The Hibernia coins (halfpenny and farthing) were not very popular in Ireland, so many were sent to the colonies. The above were dated 1722-1724.
The Jack Hube Polar Bear Hunt

...starts at 1:00P.M. with registration beginning at 12 NOON (parking lot). Come early and help seed the sand at noon. Current members only; **hunt fee is only $10.00.** Map to hunt site is below, showing the way to Hammonasset’s **West Beach.** Hunt Marshal Richard MacRobbie may postpone the hunt until Feb. 27th (same time, location) in case of severe weather. Dress accordingly, long johns, boots, gloves and a hat are a must. Bring a snack and warming beverage. Watch your speed, State and Park police are usually set up this time of year. Good luck and see you there for the Indian’s chance to get out AGAIN!
FEBRUARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

2000 Garrett Club Program: Please register all Garrett metal detectors purchased or received as gifts during 2000, with Garrett. If you make them aware that you are a member of YTC, Garrett will credit the club with 10% of the purchase price. Obtain an application form from any YTC officer. This credit is used to procure the yearly Freedom Ace Give-A-Way detector. This is an easy and effective way to support your club!

‘BONE 2000’, April 28-30 -In Keene, N.H., 7th Best o’ North East Treasure Hunters Weekend. Too many events to list, including meals, gold panning contest, seminars. The 2 hunts on Sunday (10 am, 1pm) are $25 each until 4/1, $35 until sold out. Contact info. - (603) 357-0607, e-mail gazette@top.monad.net , Fax (603) 352-1147. See below, left.

UPCOMING HUNTS

Annual Jack Hube Polar Bear Hunt - Sunday, February 20 - Members must be in good standing (i.e., dues paid up!) to participate. Hunt fee is only $10! Hunt begins at 1 P.M., and in the event of bad weather, huntmaster Richard MacRobbie may postpone the hunt to the following Sunday, Feb. 27. See pp. 8&9 for more info. and a map.


Detecting Connections

Colonial/early American coins - (great info. and pics)
www.coins.nd.edu/ColCoin

World & Ancient coins -
www.collectors.com/worldcoins

Finds Metal Det. forums - (V. good BBS and other forums)
www.findmall.com/mainindex.html

The Token Trader - (comprehensive source)
arrowweb.com/gatcha/tokens.htm

So. Jersey Metal Det. club - sjmdc.org

BONE/Streeters - www.streeters.org

[Thanks to Ken Gudernatch and Nancy Webb for submitting some of the above information.]

Best Wishes To...

Art Lundberg, who we’ve just learned is recuperating from a series of physical problems, which began last August. Hope you can begin

For March, Give the Children Clothing

YTC is resuming a designated category for donations, each month, to the CT Children’s Place. Please bring appropriate items to the March meeting, unwrapped, and New.(not used).

Examples of what’s needed...jeans; anything made of denim; sweatshirts and t-shirts (adult sizes from Med. to XXL); clothes with sports team logos; athletic clothes and socks; gift certificates for sneakers, sneaker laces and polish; Disney and other cartoon-related clothing and memorabilia. Or come up with what you know kids from 10 to 18 years old might want. Thanks. [In April, bring toys - details later.]
See recap of Polar Bear Hunt (page 5), and results of the 1999 YTC Challenge and important Lyme disease information (page 7). Page 8 presents another interesting treasure hunting tale by Jim Groom. Bring to the April meeting, toys for the CT Children’s Place (see page 9 for details). Also, the BONE 2000 is coming soon. See page 10 for info. And please - we need your help....volunteer!
Minutes of Yankee Territory Coinshooters February 8, 2000:

> The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with 30 members and 1 guest present.
> The Secretary’s Report was accepted as published.
> The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as read with a balance of $1,961.74 plus silver inventory of $391.25 at purchase cost.
> Ken Pelzar announced that former member Paul Siladi is ill.
> Members were reminded of elections and committee appointments in March.
> Huntmaster Richard MacRobbie reminded members to dress warmly for the Polar Bear Hunt and that no sand scoops will be allowed.
> Rick Browne has summer tide charts available. His number is 860-738-0570.
> Chuck Anderson reminded members to bring their displays of the Best Find(s) of 1999 to the March meeting.
> Ken Gudernatch reported on the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Office of State Archaeology (FOSA). The proposed stadium site at Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford may contain an American Indian village site. He spoke to the Head Maritime Archaeologist for the State of Rhode Island who said that it is [technically] illegal to metal-detect the state beaches!! A person who loses something on the beach (from high tide level down) has a year to claim it, after which it belongs to the State. She has filed for commercial salvage rights to historic shipwrecks in Newport Harbor because the Admiralty Laws have are more easily enforced than archaeological protection laws.
> Chuck Anderson moved to renew our FOSA membership with a $50 donation. The motion was seconded and passed.
> Dave Gregorski moved to renew our club liability insurance policy. The motion carried.
> Attendance Drawing for a silver quarter: Chris Hubley was absent, Carl Muller won a silver dime.
> 50/50 Raffle was won by Janet LaPointe, who generously donated it back to the club treasure chest!
> 1921 Morgan Dollar Raffle was won by Janet LaPointe. A 2000 Sacagawea Dollar donated by Chuck Anderson was won by Bob Collins.
> Chuck Anderson gave a presentation on cleaning coins. Two of the most important things he stressed were:

#1. DO NOT RUB THE DIRT OFF SILVER COINS!!!! THEY WILL SCRATCH!!!
#2. Put old copper coins in water as soon as they come out of the ground.

Any member who could not attend the meeting but would like a copy of Chuck’s two-page handout can call Mark Sutcliffe at 860-647-7541 or e-mail MSUTCl1776@aol.com.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Sutcliffe, Secretary.
Yankee Territory Coinshootters  
Code of Ethics

Respect the rights and property of others.
Never destroy historical or archeological artifacts.
Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
Leave the land and vegetation as it was.
FILL IN ALL HOLES.
Remove all trash and litter, take it with you when you leave.

Remember that all coinshootters may be judged by the example YOU set. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration toward others.

MARCH

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SALES, SERVICE & RENTALS

‘Find of the Month’ Is Discontinued

This will be next month’s headline, unless a YTC member steps forward. After serving the club in this position for the past two years, Phil Skewes is stepping down, effective as of the March meeting.

We need someone to help, to take over these duties. Our club is run by its members, and FOM is a very important part of club life. Volunteering can enrich you and has benefits you can not now imagine (I certainly found this to be true).

A system is already in place. Phil will be glad to ‘walk you through’ at the April meeting. ~2 hours a month on your computer will be needed (and you must be on-line, and have Word, Wordpad, or Notepad for word processing software). Please contact your club president or vice president.

Our thanks to Phil for again serving us so well. We hope to see some of his ‘finds’ on the FOM table. Ed.

Welcome to our newest members
Marc Cassidy, Leland Moulton

We Send Best Wishes for Speedy Recovery To:
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MARCH

- FINDS OF THE MONTH -

COINS

GOLD & pre 1900

NO ENTRY

SILVER

post 1899

KEN GUDERNATCH
Richard MacRobbie

1905 Barber Dime
Standing Liberty Quarter (no date)

OTHER

pre 1900

NO ENTRY

post 1899

DAVE GREGORSKI

1916 Lincoln Cent

TOKEN/MEDAL

PHIL LAPONTE
Ken MacMinagil

‘$ in trade’ Tavern Token
Connecticut Co. Badge

JEWELRY

GOLD

RICHARD MACROBBIE
Rick Browne
Ken Gudernatch
Ken Pelzar
Vincent DiBattista
Phil LaPointe

1931 Class Ring
14K Ring, 1 Carat stone
10K Bezel for a Gemstone
14K ‘Gold Nugget’ Ring with 3 Diamonds
14K Earring
14K ‘Heart’ Ring with 4 Diamonds

SILVER

KEN MACMINAGIL
Vincent DiBattista

Silver Ring
Silver Pendant

OTHER

VINCENT DiBATTISTA
Dave Gregorski

UConn Huskies Earring
Spoon Ring

RElic

TOY

PHIL LAPONTE
Ken Gudernatch
Don DeBerardino

Cap Rocket
Lead Toy Soldier
1991 Seattle Seahawks Toy Truck

MILITARY

NO ENTRY

OTHER

DON BOGLI

1921 NY Chauffeur Pin

**BOLD, ITALICS** INDICATES THE WINNERS; submitted by Dave Gregorski - 3/00

Apologies for any errors - Phil Skewes was absent because of illness, and several members chipped in so that FOM could continue this month. Please note for the future, that only one entry is allowed in each of the 2 major categories. In our rush, we forgot a few other things also, like awarding a consolation prize. Thanks to all those who helped ‘fill the breach’. Now more than ever, we are aware of how important it is to have a permanent FOM chairperson. DG
MARCH

Checkerboard Report

Once again, apologies for any errors/omissions. It was tough not having Phil at the meeting. DG

COIN - GOLD/SILVER
post-1899

Ken Gudernatch was hunting his favorite beach, and in a washed-out area came up with his winning 1905 Barber dime. It was down ~4 inches.

COIN - OTHER
post-1899

Dave Gregorski was hunting a private saltwater beach, near a jetty where several feet of sand had been washed away. Up came a thoroughly encrusted coin from about 3 inches, which turned out to be his winning 1916 Lincoln penny.

TOKEN/MEDAL

On his only day hunting this past month, Phil LaPointe dug up his winning Tavern Token from beneath an old maple tree.

JEWELRY - GOLD

Richard MacRobbie waded through the ice-covered saltwater and scoffed up his winning 1931 Class Ring (14K gold).

JEWELRY - SILVER

Ken MacMinagil ‘eyeballed’ his winning Silver Ring on the surface, near Manchester High School. He was using his metal detector at the time.

JEWELRY - OTHER

Vincent DiBattista found his winning UConn Husky Earring at a private fresh water beach, down ~1 inch.

RELIC - TOY

Phil LaPointe found his Cap (as in 4th of July) Toy, under the same maple tree as above.

RELIC - OTHER

Don Bogli was hunting a favorite farm field, and came up with his winning 1921 NY Chauffeur Pin, where workers took their lunch breaks.

New Members ‘Cache In’ At YTC Hunt

Postponed from a week earlier because of snow, 17 YTC treasure hunters were ‘champing at the bit’ to start swinging their detectors. The fifth annual Jack Hube Polar Bear Hunt began around 1:30, with a few moments of prayer and silence in Jack’s memory, a friend to many and a co-founder of our club. The overcast, foggy day (Sunday the 27th) was warm for February, with temperatures reaching into the low 40’s by early afternoon. MANY coins and tokens (good for prizes) had been buried in the sand of Hammonasset beach. Sand scoops and sieves were not allowed, making for some interesting recovery methods.

Everyone found a lot of coins, and all tokens were recovered. New members Linda Capodicasa and Vinnie DiBattista found 2 of the 3 buried coin caches. The Indian, however, still lives (see page 9 of the Feb. Probe if you don’t know what this means)! Marge Burkhart picked a Lincoln cent out of the treasure chest, which means that next time the Indian will have only 8 Lincolns for company. We were all sorry that Eleanor Hube could not make the hunt because of a family commitment. She (and others) donated fine prizes, for which we are grateful. The biggest ‘thank you’ goes to Richard “Mac” MacRobbie, who again organized the hunt. He did a terrific job, and the prizes were great. As usual, it was nice for us to get together.

The Swarm

By Dave Gregorski

I had found all of 22 cents at two Rhode Island beaches. Discouraged, my trip home got some life as I spontaneously turned off Route 1 toward a beach that I’d never hunted. The lowering sun still kept the temperature in the high 30’s, and with renewed hope I started my hunting pattern.

The low tide line produced a few ‘hits’, and my excitement grew as I surveyed the extensive beach that was all mine. Then it happened. I looked up from my digging to see a mass of people, each armed with a detector, filing by twos and threes through the access path. With the sun behind them, and because of their methodical movement, their dark silhouettes called up an image of ants on a mission.

The largest group spread out along the low-tide line, a few were high on the beach, and the rest divvied up the middle. I helplessly watched with a combination of chagrin and amusement, as ~ 15 detectorists from a R. I. Club took over ‘my’ beach! I called it a day, making a special note to the ‘THing gods’, that they owe me.
By Popular Request...

Some of the YTC member surveys have arrived. There is already one recurrent theme - people want more of a connection from and with other members...to have more people actively involved. The first step can be a small one. Take a chance and acknowledge someone at a meeting or club hunt. A simple ‘Hi’ can be very welcome. You may know how it feels to be a stranger in a group that seems to know each other, especially if you’re a bit shy.

Perhaps an easier way is to speak through your hobby, in our newsletter. Share a tip, tidbit, or hunt story, however short. A little bit of ‘you’ will be in there. I still offer my help if you need it. I always enjoy hearing/reading other people’s THing experiences, and other members feel the same way.

The best way to get to know people is to help run the club...no job is small or unimportant. Some of the vacant positions are ‘low profile’. “YTC” is not a thing – it is a living organization defined by its members. The hardest thing about stepping forward is taking the first step. I know it can feel like a risk, but there are members willing to meet you halfway. We’d like to know you better, and your participation will make the club better for all. Ed.

It’s Barber Time...

By Dave Gregorski

Ever since I was a young coin collector, I’ve thought that Barber coins looked really cool. They immediately conjured up feelings of another era. In my first year of detecting, my wish was to locate one, but they managed to evade me.

In early February, on a day when the temperature was tolerable, I chose to explore a few new-to-me saltwater beaches. The first two yielded one penny, and I had the thought of hitting Hammonasset, where I usually get at least a few coins. But I stuck with my original plan, and arrived at a beach that was supposed to be fairly old.

On one side of a jetty, it was obvious from the beach’s slope that a lot of sand had been eroded. Indeed, much of the surface had a dark-reddish tint – a good sign. I tuned my Sovereign and began with slow sweeps. I had some competition from a guy ‘eye-balling’ the same area, so I sped up just a tad. After an hour, I had dug a lot of iron, no coins, and one ‘junk’ ring. ‘Nature’ was also starting to call, and my swing pattern was getting rushed and choppy. I made a final pass closer to the jetty, and dug a strong signal. I saw nothing in my sieve but a few small stones, so I dumped them and re-checked the hole – and got no signal. But I did get one over the ‘discard’ pile - it seemed strongest over one stone. So I picked the latter up and saw nothing, until I looked in my hand. A dime was cemented to the underside of that stone, which was flat, round, and slightly larger than the coin. My pulse quickened when I saw the Liberty Head design (later saw the date as 1912). ‘Ms. Barber’ had been using the stone as a shield, twice hiding completely from view.

As in fishing, it seems the older ‘targets’ are the most clever. My hope for the remainder of the year, is that there’s a Liberty Seated coin out there that’s turning a bit smirile. Of course, that same coin, cherishing its freedom, is probably hoping the same about me.

More ‘Cry In Your Beer’ Stories

[Or, why can’t this happen to me!]

Waco, TX – A contractor won a contract to remove the metal from several old houses that were to be demolished. When he took down lead [as in ‘dead’] downspout a large leather bag fell out spilling gold coins dating back to the 1830’s with an estimated value of $130,000.

Fort Lauderdale, FL – Workmen using a bulldozer were razing an old apartment when the blade struck the planter on the front porch and $2500 of old silver dollars, quarters and dimes poured out. The owner said he had no idea of who buried the money and allowed the workers to keep it. [Yeah, and my name is Santa Claus]

Manistee, MI – Over $900 in old large type currency was found in the overhead rafters in the attic of a 90-year-old home. The money was stashed in a large and rusty lard can. [Bring out those stud-finders!]

Atlantic, IA - $190 [face value, I assume] in misc. gold coins were found in an iron kettle. The kettle was buried in a pigpen [that], at one time, was the site of a chicken coop. [...] guy must have had a head cold.

Jackson, TN – Workers resurfacing a parking lot uncovered a trove of US gold coins worth up to $3000 each and made off with them before the police could seal off the area. The Mayor said that somebody probably buried them in 1861 or 1862 to hide the coins from the advancing Federal troops. [...] and now, hidden from the advancing policemen.

[Reprinted in part from an article by Jim Warnke, Nov. ‘99 issue of Treasure Hunter’s Gazette.]
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It’s Lyme Time!

Facts
- Lyme disease is transmitted by the bite of a deer tick (pinhead-sized and smaller)
- an embedded (infected) tick will transmit the bacteria within 24-48 hours
- crawling ticks will not transmit the disease
- Lyme disease is treatable...the earlier the better

Symptoms (may occur from 3-32 days after bite)
- fatigue
- headache
- chills/fever
- muscle/joint pain
- "Bull’s- eye" or atypical rash
- swollen lymph nodes

Prevention
Tick habitat – grass, bushes, woods
Clothing – hat, long-sleeved shirt, long pants tucked into socks,
  - light-colored, so a tick can more easily be spotted
  - inspect before going inside
Repellent- spray only on clothing
Removal-use clean, fine-pointed tweezers – grasp tick as close
to skin as possible, and tug gently; wash site with soap
  and water, and apply antiseptic
If bitten-note date on calendar, consult physician if symptoms occur

Lyme Disease Information Hotline: 1-800-876-LYME
Information from Chester Cty. (N.J.) Health Dept. as published in The Eastern Seven News
(July, ’99), newsletter of the Mid-Atlantic East Coast Chapter of FMDAC

“99” Challenge List Stats
By John Hubley

1999 had a total of 9 participants in the Challenge contest. The following stats. are the results of their detecting outings. We had one member who completed all 4 levels of the Challenge List, and collected $ 2.35 face in silver for his efforts. We all would like to congratulate Bob Tulay, for a great job detecting this conglomeration of items.
Next on our list we had three members that attained level 2 (plus level 1), netting them $.35 face in silver. They are: Rick Browne, Dave Gregorski, and Steve Wente.
Five members completed level 1, rewarding them $.10 face in silver. They are: Mark Sutcliffe, Ken Krivanec, Eleanor Hube, John Govoni, and Dan Saunders. (Two of our Mass. members donated their silver dimes to fatten our Treasure Chest. Our thanks to Eleanor and John).
This concludes the Challenge for 1999. Looking forward into our 2000 list, which was published in your January “Probe”; we hope to see more of our members participating. Good luck to all, trying to find the items on the new list, for 2000.
  [Thanks, John, for a job well-done.]
MARCH

Irene and Me
Another Tale from the Woods
By Jim Groom

I had spent most of the spring and summer of 1999 gathering many good relics and coins. But the year was proving not to be the blockbuster that the previous year had been. My goal of 4 new coin types had been reached in 1998 in the spring alone, but this year was proving to be tougher. I did get my first half-cent, although I was a little disappointed because the date was illegible. That is to be expected, considering we dig them out of the dirt instead of buying them like a “normal” coin collector. And shortly after that I dug up a beauty of a 2-Cent piece, 1864. I wasn’t even seriously detecting at the time. I dragged my two sons out to a site that I’d gone over a hundred times, and while showing them the “ropes”, sort of stumbled across it, a little embarrassed that I’d missed on the first hundred times.

But I hit a dry spell after that. My only consolation was a school construction site, which yielded a couple Indians and “Mercs”, along with a few interesting jewelry finds. My biggest problem was a lack of silver for the year. The 2 meracs and a lone Barber dime while out in the woods in the rain one day was my take for the year so far. Actually the Barber dime, a 1905, was found in the same hole as an 1887 “V” nickel, and that day was an interesting story in itself...

But not this story. This story has to do with the fall, and my wanting to take a nice long, lonely camping trip, which I like to do at least once a year. I planned it out, and I will only say that it was to an area accessible by water only. Saturday morning until Monday evening, the dates were set, and I was ready. And so was Mother Nature. Our overly active hurricane season was sending us a visitor named “Irene”. I decided to go anyway. I love a challenge like this, and besides, I had a brand new tent I wanted to check out.

Saturday morning was beautiful, and after finding a suitable campsite and setting up camp, I went exploring. Right away I found typical signs of our forefathers. You know, the stone walls, etc. I started detecting while exploring, and right away noticed a large, old dead oak. I headed toward it and before I got near it my machine rang out, dancing between penny and half-dollar. Junk, I thought, but dug anyway. Might as well. I’m here for three days. And out popped a gorgeous walking Liberty half, 1917-S in Fine condition. And right next to it was its partner, a 1917 ‘wheatie’. It wasn’t my first “walker”, but definitely the best. I detected more that day, but didn’t get much else. A couple of buttons and another wheat cent.

The next day was also a beauty. New England in the fall can’t be beat. After the wonderful smell of bacon frying outdoors, I set out to explore some more. One of the more memorable events of that morning was cresting a hill and finding myself next to a large buck, rooting around in the dead leaves for some reason. He didn’t even see me, and I watched him for a while before he looked up at me, stared a second, and then ran to the top of the next hill. He looked back down at me, and I apologized to him, like I always do to wildlife that I scare, and then waved my detector in the air and said “You’re lucky this ain’t a rifle!” I’ll never understand why people have a hard time hunting deer, cause I stumbled on two more like that over the weekend. One of them was lying on the ground asleep.

Anyway, I ended up back near the area where I found the half-dollar, and nearby saw an old circle of rocks. It turned out to be a campsite about 40 years old. It was FILLED with junk. I went back to my campsite, had lunch, then switched to a smaller coil. I went back and proceeded to dig up about 15 wheaties, 2 “Rosies”, and 2 silver Washington quarters. During all the digging I failed to notice the wind pick up, the sky grow dark, and the fall air turn damp. Irene was on her way. Back at camp, I finished off my supply of outdoor refreshments (i.e. cold beer), had supper, and then covered all my gear under a tarp with rocks on the corners to hold it down. I put the fly on my new tent, then climbed in. No sooner had I zipped up my sleeping bag the rain came. And it RAINED, with a howling wind, the whole night. I didn’t get much sleep, and I wore down my flashlight batteries constantly checking everything. But it all held up well, and I only got worried once, when a stray drop of water landed directly on my forehead. I was strangely caught between laughing and panicking.

The next morning the rain was gone, it was still windy, and everything I had was covered with dead wet leaves. Know what I did? I ate and went detecting. It turned out to be more exploring than detecting, but I found a few good spots to check out next fall. And when I got back to my campsite, all the leaves had dried and blown away.

That afternoon I packed and left my wilderness home, and the wind made my canoe trip back a tough one. What should have been a half-hour paddle turned into a 4-hour nightmare. Several cold waves came over the side of the craft, almost tipping it a couple of times. One wave hit me in the face and knocked my hat off. By the time I reached my destination, I had several inches of cold water in the canoe, all my gear which had survived the night was soaked, and I was too, from the belly down.

And then that night I slept like I’ve never slept before, dreaming about the colonial stuff I was supposed to dig up, but contented nonetheless. I can’t wait to do it again.
YTC in the News!

Although we have had awesome weather in many areas of the country, it has not kept dedicated detectorists from recovering some equally awesome treasures. The Yankee Territory Coinshooters of Hartford, Connecticut report some great finds in their newsletter, the Probe. Phil Lapointe’s 1880-0 silver dollar placed him first in the Coin category. Phil also showed a “Remember the Maine” pin and a toy derringer. Bob Tulay took second place Coin honors with an 1875 Seated Liberty dime. He also found a religious medal and a belt buckle. Ken Gudernatch showed his skill by unearthing an 1851 silver 30 piece and half of an ornate belt buckle. Dave Gregorski displayed a 1778 George III halfpenny. Rick Browne was a happy hunter with his 10K gold Mickey Mouse pin, and Phil Skewes was a lucky winner with his 14K gold wedding band.

The Probe also reprinted a very unfair story from the Hartford Courant, written by an archaeologist opposing those of us who use metal detectors. [Ed. note - the story was written by a reporter who had interviewed the archaeologist.] Once again, we were labeled as scavengers and looters. Several members have written letters of rebuttal to the newspaper, and hopefully their efforts will help correct the problem. We seem to be facing more problems than ever this year. We must band together and protest these unfair accusations.

Similar situations have erupted in a number of states this summer, all brought on by archaeologists who wish to see the use of metal detectors (by anyone other than themselves!) banned in every state. It is time we wake up and, to borrow an old phrase, “smell the coffee.” I will add that there have also been several encouraging instances of clubs working successfully with archaeologists, something our hobby has tried to promote for years.


Thank You from the CT Children’s Place

Following is an excerpt of one of several letters we have received from this organization, in response to YTC donations. The list of needed items covers things not provided by the State. We have resumed picking one category each month for donations, and this will be noted in the Probe (see bottom of this page). Please consider the children.

Dear Ms. Martin,

Thank you for your donation of Christmas toys and gifts for the children at the CT Children’s Place [CCP]. … the [CCP] provides residential care and educational instruction for abused and neglected children between the ages of 10 and 18 from all over Connecticut. At the [CCP], donations such as yours play an important part in allowing us to provide many “extras” for the children during the holiday season. Again, thank you for thinking of the children. Best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

Yours very truly,
Joyce H. Welch. Superintendent

“Live Cam” Beach Views

Many times I have driven to the shore to do some water detecting, only to find out the waves were too high to go in. The following is a neat site for viewing some local sites via live camcorder, to view from your house before you leave.

SURFINFO.COM
(Click on SURFCAMS and then the following:)

WARMWINDS
This choice gives you Narragansett, R.I. A new picture is generated about once a minute.

HULLCAM
This choice gives you Nantasket, MA. The camera pans and gives three different views of the beach about every 30 seconds.

RHODETRIP
This choice gives you a view of the Matunuck, R.I. beach about every 5 minutes.

Each of the above sites will also give you the current temperature, wind speed, weather, and local high and low tides. For the wishful thinkers, you can also view sites at many of the islands, Brazil, etc. Remember – you are checking the sites for detecting possibilities, so don’t be distracted by thongs!

“Get your MOLE wet” … Bob Tulay
MARCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

2000 Garrett Club Program: Please register all Garrett metal detectors purchased or received as gifts during 2000, with Garrett. If you make them aware that you are a member of YTC, Garrett will credit the club with 10% of the purchase price. Obtain an application form from any YTC officer. This credit is used to procure the yearly Freedom Ace Give-A-Way detector. This is an easy and effective way to support your club!

March 17-19 - Bay State Coin Show (36th year) - Radisson Hotel at 200 Stuart St., Boston (Exit 22 off the Mass. Pike). Friday & Saturday, 10-7, Sunday, 10:30-4 P.M. There will be about 400 dealers and a special 'ancient and foreign coin' section. Admission $2.

'BONE 2000', April 28-30 - In Keene, N.H., 7th Best o' North East Treasure Hunters Weekend. Too many events to list, including meals, gold panning contest, seminars. The 2 hunts on Sunday (10 am, 1pm) are $25 each until 4/1, $35 until sold out. Contact info. - (603) -357-0607, e-mail gazette@top.monad.net, Fax (603) 352-1147.

July 3-10 - Shreve, OH; Treasure Week sponsored by various detector manufacturers and THing clubs. Contact Mona Ray, 8376 N 300 West, Seymour, IN 47274, or (812) -497-2537.

Sept. 15-17 - Clearwater Beach, Florida, FMDAC Millenium Convention; for more info., contact Sue Dubiel at - Asdubiel@cs.com

UPCOMING HUNTS

April 9 - Annual Bill Sweetland Memorial Hunt, Belmar, N.J., sponsored by the Jersey Coast Treasure Hunters' Club. Contact Donna Minkler, 217 Fernhead Ave., Spotswood, NJ 08884, or phone (732) -251-3059.

May 2 - Seaside Heights, NJ; "Millenium Beach Bash" held by the Mid-Jersey Research & Recovery Club. Contact Dan Tuckman [609-860-9636] or Scott Pullen [609-585-3029].

May 16 - Boyston, MA; 2nd annual Mass. Treasure Hunt & Expo, held by the Colonial Treasure Hunters Association. Call (508) -869-2699, or e-mail ... cthas@aol.com

May 22 - Virginia Beach, VA; 12th annual Spring Beach Hunt, run by the Tidewater Coin & Relic Club. Contact Bob Deml at (757) -474-0912, or e-mail... bdeml@exis.net

Tidbit

You can find a golden Sacajawea dollar without touching your metal detector. You may get a 'free' one by looking in a box of Cheerios (better to buy the box first). The odds are one in 2000, with a consolation prize of a 2000 Lincoln cent. (Maybe scanning the shelves with your detector isn't a bad idea.) There is also a one in 4400 chance of finding a certificate redeemable for $100.

If you ‘don’t do cereal’, there is an alternative. On January 30, some Wal-Mart and Sam’s Club stores began circulating the new dollar coin to the public, in change. So leave those credit cards home! [Can’t wait until these dollars start to ‘hit the beach’. They are about the size of a quarter, but the golden color easily tells them apart.] Coins last so much longer than paper money, that the Treasury hopes the new dollars will catch on.
MEETING PLACE:

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EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY 840 MAIN ST. TIME 6:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM

NEXT MEETING
May 9, 2000

See page 6 for another great ‘ring return’ story, and page 7 for a message from our new club president. Wonder what the returned YTC Surveys said? See pages 8-9.

Page 7 also includes info. on an April 16 fun hunt, and a few details on speakers that will brighten up our May & June meetings. See you at the BONE (details on page 10)!
Minutes of the Yankee Territory Coinshooters meeting March 14, 2000:

> The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with 30 members present.
> Rick Browne made a presentation of returning a woman’s class ring that was lost in the ocean 47 years ago.
> The Treasurer’s Report was read and accepted with a balance of $1505.68, and silver inventory of $406.80 (purchase cost).
> The Secretary’s Report was accepted as published.
> Chuck Anderson has BONE 7 raffle tickets for sale at $5 each.
> Huntmaster Richard MacRobbie reported on the Jack P. Hube Memorial Polar Bear Hunt. There were 17 entries. The weather was nice. He buried 1800 targets in the sand.
> Chuck Anderson wants to have informal monthly club outings. The club will donate $10 to each outing for small prizes.
> Avocational archaeologist and club member Dave Cooke will be addressing the club on the subject of artifacts at the May meeting. A speaker on the history of the iron and charcoal industries in Northwestern Connecticut is tentatively scheduled for June.
> Rick Browne has copies of the summer tide schedules.
> There was an impressive display of the best finds of 1999. The exhibitors and their finds were:
> Chuck Anderson: water hunting finds and colonial relics and coins; Phil LaPointe: cases of relics; Dave Gregorski: relics, rings, and colonial coins; Don Bogli: colonial coins; Mark Sutcliffe: colonial coins and gold wedding rings; Jim Groom: coins, buttons, and relics.
> Dave Gregorski really wants your completed club survey forms.
> Club elections were held. The winners: President, Chuck Anderson; Vice President, Rick Browne; Secretary, Mark Sutcliffe; and Treasurer, Ken Gudernatch.
> Chuck Anderson thanked outgoing president Mike Martin for his service to the club.
> Phil Skewes agreed to carry on the Find-of-the-Month for two months, then Ken Krivanec will take over the reins.
> Lee Moulton will bring the equipment and Dave Gregorski will bring refreshments for the next three months.
> Attendance Drawing for 2 silver quarters: Dan Saunders was absent; new member Pam Giannetti won a silver dime.
> Ken Krivanec won the 1922 Peace Dollar Raffle.
> Jim Groom won the 50/50 Raffle. Richard MacRobbie donated uncirculated Conn. And Mass. State quarters that were won by Linda Capodicasa, Bob Collins, John Hubley, Jane Browne, Janet LaPointe, Rich Janak, and Mike Giannetti.
> Chuck Anderson announced that he wants to find his first pillar Spanish coin and seated liberty coin this year. Dave Gregorski wants his first seated coin, and Bob Tulay wants to find his first platinum ring or gold coin.
> Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
> Respectfully submitted, Mark Sutcliffe, Secretary.
Yankee Territory Coinshooters
Code of Ethics
Respect the rights and property of others.
Never destroy historical or archeological artifacts.
Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
Leave the land and vegetation as it was.
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Our condolences...
to Mark Sutcliffe and his family, on the passing of Mark’s father.

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Pam and Mike Giannetti
Jack Smart
Hello Folks. Even with winter weather many people went out searching and found a lot of good things. An special find was brought in by Rick Browne and he received the President’s Award for his efforts. See details below. The remaining finds were pretty well spread across the table. Sorry I don't have a working recorder and have to rely on memory and what's written on the back of the slips.

By Phil Skewes

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<td>CHUCK ANDERSON</td>
<td>went out alone with his Garrett detector on an overcast day. While searching in public salt water he found his winning Silver ‘War Nickel’ dated 1945-S, at a depth of 13 inches.</td>
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<td>VINCENTE DIBATTISTA</td>
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<td>RICK BROWNE</td>
<td>was out with 5 others in salt water using his Minelab and found a gold 1951 Cathedral High Class Ring. He was able to find the owner who in turn wrote Rick a letter thanking him. The owner came to the club meeting (with her husband) where the ring was returned to her while pictures were taken. It was a very nice presentation. Things like this give our hobby a good name.</td>
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<td>STEVE WENTE</td>
<td>also wins again with his Sterling Silver Ring with a Coat of Arms. He was hunting alone with his Whites machine in public salt water where he found the ring.</td>
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<td>DAVE GREGORSKI</td>
<td>took his Minelab detector to a salt water beach where he found his winning Silver-Plated Ring in the wet sand.</td>
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<td>DAVE GREGORSKI</td>
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<td>CONSOLATION PRIZE</td>
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<td>won the lucky draw this month. His entry was a 1916 Mercury Dime, found at a saltwater beach.</td>
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YTC Election Results

See the box on page 3 for a list of your newly elected officers (Probe editor is a voluntary position). Many thanks to those who have stepped forward, and to those who have served us so well in the past. Special thanks to Mike Martin for agreeing to serve as our president for the past year. Our gratitude also applies to other volunteers (see box on page 10) who make your club/meeting experience more enjoyable. It’s our hope that others will help out in the future – your club is what all of you - all of us, make it…no work gets done by itself.
A FIRST - CLASS RING RETURNED AT Y.T.C. MEETING
by Rick Browne

It was one of those days when you just look around and everyone else has a gold ring, and you have none. So went Saturday. The finds were so good for five of the six of us WE just HAD to return on Sunday. I think it was to rub salt into the wound... no, my detecting buddies would not do that, would they?

Anyway, after seeing the location of many of the Saturday's finds, I left my waders at home and donned my ice water rescue suit and hit the surf. I immediately went floating back up, over a hole that had been dug the day before. What a trip! I was getting into the deeper sections of the cut that the guys with waders could not get to. It paid off with a 1951 Cathedral High School ring. With a bit of research and the help of a great alumni association, Therese, the ring's owner, called me and we arranged a ring return at the March meeting. There her husband, Bob, showed his matching ring and the ring return was completed in the midst of camera flashes.

Therese's 'Thank You' letter follows.

March 12, 2000
Dear Mr. Browne:

In the summer of 1953, while vacationing at a Connecticut beach I lost my 1951 Cathedral High School class ring in the sand. Over the years whenever there was a mention of class rings, I would think of my ring lost on the beach. When my grandchildren showed me their class rings, I told them the sad story of mine.

Last week when I received a call from the CHS Alumni office, I thought it was concerning our 50th class reunion, which we are planning for next year, but when I was told that a 1951 class ring had been found with initials TGD, I couldn't believe it! When I returned your call and you told me that you found it last month in the water, I still could not believe it, I am amazed!

Thank you so much for the return of my ring, I intend to wear it again to make up for the time lost.

My heartfelt thanks to you and your club for helping me relive a part of my life of nearly 50 years ago.

Most sincerely,

Put Your ‘Finds’ to Good Use!
As mentioned by Steve Wente at an earlier meeting, you can help with an historical study. Dr. Philip Mossman is researching circulation patterns of early American coinage, coins with a date before 1793 (the year the Federal Mint was established). This includes the reales, Wood’s coinage, State coins, Irish/British coins, Fugio coppers, etc. He would appreciate a list of such detected coins, along with the town/state in which each was found. I think our club can provide him with a wealth of valuable information.

Dr. Mossman is the editor of The Colonial Newsletter, a journal devoted to early American numismatics, sponsored by the American Numismatic Society. He is also the author of Money of the American Colonies and Confederation. He has offered to write informational articles for the Probe. He has also offered to identify coins and estimate their rarity, for free to YTC members. DO NOT SEND ANY SPECIMENS WITHOUT CONTACTING HIM FIRST - he cannot be responsible for any unsolicited coins. He is not a dealer or an appraiser.

To contact him (and please identify yourself as a member of Yankee Territory Coinshooters):
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Snail-mail – Philip L. Mossman
P.O. Box 661
Hampden, Maine 0444-0661

[Ed. note-I think this relationship is worth developing.]
President's Page

Thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve as your club President for the coming year. In addition to this post, one of the duties I've retained is that of the YTC mailman. Every week or so, I travel to the club's P.O. Box to collect and distribute mail to various club officers. In the course of this activity, I have noticed that many of the newsletters we receive from clubs throughout the country include a monthly message from their President. Commencing this month, I would like to incorporate an article into "The Probe." This initial piece outlines some themes I will focus on this year.

1) Foster Additional Club Activities - In addition to the traditional club events we hold each year, I would like to see to it that at least one "Fun Hunt" is planned each month for May through October. As I've stated at the meetings, I'm looking for volunteers to plan these outings each month. Any site that can accommodate fifteen to twenty detectorists will suffice, such as a beach location in the summer or a park or field in the spring or fall. Each coordinator will be responsible for choosing a date, and securing permission for the site. Please consider hosting one of these hunts this year. I would also like to plan a club trip to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center in the late spring. Let me know how interested you are in this idea.

2) Attract and Retain New Members - We are fortunate to have a large club membership. I will be seeking opportunities to bolster our numbers. One of the ways to ensure the retention of new members is to foster more interaction between detecting veterans and less experienced people. I am hoping that the monthly "Fun Hunts" will address this issue.

3) Greater Attendance at Executive Board Meetings - Some members may not realize that a meeting is scheduled the first week of nearly every month to plan for the club meeting the following week. A core group of some of the most dedicated members have participated in these meetings for years. I would like to persuade two or three newer members to join us in these meetings to infuse new ideas into club activities.

The state of our club is strong. I have belonged to other types of organizations in the past, such as coin clubs and scuba diving organizations, but I have never experienced a group of people who shared more enthusiasm for their fellow hobbyists. The initiatives I have outlined in this message should be viewed as adding to or "fine-tuning" a club which I believe is already outstanding.

Chuck Anderson

YTC Fun Hunt!

Chuck Anderson has gotten special permission for a group hunt at Rockwell Park, Bristol. The hunt will begin at 2 P.M. on Sunday, April 16, and directions are available at the April meeting or by calling Chuck. The park is large and very old, and Chuck has guaranteed that we will carefully fill in all holes (which we should be doing anyway), so let's not let him down.

Prizes will be given, and after the hunt all are welcome (and encouraged!) to dine on pizza together, at a nearby restaurant. There's a good chance of someone finding an older item, but it'll be fun nonetheless.

Speakers at Future Meetings

Because of efforts by two of our members, our Spring meetings will have some additional ‘spice’. Dave Cooke, Assistant to the State Archeologist, will speak at our May meeting about Indians in Connecticut. Naturalist Walter Landgraf will speak at our June meeting about “Fire in the Hills” - stories about the charcoal & iron industries in Connecticut.

Thanks to Chuck Anderson and Mark Sutcliffe for their efforts for the club. Perhaps you have an idea or an interest, for future speakers. Pass your idea by one of our officers, and even help with the arrangements!
YTC Member Survey - Results

Eight survey forms were returned - here is a synopsis of comments.

1. How long have you been metal detecting?
   3-26 years, average 17 years (2 currently not detecting)

2. How long have you been a YTC member?
   2 months-20 years, average 8 years

3. How did you hear about YTC?
   not enough responses to be useful

4. What do you like/dislike about YTC in general?
   likes - FOM, Probe, members, meetings, ‘everything’, ‘O.K.’, others sharing ‘find’ stories,
   being around a variety of people with the same interest
   dislikes - ‘business’ part of meetings, same people doing most of the work

5. What is/are your favorite detector(s)?
   Whites (PI, 6000D, XLT, PI 3000); Garrett (?); Minelab (Excaliber);
   Fisher (1235, 1266, 1280);

6. Other machines used in past ~ 5 years?
   Garrett (ADS Deepseeker, ADS-7, TJS [%]); Whites (5000, Surf PI, PI-1000);
   Fisher (1280, 1280-X, CZ-20); Tesoro (Stingray);

7. ~ Number of YTC meetings attended last year (1999)?
   0-12, average 9

8. Why do you/do not attend, and/or what do like/dislike about the meetings?
   same people participate, miss only for vacations, enjoy company, don’t know how to get to meeting
   place, like social aspects of hobby, enjoy hearing about ‘finds’ & past hunts, they are part of the
   enjoyment of the hobby (and one gets out of it what one puts in)

9. How can meetings be improved?
   invite speakers, dealers; put emphasis on keeping new members (especially on first visit); get more
   people to help out; more contributions from more members; more talk from seated audience; change
   meeting location; make formal time for members to informally share tales, experiences, tips, etc.

10. What do you like/dislike about the Probe?
    ‘O.K.’, good layout, info., content; need more member submittals; has things of interest;
    perfect as is; just fine

11. How can the Probe be improved?
    add ‘swap/trade’ section, get more info. from members for articles, expand on what members are doing;
    use FOM, other stories heard at meetings; share stories of ‘finds' not entered in FOM, get more
    personal stories from club members, require 2-3 members to submit a story each month (as part of
    being a member)

   {continued on page 9}
12. Do you attend club hunts, and why/why not?

age prevents it; legs not in good shape; for fun, getting together, seeing people who can’t/don’t
make meetings; will attend when feeling better; attends most for fun, socialization, competition; for
practice with detector under different circumstances; to gain more ‘know-how’; enjoys the intense
workout and food, plus a chance at the ‘Indian’

13. What would you like to see YTC offer, that it currently doesn’t?

a booklet for new members, with starting locations for THing; ‘how to’ from experienced members;
‘sidelines’ to take a more active role; health insurance, 401k plan; motivate members to get more active

14. What future level of FMDAC support should the club provide?
(Same level, less, more, no opinion?…comments)

not enough responses to be useful

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**Tidbit**

Alexander Graham Bell’s many inventions included the first metal detector. However, he did not
use it to look for coins, and in fact was not very successful with it (maybe other ‘rookies’ can relate!).

When President James Garfield was shot in 1881, medicine was at a crude stage. Fingers were often
used to find a bullet in a wound. Bell brought his invention to bear, twice attempting to pinpoint the
bullet’s location (history does not share whether he used the ‘X’ method). However, the instrument did
not perform like it had done in the lab, and Garfield (the man) died… probably from infection, before a
third attempt could be made. Disheartened, Bell abandoned his new technology, which was later
resurrected and improved upon.

**Latest Rumors**

Garrett Metal Detectors will soon be sold at Radio Shack stores. […and the hordes descend on our
sacred hunting grounds. Ed.]

Fisher is lowering its prices on its underwater line of metal detectors and won’t be giving hard carrying
cases any more with them.

Fisher now giving lifetime warranty with new metal detectors.

Tesoro discontinues manufacturing Amigo II and Toltec II metal detectors.

Tesoro is working on new underwater Sand Shark and Sting Ray metal detectors.

Most Tesoro search coils will work on Shadow detectors.

White’s Electronics is working on a new XLT.

Gold & Treasure Hunter magazine may soon be back in production.

[Excerpts from the Treasure Hunter’s Gazette, March, 2000.]

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**Detecting Connections**

[www.bitsofhistory.com/info/cleaning.html](http://www.bitsofhistory.com/info/cleaning.html)
(information on cleaning coins)

[www.kelgory.com](http://www.kelgory.com)
(retail - coin storage, cleaning, etc.)

[www.losttreasure.com](http://www.losttreasure.com) - (various)

[www.tomstreasures.com](http://www.tomstreasures.com)
(THing tips, tumblers, etc.)

(tips on specific detectors, on-line metal detecting game, etc.)

[http://treasuremall.com](http://treasuremall.com)
(retail connections - Finch products
(tumblers, +), etc.)
APRIL

UPCOMING EVENTS

2000 Garrett Club Program: Please register all Garrett metal detectors purchased or received as gifts during 2000, with Garrett. If you make them aware that you are a member of YTC, Garrett will credit the club with 10% of the purchase price. Obtain an application form from any YTC officer. This credit is used to procure the yearly Freedom Ace Give-A-Way detector. This is an easy and effective way to support your club!

‘BONE 2000’, April 28-30 - In Keene, N.H., 7th Best o’ North East Treasure Hunters Weekend. Too many events to list, including meals, gold panning contest, seminars. The 2 hunts on Sunday (10 am, 1pm) are $25 each until 4/1, $35 until sold out. Contact info. - (603) -357-0607, e-mail gazette@top.monad.net, Fax (603) 352-1147. BONE details, www.streeters.org

July 3-10 - Shreve, OH; Treasure Week sponsored by various detector manufacturers and THing clubs. Contact Mona Ray, 8376 N 300 West, Seymour, IN 47274, or (812) -497-2537.

Sept. 15-17 - Clearwater Beach, Florida, FMDAC Millenium Convention; for more info., contact Sue Dubiel at - Asdubiel@cs.com

UPCOMING HUNTS

May 2 - Seaside Heights, NJ; “Millenium Beach Bash” held by the Mid-Jersey Research & Recovery Club. Contact Dan Tuckman [609-860-9636] or Scott Pullen [609-585-3029].

May 16 - Boyston, MA; 2nd annual Mass. Treasure Hunt & Expo, held by the Colonial Treasure Hunters Association. Call (508) -869-2699, or e-mail... cthas@aol.com

May 22 - Virginia Beach, VA; 12th annual Spring Beach Hunt, run by the Tidewater Coin & Relic Club. Contact Bob Deml at (757) -474-0912, or e-mail... bdeml@exis.net

July, August - YTC member hunts, mostly natural targets; watch for more information.

Best wishes...

to John Govoni and Gary Roy,

For May, Donate ‘Sports Items’ for the Children

Please continue to support the Connecticut Children’s Place. They are grateful for what our club has done for them in the past. Put yourself in their shoes.

Sports items include: any kind of ball, fishing poles & gear, all skates, sports cards/albums, sporting event tickets, ping pong paddles, other (non-violent).

Club Volunteers for the Coming Year

Challenge Master - John Hubley
Find of the Month - Phil Skewes
{Ken Krivanec takes over in May}
FMDAC Reps - Anita and John Hubley
Huntmasters - Richard MacRobbie (awaiting another volunteer for the Fall hunt)
Librarian - Jim Groom
Probe Editor - Dave Gregorski
Quartermaster - Richard MacRobbie
Raffles, photography - Debbie Martin
Refreshments - Leland Moulton (one year, equipment), Dave Gregorski (for 3 months, food)
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MEETING PLACE:
EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY 840 MAIN ST. TIME 6:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING 7:00PM

NEXT MEETING
June 13, 2000

See page 5 for a new Probe feature. Page 6 presents more details for what promises to be an interesting ‘speaker’ meeting in June. Our president shares his monthly message on page 9, which also gives details on a clinic for newer detectorists! Page 10 re-caps April’s Y.T.C. ‘fun hunt’, plus lists items to donate to the CT Children’s Place.
Minutes of Yankee Territory Coinshooters Meeting: April 11, 2000:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with 33 members present.

> The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as read with a balance of $1,438.44 plus silver inventory of $394.00 purchase cost.

> The Secretary’s Report was accepted as published.

> Announced the MTHA and Gateway Hunts. Mark Sutcliffe announced that an archaeological dig will be held at the Cheney Homestead museum in Manchester on 5 consecutive Wednesdays beginning May 17th. Any members interested in participating please call Mark at 860-647-7541.

> Ken Gudermarch will be in charge of the club coffee pot program.

> An April club outing will be held at Rockwell Park in Bristol on April 16th.

> Chuck Anderson outlined his Strategic Plan for 2000, including speakers at the next two meetings.

> Chuck proposed a field trip to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum in June after schools get out. Cost would be $8-10 per scalp.

> The FMDAC Convention in Clearwater, FL, September 15-17, will be open to non-members for $15 over the member’s cost.

> We voted to renew our 2-year subscription to Western & Eastern Treasures for $43.95.

> A motion was approved to use the Garrett Club Program $43.68 to buy books.

> Rick Browne got a second thank-you note and a donation of $25.00 to the club for returning a high school class ring at the last meeting.

> Linda Capodicasa displayed an old iron fascine knife that she found.

> Chuck displayed new American Indian projectile points fashioned by flintknappers he met on a trip to New York. He then held a Buffalo Hunt in the meeting room (he hid Buffalo Nickels).

> Chuck, Bob Tulay, and returning member Bruce Morris gave a talk on doorknocking and coinshooting old yards. Appearance counts: don’t dress like a slob. Remember to send a thank-you note even if you don’t find anything worthwhile.

> Bob Collins won the Attendance Drawing for 3 silver quarters.

> Ken Krivanec won the 50/50 Raffle.

> Phil Skewes won the 1892 Morgan Dollar Raffle.

> Challenge Master John Hubley announced that Dave Gregorski, Richard MacRobbie, and Phil LaPointe have attained Level 1, and Eleanor Hube has reached levels 1 and 2. Congratulations!!

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mark S. Sutcliffe, Secretary.
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Code of Ethics

Respect the rights and property of others.
Never destroy historical or archeological artifacts.
Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
Leave the land and vegetation as it was.
FILL IN ALL HOLES.
Remove all trash and litter, take it with you when you leave.

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**Finds Of The Month**

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**BOLD. ITALICS** INDICATES THE WINNERS - submitted by Phil Skewes, 4-00
Checkerboard Report

By Phil Skewes

COIN - GOLD/SILVER  pre - 1900
post - 1899

NO ENTRY

PHIL LAPOINTE took his Whites detector to a public wooded area on a rainy day and upon getting a good signal he dug down 4 1/2 inches to find his winning entry, consisting of a small leather purse containing a 1901 Dime, 1902 Indian Head Cent, 1917 & 1925 Wheat cents, a small Pin and a toy Rocking horse. The leather was well deteriorated.

OTHER  pre - 1900

KEN GUDERNATCH was hunting with a fellow detectorist on private open land. Using his Fisher machine he found his winning 1867 Shield Nickel (No Rays) at 3 inches down.

post - 1899

RICK BROWNE found his winning 1903 "V" Nickel while out with others hunting in salt water. He was using his Minelab detector.

TOKEN/MEDAL

DAVE GREGORSKI went out with another member and his Minelab to some public land. Picking up a good signal he dug down 7 inches to find his winning 1863 Civil War Token and an 1863 Indian Cent in the same hole.

JEWELRY - GOLD

RICHARD MACROBBIE won in this category with a 14K Gold Ring. He went out alone with his Minelab one overcast day to hunt in salt water.

SILVER

BOB TULAY AND RICK BROWNE are sharing this category. They were both out searching in public salt water, Bob with his Fisher and Rick with his Minelab. Rick at first found a silver Indian Head Ring and dropped it in his pouch. Continuing to search he picked up another strong signal and on retrieval he had what he thought was the same ring, thinking he had dropped his first one. Then he saw that it was a second ring just like the first. Along comes Bob right behind Rick and to make a long story short he finds two more Indian head rings. Four Silver rings all alike in one large hole! Quite a Find.

OTHER

MIKE MARTIN had only about an hour to search so he took his Whites machine out in his own yard and found his winning Turtle Pin.

RELIC TOY

BRUCE MORRIS was out hunting alone with his Whites Eagle II SL90 in public woods and at a depth of 4 inches he dug out his winning 1956 Junior Fire Marshal badge from the Hartford Fire Insurance Co.

MILITARY

BOB TULAY went to the shore with others and his Fisher 1280 and while searching in the water he found his winning USN Religious Medal at a depth of 12 inches.

OTHER

PHIL LAPOINTE took his Whites to some private open land and found his winning Washington Inaugural Button at a depth of only 1 inch.

CONSOLATION PRIZE

BRUCE MORRIS wins the Silver Quarter this month. His entry was an 1886 Indian Cent.

Buy, Sell, Swap!

Open (and free) to Y.T.C. members only, you are invited to list treasure hunting-related items. This will be a regular (non-commercial) feature of the Probe, as needed. If you don’t want to create an ad, just give me the details and I’ll write it up.    Ed.
MAY

June Meeting Program: “Fire in the Hills”

Our June 13th meeting will feature an illustrated talk by naturalist Walter Landgraf of the Pleasant Valley section of Barkhamsted, Connecticut. His talk is entitled “Fire in the Hills”. Mr. Landgraf will tell the stories of the charcoal and iron industries in Connecticut, with particular reference to the state’s north-western corner. Through his talk, he promises to take you “back in time to an exciting and energetic era, when the region’s hills were cloaked in smoke, rumbled with the stroke of giant trip hammers, rang with the sounds of hammers striking iron, and the glowing night sky reflected hundreds of fires.”

Charcoal was at the center of that picture. It was the fuel that allowed it to happen. This talk will bring that alive through words and pictures. The wood from the region’s hardwood forests was harvested and placed in huge mounds, which were carefully burnt to create this vital source of energy and carbon, both of which were key to iron production. Many of us have seen the landscape features left by the charcoal burners and wondered what they were. The impact of converting whole woodlands to fuel can still be seen today in the trees and forests of Connecticut, even as the memory of the industry fades away.

Walt Landgraf is a retired schoolteacher who, for 33 years, taught high school biology and environmental science in the Winsted school system. Currently, he is the naturalist at People’s State Forest in Barkhamsted, and a program specialist at the forest’s Stone Museum. His areas of interest and research include the region’s Native Americans, its geology, and the history of its iron and charcoal industries.

Walt’s passion for history caused him to enroll in a National Park Service workshop on charcoal, where the participants actually built charcoal mounds and burned them to make charcoal. His talk will be full of insights into the world of the colorful characters who did that for a living, as well as what they did and how that effects us today. It is sure to stimulate a great deal of interest in that aspect of our state’s natural and human history.


Prototype Mine Detection System
Tested in Bosnia

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has successfully completed field trials of a Phase 1 mine detection system prototype near mined areas surrounding Tuzla, Bosnia. The system, developed by Quantum Magnetics, San Diego, Calif., is based on a quadrupole resonance approach, which externally applies a radio-frequency magnetic-field pulse at a frequency specific to individual explosive compounds.

In a blind test in unprepared soil, the system found [eight mine-like targets] with no false alarms. A metal detector used on this same area suffered 34 false alarms. …TNT is the explosive found in most land mines and represents the most important technical challenge to overcome for this technology.

{Excerpts from a news release from DARPA, as printed in the March, 2000 issue of the Brooklyn Treasure Hunters Club newsletter.} [Now, if they would only build a detector that would reject pull-tabs…].
The Golden Dollar Coin

Never in United States history has the public played such a unique role in picking a design concept for a circulating coin. The Golden Dollar’s journey has been as unique as the journey of discovery it commemorates.

The Dollar Coin Design Advisory Committee (DCDAC) included a member of Congress, a university president, the president of the American Numismatic Society, the under-secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, a sculptor, and an architect. It deliberated in public session about the design concept. Outside input factored heavily into its decisions. The committee listened to 17 design concept presentations from members of the public, as well as to numerous mail, phone, e-and mail messages submitted by the public. On June 9, 1998, the committee recommended that the new dollar coin bear the image of Sacagawea, the Native American woman who accompanied Lewis & Clark on their exploration of the American West.

After receiving designs from 23 invited artists, the Mint again turned to the public for input on the final choice. The artists received few guidelines but were told to be sensitive to cultural authenticity in creating an image of Sacagawea. They were also requested to create reverse eagle designs reflecting peace and freedom. In November and December 1998, the Mint invited representatives of the Native American community, numismatists, artists, educators, historians, members of Congress, US Mint and Treasury officers and employees, and other members of the public to review and comment on all designs received. Using these comments as a guide, the Mint narrowed the field to six obverse and seven reverse designs.

The Mint shared the designs with Native American tribal leaders and other representatives, and with members of Congress. The Mint also conducted focus groups with representatives of the public and the numismatic community. In addition, historians advised the Mint on the historical merits of each finalist design.

In addition to soliciting input from the specialists listed above, the Mint tapped in on the World Wide Web’s power. It published the finalist designs on its Web site and received a never-imagined response: over 120,000 e-mails and 2,000 letters and faxes. Americans from every walk of life expressed their interest in the new dollar coin. Based on information learned from all of its sources, the Mint narrowed the field further to three obverse and four reverse designs before submission to the Commission of Fine Arts on December 17, 1998.

With all of this heavy public input factoring into its final decision, the Mint unveiled the selected design at the White House on May 4, 1999. On the obverse chosen, Sacagawea carries her infant son on her back and, in a departure from numismatic tradition, looks straight at the holder. Designed to successfully complement the obverse, the selected reverse features a soaring eagle encircled by 17 stars. The bird expresses the same optimism and freedom seen in the depiction of the young Shoshone’s face.

[Excerpted from a U.S. Mint article, as published in the Brooklyn Treasure Hunters Club newsletter, March, 2000.]
Finders, Keepers
(Worker takes powder after finding colonial-era coins)

A laborer working to set up a museum exhibit at 1 Milk St. in downtown Boston, the birthplace of Benjamin Franklin, may have taken too closely to heart the storied forefather’s advice that “God helps them that help themselves”. Earlier this week, the worker discovered two colonial-era halfpence in a pile of old bricks. Exhibit organizers were thrilled to have the addition to their collection after other workers told them of the find, until they realized the man walked off the job that day with the coins, worth several hundred dollars, in his pocket. He hasn’t been seen since.

The coins were found in an area that was once an alley running by Franklin’s door. Museum sponsors have not contacted police in the hopes that the laborer will return the coins “on a good-will basis”. [Didn’t Franklin also coin the phrase, “Do you know what ‘fat chance’ means?” Ed.]

[Excerpts from an article submitted by Chuck Anderson, from an early April Boston Globe, written by Marcella Bombardieri.]

Little Facts
In 1890, billfolds came into fashion in America. What did men use prior to 1890? Purses. There was less chance of losing one’s coins.

Ever wonder why some coins have ridges on their [edges]? The penny and the nickel do not have ridges because they were made of less valuable metals. The dime, quarter, half-dollar, and dollar have ridges because they were [formerly] made of silver. People used to shave off the silver on coins to accumulate a valuable metal. The ridges would help reveal if someone had shaved some metal off a coin. [I understand the Romans began this practice. Ed.]

{Re-printed from The Silver Dollar News}
President's Message

How fortunate we are! YTC members are lucky to live in an area where detecting opportunities abound. The detecting year has hardly begun, yet already a multitude of interesting finds have been located. Gold and silver jewelry, and even 18th Century silver coins have been found in salt water. On land, coins from the Colonial Era forward have been recovered. Nice relics have made their appearances as well, including two Washington Inaugural Buttons found by Phil LaPointe. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us.

The first monthly Fun Hunt, held in April, was a success. Eighteen members turned out to detect a "hammered" Park for an afternoon. Seven or eight silver coins were found, most notably an 1877-CC Seated Liberty Dime, located by Richard MacRobbie (his first Seated Liberty coin, I understand). Phil Skewes scored with a silver ring. In addition, numerous clad coins and other items came to light. In the woods, Don Bogli showed me where an uprooted tree exposed an old metal milk box beneath it. The box was empty, but it was fun to speculate what it may have held and what it was doing there. After the hunt, about half of us had dinner together at a local Pizzaria and shared stories and a laugh or two. We hope that more newcomers join us for supper after the next Fun Hunt.

Speaking of the next Fun Hunt, Dave and I are planning for the May outing, which will be a sort of metal detecting clinic for new members [see below]. We have additional locations tentatively set for June through September. However, any club member who knows of a site that can accommodate fifteen to twenty people is encouraged to plan a Fun Hunt, as we can certainly have more than one such outing per month. If you would like some assistance approaching a landowner to secure permission for a club hunt, I'll be happy to help.

I would like to thank Janet LaPointe for her donation of an interesting group of foreign coins for the use of the club. I forgot to thank her at the last meeting, so I'd like to mention it here. Donations for club events or for the Treasure Chest are always welcome, and are truly appreciated by the planners of events. Thanks Janet!

The spring and summer promise to be exciting seasons for YTC. The guest speakers and programs scheduled for the next several months should be interesting. I am looking forward to the upcoming Fun Hunts as well. I hope that they will be a great way for new members to become better acquainted with the rest of the group, which will lead to enhanced cohesion among the membership. The hunts also offer the chance to make some interesting finds along the way. Just ask Mac!

I hope that everyone has a safe, happy, and successful May. In between dodging the mayflies and pollen, I hope that each of you recover spectacular finds.

Chuck Anderson

Y.T.C. Treasure Hunting Clinic

Designed especially for those rather new to metal detecting, a clinic will be held on Sunday, May 21, at 1 P.M. (site to be determined). A veteran will be paired off with each ‘newbie’, and such basics as target identification, pinpointing and retrieval will be covered, for the first ~ 1½ hours. All targets will be ‘natural’. Then we may move to another site to further practice your skills, again with the ‘vets’ in the area.

Please let Chuck Anderson, Dave Gregorski or Ken Gudernatch know if you’re interested. Bring snacks and something to drink. This is a good opportunity to improve your THeing skills! [Thanks to Phil Skewes for suggesting this kind of ‘fun hunt’. Several survey responses also suggested support for newer detectorists, from those with more experience.] WARNING - the black flies may be swarming - those are the small ‘fuzzies’ that crawl up your sleeves, etc. and leave a bite that itches forever! Repel them.
MAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

2000 Garrett Club Program: Please register all Garrett metal detectors purchased or received as gifts during 2000, with Garrett. If you make them aware that you are a member of YTC, Garrett will credit the club with 10% of the purchase price. Obtain an application form from any YTC officer. This credit is used to procure the yearly Freedom Ace Give-A-Way detector. This is an easy and effective way to support your club!

Trip to Mash. Pequot Museum - guided club trip, date to be decided, watch for details.

July 3-10 - Shreve, OH; Treasure Week sponsored by various detector manufacturers and THing clubs. Contact Mona Ray, 8376 N 300 West, Seymour, IN 47274, or (812) -497-2537.

Sept. 15-17 - Clearwater Beach, Florida, FMDAC Millenium Convention; for more info., contact Sue Dubiel at - Asdubiel @cs.com

UPCOMING HUNTS

May 16 - Boylston, MA; 2nd annual Mass. Treasure Hunt & Expo, held by the Colonial Treasure Hunters Association. Call (508) -869-2699, or e-mail... cthas@aol.com

May 22 - Virginia Beach, VA; 12th annual Spring Beach Hunt, run by the Tidewater Coin & Relic Club. Contact Bob Deml at (757) -474-0912, or e-mail... bdeml@exis.net

June 3 - Rochester, MA; Gateway Treasure Hunters Spring Hunt, old farm site, 4 separate hunts, 2” max. digging tool width. $45 through May 15, $55 afterward; contact info. - Roy Gouge at 508-759-4889, e-mail... phylroy@gis.net - registration forms available from Y.T.C. officers.

June, July, August - YTC member hunts, mostly natural targets; watch for more information.

April ‘Silver’ Hunt Results

Eighteen Y.T.C. members enjoyed 65-degree weather at the Rockwell Park ‘fun hunt’ (all natural targets), on April 16. As the park is old, it has been hunted a lot, yet eight silver coins and a silver ring were detected-up by our crew. Most notable were an 1877-cc seated Liberty dime, followed by a 1936 ‘Walker’ half. None of the silver was deeper than 4 inches. One of the heavier targets was a 6-ounce lead sinker that came to light near the drained pond – kind of over-kill for johnnie-roaches?

Five ‘scratch’ tickets were raffled off at hunt’s end (a donation from our treasury), and a number of us enjoyed delicious pizza afterward. All holes appeared to have been filled – thanks to Chuck Anderson for providing this site (see also the President’s Message on page 9 ). It was also nice to have some of our newer members present.

For June, Donate to the Children

Please continue to support the Connecticut Children’s Place. They are grateful for what our club has done for them in the past. The children often have no one to care for them, other than the staff.

The gift category for this coming meeting is “Childhood Memory Makers”. This includes blank books for journals/diaries, photo albums, photo frames, cameras (disposable or multiple-use), pre-paid photo processing (e.g., Mystic Photo 1-800-367-6061), scrap books.

Remember...

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MEETING PLACE:  East Hartford Public Library 840 Main St. Time 6:30 PM Business Meeting 7:00PM

NEXT MEETING
July 11, 2000

-See page 9 for info. on 2 interesting club hunts!
-Chuck’s monthly President’s Message is on page 4.
-A warning for THers - see page 5!
-At the July meeting, Dave Gregorski will be giving a short presentation on safety while treasure hunting.
Minutes of YTC Meeting, May 9, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. with 28 members and 2 guests present.

> The Secretary’s Report was accepted as published.
> The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as read with a balance of $1,411.25 plus a silver inventory of $379.55 purchase cost.
> Ken Gudernatch reported on FMDAC news from the February and March President’s Newsletter:
>> With 82 members, YTC is one of the largest of the 164 clubs in the Federation.
>> At the close of 1999, the Federation’s bank account held $13,130.22.
>> Northeast Chapter President Tony D’Angelo has volunteered to audit the Federation’s books.
>> This year’s National Convention and Treasure Weekend will be held at the Sand Key Sheraton Hotel in Clearwater, FL, September 15-17, 2000.
>> Nominations are being accepted for 2-year positions on the FMDAC Executive Board and are due 8/1.
>> The South Alabama Historical Research and Recovery club won the early dues renewal drawing and will receive a refund of their $115 dues.
>> The Motherlode Research Center provides the Federation with information about pending legislation and regulation that may affect our hobby for $400 per month. The Board will decide whether or not to extend MLRC’s contract at the Fall Board Meeting. Contact the national president if you have any input.
>> In April UNESCO was to have voted on making all shipwrecks government property and prohibiting the sale of shipwreck artifacts including coins.
>> Recent reports by the Government Accounting Office indicate that Federal agencies have “lost” millions of archaeological artifacts in warehouses and collections due to poor record-keeping. Surprised?
>> There is much concern in the detecting and recreational mining community “out west” about the government policies on access to Federal lands.
>> The Board voted to set aside 10% of the Convention hunt fees for the Contingency (legal defense) Fund.
> The Federation by-laws will be rewritten page by page.

Old Business:
> Seven or eight silver coins turned up at the club outing in April including Richard MacRobbie’s first career seated dime!!
> Six YTC members attended the BONE convention in Keene, NH and had a good time.
> The Pequot Museum Trip is postponed until the Fall.
> Mark Sutcliffe announced that all members are welcome to assist in an archaeological dig at the Cheney Homestead in Manchester every Wednesday through at least mid-June. Call him at 860-647-7541.

New Business:
> The June meeting will feature a presentation by naturalist Walter Landgraf who will talk about the iron and charcoal industries in Connecticut in times past.
> Locations and hosts are being lined up for club outings for the summer. June’s will be at UConn.
> Bob Ellis brought in a load of sweatbands for members to take and use.
> Eight members showed interest in a gold panning trip in August.
> The May 21st club outing will be at Hammonasset.
> Challenge Master John Hubley announced that Ken Krivanec reached Level 1, Richard MacRobbie attained Level 2, and Phil LaPointe reached Levels 2 and 3. Congratulations!!
> The Secretary failed to record the details of the Attendance Drawing for one silver quarter.
> There were no raffles.

Program:
> Club member and archaeologist Dave Cooke and his wife, June presented a slide program on American Indian sites in the Connecticut River Valley. Many artifacts are found from the Adena Period ca. 1000BC-1600AD. Several burials have been found which contain copper beads from the Lake Michigan area. There are no “Indian Mounds” in Connecticut. Next month’s speaker will discuss mounds.
> The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Sutcliffe, Secretary.
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Code of Ethics

Respect the rights and property of others.
Never destroy historical or archeological artifacts.
Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
Leave the land and vegetation as it was.
FILL IN ALL HOLES.
Remove all trash and litter, take it with you when you leave.

Remember that all coinshooters may be judged by the example YOU set. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration toward others.

For July, Give to the Children
Please continue to support the Connecticut Children’s Place. A small gesture/donation on your part can mean a lot to a child that has little or nothing. The gift category for the July meeting is: Art Materials.
This includes Crayola markers, poster paint, colored pencils, drawing paper, construction paper, how-to-draw books, craft supplies/kits, jewelry-making kits, fluorescent 8 1/2 x 11 printer paper.

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SALES, SERVICE & RENTALS
President's Message

I want to thank the hardy detectorists that came to the May 21st Fun Hunt. While it was cold and rainy inland, the weather at the coast was chilly, but there was no rain to contend with. Several of us spent about four hours detecting a popular beach and camping destination. I am happy to report that three of the participants were newer members. I saw Pam G. on the beach after she had hunted for about an hour, and she already had quite a handful of coins for her efforts. Most of us hunted the vacated camping areas, and popped up a variety of modern coins. Dave G. and I managed to retrieve a few deep wheat cents between us. The best treasure of the day was the seafood that four of us enjoyed at a local restaurant.

We have several Fun Hunts tentatively planned for June and July. I encourage everyone to attend. At a minimum, you will certainly enjoy the camaraderie of others who share your hobby, and with a little luck, you may find something special enough to place on the Find of the Month (FOM) table.

Speaking of the FOM, I'd like to comment on etiquette relating to this monthly event. While the majority of the items we find fit neatly into the various FOM categories, there are occasional items that are not so cut and dry. If you see an item on the FOM table that you believe belongs in a different section, please discuss the matter with Ken Krivanec, the FOM Coordinator.

A situation occurred recently in which a member felt compelled to withdraw an item from the FOM table. He had researched the find, and had placed it in what he felt was the proper category. A veteran member apparently disagreed with the placement and discussed his views directly with the finder, which resulted in the aforementioned voluntary withdrawal of the item.

We members of the Executive Team have focused a great deal of attention over the last year on ways to make the FOM competition more fun, with more member participation. We want all members to feel comfortable placing finds each month. Situations such as the one described above may deter some members from entering finds for fear of making a mistake. My message is simple. If you find an item and wish to enter it in the FOM competition, but are unsure where to place it on the table, ask Ken Krivanec. If you spot someone else's item on the table, and you believe that it belongs in a different category, see Ken, not the FOM entrant. Ken has studied the club's FOM rules, and I have confidence in his ability to direct the FOM process.

On a lighter note, I want to thank Dave Cooke for his presentation on the Adena Native American Culture in Connecticut. I found it amazing to think that 10,000 years ago, trade routes and migration patterns led to a local burial with items from such varied and distant places as what are now known as the Ohio Valley, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Florida Coast. Thanks Dave!

THing Tip

Some of the current, high-tech detectors ‘eat’ batteries at a very high rate. (The ‘battery alarm’ on my new machine sounds off at 9-13 hours.) However, you may not want to discard them (the batteries, that is). I’ve found there’s still enough ‘juice’ left in the cells to operate a flashlight. There’s also enough power left to run my older, less sophisticated Whites (where I’ve gotten over 70 hours of use from a new set of 8 batteries). If in doubt, a simple battery tester is available at Radio Shack for under $8. (The batteries that are no good for my Minelab still read in the low ‘good’ range on the tester.) Of course, there’s always the option of using rechargeables, either the standard fare, or the new (and more expensive) lithium hydride batteries that have no ‘memory’ when recharging, lasting longer at a higher performance level. Ed.
Gold Brook, Stowe, VT

In 1855, Abial Slayton, a 49er, was fishing in what was then called Hull’s Brook when his experienced eye caught the flash of gold instead of the still plentiful trout. The brook is now named Gold Brook. Indian Joe is reported to have paid for provisions with gold taken from the brook when he lived on Worcester Mt. During the late 1800’s. As late as 1897 the brook was worked to get gold for the final spike on the electric railway on Mt. Mansfield. The brook has a lot of bedrock and large rocks that help trap gold. The bedrock is shale in part with many vertical cracks running in all directions. The lower brook, below Route 100, will produce a lot of fine gold, but the choice small nuggets come from the center section of the brook. Far upstream at the headwaters the gold is usually fine gold with less nuggets.

Just below the covered bridge there is a lot of bedrock with cracks that trap gold. In 1987 a two pennyweight nugget was taken from one of these cracks by a septuagenarian out for her afternoon exercise.

The area is moderately residential with no commercial property on the brook. Access is available in several places and the local residents are accustomed to seeing gold collectors. The access in the first mile upstream from Route 100 is limited because the brook has dug a deep channel, far below the road. The climb down with gear is a steep, difficult climb.


Warning! Silver Sands Beach Alert!!

To All Detectorists Who May Be Planning To Detect At Silver Sands State Beach in Milford, Conn. in the Near Future:

18 May, 2000

An Official of the State of Connecticut (e-mail me if you need to know specifically who) told me yesterday that there is a man who is convinced that the scraps of rusty iron washing ashore at Silver Sands State Beach in Milford, CT are actually pieces of a 17th Century shipwreck and contain gold and silver. The man may be emotionally disturbed and is extremely concerned about preserving the "shipwreck". There is NO EVIDENCE at this time that his claims are legitimate. If you choose to detect at this site be very careful and do not go alone. If someone exhibits threatening or unusual behavior, do not confront him: contact the police immediately. Please be careful!!!

Regards,
Mark Sutcliffe, Secretary
Yankee Territory Coinshooters

Y.T.C. Gets Some Publicity

Every year, St. Joseph’s school in Vernon conducts an auction to help pay for supplies. Last summer, Ken Krivanec was fortunate to find a 14K gold cross, which a jeweler valued at $55. He donated the cross for the auction, in Y.T.C.’s name. Someone bought it for $38, as part of the over $8000 the auction brought in. Thanks to Ken for his gesture.

Y.T.C. Gets a Reward!

Rick Browne’s efforts to return a class ring (see page 6 of the April Probe) have paid unexpected dividends for our club. Therese Clermont, the ring’s owner, has sent a check for $25 to our treasury (in lieu of a personal reward, which Rick politely declined).

Stolen Swords Returned

Stratford, CT – Three Civil War swords stolen from Boothe Memorial Park a week ago have been recovered. Someone left the historic artifacts in a plastic bag on a porch at the park’s pavilion Monday morning. Police and park officials said they hope other items taken in the theft would also be returned.

The swords were stolen April 18, along with the coat of a Civil War officer’s uniform, two flags, a cap and the 7-foot mounted horns of a Texas longhorn bull [the latter obviously taken by a history-buff!]. The stolen goods, worth an estimated $40,000, were taken from a case in the Clocktower Museum, where volunteers were preparing a new exhibit scheduled to open in May.

[Excerpted from a Journal Inquirer article, April 26,
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| **Jewelry- Gold** | **RICK BROWNE** | **2001 Class Ring (10k?)** |
| | Ken Gudernatch | 1914 Class Ring (10k?) |
| | Robert MacRobbie | 10k 1932 Class Ring |
| **Silver** | **ROBERT TULAY** | **Sterling Cross in Hand** |
| | Vincent DiBattista | Silver Ring |
| | Phil Skewes | Sterling Silver Ring |
| | Phil LaPointe | Silver Ring, 7 Gems |
| **Other** | **BRUCE MORRIS** | **Brass pin** |
| | Dave Gregorski | '64 Kennedy Half (bronze medallion) |
| | Vincent DiBattista | Led Zepelin (?) Pin |
| | Chuck Anderson | Plated ring |

| **Relic-Toys** | **ROBERT TULAY** | **“Totsiet” Car** |
| | Bruce Morris | Lead Soldier |
| | Phil LaPointe | Toy Officer Badge |
| **Military** | **PHIL SKEWES** | **Union Soldier Button** |
| **Other** | **CHUCK ANDERSON** | **Circa 1890 medal top, ‘F of A’** |
| | Ken Gudernatch | Minnie Ball drilled for fishing |
| | Bob Ellis | Colonial Shoe Buckle |
| | Dave Gregorski | Skeleton Key |
| | Mark Sutcliffe | Railroad Baggage Tag |
| | Phil Skewes | Old Fork |
| | Carl Muller | Old Spoon (Large!) |

**Consolation Prize** | **BOB ELLIS** | **Colonial Shoe Buckle** |

**BOLD. ITALICS** INDICATES THE WINNERS - submitted by Ken Krivanec, 5-00
Hello folks - the action was pretty good for the month considering the on again off again rain. Therefore, we had a good variety of finds. The winners are:

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<td>left the ocean waters on this day to hunt on land, and at a depth of 4 1/2&quot; discovered a 1927-S Mercury dime.</td>
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<td>unearthed a 1775 George III halfpenny using his Whites.</td>
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<td>DAVE GREGORSKI</td>
<td>found an unusual coin when he dug up a 1913 Buffalo nickel, with a raised mound on the reverse side (Variety 1).</td>
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<td>found a Bally’s Park Place token only an inch deep. Let’s hope it is still good for a lucky pull.</td>
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<td>RICK BROWNE</td>
<td>found a class ring (10K) from Old Lyme H.S. He may even get invited to the graduation with this find; you see, it’s a class of 2001 ring. Good luck, Rick.</td>
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<td>won with a brass pin - could not find his write-up.</td>
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<td>BOB TULAY</td>
<td>still young at heart, can now play with his TOTSIET CAR. A nice find pulled from the ocean floor.</td>
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<td>PHIL SKEWES</td>
<td>hunting in open woods with his Whites found a nice Union Soldier (i.e., Civil War) Uniform Button.</td>
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<td>CHUCK ANDERSON</td>
<td>dug a (circa 1890) Medal top, with ‘F of A’ inscribed. Is this “Farmers of America”?</td>
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<td>BOB ELLIS</td>
<td>discovered a colonial shoe buckel in his search for good and rare items.</td>
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Tidbits

Not all coins depict faces of gods, goddesses, or famous people. George T. Morgan designed his dollar coin using Anna Williams as a model. She apparently was able to leave her school teaching job long enough to earn some extra money. Anthony De Francisci, the designer of the Peace dollar coin, looked closer to home for his model. He used his wife’s face (Teresa Cafarelli) to represent Liberty. It is not known whether she received any compensation for her patience.

[From some facts presented in an article by Fred Klemm, The Prober (Michigan THers Club), April, 2000.]

Detecting Connections

Colonial/early American coins – www.coins.nd.edu/Colcoin

Early Colonial Artifacts - www.apva.org/ngex/things.html

Great custom tide charts- http://www2.shore.net/~mcmorran/tide/tideform.html

Lost Treasure detector giveaway - www.losttreasure.com/winprizes/

Program your Whites XLT – http://treasureden.com/jb/programm.html

Research your coins – www.coinlibrary.com
CASTINE AND ROXBURY HOARDS
(from Coin World)

Imagine finding a dozen Pine Tree shillings!! It does happen. Pine Tree shillings of Massachusetts were struck in large numbers for 15 years, 1667-1682. They were an important carrier of New England commerce right up to the Revolution. One late November evening in 1840, Capt. Stephen Grindle and his son, Samuel, were hauling wood down to the shore of the Bagaduce River, about six miles upstream from Castine, Maine. The boy found the first coin of what would be at least 400 and possibly 1,000! Digging around a rock, the man and his son found 18 or 20 more coins. It was dark. They planned to return the next day, but that night snow fell.

The severe storm brought winter and it was spring before they could dig again. A clump of alders grew at the top of the rock that contained the coins. They found one or two coins among the shrubs. With a crowbar, they dug out the trees. The deposit they found contained 400 to 500 coins from France, Spain, Portugal, Holland, England and Massachusetts. More coins were found up to 10 to 12 feet away, probably washed there by rain and wind. Of the hoard, some were tarnished from exposure to the elements, but many, if not most, retained their original luster. Many were paid to a creditor and from there were sold to a silversmith, who probably melted them. Seventeen pieces ended up at the Maine Historical Society. This twist of fate enabled Sidney P. Noe to examine them. Noe was one of the deans of American numismatics and was a secretary of the Maine Historical Society. The American Numismatic Society published his monograph, *The Castine Deposit: an American Hoard*, in 1942.

Climbing in a trench cut for a new street in the Roxbury district of Boston, George Wilbur Reed found a coin. Then, he found another. In all, he found 28: 16 Oak Trees and 12 Pine Trees. All denominations were represented. Of the Oak Trees, there were one shilling, seven sixpences, two threepences and six twopences. Of the Pine Trees, there were six shillings, two sixpences, and four threepences. Being a clever lad Reed sold them to a coin dealer instead of a silversmith. The lot went to W. Eliot Woodward, one of the leaders of early American numismatics. Like any good dealer, he was not content to only buy and sell coins for a profit, he also engaged in furious contests of attribution and identification with other dealers. The printed catalogs of these men provide us with the most interesting source material we have today. He had to offer the coins twice. His placed them in an auction of June 1864 with a reserve of $150. They did not sell. He listed them again in October and they sold for less than $100. Unfortunately today, we have no examples that can be pedigreed back to this sale.

One coin is a find. Two coins are a discovery. Three coins tell a long and complicated story. If they are identical, they tell one story. To the extent that they are different, they tell another. The Castine and Roxbury hoards were the largest hoards of Massachusetts coinage ever unearthed. The hoards reveal to us details of trade and commerce in colonial times. The Pine Tree shilling is the easiest to obtain of the early Massachusetts coins. The NE (for New England) shilling, the Willow and Oak Trees are less common. The NE shilling was first and it was struck for less than one year. Its simple design led to clipping and counterfeiting. The Willow Tree shillings came next, running from 1553 to 1660. The Oak Tree shillings, three pence and two pence followed from 1660-1667. Then, for the final 15 years, the Colony and its mintmaster settled on the Pine Tree format.

The Pine Tree shilling is something more than another common coin, but represents what may be the core motive for collecting coins in the first place - they are history you can hold in your hand.

[From the Colonial Treasure Hunters Association Newsletter, Volume 17, Number 7, August/September 1999]

{All without the use of a metal detector...}
June YTC Club Outing @ UConn in Storrs

Save **Sunday, June 18** for a club outing at the University of Connecticut campus in Storrs. We will meet for coffee and doughnuts at **9:00 a.m.** in the parking lot of Manchester Hall overlooking picturesque Mirror Lake. **Bring your own coffee.** We will plan to detect the lawns of the old campus. This is the same area that we successfully detected two or three years ago, but it is a **VERY large area.** Please remember to bring a trash apron or pouch, a probe for shallow targets, and a ground cloth. Instruction will be available for neophytes. We will probably break for lunch at a local restaurant, perhaps Kathy John’s at the intersection of Routes 44 and 195, and decide on afternoon activities, if any.

Directions from the Hartford Area: Take I-84 or Route 44 East to Route 195 South to the UConn campus in the Storrs section of Mansfield. Upon entering the campus area, you will pass a Congregational Church on your right, then Mirror Lake. Just past Mirror Lake, go right at a traffic light onto Mansfield Road. Follow that around to the right. The first large building on the right is Manchester Hall. Park there.

The outing will be canceled in the event of rain or snow. If you have a question, call or e-mail Mark Sutcliffe at 860-647-7541 or MSUTCL1776@aol.com. Let’s see how many Husky detectorists we have!

July Club Hunt

This will be a fun-hunt, at a new site that should yield a lot of coins, a bit of jewelry, and perhaps some older stuff (you never know!). The date is **Monday, July 3**, with the next day (Tuesday, July 4) being the rain-date. We are doing this on a weekday (though it’s also a Holiday?) before others get a chance to clean out the site. Our ‘target’ area will be the so-called ‘bean fields’ at the GHO golf tournament, which ends the day before.

Thousands have been parking there over the years, and the fields themselves may even have some ‘history’.

We have special permission to hunt this site. Please stay out of the way of all workers, and **far away** from the course. I ask that you do not try to hunt this site in advance of the club hunt. Also, please have the usual respect for the land, re. re-filling holes, etc. We may want to hunt this area again.

Prizes will be for oldest coin, best piece of jewelry, and best/most interesting relic. In case of a tie, the coin with the highest denomination will win. A drawing will be held for additional prizes, among the remaining ‘non-winners’.

Some money has changed hands for the privilege of hunting this location, so I will be collecting a donation of $2 from each member attending (any money exceeding my investment will be put into our treasury). We will meet at the **commuter lot at exit 21 off I-91 (crossing of route 372 in Cromwell).** Meeting time is at **9:15 A.M.** Carpooling to the site is a must, as there will be a lot of ‘busy-ness’ still, in dismantling the tournament, and we want to keep a relatively ‘low profile’.

The ‘official’ part of the hunt will end at 12:45 P.M. (listen for the whistle!), but anyone can stay to hunt after the prizes are awarded. Bring something to quench your thirst (non-alcoholic), and a snack or even lunch. There will not be much, if any, shade where we’re hunting. Bug repellent is strongly advised. There may be a few tales to tell, and perhaps even more hunting after lunch.

I’d appreciate knowing in advance who is coming, so we don’t leave without you (**see page 3 for contact info.**). Please be on time, out of courtesy to those who are. This should be an interesting hunt.  
Dave Gregorski
JUNE

UPCOMING EVENTS

2000 Garrett Club Program: Please register all Garrett metal detectors purchased or received as gifts during 2000, with Garrett. If you make them aware that you are a member of YTC, Garrett will credit the club with 10% of the purchase price. Obtain an application form from any YTC officer. This credit is used to procure the yearly Freedom Ace Give-A-Way detector. This is an easy and effective way to support your club!

Trip to Mash. Pequot Museum - guided club trip, date likely this Fall. Save those quarters!

July 1-9 - Shreve, OH; Treasure Week sponsored by various detector manufacturers and THing clubs. Contact Mona Ray, 8376 N 300 West, Seymour, IN 47274, or (812) -497-2537.

Sept. 15-17 - Clearwater Beach, Florida, FMDAC Millenium Convention; for more info., contact Sue Dubiel at - Asdubiel @cs.com

UPCOMING HUNTS

June 17-18 - Bath, NH, “Jamboree 2000” hunts sponsored by the RDPC club (large undetected fields); for info./applications - http://www.empire.net/~rdpc

June 18 (Sunday) - Y.T.C. member ‘fun hunt’, all natural targets; see details on page 9.

July 3 (Monday!) - Y.T.C. member ‘fun hunt’, all natural targets, see details on page 9.

Coming on a Sunday in mid-August - gold panning in Vermont! Details in July Probe.

Sept. 30, Oct 1 - Northwood, NH, 22nd annual open hunt sponsored by the Granite State THers Club; entry fee $70 before Sept. 1, $75 after, $80 at door. Lodging/camping available on-site. 2” max. width for digging tools. Contact Dave Gregorski for registration form, more details.

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Buy, Sell, Swap!

[All for sale - used]

Bounty Hunter Big Bud Pro $150.
Garrett GTA 1000 $300.
Garrett Sea Hunter XL200 Pulse $220.
Tesoro Stingray $350.
Whites Goldmaster V/SAT $280.
Whites Surfmaster PI $350.

Call 203-734-4587
Minutes of YTC Meeting, June 13, 2000:

> The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. with 35 members and 4 guests present.
> Art Lundberg was welcomed back after an extended convalescence.
> The Secretary’s Report was accepted as published.
> The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as read with a balance of $1,268.48 plus silver inventory of $371.45 purchase cost.

Old Business:
> Chuck reported on the May 21st outing at the beach. Seven members attended. Pam Giannetti found lots of coins on the beach.

New Business:
> Members are reminded to see Find-of-the-Month Chairman Ken Krivanec if they have any disagreement with the way finds are entered and he will have the last word. Ken asked members entering finds to fill out the entry forms completely so he has information to put into the newsletter.
> Chuck is looking for donations for the auction in November. Rick Browne has already donated a used computer courtesy of Waring.
> Anyone interested in being a Huntmaster for the Fall Hunt is asked to contact Chuck.
> Mark Sutcliffe reported on the archaeological dig at the Cheney Homestead in Manchester. Several members of YTC have participated.
> FMDAC raffle tickets are available from Rick Browne for $1 each.
> Rick has donated to the Treasure Chest a reward he received for returning a ring.
> A member reported that the South Carolina state quarters are now available.
> Mike Giannetti won a silver dime in the Attendance Drawing.
> Don Bogli won the 1884 Morgan Dollar Drawing.
> Jack Rice won the 50/50 drawing.

Program:
The meeting broke for refreshments and Find-of-the-Month voting, followed by a fascinating presentation by naturalist and historian Walter Landgraf of Pleasant Valley (Barkhamsted), Connecticut. His slide lecture was called “Fire in the Hills,” and chronicled the iron and charcoal industries in northwestern Connecticut from 1734 to 1923. Members were intrigued to learn that throughout the 19th and early 20th Centuries the Northwest Hills were almost completely deforested to feed the charcoal kilns. In addition, the area had a near monopoly on iron production until the steel mills were built in Pennsylvania in the 1920’s.

> The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Mark Sutcliffe, Secretary.
YTC Officers

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Vice President, Rick Browne 860-738-0570 {rjbrowne@snet.net}

Secretary, Mark Sutcliffe 860-647-7541 {Msutcl 1776@aol.com}

Treasurer, Ken Gudernatch 860-568-3464

Newsletter, Dave Gregorski 860-742-5836 {DGRookie@aol.com}

Yankee Territory Coinshooters
Code of Ethics

Respect the rights and property of others.
Never destroy historical or archeological artifacts.
Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
Leave the land and vegetation as it was.
FILL IN ALL HOLES.
Remove all trash and litter, take it with you when you leave.

Remember that all coinshooters may be judged by the example YOU set. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration toward others.

For August, Donate for the Children

Please continue to support the Connecticut Children’s Place, which is the official Y.T.C. charity. A small gesture/donation on your part can mean a lot to a child that has little or nothing. The gift category for the August meeting is:

Books - fiction and non-fiction (easy reader to best sellers), poetry books, 2000 Almanac, dictionaries for children/youth, Judy Blume and/or Beverly Cleary books, Mark Christopher books, Goosebumps books, storybooks with tapes.

Our condolences and deepest sympathy to Mike Martin and his Family... on the passing of Mike’s Mom.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
**President's Message**

The Fun Hunt on June 18th was certainly a success! A gold ring, a silver ring, several Mercs, dollars (one SBA & one paper), a slew of other coins, and assorted odds and ends turned up. Thanks to Mark Sutcliffe for organizing this event.

With the onset of summer, things are going to heat up at YTC. There will be two Fun Hunts in July. Dave Gregorski's will have already taken place by the time you read this. I am envious of all of you retirees who can make it to the hunt on Monday, July 3rd. I will be organizing another Fun Hunt on July 16th at Rocky Neck State Park [see below]. Please join me for some detecting and perhaps a little dinner afterwards.

Looking ahead to the fall, I am seeking volunteers to help with the annual club hunt. It is a huge undertaking, but it is an opportunity to work with others for the benefit of the club. My experience has been that working on club events is a great way to become better acquainted with other members, which in turn typically leads to increased opportunities to detect with an expanded group of friends. Please see me if you are interested in helping out.

Also, it is time to start thinking about donating an item or two for the Annual Auction. All proceeds benefit the club. Thanks to our Vice-president Rick Brown, who has generously donated a complete computer system for the auction. He has also donated two others to the Connecticut Children's Place. I met Rick when I joined the club over five years ago, and I have always admired his dedication to the club as the prior PROBE editor, his generosity to club members, and his excellence as a water hunter. Thanks Rick!

I hope that all of you have a wonderful July.

Chuck Anderson

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**Another Y.T.C. ‘Fun Hunt’**

Join us on **Sunday, July 16** at **Rocky Neck State Park beach**. We will meet at **5:15 P.M.**, in the parking lot near the changing area (there should be no entry fee after 5 P.M.). You can hunt the dry or wet beach, and some members will be water hunting, also. Bring some water/beverages to quench your thirst. As always, please refill all holes. We may go out for a quick supper afterward. If you have questions, contact Chuck Anderson (see page 3 for contact info.).
THE GooooooD PARK

by Daniel Couture
reprinted from 'The Buzzer'
Calgary Metal Detector Club

Back in the summer of 1989, my wife, Marjolaine, and I were looking for a place to hunt not too far from home, as we only had a few hours available to metal detect. We jumped in the car and drove to this school and park located only five minutes from home. The school was built in the 50's and is surrounded by a few ball diamonds, an outdoor skating rink, a soccer field, a community center, an outdoor pool and some playground equipment. I felt that we would at least find clad coins and perhaps even a few silver coins. During our first visit, my assumption proved to be accurate as numerous clad coins were found and a few pieces of cheap jewelry.

Back at home, as I was cleaning our aprons, a piece of metal caught my attention. After closer examination and cleaning, it turned out to be a 1913 Calgary dog tag. Now that was a nice find but for sure did not belong in that particular area of town as this neighborhood was not developed until the mid-40's. I concluded that it must have been brought in with land fill when the ball diamonds were put in place.

This time I was wrong! My wife and I and a few club members have visited this particular site many times since that first visit. So far, more than 1,400 coins have been retrieved from this park, including Canadian large cents, English pennies, Canadian and US silver coins from the turn of the century to the mid-sixties and other foreign coins. Also, gold and silver rings, class rings, and many good relics have been found.

As of yet, we have not been able to ascertain what was there before the grounds were turned into a community park. We know that there were at least a few buildings (houses?) on the grounds and maybe a street ran right across the park, but we are still trying to solve the puzzle.

Although the site has been hunted heavily in the last few years, some good finds still occasionally turn up there. But an important thing to remember here is that it is not always necessary to go far from home to find a good hunting spot!

Good hunting to you all.

Tidbit

The Seated Liberty half dollar of 1840 is a very interesting coin. From mid-1839 through part of 1842, this design was made with “Small Letters”, coined at both Philadelphia and New Orleans. The small letters against the backdrop of the fields and the smaller eagle created a very attractive effect, much like a cameo-type contrast. However, in 1840 there was also a Medium Letters variety, with the legend accompanied by a slightly larger eagle, and this issue was coined in New Orleans only, including a “no mint mark” issue (the “O” was not punched into the coin die) as well as that with the traditional “O” mint mark.

[From The U.S. Coinage of 1840, by Ken Camilleis, published in the M.T.H.A. News, June, 00.]
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### CONSOLATION PRIZE

| DAVE GREGORSKI   | 1930’s toy car |

**BOLD. ITALICS** INDICATES THE WINNERS submitted by Ken Krivanec, 6-00.
The humidity hasn't slowed the digging. There were a good number of finds for June. It would be good to 'hear' from some of the members who are not heard from as often. So good luck and start looking in those obvious but left out places.

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**COIN-GOLD/SILVER**

**PRE 1900**

**NO ENTRY**

**POST 1899**

**JIM GROOM,** listening to his wife's suggestion, picked up his XLT and went out to a construction site where he found a 1903 Barber Dime.

**OTHER**

**STEVE WENTE** listened to a friend and went out of town... that is, he went out of town to detect the yard of a big old house and found a 1695-1701 half-penny.

**OTHER**

**KEN GUDERNATCH** went land hunting for a change and found two Indian Head pennies in the same hole.

**TOKEN/MEDAL**

**DAVE GREGORSKI** received permission to do a private yard and found a bronze token (Bonker's Pizza and Fun House).

**JEWRLY-GOLD**

**RIICK BROWNE** found a 10K bracelet in a well worked hole in the ocean. A least ten items have been taken from this area. His daughter now has the bracelet and he will be happy with the dime. Oh yes, the bracelet had a diamond.

**SILVER**

**DAVE GREGORSKI** was hunting a fresh water beach when he found a silver ring with an opal, in an eroded area.

**OTHER**

**KEN GUDERNATCH** got excited when he unearthed a 1939 World's Fair official bracelet.

**REIC /TOY**

**KEN KRIVANECE** and his wife were riding the roads of Vt. when they saw a church and a town hall separated by a huge tree. The urge was too great, he pulled over and searched beneath the tree where he found his first lead toy soldier.

**MILITARY**

**BOB ELLIS** asked a friend who was putting on an addition if he could hunt the lawn... whereupon, he found a military button.

**OTHER**

**BRUCE MORRIS** asked permission to hunt someone’s property where he found an unusual watch fob - 1887 Queen Victoria Jubilee. It gave the highlights of her life with dates of each.

**CONSOLATION PRIZE**

**DAVE GREGORSKI,** a three time winner, found an old toy car while digging in someone's yard. I guess it was a pretty good month for Dave.
Wildfires Can Help Unearth Hidden Archaeological Sites

BY JOLYN OKIMOTO
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX -- Although dangerous and destructive, wildfires like those raging across New Mexico and Arizona can also have beneficial effects. One is uncovering archaeological sites crucial to understanding an area's history, experts said Monday.

Fire reduces vegetation, sometimes revealing clues to earlier civilizations. Archaeological findings in the wake of fires are so common that firefighting teams routinely include archaeologists who advise on how to protect potential sites.

Archaeologists are assisting in the fire that has consumed more than 44,000 acres of forest and destroyed 260 homes near Los Alamos, N.M. However, they are sure the fire has damaged more sites than it will reveal. "There is very little good about this fire," said Mike Elliott, an archaeological assistant at the Santa Fe National Forest. He noted that among other things, the fire is so hot it can split and chemically alter rocks. The fire has already destroyed some sensitive archaeological sites on the edge of an Indian reservation, said a tribal fire spokesman at the Santa Clara Pueblo.

An example of fire that did more good, at least from an archaeological perspective, is a 1996 blaze at the Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado that exposed more than 400 archaeological sites, mainly cliff dwellings and small dams. "The sites had been covered by dense oakbrush and a pinon juniper forest until the fire eliminated the density," said Jane Anderson, the project manager for the rehabilitation of the nearly 4,800-acre area. The sites, dating back to the 1200s and 1300s, had been inhabited by the ancestral Pueblo Indians who now live along the Rio Grande, she said. Archaeologists were surprised by the sites' density, which suggested more people living in the area than initially thought.

Several fires in 1996 near Flagstaff, Ariz., revealed historic and prehistoric sites. They ranged from logging and railroad lines about 80 years old to artifacts dating to the year 700 to 1100, said Linda Farnsworth, a Forest Service archaeologist. But while fires can reveal archaeological sites, bulldozers and heavy machinery can destroy sites and fire retardants dropped from helicopters can stain rocks, Anderson said.

[From the Salt Lake Tribune, submitted by Mark Sutcliffe, from a 'forward' by Tony D'Angelo.]

You Never Know…

By Dave Gregorski

It was one of those early Spring days that fake you into thinking that Winter is gone. The access to the nameless little park was a barely visible strip of dirt, cutting through a barrier of evergreens. (Indeed, we had first driven completely by it.) The few acres seemed little-used, though the island in the middle of the small pond looked promising.

I gave my ‘host’ hunting partner the chance to go where he might. Resisting the urge to charge toward the island access, I worked my way around the pond, digging a few modern coins (mostly pennies).

The wooden bridge looked marginally safe, but the entrance was criss-crossed by brambles with those long, extra-sharp thorns that snagged at the slightest touch. With an effort that reminded me of my early days of getting to those ‘secret’ trout holes, I was home-free in the shade of the tall pines.

The vow I’d made to ‘dig all targets’ quickly weakened while fighting/cutting my way through the dense pine roots, to retrieve a small lead sinker. Continuing down the center of the island, I found a few clad dimes. I was a bit ‘ho-hum’ with my fourth ‘dime’ signal, when out of the peat fell a large round object.

My brain computed the ‘eagle’ with the size and came up with ‘silver dollar’, yet something wasn’t quite right. Turns out I’d found a medallion commemorating JFK – a 1964 (silver) half-dollar held within a bronze (?) circlet, on which the dates of his birth and death were inscribed. A rusted chain was still attached. (Even though this was my first silver half, I consider it first as a piece of jewelry.) I was surprised that others hadn’t found this pendant – the area had obviously been hunted before. My guess was that the chain had given them confusing signals.

Giving my Minelab a pat on the ‘control box’, I worked my way back through the brambles (somehow it was easier this time). I was grateful for another ‘out of the blue’ stroke of luck. So take heart and keep your coil to the ground. You never know…
Y.T.C. Goes ‘Back to School’

On a slightly overcast Father’s Day, thirteen members got together at the UConn campus in Storrs, for the monthly ‘fun hunt’. After scoffing down a doughnut or two, the hunters quickly fanned out upon the rolling terrain. Some of the many large, old trees got special attention.

The official hunt ended at noon, and everyone got at least some modern coins. Most notable were an ‘Anthony’ dollar coin, three silver Mercs, and a silver ring. (A dollar bill was also ‘eyeballed’, and six modern dimes were found stacked, in one hole!) The nicest find was a 1973 Windsor Locks High 10k ring by Carl Muller, who said he will try to locate its owner.

A few of us went to “Kathy John’s” for a nice lunch, just beating the rain. It had been a good morning – thanks to Mark Sutcliffe for organizing the hunt.

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COST IS $12 EA. FOR 9 PEOPLE OR MORE, LESS THAN 9 IS $25 EA. THE ONLY EXTRAS THAT YOU MAY NEED FOR THIS OUTING ARE BOOTS, AT LEAST KNEE HIGH, AS YOU DIG YOUR MATERIAL FROM A BANK AND PAN IN A LARGE WATER HOLE. (Have gloves, ‘bug juice’, and water/beverages handy.) BRING A LUNCH, AS THERE IS NO PLACE TO BUY FOOD. YOUR ADMISSION TO GET IN MUST BE PAID IN CASH AT THE MINING SITE.

LAST YEAR I THINK THAT EVERYONE FOUND GOLD AND HAD A GOOD TIME AS WELL. YOU WILL BE PANNING IN A WATER HOLE, AND PROBABLY WOULD LIKE A 5 GAL. PLASTIC PAIL WITH A CUSHION TO SIT ON (and perhaps a second pail for transporting your diggings). GLASS VIALS FOR YOUR GOLD ARE PROVIDED BY RICHARDS MINE. [A local gold-panning club may also be setting up a sluice box - should be interesting to see another gold recovery method.]
UPCOMING EVENTS

2000 Garrett Club Program: Please register all Garrett metal detectors purchased or received as gifts during 2000, with Garrett. If you make them aware that you are a member of YTC, Garrett will credit the club with 10% of the purchase price. Obtain an application form from any YTC officer. This credit is used to procure the yearly Freedom Ace Give-A-Way detector. This is an easy and effective way to support your club!

Trip to Mash. Pequot Museum - guided club trip, date likely this Fall. Save those quarters!

July 1-9 - Shreve, OH; Treasure Week sponsored by various detector manufacturers and T'ing clubs. Contact Mona Ray, 8376 N 300 West, Seymour, IN 47274, or (812) -497-2537.

August 5-6 - Moonlake Park, PA, 18th Annual Black Diamond Treasure Weekend; write for info. - B.D.T.H.C., PO Box 1523, Kingston, PA 18704.

Sept. 15-17 - Clearwater Beach, Florida, FMDAC Millenium Convention; beach hunt on Sept. 17, entry fee increases with time; for more info., contact Al or Sue Dubiel at - 727-576-1793, 727-576-3109; e-mail- ASDUBIEL@CS.COM

UPCOMING HUNTS

Coming on a Sunday in mid-August - gold panning in Vermont! Details in July Probe.

July 16 (Sunday) - Y.T.C. member ‘fun hunt’; see page 4 for details.

August 20 (Sunday) - Vermont gold panning! See page 9 for details.

Sept. 30, Oct 1 - Northwood, NH, 22nd annual open hunt sponsored by the Granite State THers Club; entry fee $70 before Sept. 1, $75 after, $80 at door. Lodging/camping available on-site. 2” max. width for digging tools. Contact Dave Gregorski for registration form, more details.

A Y.T.C. Welcome...

...to Ed Schoenrock, who has just joined our club.

Happy hunting, Ed!

Hope You All Had A Sparkling ‘Fourth’!
MEETING PLACE: EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY 840 MAIN ST. TIME 6:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING 7:00PM

MEETING PLACE:

NEXT MEETING
September 12, 2000

Going for the gold? See page 5 for details on the monthly ‘fun hunt’, along with more ‘ring return’ stories!

Please... the cache of material I have for the Probe is growing very thin. Members are very interested in reading personal detecting stories. If you’d rather, I can do a short interview with you and share your story.       Dave
Minutes of Yankee Territory Coinshooters meeting July 11, 2000:

> The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. with 27 members present.
> The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as read with a balance of $1,232.59 plus silver inventory of $358.70 purchase cost.
> The Secretary’s Report was accepted as published.
> Bob Tulay received a President’s Choice Award from last month’s F.O.T.M. contest for his Flying Eagle Cent.
> Heard reports from Mark Sutcliffe and Dave Gregorski on the UConn and GHO Club Outings.
> Chuck Anderson welcomes new members (all members) to attend Executive Board Meetings if they wish. Call Chuck for dates and times.
> Refreshments: Lee Moulton has volunteered to bring the equipment for the year. Richard MacRobbie will bring the August and September refreshments.
> Chuck is hosting a club outing at Rocky Neck on July 16th.
> John Hubley is hoping for good attendance at the Gold Panning Trip to Richard’s Gold Mine in Vermont on August 20th.
> Richard MacRobbie will be the Huntmaster for the Fall Hunt and Lee Moulton will assist him. We are looking into holding it at the Four Town Fairgrounds in Somers.
> John Hubley will address the club on the topic of rocks and gold at the August meeting.
> The club received two gifts from George Streeter: a California Gold Map and a video on hard rock gold mining. The video is going into the club library and the map will be in the November Auction.
> Rick Browne donated Dick Stout’s book Where to Find Treasure to the club library.
> Chuck is looking for donations to the November Club Auction.
> Donations for the Connecticut Children’s Place have fallen off. They would like us to hold another outing with the children there.
> The Executive Board will decide whether to include platinum jewelry in the “Gold” category or leave it in “Other”.
> Chuck brought in colorful iron mine slag from Sharon, CT for all to take home.
> Don Bogli displayed a penny that shrank when he washed it in too hot water.
> Rick Browne showed off a Mobil Speedpass that he detected, then dissected. It looked like the implant from Agent Scully’s neck (X-Files TV show reference).
> Dave Gregorski illuminated the topic of detecting safety. He covered sun, ticks, Lyme Disease, mosquitoes, West Nile Virus, blackflies, poisonous snakes, jellyfish, swimmers/clamdigger’s itch, tides and fog, falls, poison ivy, bears, hunters, and rabies. The safest place to detect is in the comfort of your armchair.
> There is an excellent display of colonial coins at the Conn. State Library.
> Vincent DiBattista won two silver quarters in the Attendance Drawing.
> Chuck Anderson won the 1923 Silver Dollar Raffle.
> Ed Schoenrock won the 50/50 Drawing.
> Challenge Master John Hubley announced that Rick Browne attained levels 1 and 2, Phil Skewes reached level 1, and Dave Gregorski attained level 2. Congratulations!!
> Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Sutcliffe, Secretary.
AUGUST

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Have you ever watched old World War II Era Naval movies, and seen warships laying a smoke screen over the water? If you have, you'll have a pretty good idea of what my car was simulating on the way to the Rocky Neck Fun Hunt. It was my first experience with a blown head gasket. Phil Skewes was kind enough to send me an e-mail recapping what occurred at the Fun Hunt. Due to dire weather predictions, the attendance was limited to six people. At least one silver ring, as well as many coins and other items were found on the beach and in the water.

The scheduled Fun Hunt for August will be the gold panning trip to Richard's Gold Mine in Vermont. Approximately a dozen people have expressed their intention to participate. I went to this event two years ago, and had a great time. John and Anita Hubley are the coordinators of this trip, and thus it is always a first rate time. I believe that every club member who has tried gold panning with them has found Vermont gold.

I'd like to thank Dave Gregorski for his presentation last month about safety concerns related to metal detecting. I hope that everyone will heed his advice, and will gain as well from the experiences of other club members that were shared at the meeting.

I'd like to remind everybody that we have the Annual Fall Hunt and the 6th Annual Auction coming up in the fall. Please see Richard MacRobbie if you are interested in working on the hunt committee. Also, please remember to bring an item or two to the September meeting for the Auction. This way, I will be able to include the donations in a catalog that will be published in the October PROBE. Donated items should be linked to our hobby, such as detecting equipment, books, coins, jewelry, collectibles, etc. Thanks again to Rick Browne for his generous donation of a complete computer package to kick off this event.

I wish all club members good luck with their late summer detecting.  

Chuck Anderson

We Don’t Know Beans, or, You Never Know…

[GHO ‘Fun Hunt’ Results, by Dave Gregorski]

At the Greater Hartford Open golf tournament, thousands of cars (and many more people) left their mark on the various parking areas. On July 3, the morning after the tournament ended, fourteen hopeful Y.T.C. members went ‘swinging’ across the former bean fields. A pattern quickly became evident, and disbelief set in re. the almost total absence of good targets.

More than 30 person-hours yielded about $4 in change. Almost any dirt parking lot in the State would have a much higher density of coins. Notable artifacts included a musket ball, the metal cover for the tip of a bull’s horn, and a Lion’s Club pin that was gold-filled. The oldest coin found was a 1961 penny! [One enterprising member collected $1.75 in returnable cans…that’s 35 cans. I guess there was some ‘treasure’ there all along, and most of us missed it.] Speculation for the dearth of good targets ranged from the presence of ‘night hunters’ to the daily visits of the sharp-eyed crew of young people who pick up the trash. [Then there is the opinion of Chuck Anderson, who was fortunately unable to make the hunt, that we obviously needed more practice. (-: ]

Most of the disappointed THers would agree, that something more sinister was afoot.

Top 5 Reasons Why We Didn’t Find Much in the ‘Bean Fields’

5. The fields contain a mysterious soil contaminant that effectively neutralizes a metal detector’s signals. (This substance was deposited when Cromwell surreptitiously passed through the tail of a comet. When the beans began looking like rutabagas, the farmer decided to sell his tractor and lease his land to the GHO.)
4. Aliens, using an advanced discriminating electromagnetic device, levitated all non-can targets to their spacecraft late Sunday night, just hours before Y.T.C. arrived.
3. Golf pros not making the ‘cut’ had shamelessly scrounged the area for plane fare home.
2. A local conclave of thought-to-be-extinct trolls still collect and use coins as bait for little children.
1. The Greater Hartford Jaycees called in a professional metal detecting team each night, and will use the found money to try to lure Tiger Woods to the tournament next year.

Who can argue with such plausible explanations?
An ‘On The Spot’ Ring Return
By Dave Gregorski

Four Y.T.C. members spent a June day in the north-west hills of Connecticut, looking for detecting op-portunities. A ‘sale pending’ sign at an old house (with a corner lot) caught our attention. Two of us introduced ourselves, while two stayed in the truck with their fingers crossed. (I wonder…is it O.K. to pray for permission to hunt?)

The owner was apparently making a major life change, taking little more than his memories with him. He had no problem with our detecting the property (pulse rate increased from 74 to 110 beats per minute), but mentioned that the yard had been hunted several times (pulse down to 98/minute), most prominently by a current Y.T.C. member (who is very good at detecting…pulse now 86/minute). We asked the owner about lost jewelry, and he mentioned a silver ring with a turquoise stone, lost while raking leaves ~ 10 years before. He shared this in a soft tone while shaking his head, as if it wasn’t likely we’d find it, not knowing where in the yard he’d lost it.

An hour or so later, as I was digging up only my sixth coin, Mark Sutcliffe came by with a grin, holding out a silver-looking ring with a beautiful turquoise stone setting (the ring was so heavy, it could have been white-gold). We both knew it had to be THE ring. Mark went back into the musty house and re-turned the ring to its owner. The man was surprised and pleased – this was something more tangible from his past that he could take with him on his journey, something that apparently had sentimental value.

I wished I had found the ring…it would have pleased me also, to give something back to this decent man. (My next ‘ring return’ will be my first, and I wonder what it will be like?) I congratulate Mark on his unselfishness – the ring probably would have been a winner at Find of the Month, not to mention a nice addition to his ring collection. And I know any of us would have done the same. It was a good day with good people, one I won’t forget. (By the way, the relative ‘rookies’ found a couple of ‘wheaties’, while the two more experienced guys found two pre-1900 Indian cents, a nice old bronze bell, and a silver ‘Rosie’ dime…but that’s another story.)

Gold Panning [the] Connecticut Valley

In the Connecticut valley, gold is the result of glaciers. The last glacier advanced to approximately Middletown, CT, where the southern advance ceased. Somewhere in Quebec the glacier ground off an area containing a large vein of gold and carried it into the CT valley, grinding it into small particles in the process.

There isn’t much gold in Connecticut. What’s here was the result of the run-off from the melting glacier. Places to try panning is Beacon Hill Brook in Beacon Falls, Lead Mine Brook in Harwinton, Nickel Mine Brook in Torrington, the West Branch Farmington River in Riverton and recently a friend said he was finding small pieces in a brook near Enfield, CT.

{Excerpted from a much larger article in the Treasure Hunter’s Gazette, June/July, 2000.}

Please note - for the August 20 Vermont gold panning trip, contact the Hubleys for sign-up. I’m sure you wouldn’t want to unknowingly be left behind. See the July Probe for details.
COINS GOLD/SILVER

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TOKEN/MEDAL

|          | DAVE GREGORSKI | 4-month AA sobriety token |

JEWELRY GOLD

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SILVER

| BOB TULAY | .925 silver bracelet |

OTHER

| RICK BROWNE | 10.6 GR Platinum ring |
| PHIL SKEWES | necklace |

RELIC TOY

| PHIL LAPOINTE | Rocking Horse toy, with 1904 Indian Head penny in same hole |
| DAVE GREGORSKI | ‘Tootsietoy’ truck |

OTHER

| KEN GUDEMNATCH | Girl Scout Whistle |

MILITARY

| BOB ELLIS | Coat Button |

CONSOLATION PRIZE

| CARL MULLER | King George 111 1774 Half Penny |

PRESIDENTS AWARD

| DON BOGLI | 1872 Two Cent Piece |

**BOLD, ITALICS INDICATES THE WINNERS** - submitted by Ken Krivanec, 7-00

**Tidbit**

The U.S. two-cent coin was minted between 1864 and 1873 and was the first coin to bear the motto “In God We Trust”. The motto was omitted from the new gold coins issued in 1907, causing a storm of public criticism. As a result, legislation passed in May, 1908 made “In God We Trust” mandatory on all coins which it had previously appeared. Legislation approved in July, 1955 made the appearance of “In God We Trust” mandatory on all coins and paper currency of the United States. By the Act of July 30, 1956, “In God We Trust” became the national motto of the United States.
This was a very exciting month. There were several unusual items found that are somewhat rare and almost impossible to find. However, they did get entered so it shows that members are hard at work hunting and

### AUGUST Checkerboard Report

**By Ken Krivanec**

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<td>KEN GUDERNATCH in fresh water found a difficult target. When he dug it there was a wedding and diamond band with a quarter and a nickel and a hot rock. That is a scoop full!</td>
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<td>SILVER</td>
<td>BOB TULAY become excited when he saw a tennis bracelet in his scoop. It was good news / bad news. The bracelet was .925 silver and the bad news, the stones were zircon. Better luck next time.</td>
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<td>RICK BROWNE continues the month of unusual finds with a ring that looked a little like stainless but turned out to be Platinum. Wow.</td>
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<td>PHIL LAPOI_ENTE was working, so he says, and took a break, and dug around a little in the yard where he worked and found an old toy rocking horse. A little deeper in the same hole was a 1904 Indian Head Penny.</td>
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<td>DON BOG_LI found a beautiful 1872 Two Cent Piece. Not an every day find, and quite a rare date.</td>
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...Some Uncommon ‘Cents’?

**By Dave Gregorski**

Ken Gudernatch called something to my attention, after the fact. I don’t know how unusual it is, but it seems special to someone (me) who has been detecting less than three years.

Ken and I have been fortunate in being able to detect a string of yards, where some of the houses date back to the late 1800’s. Ken realized that on a day in mid-June, he had detected up all five types of U.S. cents from the same yard – Memorial and wheat cents, Indians, a large cent, and a Flying Eagle cent! He realized what he had done, after noticing that I had done the same thing (in the same yard!) a few weeks later. Fortune has indeed smiled upon us... the older coppers have been plentiful, as we keep searching for that old silver, which seems to have been ‘cherry-picked’. The mosquitoes are also smiling, each time we return to the area.
SEARCHING FOR AND FINDING VALUABLE COINS
Part 2
By Paul Casey

In part 1, we talked about why there are still so many older, valuable coins still waiting for a treasure hunter to sweep a detector over them and described how to get access to one of the most productive and under-worked site a coin hunter could hope to find - old homes. As I mentioned in part 1, I am partial to hunting home sites simply because they have never failed to produce exceptional finds on a regular basis. But, if hunting home sites isn't for you, this section will provide you a source for finding older sites with a minimal amount of effort.

In the years before television and colorful travel magazines became the primary medium for resorts to attract vacationers, post cards were the most widely used form of advertising. Post cards began to gain popularity during the late 1880's, and most of these early examples were either black-and-white photographs or hand-drawn sketches. Due to the high cost of producing the early cards, only the larger resorts or recreation areas initially spent the money to have them made-up for their guests. The hope was that the guests would send some of them to their friends back home who would in turn visit the resort in the future.

As the practice of sending post cards to friends and family members became common-place, more and more resorts began to have these "advertisements" printed up. By the early 1900's, many of the post cards were available in color. They were usually hand-colored drawings or tinted photographs and frequently emphasized the amenities that the resort had to offer. The backs of these cards often listed what services were available and provided easy to follow directions for those who wanted to vacation there.

These old post cards can often be found at antique shops, flea markets, and swap meets. Most dealers will have the cards separated by subject matter and some topics worth looking for would include Parks, Beaches, Hotels, Amusement Parks, Ski Resorts, and Swim Clubs. Most dealers will have post cards from all parts of the country so it is often worth looking for new cards from your area when visiting other cities. The cost of these cards normally range from 25 cents to a few dollars apiece which is quite reasonable considering the information they can provide.

Once you have determined that a beach, resort, or other potentially profitable site existed, additional research will easily provide you with its location and current use. Many of the older resorts have closed their doors and are now abandoned just waiting for someone to search the grounds with a metal detector to recover the coins and other items that remain. Swimming beaches were extremely popular in the 1930's and 1940's; however, public concern over pollution caused the majority of them to close down in the 1960's and 1970's. Often an old post card will show the beach in its heyday and may enable you to be the first treasure hunter to search it. Other features to look for in the old cards include ball fields which may now only be an overgrown field near a run-down motel; swimming pools surrounded by grass that have been filled in due to liability concerns; docks and piers that no longer exist; and beaches that have kept the same name but were moved a short distance away due to a change in traffic flow.

Old post cards give truly give credence to the old saying "A picture is worth a thousand words" The next time you see someone selling postcards, stop and see if there are any sites in your area that you have been passing by without realizing what was there 50 years ago - you might just have your own "untouched" site to work!

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NOTE - An excellent source for finding old post cards from the comfort of your keyboard is a post card dealer called The Postcard Collector. For a list of cards that relate to your area, click here to send them a list of what you are interested in. They will e-mail you with a list of what they have along with prices for each card. What could be easier!

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You Never Know…
By Dave Gregorski

The shallow stream marked a crossing from the known to the unknown. The park-like setting behind me had given up about 20 modern coins (including 10 pennies, a nickel, and a dime in one hole, up against a ‘resting’ tree!). I had spied an overgrown path in the woods on the other side, and found a place where the bank wasn’t too steep. I was wearing my knee-high boots, so the slippery rocks were more of a concern than the depth of the water.

The path was soft underfoot, a gift from the tall pines which also provided cool shade. Not expecting a ‘hit’ so soon, the sweet Minelab sound of a ‘coin’ stopped me in my tracks. There, under the small hemlock… I kicked away the pine straw, and the target moved! I wouldn’t have to dig this one… yet my electronic pinpointer was not doing its job. A half-dozen passes later, I picked up a small piece of decaying wood and passed it under the coil. Bingo! Fantasies flashed through my mind, of how someone had tucked the Barber or seated Liberty coin in the crook of a tree… forgetting where, then having the tree grow around the coin… then die and decay on the forest floor. I carefully picked apart the mushy wood – and there in my hand lay a 1971 clad dime! Go figure. I frowned and then smiled at the ‘wood sprites’ for their joke, and moved on.

The path became harder to see. As I was about to head toward the stream (a ‘landmark’ against getting lost), something pulled my coil to the left (the wood sprites making amends?), and that sweet ‘coin sound’ returned. I pulled aside about an inch of the black organic material, and out slid a nice ’42 Merc! Had I found a ‘virgin’ area? Twenty feet away, another coin, this one apparently on edge within a mass of roots. Carefully snipping the latter, I enlarged the hole while fantasies again played on in my head. Would this, too, be silver? (In certain soils, the Minelab does not distinguish well among pennies, dimes, quarters, and larger coins.) My pinpointer located the coin, and I carefully removed a plug of dirt with my fingers… only to reveal a Memorial cent! I thought I heard a rustle and a high-pitched snicker in the underbrush. I quickly turned my head but saw nothing.

It was time to leave, and I retraced my steps to the stream crossing. I thanked the bugs for not being too hard on me, as I entered the sunlight, leaving the dark, mystery-world behind. Maybe someday I will return. I wonder if the faery folk like chocolate chip cookies?

What is Target ID and how does it work?
If you have any kind of discriminating metal detector, you have a "do it yourself ID" available. By increasing the discriminate level control until the target just disappears, you can tell what the target is. A Target ID detector does all of this automatically and very rapidly as you swing the coil over each target. Basically, the electronics circuitry measures the phase angle of the target as the signal happens. It generally takes only one pass over the target to get accurate ID, although the earliest types took several swings, which is why they were known as "pump up" ID detectors.

Target ID is a very accurate measure of the target's phase response, but unfortunately many targets have identical, or nearly so, target responses. That is why you will lose a lot of good gold rings if you believe your ID is correct each time it tells you the target is a pull-tab. The ID is just another form of information that you, the operator, must interpret before deciding whether you will dig the target.

[From The Silver Dollar News, July, 2000.]
AUGUST

UPCOMING EVENTS

2000 Garrett Club Program: Please register all Garrett metal detectors purchased or received as gifts during 2000, with Garrett. If you make them aware that you are a member of YTC, Garrett will credit the club with 10% of the purchase price. Obtain an application form from any YTC officer. This credit is used to procure the yearly Freedom Ace Give-A-Way detector. This is an easy and effective way to support your club!

August 19-20 (weekend) - 6th Annual Civil War Event at Wickham Park in Manchester; 9:30-4 P.M., daily battles at 1:30 P.M.; for details, call Doris @ 860-568-6178, or Kay @ 860-956-9500.

Trip to Mash. Pequot Museum - guided club trip, date likely this Fall. Save those quarters!

Sept. 15-17 - Clearwater Beach, Florida, FMDAC Millenium Convention; beach hunt on Sept. 17, entry fee increases with time; for more info., contact Al or Sue Dubiel at - 727-576-1793, 727-576-3109; e-mail - ASDUBIEL@CS.COM

UPCOMING HUNTS

Sunday, August 20 - gold panning in Vermont! Details in July Probe, and see page 5.

Sept. 30, Oct 1 - Northwood, NH, 22nd annual open hunt sponsored by the Granite State THers Club; entry fee $70 before Sept. 1, $75 after, $80 at door. Lodging/camping available on-site. 2” max. width for digging tools. Contact Dave Gregorski for registration form, more details.

On Privies and Nobler Things

[Dr. Peter Gott has a weekly advice column in the Journal Inquirer. Following is a letter from an irate “archeologist”, and excerpts from the good doctor’s response.]

Q. In a recent column about digging in privies, you suggested that while this practice would not ordinarily be a health hazard, your reader would be better off seeking artifacts from really old sources, such as turn-of-the-century privies. Shame on you. Your “advice” will serve no purpose but to diminish our nation’s finite, non-renewable cultural resources. All in the name of fun and profit.

We archeologists have suffered decades of frustration because of rank amateurs with shovels who up and tear their way across the country, taking what they want and leaving behind disturbed sites that lose their value to teach new archeologists about the past. I insist that you print a retraction.

A. If you believe that 20th century privies are a cultural resource, God bless you! Your orientation is marvelously unique. I thought that privies were simply sites for human waste disposal.

...now that you raise the issue, do you really think that privy-digging is a threat to our national heritage? I doubt that anything significant – except a page or two from the Sears Roebuck catalogue – would have been put into a privy. Give me a break. Amateur privy-hunters could not possibly be a menace to reputable and valid archeological enterprises. While I respect your views, you’ll have to do a better job of convincing me that your profession and objectives are being compromised by a group of weekend pooper-snoopers. Sorry, no retraction.

[Ed. note – kind of reminds one of the unfair and inflammatory article appearing in the Hartford Courant a few years ago…the one equating metal detectorists with the worst kind of looters. Is what 99.9% of us do, a threat to our national heritage? There certainly are sites that must be protected, but there needs to be a balance for the ‘touch nothing because it might contain something old’ attitude. My hope is that the above type of self-serving ‘fear-mongering’ is met with the kind of rational and reasonable reply as Dr. Gott gave. There should certainly be room for detectorists and archeologists alike, to pursue their passions. Thanks to Mark Sutcliffe for submitting this May 20th piece.]
MEETING PLACE:
EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY 840 MAIN ST. TIME 6:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM

NEXT MEETING
October 10, 2000

Info. on past & future club hunts - see pages 4 and 7.
The Y.T.C. Auction is coming in November...donations still needed (see page 10)!
Major hunt in Hartford area - see page 10.
Minutes of Yankee Territory Coinshooters Meeting August 30, 2000:

> The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. with 31 members and a guest from Italy present.
> The Secretary’s Report was accepted as published.
> The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as read with a balance of $1,194.48 plus silver inventory of $341.15 purchase cost.

**Announcements:**

>Pam Giannetti, who is new to the hobby, recently found a gold ring with a club record 55 diamonds on a public beach!!! Congratulations!
> Rick Browne still has FMDAC raffle tickets for the convention.

**Old Business:**

> Chuck Anderson regretted that he was unable to attend the club outing at Rocky Neck due to a blown head gasket on his car.
> Chuck reminded members to contribute items for the November auction [see page 10] at the September meeting so they can appear in the auction catalog.
> Huntmaster Richard MacRobbie is investigating the possibility of renting the Four Town Fairgrounds in Somers for the Fall Hunt.
> John Hubley reported that he’d like to see more people sign up for the gold panning trip [see page 4].

**New Business:**

> Debbie Martin has a club outing planned for the Connecticut Children’s Place on Sunday, September 17th [see page 7].
> There was a discussion of our commitment to donate things to the CCP. The donations have slacked off recently. The club officers proposed to hold one fun hunt there per year, hold a Christmas toy drive, and donate $50 cash at Christmas. There was discussion of cash versus gifts. There was concern over where the cash would go and how it would be spent. The Executive Committee will study the matter further.
> Richard MacRobbie moved to add platinum jewelry to the “Gold” category in the Find-of-the-Month competition. Currently platinum is put in the “Other” category with brass and gold filled articles. After some discussion, the motion was approved.
> The September meeting will feature a lecture on metal detecting in Cancun, Mexico, by four of the club’s intrepid adventurers.

**Program:**

> Anita and John Hubley made a presentation about minerals and crystals. They showed off samples of various stones including minerals from an old zinc mine in New Jersey that fluoresce under ultraviolet light. They passed around a spectacular packet of “Herkimer Diamonds” which are quartz crystals found in rock pockets in certain areas of upstate New York.
> In the Attendance Drawing for 1 silver quarter: Richard Heitzenrater was absent, so Lee Moulton won a silver dime.
> Phil Skewes won the 1882 Silver Dollar Raffle.
> Rick Browne won the 50/50 Raffle and showed us a money clip with the remnants of $202 in bills. Sadly, all that is left is the portraits of the presidents.
> Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Sutcliffe, Secretary.
SEPTEMBER

Yankee Territory Coinshooters
Code of Ethics
Respect the rights and property of others.
Never destroy historical or archeological artifacts.
Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
Leave the land and vegetation as it was.
FILL IN ALL HOLES.
Remove all trash and litter, take it with you when you leave.

Remember that all coinshooters may be judged by the example YOU set. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration toward others.

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Tidbit
All 1922 Lincoln cents were minted in Denver, but for a small batch a part of the die got filled. This resulted in the ‘D’ mint mark not appearing, and some coins got released into circulation.
These ‘mistakes’ (1922, plain) are worth a lot more than their ‘cousins’ are. However, BEWARE of altered coins (the ‘D’ being manually removed)!
President’s Message

Fancy that! This has to be one of the worst summers in Connecticut for beachcombing, due to the cool weather and numerous rainy days this year. Despite this fact, one of our newest members, Pam Giannetti, found a gold ring with 55 diamonds! This is apparently a club record for the number of diamonds on an individual ring. Rick Browne confirmed that the stones were genuine with his electronic diamond tester. I hope that Pam enters it in the Annual Western and Eastern Treasures Best Finds contest. It is truly remarkable. Congratulations, Pam!

I’d like to thank John and Anita Hubley for their presentation on rock and mineral collecting. It was fascinating to see the variety of beautiful rock and crystal specimens available in New England and elsewhere. It seems to me that the hobbies of metal detecting and rockhounding share the trait that the greatest thrill lies in the quest of locating and retrieving amazing items through our own personal efforts, making each desirable find a personal achievement. When you add to this the many friendships forged in the pursuit of these hobbies, it is easy to understand why so many of us value our links to Y.T.C. and other types of clubs.

I can’t wait to hear the stories from the Cancun travelers this month. I’m sure that they will have a number of adventurous tales to relate. [Ed. note - Rick Browne, Ken Gudernatch, Richard MacRobbie, and Bob Tulay together boarded a plane on August 19, bound for that southern destination. Those beaches will never again be that clean.]

I’d like to mention one more thing. We need to locate a site for the Annual Fall Hunt. The 4-Town Fairgrounds was too expensive, and was not available on the date we wanted. If anyone knows of a meadow or farmer’s field that we can use for the hunt, please let Richard MacRobbie know as quickly as possible.

Good luck with your early fall detecting!

Chuck Anderson

There’s A Little Less Gold in Vermont

John and Anita Hubley report that their Gold Panning trip went off without any problems. A total of 13 people (11 members and 2 non-members) joined the adventure. Some of the people that signed up did not make it, but the gap was filled by others, who went on a last-minute decision.

The weather was great. Everyone found some gold, but it wasn't as good last year. Donna Ketchin had the most, as she was brushing the bed rock, getting out all that had fallen into the cracks. If there is another trip next year, Mike Richards wants several people to start digging in a different area, which he claims has much greater potential than the area hunted this year. It will take a few hours to get down to bed rock, but then there would be good gravels to pan. The usual fine eating place was unfortunately closed, and everyone was on their own for supper.
Don’t Knock the Rock – Part 1
By Dave Gregorski

Now and then the extra effort is worth it. I was detecting where the evening before, wall-to-wall people had been enjoying a free concert. The few modern coins I’d gotten were on or near the surface, so I paid special attention when the Minelab’s soft (and high-pitched) tone indicated a good target with some depth. At 2 inches, though, my digging tool found rock, and probing indicated it was not a mere pebble.

The warm morning was turning to hot as I pondered what to do. I re-checked the target area from different directions. The soft ‘coin’ signal greeted me seductively from the ‘middle’ of the rock and I decided not to give up just yet. [In previous articles, I’ve shared my suspicions of how silver becomes elusive when a metal detector approaches. I believe it tries to turn on edge, burrow very deep, or skitter under a rock to avoid detection (I’m sure you’ll agree that pennies are not as talented). I don’t think it realizes that for a detector, many rocks can be ‘seen through’, just like dirt. Let’s keep the latter our own little secret.]

The rock was rounded, and I had difficulty finding a ‘prying’ edge. As the pile of dirt became almost too big for my drop cloth, the rock began to budge. It was a solid 5-pounder, and I finally rolled it out of the hole. Right there, on top of the dirt and 6 inches below the surface, stood a 1936 Washington quarter, not knowing which way to turn. (I also noticed the tiny path leading to the rock’s underside.) Being a bit younger than the quarter, and therefore somewhat quicker, I scoffed it up and secured it in my ‘special’ container.

It sometimes pays to persevere, and to be observant. I now had some hard proof of how mobile and clever silver can be. [This is not so true in sand – must be the lack of traction.] You’ll see more substantiating evidence in Part 2 of this rock-and-silver related expose, in a future Probe.

Will metered detectors find coins deeper than non-metered ones?

Adding a meter to any metal detector will generally not enhance its ability to find targets deeper than before. It takes some kind of circuitry to drive the meter, and if that circuitry has more gain than that which drives the speaker, it may be possible to detect deeper with the meter, but virtually all manufacturers realize that if they can get deeper performance, they will also add the extra gain to the audio stage as well.

“If you don’t want me to hunt here, just say so.”

[Column to the left, and the cartoon, reprinted from The Silver Dollar News, July, 2000.]
**SEPTEMBER**

**Finds Of The Month**

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**Please note:** At the August meeting, someone inadvertently picked up a FOM entry belonging to Jim Groom. You can return the item (sterling Production Award medal) to Jim if he is at the next meeting, or to Ken Krivanec if not. Thanks.

**BOLD. ITALICS** INDICATES THE WINNERS - submitted by Ken Krivanec, 8-00
SEPTEMBER

Checkerboard Report

By Ken Krivanec

COIN-GOLD/SILVER

PRE-1900  KEN GUDERNATCH  found an 1854 Liberty Seated Dime with arrows, on a
construction site which had been previously hunted.

POST-1899  PHIL LAPOINTE  took a break from work and dug up a nice 1903
Barber Quarter at a depth of six inches.

OTHER

PRE-1900  DAVE GREGORSKI  found an 1857 Flying Eagle Cent at 3 inches, in a
private yard that he had gained permission to hunt in.

POST-1899  CARL MULLER  using his Garrett, found a 1900 Indian Head
Cent about one inch deep.

TOKEN/MEDAL

NO ENTRY

JEWELRY

GOLD  PAM GIANNETTI  made a surprising discovery (at a saltwater beach)
when she dug down almost a foot to find a 10K gold ring with 55 diamonds,
5 rows of eleven each. [or...11 rows of 5 each? Still a lot of ‘ice’!]

SILVER  PHIL LAPOINTE  found a Sterling Charm Bracelet while
searching a school yard.

OTHER  JIM GROOM  and his faithful XLT, hunting alone in the rain,
came across his locket.

RELIC

T0Y  RICK BROWNE  hunting with two others in salt water pulled
up a Motorcycle Delivery Truck (toy, that is).

MILITARY  KEN GUDERNATCH  while on private property found a Civil
War Uniform button, Infantry designation.

OTHER  CARL MULLER, hunting in the place where had found the
Indian Head Cent, found his Letter opener

CONSOLATION AWARD  VINCENT DIBATTISTA  won this award with a Pope John
Paul II medal, made of pewter.

A Very Special ‘Fun hunt’!

Join other Y.T.C. members on Sunday, September 17, as we again visit the Ct. Children’s Place for
a ‘hands-on’ treasure hunting day with the kids. We will arrive at noon, and will be treated to a picnic
lunch. Please bring desserts (finger-food type is preferable) to share.

We had a great time last year...it was not always easy to tell who the ‘kids’ were. Debbie Martin is
again coordinating the event, and flyers are available (or call her in advance for directions). She needs
a ‘head-count’ so the facility can estimate food amount and number of children to be involved, so
please call her ASAP at 860-763-1508. Hunting will be done in fields, so bring a digging tool (some
interesting natural finds were made last year). This is a wonderful way to share who we are, and pre-
viously members got as much out of this as the children.
Searching Plowed Fields
By Amy Maruso

Chances are, no matter where you live, there is a farm field within close proximity of your home. Perhaps you pass it day after day, turning a blind eye to this level expanse, while focusing on more appealing sites such as old homes, parks, or schoolyards. From the surface up, plowed fields may seem unexciting, but below those rows of vegetables, soybeans, cotton, or whatever can lie a potential gold mine of good finds! Some of the best sites I’ve hunted have been cornfields, and with each successive outing came knowledge of new techniques to maximize results while minimizing time spent searching.

Not just any plowed field will yield good finds, of course—although most will yield some finds by virtue of the farming activity that has taken place over time. What can’t be seen, and what isn’t known unless thorough research is performed, is the old cabin that was once beneath the lone copse of trees still standing at the northern end of the field... or the picnickers of days gone by, frolicking next to the irrigation steam or the soldiers casting lead bullets over an open campfire after a day in the field.

Areas that have reverted back to farmland after the occupants have moved on offer little visual clues, but for the astute detectorist who has done his homework, locating such a site can often lead to surprising rewards.

One of the greatest advantages of searching farm fields is the ease of obtaining permission. As long as you don’t leave holes, most farmers will readily grant access between plantings. In speaking to the landowner, make sure to ask if he’s ever plowed up bricks, foundation stones, pottery, or other indications of prior occupation. One landowner I spoke to shared his knowledge of an old cabin that had once stood in the woods at the edge of the cornfield. Now nothing more than a barely visible indentation reclaimed by vegetation, this small area surrendered 23 large cents, over 35 buttons, an ornate gold wax seal, and numerous Colonial artifacts. After another farmer recalled clearing foundation stones from a section of cornfield, careful searching uncovered four 1 reales, two 1/2 reales, an 1851 silver 30 piece, 14 large cents, musketballs, buttons, and an interesting assortment of relics.

One disadvantage to hunting plowed fields is the poor condition of many of the coins and artifacts found. If an item hasn’t been hit by the plow or eaten by fertilizer, it was probably tumbled flat between the rocks. That won’t always be the case, as I’ve occasionally pulled up pristine Colonial coins that somehow miraculously escaped falling prey to the factors above.

Detecting in a farm field requires a slightly different technique than searching a lawn, park, or schoolyard. In a field of any size, overlapping your swings is practically a ridiculous notion, at least until a hotspot is located. You may have to walk quite a distance before there is an interruption of "dead air" in your headphones. So, if you want to do this type of hunting, you must acquire patience, the meaning of which will really be driven home once you’ve swung a detector for an hour without a single signal. And although you may return home with only half a dozen keepers at the end of the day, you’ll probably be more satisfied than if you found an apron full of clad.

Unlike targets in undisturbed ground, which are usually surrounded by a signal enhancing halo, farm field finds have had little time to leach into the soil, and depth will be somewhat compromised. Further detriment to depth is the lack of compact soil. If the field has been freshly turned, the soil will be loose and spongy not a good medium for finding deep targets. The great equalizer to lack of depth, though, is the plow itself. When the earth is turned, previously out-of-range targets are brought up, and most of your finds will be plucked from shallow depths or even right off the surface.

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One of the most important advantages when working in a plowed field is to understand how your detector responds to iron. If you've searched parks and schoolyards, you know what a nuisance trash can be, but high conductivity junk such LIS pulltabs won't be a problem so much as iron in a plowed field. Tractor parts, plow points, horseshoes, nails, and a plethora of other iron objects lie in wait to discourage anyone unfamiliar with his detector's reactions to this annoying metal littering all plowed fields. For the most part, a rusted piece of metal will have a broken or scratchy sound to it, but a larger, more solid piece will give a good signal.

Remember; in fields where there may have been military activity, there is always the possibility of finding cannonballs or mortar shell fragments, so some of the solid sounds will have to be dug. In relic hunting, there is a phrase that goes, "Rust is a must," and just like tolerating trash in a park in order to find gold rings, it is necessary to dig some iron in order to find that special keeper.

There will be instances when the farmer will have no recollection of any prior activity on his land, but your research tells you differently. Where would you begin to search for clues to the past? In most facets of relic hunting, there are simple rules of thumb that can make your hunt more productive. First, if it's a Colonial site, think like a Colonial. Since there was no such convenience as plumbing back in early times, the nearest water source was usually a hub of activity. If you're hunting near a river, check along the banks, as that is where trash was often deposited. Next, look for any rises in the land that would have afforded good views and a drier elevation. Another good place to check is any stand of trees where there may be old foundation stones too cumbersome for the farmer to clear. The trees may also have been left standing to offer shady shelter on sweltering days.

Finally, a few words on gear. Stepping between high rows and low furrows is no picnic when you're wearing a pair of sneakers. Your feet will take less of a beating if you wear a pair of boots that offer good tow (sic) and ankle support. Also, if the field is muddy, any footwear that doesn't lace up tightly at least over the ankle will be swallowed up and pulled off in short order. Ask me. I've lost three pairs to mud. Since you will probably take 5 lbs. of it per boot home with you, it's also a good idea to spread some newspaper on the floor of your car before leaving. And leave your dainty digging tools at home. A good-sized relic shovel is what you'll need to make quick, neat recoveries, and to pry up rocks. It might not be advisable or allowable elsewhere, but it's essential here. Since you don't have to cut plugs, holes can be filled in with little trouble. Make sure you have a strong apron, too, because you'll be hauling away your weight in iron the first time out.

If you haven't been repulsed by now, you just might have farm field relic hunting running through your veins. Personally, I have not hunted sites more peaceful or rewarding than these wide-open expanses of soil. We all have our own detecting preferences. Give me a plowed field, the warm sun, and a handful of relics any day.

[From Western & Eastern Treasures, July, 2000, pp. 58-60, reprinted with their permission.]

Detecting Connections

Big Coinhunah screensaver (cute) - http://usmint.gov
[On the left side of screen, click on the word "screensavers", and proceed.]

Check the operational status of 25 state parks in CT. - http://dep.state.ct.us/updates/beach/wtrqual.asp

Print your own maps - http://www.maptech.com/

THing Tips and Tricks - www.tomstreasures.com/tips.shtml

Aerial Views - terraserver.microsoft.com
[Thanks to Len Papineau, Mark Sutcliffe, and Bob Tulay for some of the above info.]
UPCOMING EVENTS

2000 Garrett Club Program: Please register all Garrett metal detectors purchased or received as gifts during 2000, with Garrett. If you make them aware that you are a member of YTC, Garrett will credit the club with 10% of the purchase price. Obtain an application form from any YTC officer. This credit is used to procure the yearly Freedom Ace Give-A-Way detector. This is an easy and effective way to support your club!

Trip to Mash. Pequot Museum - guided club trip, date likely this late Fall. Save those quarters!

Sept. 15-17 - Clearwater Beach, Florida, FMDAC Millenium Convention; beach hunt on Sept. 17, entry fee increases with time; for more info., contact Al or Sue Dubiel at - 727-576-1793, 727-576-3109; e-mail- ASDUBIEL@CS.COM

UPCOMING HUNTS

Sept. 30/Oct.1: "Finds in Hartford" hunt sponsored in part by detectorist and pro bass fisherman Vinnie DiCioccio. Teams of detectorists from all over the country will be competing for the best natural finds from Hartford-area parks and farm fields. Prizes donated by major retailers. No entry fee, but you must register before Sept. 20th. Register online at www.findmall.com/metal/hartford/config.pl or contact Vinnie by phone at 860-665-0558.

Sept. 30, Oct. 1 - Northwood, NH, 22nd annual open hunt sponsored by the Granite State THers Club; entry fee $70 before Sept. 1, $75 after, $80 at door. Lodging/camping available on-site. 2" max. width for digging tools. Contact Dave Gregorski for registration form, more details.

October 1 (Sunday) - Belmar Beach, N.J. - 13th annual open treasure hunt (Deep Search Metal Detecting Club); 4 hunts included with entry fee - $75 if post marked by Sept. 15, $85 if post marked between 9/16 and 9/24. Contact Dave Gregorski for copy of rules and entry form (this is a beach hunt).

November Y.T.C. Auction !

This fun night is fast approaching (November 14, meeting night). Chuck Anderson, as usual, is working hard to make this annual event a success. Our treasury benefits nicely, and many people walk away with some interesting ‘treasures’.

Donations are still welcome and needed for the auction. Any item or items related to our hobby will be accepted. Coins, jewelry, digging tools, handbooks, etc. are typical of what’s presented. You can have fun using your imagination, re. what to donate.

The auction list will be printed in the October Probe, so Chuck needs to know what you’re donating by mid-September. However, items will gladly be accepted up to and including the auction night. (But it would be a lot easier on Chuck if he didn’t get too many last-minute items.) This event has been a lot of fun in the past, so bring your cash (checks accepted) and your spirit to the November 14 meeting!
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NEXT MEETING November 14, 2000

Page 10 presents auction news and info. on Y.T.C.'s Annual Fall Hunt!

The preliminary auction listing is on page 5.

Some interesting 'money stuff' is reprinted on page 9.
Minutes of Yankee Territory Coinshooters meeting September 12, 2000:

> The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. with 30 members and 3 guests present. The guests were Carol Sutcliffe (Mark’s mom), and former members Ray Dapkus and Vinnie DiCioccio, Jr.
> The Secretary’s Report was accepted as published.
> There was no Treasurer’s Report as the Treasurer had just returned from Cancun.
> Mark Sutcliffe reported that he has just finished his first chemotherapy treatment and is doing well.
> John Hubley reported that 11 members attended the outing to Richard’s Gold mine and a good time was had; though our favorite restaurant was closed. Donna Ketchin did well as usual, although the overall gold production was less than in past trips. The mine owner promised to let us open a new and promising area if we decide to return next year.
> Huntmaster Richard MacRobbie announced that the Fall Hunt will be held Sunday October 22nd, with a rain date of October 29th. Vinnie DiBattista offered the beach at Amston Lake as a possible venue. The hunt fee will be $15 with all details in the October PROBE.
> Debbie Martin passed out fliers for the Conn. Children’s Place Outing on Sept. 17th. About 10 members indicated they were interested in attending.
> Vinnie DiBattista graciously volunteered to bring refreshments to the October and November meetings.
> Chuck announced that he hopes to invite former Founding Members to help celebrate the club’s 25th anniversary in January.
> Chuck said that the November Auction catalog is progressing well.
> Former longtime YTC member Vinnie DiCioccio, Jr. was invited to speak about an open metal detecting outing he is coordinating called the Hartford Hunt. It is being organized through a Minelab metal detecting bulletin board. 100-120 detectorists from all over the U.S. and Canada will be coming to the Hartford area on September 30th and October 1st to hunt Hartford parks, local farm fields, and Connecticut beaches in teams, hoping to recover finds good enough to qualify for prizes donated by some of the manufacturers. Winners will be determined by vote of the participants on Sunday night. There are no fees involved, and he is looking for locals to participate and act as guides.
> Rich Janak moved to appropriate $280 for the Fall Hunt consisting of: $200 advance for prizes, $75 for the club’s donation, and $5 for the Treasure Chest. The motion passed.
> Ken Gudernatch announced that Saturday, September 16th is National Beach Cleanup Day.
> Ken G. recently spent 9 days detecting around Lake Ontario. He reported finding lots of Loons and Doubloons but little jewelry.
> Rick Browne played a tape of his performance on WRCH radio’s “What’s My Line” program that aired the morning after the August meeting. It did not take too long for a caller to guess that he was a detectorist. He plugged the club and pointed out the need to get permission and the fact that we often return people’s lost rings.
> Rick Browne, Ken Gudernatch, Richard MacRobbie, and Bob Tulay regaled the audience with tales of their detecting exploits in Cancun, Mexico. They found about 30 gold rings and 50 silver rings and bracelets. About 25% of the change they found was already devalued. Although it is technically illegal to detect in Mexico, the officials took the other way in the resort areas. They saw no other detectorists, but apparently the resort workers and locals regularly eyeball jewelry in the swimming areas. Ken was disappointed to find that much of the locally-made and worn jewelry is very cheap and often mismarked. They had a good time with a minimum of unsavory adventures.
> In the Attendance Drawing for 2 silver quarters: Kali Drainville was absent, so Eleanor Campbell won a silver dime.
> Richard MacRobbie won the Silver Round Drawing.
> Jim Groom won the 50/50 Drawing.
> The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Sutcliffe, Secretary.
Yankee Territory Coinshooters
Code of Ethics

Respect the rights and property of others.
Neither destroy historical or archeological artifacts.
Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
Leave the land and vegetation as it was.
FILL IN ALL HOLES.
Remove all trash and litter, take it with you when you leave.

Remember that all coinshooters may be judged by the example YOU set. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration toward others.

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President's Message

It has been quite a month for Y.T.C.! I'd like to thank Rick, Ken G., Rich, and Bob for displaying the large amounts of gold and silver [even some platinum] jewelry found on their recent trip. The stories they had to tell were very entertaining, and it sounds like they had a great time.

I'd also like to thank the eleven club members who turned out for our second CT Children's Place Hunt. After sharing in a wonderful lunch of chicken and ribs, we divided into groups of one adult and three to four children, and searched the grounds of the facility. I'm proud to state that two of the three children hunting with me found silver coins. One was a 1958 Washington quarter, and the other was a 1941-D Merc. I know that Mike Giannetti's group found a silver ring and a Grover Cleveland political token. Anita Hubley's group found an interesting old copper bracelet. Ken Gudernatch's group located an old large copper, but there was not enough detail remaining on the coin to identify it. I'm certain that most of the children involved enjoyed the event, and I hope that we can have at least one detecting hunt with them each year.

After the children's hunt was over, we were given permission to detect the grounds on our own. I didn't stay very long, but I did see the nice Walking Liberty half dollar that Anita found. She removed three old rusty nails from the hole before she located the coin, so its recovery is a testament to her detecting skill.

As you know, we have two major events coming up fast. One is the annual Fall Hunt, which has been slated for Sunday, October 22nd. It will be held at Post Farm in Andover. Please contact Richard MacRobbie for more information or with hunt donations. [See page 10 for details, and below for directions.]

The other event is our 6th annual Auction. The initial catalog listing is printed in this issue of the Probe [see page 5]. As you can see, we have plenty of coins and coin-related items to sell, but we could certainly use donations of new or used metal detecting-related items such as trowels, detectors, headphones, probes, etc. We will accept donations right up until the night of the auction, and I'd like to remind everyone that all proceeds go directly into the club's treasury, and these funds are used to support club events throughout the year.

Please consider donating an item or two.

Good luck with your Fall hunting.

Chuck

Directions to YTC Fall Hunt

- From Hartford - take I-84 East
  Go past move theaters on right, take right onto I-384 East
  At end of highway, take right fork onto Route 6, East

- After ~ 3.5 miles, take left onto Hendee Road
  [at 'Channel 3 Country Camp' sign]
  [If you see Andover Plaza (Lunt's Market),
  you've gone 0.3 miles too far.]

- Take first right onto Hutchinson Road.
- Go to the end - park in small turnaround.
  Hunt site is within the fenced-in field.
  Mac will try to put up signs - look for them.

- From route 6 going West, Hendee Rd. is on the right, 0.3 miles past Andover Plaza

Note - Lunt's Market has decent soup/sandwich specials.
Y.T.C. Auction Catalog
November 14, 2000

Lot #  Lot Description                        Est. Value
1.      Group of 25 American History/Metal Detecting Magazines.  $ 5.00
2.      New Book - Hunting for Treasure.              15.00
3.      Used 486 Complete Computer System w/Desk Jet Printer.  150.00
4.      Used 6" Digging Trowel.                           6.00
5.      Large Jug of Pennies.                               ?
6.      1756 British Halfpenny - King George II - G.        5.00
7.      1899 Indian Cent - G.                              1.00
8.      1909 Indian Cent - G.                              1.00
9.      1908 "V" Nickel - G.                               1.00
10.     1912 "V" Nickel - G.                               1.00
11.     1915 Buffalo Nickel - VG.                          4.00
12.     1937 Buffalo Nickel - XF/NU.                        4.50
13.     Two 1938 Jefferson Nickels - BU.                    6.00
14.     1941 "Mercury" Dime - BU.                            5.00
15.     1942 "Mercury" Dime - BU.                            5.00
16.     Large Sterling Silver Ring.                         6.00
17.     Silver Cleaning Tumbler Media.                      4.00
18.     Double Row Black Cardboard Coin Case.              4.00
19.     New 35 Slot Riker Case.                             12.00
20.     Large Box Lot - Books, Coins, etc. - Take a Look!  15.00
21.     Large Lot of Foreign Coins.                         15.00
22.     Mixed Group of 25 Circulated US Coins - Buffs, V's, & Indians.  15.00
23.     1943 "Mercury" Dime - BU.                            5.00
24.     1926-S Standing Liberty Quarter - VG.              2.50
25.     1928-S Standing Liberty Quarter - VG.              2.50
26.     1944-D Walking Liberty Half Dollar - VG.             3.00
27.     1951 Franklin Half Dollar - VF.                      3.00
28.     1881-S Morgan Silver Dollar - BU.                    16.00
29.     1923-D Peace Dollar - VF.                           9.00
30.     "1780" Maria Theresa Silver Austrian Trade Dollar - BU. 10.00
31.     State Quarter Collecting Board.                     10.00

End of Sale - Thank You

Gold Coins: Basic Facts

The U.S. issued gold coins for general circulation from about 1838 to 1933. The Liberty head bust was depicted on gold coins from 1838 to 1907. The design for gold coins was altered in 1907 to the Indian head and Saint-Gaudens motifs. These coins remained in circulation until the Great Depression in 1933 when most gold coins then in circulation were recalled by the U.S. mint and melted down. Many gold coins therefore disappeared contributing to their rarity today.

$1 Gold Liberty Head (1849-1854)
$1 Gold Indian Princess (1854-1856)
$1 Gold Indian Head (1856-1889)
$2 1/2 Liberty Quarter Eagle (1840-1907)
$5 Liberty Half Eagle (1866-1908)
$5 Indian Half Eagle (1908-1929)
$10 Liberty Eagle (1866-1907)
$10 Indian Eagle (1907-1933)
$20 Liberty Double Eagle (1877-1907)
$20 St. Gaudens Double Eagle (1907-1933)

"I've hunted here so many times I know all of the worms by their first names!"

[Column to left, and cartoon, reprinted from The Silver Dollar News, Sept., 2000]
# October

## Finds Of The Month

### Coins - Gold/Silver

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<td><strong>Carl Muller</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Rick Browne</strong></td>
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<td>45 Gram, 24K Necklace Phil Skewes 10 K Gold Ring Bob Tulay 14K ring with 1/2 karat diamond Pam Giannetti Gold Band</td>
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### Relic - Toy

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<td><strong>Lee Moulton</strong></td>
<td>1958 Dog Tag / Wyatt EarBadge Phil Skewes (same hole) Toy Car Carl Muller Roadster Dave Gregorski ‘Midget-toy’ Tanker truck Pam Giannetti 1967 Hot Wheels VW</td>
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### Military

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<td>Ornate Key Plate Ken Gudernatch Key Bob Tulay</td>
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### Consolation Prize

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### Presidential Award

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<td><strong>Bob Tulay</strong></td>
<td>One-half karat diamond ring</td>
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*Bold, Italic* indicates the winners; submitted by Ken Krivanec, 9-00
Hello again. Can you believe that it is the fifth month in a row that a Flying Eagle Cent has been found! We had another banner month with twenty nine entries. Keep up the good work. The winners are:

**COIN-GOLD/SILVER**

- **pre-1900**: ROBERT MILLS found a 1857 Quarter in his neighbor's yard.
- **post-1899**: CARL MULLER, using his Garrett unearthed a 1928 Silver Quarter in front of an 1840 house.

**COIN - OTHER**

- **pre-1900**: DON BOGLI kept the parade of Flying Eagle Cents going with his 1857 coin. It is the fifth consecutive month that a Flying Eagle has been turned in.
- **post-1899**: RICK BROWNE was playing with his Minelab when he pulled two Buffalo Nickels from the same hole in a fresh water pond/lake. One was a 1924 and the other 1932. An unusual find.

**TOKEN/MEDAL**

- KEN MACMINAGIL found a reproduction of a coin/token.

**JEWELRY-GOLD**

- RICK BROWNE was across the State Line in a RI body of water and lifted a 24 karat, 48 gram beautiful necklace from the depths.

**SILVER**

- CARL MULLER, still digging in front of that 1840 house, discovered a beautiful sterling silver pin. It was a small spoon a woman would wear on a sweater or perhaps a jacket.

**OTHER**

- DAVE GREGORSKI using his Minelab dug a tiny locket from a parking area. A lovely find but when examined closely it turned out to be Gold-Filled.

**RELIC TOY**

- LEE MOULTON dug a hole six inches deep to find a 1958 dog tag. However, when he doubled checked the hole his machine still beeped. The second signal was a Wyatt Earp Badge in the same hole. It sure does pay to double check each dig.

**OTHER**

- DON BOGLI with his Whites found a Button Loop cast in the 1700's.

**MILITARY**

- NO ENTRY.

**CONSOLATION PRIZE**

- KEN GUDERNATCH found a yellow and white wedding band inscribed 14 karat. However, it turned out to be junk.

**PRESIDENTAL AWARD**

- BOB TULAY had the good fortune of finding a one-half karat diamond ring.
Don’t Knock the Rock – Part 2
By Dave Gregorski

Perhaps part 1 of this story (September Probe) has helped explain why wheat pennies (in yards, etc.) are relatively easy to find, and silver in the same area is so scarce. (Indeed, when I got through hunting the yard of my niece’s 1950 house last month, my take was 22 wheaties and only 2 silver dimes… though I was certainly happy with any silver). I’ve since experienced another event that adds to the trail of evidence about silver’s special abilities and deceptiveness.

On a ‘bluebird’ day on August, I was hunting with another Y.T.C. member at sites of my choice. A ball field and two schools in eastern Connecticut had always looked interesting to me, and we finally had the opportunity to explore them. The first two sites were a disappointment, as finds were few and modern. After lunch, we decided to try the second school, as it had looked a little older.

It appeared that some of the school’s athletic field area had been re-graded, yet my hunting partner managed to come up with a ‘49 ‘Rosie’ at 2 inches. This nice find helped refocus our efforts. An hour passed with no other exciting finds, and we spread out to what appeared to be ‘older’ dirt. My hunting pattern followed the long axis of the coarse-grass field. I found a few pockets of modern coins, as my focus remained high. I then got a softer signal that moved in and out of ‘coin’ range, with the ‘pinpoint’ moving as well. I started digging but hit a rock one-inch down, and it was quite large in area, though not too thick. As I folded back some of the grass, I noticed a small furrow leading under the rock… with asymmetric indentations as if a small crab had scuttled into its hiding place. I leveraged the rock out of the ground, and verified that my target was still there. It was, though its depth seemed to be increasing with each scan. I dug fast and deep, and the mound of dirt on my drop cloth grew. Clearing the hole out at 6 inches was finally enough. Using my electronic pinpointer, I traced the target as it seemed to move toward the edge of the cloth, and I quickly grabbed a small handful of dirt from where the target seemed to be.

Maybe it was the sun’s beating down on my head and neck. Maybe it was because I hadn’t drunk any water in 2 hours. The ring in my hand actually looked exhausted… dare I say out of breath? I watched it intently, but there was no movement. Carefully brushing off the dirt, a gold patina became visible, though ‘Sterling’ appeared on the inside of the band… obviously gold-plated silver. It was my first class ring – 1935, with large letters “SP” in the center (no stone), and a much smaller word “school” beneath. (Any suggestions how to begin my search for the owner? There are 2 initials inside the band.)

I’m not sure what to think, but my suspicions about silver are growing. Maybe you have a similar tale that would support the mounting evidence. Silver is hard to find. Very often the signals are surprisingly intermittent and weak (because it tries to escape?). I do know this – I will now look at rocks in a much different manner… not as obstacles but as potential hiding places. I also will remember that maybe there’s more than worms and beetles that can leave a trail in the dirt.

Which “Kids” Had More Fun?

By the time the Y.T.C. members began arriving, the morning coolness was giving way to a sparkling early Fall Sunday (September 17). Forty or so children at the Connecticut Children’s Place were curious and eager re. the metal detecting opportunity that was planned for them. After a shared lunch, Chuck Anderson gave a short instruction on the art of metal detecting. Everyone was getting ‘itchy’ to start, and finally the go-ahead was given around 1 P.M.

The hunting area was extended from last year, groups being allowed to hunt anywhere on the property. 3-4 children were assigned to each of the eleven ‘older kids’, and the “beepin’ and diggin’” began. After about 2 hours of excited voices and supervised digging… [this is where you need to read Chuck’s “President’s Message” on page 4, if you haven’t already!].

The children were very well-behaved (and no one tried to run away this year!). All the children’s finds were left at CtCP for future activity. The real ‘finds’ were, as last year, the interaction among the Y.T.C. adults and the children who already have had too hard a life. Giving in such a personal fashion is a reward for all involved. I congratulate all who were able to attend. Thanks to the Debbie and Mike Martin for setting this up this event, and to Chuck Anderson for coordinating the hunt on-site.

Ed.
Finding Money
By H. Glenn Carson

Those of us who have a “magic wand” and use it may dream of uncovering a big cache of money. Many of us do recover numbers of coins and other worthwhile items, of course; but most of us somehow never get that big signal that turns out to be a chest of pirate loot or outlaw gold. Let’s examine a few well-documented treasure finds made over the last few years. By knowing what has been done, perhaps we can sharpen up our own possibilities.

Roy Volker, back in 1978, was invited to search for a former streetcar conductor’s stash, in Alton, Illinois. He was known to have pulled out all the Barber coins he was handed along his route, replacing them with current coins. He was also known to have saved them over the years, yet none of the Barber coins were found after his death.

After he [Volker] and friends finally got to the task… Roy finally got a decent signal not too far from a very large old tree in the property they were hunting. Some digging revealed a metal box. It turned out that the box and its contents weighed 235 pounds. That helped explain the difficulty of removing it from in between the tree roots. Inside the box were 4,612 dimes, 3,154 quarters, and 3,003 half dollars. Again, these were all Barber coins, mostly somewhat worn. [So THAT’S where they all are!] The recovery was split between the team of hunters and the family on whose property the cache had been found.

Steve Webb, a resident of Northport, Alabama, decided to build a privacy fence in 1998. He and his father, Simon Webb, began digging a line of postholes around the perimeter of his backyard, when the posthole digger struck a glass jar in one of the holes. The jar contained 276 pre-Civil War coins ranging in date from 1860 back to 1746, including five $2.50 quarter eagles and three $1 gold coins, 190 silver half dollars, and 54 quarters. There were also three Spanish silver coins and three French coins from 1746.

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Everyone!!! Watch your pennies. They could lead to value beyond their face.

Watch those 1995 pennies!!!

The finding of a 1995 DOUBLE DIE Lincoln cent by a Bridge Port, Connecticut man has been reported by Coin World publication.

Although most types of errors, such as die cracks or chips, and those caused by foreign matter in the die sell for a very small premium over the face value, double dies have been the exception. 1972, 1983, and 1984 double dies in About Uncirculated (AU) condition are valued over $100.00 and the 1955 double die cent goes from $300.00 in Fine condition to as high as $4,500.00 in the top uncirculated grades.

The 1995 cent has strong doubling on the left side of the obverse with LIBERTY being strongly doubled. In the motto IN GOD WE TRUST, doubling is strongest on the IN and GOD. The doubling is also apparent on the V.D.B. initials of designer Victor D. Brenner. No doubling occurs in the date.

How valuable this variety will become will be determined by the number found, whether or not it becomes popular with collectors and dealers, and whether it is added to standard price guides such as the Red Book.

(Reprinted from The Silver Dollar News, Sept., 2000)
UPCOMING EVENTS

2000 Garrett Club Program: Please register all Garrett metal detectors purchased or received as gifts during 2000, with Garrett. If you make them aware that you are a member of YTC, Garrett will credit the club with 10% of the purchase price. Obtain an application form from any YTC officer. This credit is used to procure the yearly Freedom Ace Give-A-Way detector. This is an easy and effective way to support your club!

Trip to Mash. Pequot Museum - Saturday, October 14; a guided club trip, some may stay to gamble afterwards, so save those quarters! Cost ~$7, plus maybe a small discount. Contact Chuck Anderson for details, possible car-pooling. [I've heard this museum is well-worth seeing. Ed.]

Y.T.C. Fall Hunt!

Sunday, October 22 - at the Post Farm in Andover, CT
(see page 4 for map & directions).

Registration at 10 A.M. ($15 total for both hunts.)

Hunt #1 - 11A.M. - Noon.
Hunt #2 - 2P.M. - 3P.M. (after a lunch break).

There is a good chance for natural finds.

- No electronic pinpointing tools are allowed!
- Large trowels are allowed for digging.
- Rain date - October 29.

[Richard MacRobbie would appreciate additional prize donations.]

November Y.T.C. Auction!

Another reminder... this fun night is fast approaching (November 14, meeting night). Chuck Anderson is working hard to make this annual event a success. Our treasury benefits from this, and many people walk away with some interesting ‘treasures’ (at least 35 items have been donated so far).

Donations are still welcome and needed for the auction. Any item or items related to our hobby will be accepted. Coins, jewelry, digging tools, handbooks, etc. are typical of what’s presented. You can have fun using your imagination, re. what to donate, or talk with Chuck if in doubt.

The preliminary auction list is printed on page 5. Chuck would like to know what you’re donating as soon as possible. However, items will gladly be accepted up to and including the auction night. This event has been a lot of fun in the past, so bring your cash (checks accepted) and your spirit to the November 14 meeting!
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MEETING PLACE:
EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY 849 MAIN ST. TIME 6:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING 7:00PM

NEXT MEETING
December 12, 2000

It's time to renew your membership! See page 9 for info.
Please join us for our Christmas Party! See page 10 for
details, and consider helping the kids at the CT Children's
Place.
Minutes of Yankee Territory Coinshooters Meeting, October 10, 2000:

> The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. with 32 members and no guests present.
> The Secretary's Report was accepted as published.
> The Treasurer's Report for the past two months was accepted as read with a balance of $834.82 plus silver inventory of $349.25 purchase cost.
> Mark Sutcliffe announced that he was through his first chemotherapy treatment and doing fairly well despite severe back pain, for which he is being treated by a very talented acupuncturist in Glastonbury named Stephen Greenberg.

**Old Business:**

> Debbie Martin reported that 11 members attended the Conn. Children's Place outing and details are in the PROBE.
> Chuck is planning a trip to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum on Saturday.
> Chuck will be contacting Founding Members for input on the club's 25th anniversary.
> Mac is still looking for donations for the Fall Hunt in Andover. Vinnie DiBattista and Lee Moulton are assisting him. Electronic probes will not be allowed.
> Anita and John Hubley will assist Chuck with the November Auction.

**New Business:**

> A new "wish list" will be published in the PROBE for the Conn. Children's Place [see page 10]. We will collect unwrapped toys for them for Christmas from the list. A motion was made and passed to send them a $50 donation to help pay for Christmas activities for the children.
> The club Christmas Party [see page 10] will begin at 6:00 p.m. As usual, there will be no Find-of-the-Month; all entries are held over and combined with those of January. Grab bag gifts of approximately $10 in value may be exchanged if you wish, and no alcoholic beverages are allowed. Dave Gregorski will purchase beverages, the Hubleys will purchase a cold cut platter, rolls, etc., and Phil Skewes will purchase paper goods. A motion was made to appropriate $125 for refreshments and $25 for paper goods for the party. The motion passed. Members are reminded to please bring hot and cold dishes and desserts.
> Discussed and voted upon the FMDAC officer candidates for the next two years. They basically boiled down to the incumbent Carolyn Garrett slate versus the challenging Keith Wills slate. Chuck read position statements from each. The club voted for the following slate of officers: President: Carolyn Garrett, Vice President: Betty Weeks, Treasurer: Shelly Hatcher, and Secretary: Frank Colletti.
> Rick Browne has specific gravity, tide, and sunrise/sunset charts available: call him.
> Rick Browne and Bob Tulay talked about the "Hartford Hunt" that was arranged by former member and pro-bass fisherman Vinnie DiCioccio, Jr. the last weekend of September. [See results on page 4.] About 45-60 detectorists from all over the U.S. and Canada met at the hotel on Friday night to form hunting teams to attack the municipal parks in Hartford, Rock Ridge, Highland, Bushnell, Keeney, Colt, Pope, and Elizabeth. At 6 a.m. the next day, park officials were waiting to kick them out of Bushnell and Colt Parks, having apparently been tipped off by someone that they were there to "damage the parks." Some of the detectorists then had to shift gears and Vinnie took them to one of his "pet" detecting spots, the Wethersfield Green where the guys from Canada with the new Minelab Explorers found Spanish silver, old copper and large cents, and a nice gold ring. Vinnie was very upset about the park closures and was ready to lobby for blanket closure of all the parks. Bob and Rick think they cooled him off enough to prevent that. Minelab, Sunray, and Periscope were among the manufacturers who donated some nice hunt prizes. In summary, it was an enjoyable outing.
> Attendance Drawing for 3 silver quarters: Lucille Fouquette was absent; Don Bogli won a silver dime.
> A 1922 Peace Dollar Raffle was won by Phil LaPointe.
> The 50/50 Raffle was won by Mike Martin.
> The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Sutcliffe, Secretary.
Yankee Territory Coinshooers

Code of Ethics

Respect the rights and property of others.
Never destroy historical or archeological artifacts.
Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
Leave the land and vegetation as it was.
FILL IN ALL HOLES.
Remove all trash and litter, take it with you when you leave.

Remember that all coinshooers may be judged by the example YOU set. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration toward others.

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President’s Message

The Annual Fall Hunt was a success, as is typical when Richard MacRobbie serves as huntmaster. The weather was ideal, and the hunt field in Andover was certainly challenging, due to the way the meadow grass effectively hid targets. It was a personal thrill for me to share the day with my daughter and my friends at Y.T.C. Thank you Rich.

Richard had a good deal of assistance with organizing this event. Lee Moulton and Vincent Di-Battista helped with activities both before and during the event. Don Bogli and Phil Skewes deserve credit as well for helping to plant the fields the day before the hunt.

As the fall season slowly yields to the winter weather, and detecting opportunities begin to tail off for the year, I’m pleased to reflect on many wonderful finds retrieved by Y.T.C. members. I’m even more gratified to recall the memories of the ‘Fun Hunts’ we undertook as a group. I hope that we can find more opportunities to coalesce as a club next year, and I will do what I can to support this goal. I’ve always had a special affinity for the members of Y.T.C., and it is my desire that all of you, most particularly the newer club members, grow to share this view. I wish all of you a happy holiday season.

Chuck Anderson

Nobody Gets It All - ’Hartford Hunt’ Results
[from an e-mail sent by former member Vinnie DiCiccio, Jr.]

1/2 Reales- 2
1 Reale (Awesome Shape)- 1
Fugio Cents-2
Massachusetts Coppers- 1
CT Coppers- 4
George I and II Coppers- 15
Large Cents- 18
Seated Half- 1
Seated Quarters- 2
Seated Dimes- 7
Barbers- 7 Quarters, 28 dimes,
Indian Pennies- well over 30
Regular silver (Mercury, Wash, S/L Quarters) total in the 50’s
one Walking Half
One extremely Large 18K ring/ with Emerald appraised for a couple thousand
Many relics
Lots of silver Jewelry.

All in all, a great free hunt and the prizes were indeed in the ground. We also had prizes from Sun Ray, Minelab, Garrett - a 700.00 Periscope probe, silver dollars, and a gold coin which we gave away. Next year will be bigger and better as I have already begun to secure permission for 2 large farms. Whenever you wish to demo the Explorer, let me know. [Ed. note - at least one member is currently doing so.]
Y.T.C. Fall Hunt Results

October 22nd dawned clear, the sun quickly dissipating the morning chill. Arrivals for the hunt began around 10 A.M. With the sun behind us, the view of the Hop River valley to the north was spectacular. At the most, one or two spotty light frosts had crept through the area, and most of the leaves were still on the trees. Though past peak foliage color, the various shades of brown and muted yellows stood out among the bright green rectangles of grass.

Richard MacRobbie and a few members had already planted finds in two fenced-in farm fields the day before. The participants were eager to get going, with the added incentive of possible natural targets. (The upper field was just off route 6 in Andover, a well-traveled route back to Colonial times. Indeed, a Revolutionary War-era pub was just down the road.) The signal was given to begin the early ‘fun’ hunt, and THers began swarming over the grass-covered field. Planted targets were shallow, or even nestled on the surface within the rather high grass. The hour seemed to go by fast.

Various colored (painted) pennies had been buried (along with some of the allocated 3000+ coins, and a coin cache), and prizes were awarded to the first three people who found 5 differently-colored cents. Several additional prizes were given out, and then came lunch! There was plenty of pizza and beverages for all, followed by two delicious homemade cakes (Mac was accused of baking them, but he quickly denied that and gave due credit to his wife).

The afternoon main hunt got underway around 2:15. Over 100 tokens (each worth a designated prize) had been buried in the lower field, along with the remaining coins, plus four coin caches. (Someone facetiously complained about “too many coins!”) This hunt lasted a bit longer, and tired legs welcomed the closing whistle. [It’s been reported that sore muscles were common, for the next few days. Are we getting too old?]

The typical afternoon ‘take’ was $8 - $12, with a few people getting more. Prizes were again awarded, including a crisp green apple for a ‘green’ penny and a red apple for each ‘red’ penny. Several raffles added interest to the day. Chuck Anderson and his daughter Dana had hunted together with one machine and two sets of earphones. They got a great haul, including the token that entitled them to a try for the contents of the club’s Treasure Chest. [To win, ‘the Indian’ (an Indian Head penny) had to be ‘blindly’ picked from among 8 Lincoln cents.] Dana retrieved a Lincoln penny, so for the next official club hunt, the Indian will be a little easier to find, from among 7 Lincolns.

This was a great hunt. The $15 entry fee seemed a bargain. Many accolades to Mac for his tireless (tiring?) work in all the pre-hunt preparations – you had to be there to appreciate all that was involved. Thanks also to all the others who helped, either with their time or contributions. The eighteen members who hunted (plus a few visitors) had the added bonus of getting to know each other a little better. The competition was friendly, and many THing stories were overheard in various corners of the ‘waiting’ area. Do yourself a favor and consider joining us for the next hunt.

Good Internet Sites

www.treasureshop.com
www.treasurehunterssupply.com
treasurehunt.about.com/hobbies/treasurehunt/www.treasureshop.com
www.treasurehunterssupply.com
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www.onlinether.com
www.jimmysierra.com

[From the Silver Dollar News, Sept., 2000]
**Finds Of The Month**

**NOVEMBER**

**BOLD. ITALICS** INDICATES THE WINNERS - submitted by Ken Krivanec, 11-00.

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I guess all the detectors are pinging at full speed. We had 37 entries this month. That's a record since I've been doing this and I think for sometime back. Keep up the good work and see if we can break this record.

Ken Krivanec

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<td>using his Tesoro in the woods, found a 1915 Austrian gold coin.</td>
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<td>was also in the woods with his White’s detector and discovered a nice 1864 two cent piece with a counter-stamp that read ‘WF’.</td>
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<td>switching to his White’s detector found a “Carry Me-Lucky Be” medal.</td>
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<td>JEWELRY</td>
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<td>dug down ten inches to discover a sterling silver spoon.</td>
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<td>found a chewed musket ball (63 cal.)</td>
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An Another Ring Return

Dear Mr. Browne,

Thank you for finding my high school class ring. I appreciate what you have done for me. My girlfriend lost the ring when she was on a boat. I never thought someone would be nice enough to return it, if found. She and I both thank you. I am a junior at Naugatuck High School. I told most of my friends what happened, who you are, and what you did for me. They all think that it was very nice of you to return the ring and we all support what you do. You must be a very caring person to do what you did. There should be more people like you in the world. Thank you.

Sincerely, Eric Petro

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Dear Mr. Browne,

Please accept my apology in the delay of sending Eric's thank you note to you. I have forwarded your club's newsletter to my cousin at WTNH, Channel 8, in New Haven. I hope someone contacts you soon about this story, as I think what you and your organization does is terrific.

On behalf of Eric and Naugatuck High School, thank you. We need more people like you in this world.

Please find enclosed 2 tickets to any Naugy athletic event. Our football team is undefeated this season! A sport schedule is also enclosed.

Thanks again, best of luck to you and your club members in future searches.

Sincerely,
Sharon DeCrescenzo
Naugatuck High School

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A Special Request

Hi Folks,

Many friends have offered to do things to help out or have asked what they can do to help me through my battle with cancer. Well, here is something that you can do.

DONATE BLOOD. So far I have received 4 units of blood that were selflessly donated by people who I will probably never meet or know. Here is your opportunity to help not only me, but thousands of other people like me who have serious illnesses, accidents, and surgeries. Currently, the blood supplies in Connecticut and surrounding states are at dangerously low levels. PLEASE, if you are able, consider finding the next blood drive and donating a pint...and make it a habit. And encourage your family members, spouses, coworkers, and friends to donate as well. It doesn't hurt, doesn't take much time, and it will make YOU feel good: that you've done a good deed. For information about local blood drives call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Please, if for no other reason, consider it a favor to me. I thank you most sincerely.

Mark Sutcliffe
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM FOR
2001

Please use this form when paying your 2001 dues, and for information updates.
Annual Dues are:

___ @ $20.00 First family member
___ @ $10.00 Second family member
___ @ $ 7.00 Each additional family member

Total $ ____________

If you do not save your newsletter please pass it onto a friend. This is a good way to promote Y.T.C. and perhaps gain a new club member.

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May this information be shared with other members? YES ___ NO ___

Your membership expires on Dec. 31, 2000! A one-month grace period allows you to receive a January Probe, but if you're not renewed by Jan. 31, you will not receive a February newsletter. As a bonus for early renewal (by Dec. 11, before the Christmas party), you will be eligible for the Early Bird Silver Coin Raffle, to be held at the Christmas party. (It pays to be an 'early beeper'!) Fill out and send the above form ASAP, so that Ken Gudernatch our treasurer will receive it well before the party.

Mail to: Yankee Territory Coinshooters, P.O. Box 1811, Hartford, CT 06144-1811
Make check payable to: YTC (or full club name)

Membership benefits - monthly newsletter (Probe), Find of the Month and yearly Challenge contests (with prizes of silver coins), guests speakers, information on detecting equipment, refreshments and members' prize drawings at meetings, 'members only' hunts, membership in the FMDAC (Federation of Metal Detector and Archeological Clubs, Inc.), friendship and comraderie around this wonderful hobby.
NOVEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS

2000 Garrett Club Program: Please register all Garrett metal detectors purchased or received as gifts during 2000, with Garrett. If you make them aware that you are a member of YTC, Garrett will credit the club with 10% of the purchase price. Obtain an application form from any YTC officer. This credit is used to procure the yearly Freedom Ace Give-A-Way detector. This is an easy and effective way to support your club!

Trip to Mash. Pequot Museum - this trip was postponed because of minimal current interest and because the ground is still ‘diggable’ - why spend your sparse free time inside, when you can be hunting for treasure?


Happy Thanksgiving!

Once again, we are ‘nudged’ to remember how fortunate we are. Life can be hard, and in those times it is difficult to even attempt a smile, let alone be thankful for what life has given us. Looking back, though, can sometimes give us a softer perspective. We have survived ‘life’, and perhaps have even flourished or had some good fortune now and then.

What we have been given is an opportunity... a rare and inexplicable gift. And we have been given people to share that with. At least once each day, make a habit of being thankful for one thing...even something simple. Then when Thanksgiving rolls around, saying ‘thank you’ (and meaning it) will come a lot easier. My wish...a happy and thankful Holiday for you and yours. Dave G.

Y.T.C. Christmas Party!

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 12, 6 P.M.
Place: The usual meeting place
Beverages: Coffee and an assortment provided (NO ALCOHOL allowed)
Food: Cold-cut/sandwich platter provided...
AND... please bring a dish to share (hot dishes, salads, desserts) - with serving utensils please! [Note - there are no means to heat food - hot dishes should be brought hot, and warming pots/trays will be very helpful.]
Grab-bag (“Chinese”-style) - value $8-$10, preferably related to our hobby; NO ALCOHOL please. Please wrap your gift, and be sure it is suitable for either gender. Please be fair.

Christmas Gifts for the CT Children’s Place

As the monthly donations have been discontinued, please be generous and bring new, unwrapped gifts to our Christmas Party. Pick from the following categories, for both boys and girls (~ 10-16 years old).

Toys - Pokemon (cards, books, etc.), Furbies, model kits, computer games (hand-held), Nerf balls/games, matchbox cars, stuffed animals, Lego kits, Beanie Babies, miniature dollhouses, yo-yo’s (especially with a ‘brain’).
Games - checkers, chess, playing cards, board games (e.g., Connect Four, UNO, Boggle, Taboo, Sorry, Gestures, Scattergories, Aggravation).
Sports - bike helmets, sports cards & card albums, sleds, sporting event tickets, roller/ice skates, basketballs, all other sports balls, ping pong paddles, pool cues, fishing poles and gear.

Remember what Christmas was like when you were a kid? Chances are, these children have never known anything like that. Let’s give them a warm-hearted Christmas this year, as Y.T.C. always has.

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MEETING PLACE:

EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY 840 MAIN ST. TIME 6:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM

Think you’ve found a meteorite? See page 5.
There is a use for those pull-tabs! See page 9.

NEXT MEETING
January 9, 2001
Minutes of Yankee Territory Coinshooeters meeting, November 14, 2000:

> The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. with 30 members and no guests present.
> The Secretary’s Report was accepted as published.
> The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as read with a balance of $845.72 plus silver inventory of $361.15 purchase cost.

Old Business:
> Huntmaster Richard MacRobbie reported that the turnout was disappointing at the Fall Hunt. He planted 3100 targets in two hunts and 400 targets were missed in the tall grass including 8 prize tokens and one cache.

New Business:
> A survey form to determine the effectiveness of the FMDAC is available.
> Ken Gudernatch brought in an article from the Internet about the guys’ Mexico trip.
> All preparations are set for the Christmas Party.
> At the club’s 25th Anniversary celebration in January former member Eric Larson will have a slide show of scenes from the olden days of detecting and YTC.
> Pete Luchina reported on the FMDAC Hunt in Florida. A hurricane was approaching and the beach where the hunt was held was covered with six inches of water. All the hunts were consolidated into one which was held on the flooded beach in a 40 m.p.h. wind. About 400 people attended the affair which Pete described as “interesting”.
> Ken Gudernatch reported on some ideas for the Northeast Chapter of the FMDAC from Chapter President Tony D’Angelo. They include: Having a Chapter Hunt open to member clubs only; Having an Advisory Council made up of the presidents of the member clubs; Having reporters to investigate problems within the Chapter. A newsletter is in the works.
> Rick Browne is collecting aluminum pulltabs for the Shriners Burn Center in Springfield. Please bring your tabs in to the meetings or send them directly to Rick. [See article on page 9.]
> Members were reminded to bring unwrapped gifts for the Connecticut Children’s Place to the December meeting.
> The November Auction was held and raised $416.75 for the club treasury.
> Dan Slawski was absent for the Attendance Drawing for 4 silver quarters, Lee Moulton did not have his membership card or name badge, so Mark Sutcliffe won a silver dime.
> Challenge Master John Hubley reported that Vincent DiBattista achieved Level 1 of the Challenge. John is looking for input from members for next year’s Challenge list.
> The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Sutcliffe, Secretary.
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Yankee Territory Coinshooters
Code of Ethics

Respect the rights and property of others.
Never destroy historical or archeological artifacts.
Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
Leave the land and vegetation as it was.
FILL IN ALL HOLES.
Remove all trash and litter, take it with you when you leave.

Remember that all coinshooters may be judged by the example YOU set. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration toward others.

Editor’s Note...

When you see brackets [...] in this newsletter, those are comments made by me, not the author of the piece. I don’t always use the standard convention of putting “Ed.” at the end of what I say. Also, I always indicate the author or source of any article in the Probe.

If such is not indicated, then it was I who wrote the piece, in case you have comments/issues with it. (If it is a report of, say, a club event, I do not usually put my name on it.) Dave G.

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SALES, SERVICE & RENTALS
President’s Message

Happy Holiday’s!
I wish you all health and happiness in the coming year. Many club members unearthed great finds in 2000, and my guess is that there are many more “keepers” awaiting us in 2001.

I hope that we can continue the ‘Fun Hunts’ next year. I always have a wonderful time detecting with club members, and I believe that the participation of newer members is partially the result of expanding Y.T.C. group activities.

January is the 25th Anniversary of Y.T.C., and an evening of celebration has been planned. Several of the club’s founding members have been invited to fascinate us with tales about metal detecting in the ‘early days’ of the 1970’s and 80’s, when a person could detect in a park or school yard and retrieve a handful of silver coins. One founding member has agreed to present a slide show focusing on the early years of Y.T.C. We will cap the evening with an anniversary cake. Please come and enjoy this special event!

Before closing, I want to thank the current members of Y.T.C. for participating in club events, working on activities, and donating items for club hunts, the auction, and the CT Children’s Place. I especially want to thank each member of the Executive Committee for bearing the brunt of the work necessary to maintain the success of our organization. Chuck Anderson

Our Condolences...
...to Janet LaPointe on the loss of her father, and to Carol Janak on the loss of her stepfather.
Our thoughts are with you.

Tidbit

Early gold and silver U.S. coins had smooth edges/rims. ‘Entrepreneurs’ carefully filed small amounts of precious metals off these rims, and cashed in their accumulations as bullion.

To deter this practice, the U.S. Mint eventually produced such coins with ‘receded’ edges - the close-set grooves you can see and feel. Now ‘filing for profit’ would leave an obvious trace.

Y.T.C. Auction Results

Chuck Anderson once again did a great job in putting the club auction together. As the ‘MC’, he tirelessly kept the interest up and the bidding active, on most of the 38 items donated by members. The total ‘take’ was $416.75, one of most successful in years.

Thanks to the Hubleys for assisting during the auction, to those who contributed in other ways, and of course, to Chuck.

For Sale

Whites XLT - bought in 1997, used twice; comes with soft carrying case, earphones, apron, digging tool. Priced at $500.
Call Fran Sefcik, @ 413-527-7585 (Mass.)
DECEMBER

School Ring Spawns Class Mystery

WEST HAVEN- This Connecticut shoreline town and the Pacific paradise of Hawaii have little in common, but they were key players in a little mystery that has spanned six decades and thousands of miles. The mystery began more than a year ago when Richard Fernwalt, running his metal detector across the sands of Waikiki Beach in Honolulu, came across a small ring. "It's a real tiny ring, probably 14-karat gold, and has a black onyx stone. It's cracked on the band on the bottom, but it's in great shape," Fernwalt said.

The ring was heavily crusted over with sand, but after cleaning it up Fernwalt was able to make out the words "West Haven High". It also bore the initials "M.T." and the year 1938. Fernwalt said a friend hit the Internet for some information and found out that apparently the only West Haven High in the country is in Connecticut. Fernwalt called the school and spoke to then-Principal John Karajanis. Karajanis looked up the initials in the 1938 yearbook and found that Mildred Thayer was the only student whose name matched them.

After coming up with that information, Fernwalt then heard nothing for months from anybody connected with the high school, Thayer or the ring. In March, however, he got a call from Beth Denton, who works in the computer room of the high school library's media center. "The guy wrote a letter to the school and the letter ended up in the library," Denton said. When Denton began to search for Thayer, she found a few people who knew her from high school, including former city official Donald Wrinn. She even found people who thought Thayer had gotten married and moved out West, but the information was old and the trail had grown cold.

[An AP article reprinted from the Hartford Courant, June 23, 2000. I'm sure some of you can relate to the difficulties and frustrations in attempting to return lost jewelry. Ed.]

So You Think You’ve Found a Meteorite?

Answer This...
There are hot rocks and there are “hot rocks” as in meteorites. How do you know the difference?
Response:

There are four basic tests that you can perform in the field if you think that you have a meteorite in your possession.
1) Weight: heavier than an earth rock of the same size
2) Magnetic attraction: carry a magnet and see if it sticks to the rock
3) Fusion crust: black coating over rock
4) Orientation: streaks (lines) running the length of the rock, caused by atmospheric entry

Check out www.meteoritemarket.com for more info.

[From the Treasure Trail Society newsletter (Oregon), October, 2000.]

A great deal of information is also available at http://treasure-den.com/jb/alltips.html, including pictures and museums which may confirm your find. Ed.
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Here is the final issue of the ‘find of the month’ for the year 2000. It's been a good year with many unusual finds. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and good luck for the year 2001.  

**COIN-GOLD/SILVER**  
Pre-1900  
**RICHARD MACROBBIE** found an 8 Reale on farm land with the landowner by his side. Therefore, the Reale is on loan.  
Post-1899  
**CARL MULLER** searched the bleacher area of a football field in a park with his Garrett, and found a 1905 Silver Quarter.  
**OTHER**  
Pre-1900  
**KAREL EYBERSE** found a 1798 Large Cent while searching where a house had been torn down - a beautiful coin.  
Post-1899  
**KEN GUDERNATCH** lifted a 1911 ‘V’ Nickel from soil while hunting with others on public land.  
**TOKEN/MEDAL**  
**VINCENT DIBATTISTA** found a machine rolled dime restamped with Mt. Everest on it.  

**JEWELRY**  
Gold  
**RICK BROWNE** and a couple friends were playing in fresh water, when he discovered a 14K engagement ring and a wedding band. The ring had 3 diamonds.  
Silver  
**PHIL LAPOINTE** unearthed a Silver Searsport Grammar School Ring. The date read 1913.  
Other  
**VINCENT DIBATTISTA** found a watch 3 inches deep while hunting on private land with his Whites machine.  

**RELIC**  
Toy  
**MICHAEL GIANNETTI** found a 1958 toy truck about 3 inches deep.  
Military  
**DAVE GREGORSKI** was out one sunny day with his Minelab and unearthed a target 5 inches down. It turned out to be a .58 caliber ‘Minnie’ ball, Civil War vintage.  
Other  
**CHUCK ANDERSON** found an R-7 (extremely rare) Washington Inaugural Button on private land. Value quite good.  

**CONSOLATION PRIZE**  
**JIM GROOM** won this prize with an 1854 Liberty Seated Dime.
Skill Vs. Technology Vs. Knowledge in Detecting – A ‘Yearling’s’ View
By Dave Gregorski

Actually, I’m not a yearling, but I don’t know the word to describe someone (me) who has been part of this wonderful hobby for 2 years and 2 months. This perspective is mine alone – others’ views and experience may be different, and I’d love to hear them. I’m writing this more for those relatively new to the hobby, as I can relate to the ‘mysteries’ of why others seem to find a lot of old coins, gold rings, etc., and we can’t.

My first detector was a White’s Classic ID – a wonderful choice for a novice because of its ease of use. I also found that it gave surprising depth, and it discriminated well (sometimes) down to 5-6 inches. I learned too late (i.e., after no doubt passing over many great targets without digging them), that I needed to keep the ‘discrimination’ control at the minimum, and the ‘sensitivity’ control at the maximum that background noise allowed. I started finding more ‘good stuff’ under these conditions, and when I began digging those questionable signals. So for at least 6 months, my lack of skill kept me from fully utilizing the technology that I had.

In time I got better, and reached a point where I was getting ~ the most out of my Whites. However, I still had a lot to learn about choosing where and how to hunt. Now the technology was, in a sense, ‘ahead’ of my knowledge level. The phrase “nobody gets it all” is so true. But what makes the difference in helping us locate that great ‘find’ that was left behind? This is where knowledge helps. There are books that can help out – teaching us how to ‘read’ a beach...suggesting where ‘old stuff’ may still be hiding. Library research pays dividends, figuring where crowds gathered long ago. We need to put ourselves in a position to succeed.

Once we gain access to a potentially good site, our hunting technique (skill) then comes into play. We must pay attention to the affect our swing speed has on locating targets at different depths. (I believe each brand of machine has an ‘ideal’ speed for maximum depth/discrimination...your manual may help, watching others may help...but experimenting on your own is the best teacher.) Most of us need to keep our coils closer to the ground. Interpreting detector signals is a learned (trial and error) skill.

“Patterning’ a hunt site is also important. Cover the site in one direction, then again (if you have faith in the site) at 90 degrees or even diagonally. I’ve been amazed just within the past year, to see how many great targets will ‘appear’ on land I have already covered. I’ve found that the direction of approach plays a very big role in whether or not I get a good (or any) signal from a target. (I’m not talking about the near-surface clad coins, but the targets a little deeper and perhaps on-edge, or a little corroded, or next to a piece of junk – the good targets missed by others.) And of course, since we can’t see into the ground, there’s no way of knowing what the best approach angle is...so covering a site thoroughly takes time, but it may be worth it. This bit of practical knowledge has been very helpful to me.

When we’re sure we are getting the most out of our machine, then it may be time to consider an upgrade. You can’t always believe the ‘hype’ in advertising, but there are machines out there that will go deeper and discriminate better...depends on how much you want to pay, how much you want to ‘struggle’ with a new learning-curve, and what types of hunting you want to do. Maybe the machine you have gives you all the fun you want. Myself, I wanted more out of the hobby, and my second purchase was a Minelab Sovereign. (Let me tell you – I almost sold it after 2 weeks...it was that hard for me to get used to, being so different from my Whites in how-to-pinpoint, and in the type of audio response...variably-pitched ‘squeaks and squawks’ instead of a uniform ‘beep’). So again, my skill level did not do the technology justice, this time for the better part of a year. Now I’m at the point that (I think) I’m getting ~ the most out of the Minelab...so I bought a larger coil for it (for even more depth), and this time the learning curve was very short.

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DECEMBER

[A side note – when I speak of ‘more depth’, that is a relative term. Soil mineralization and other factors affect detectability. Under the same conditions, my Whites will find a target at, say, 4 inches, and my Minelab (original coil) will get it at 6 inches, and the Minelab with the larger coil may find it at 8 inches (my estimates from experience). However, I occasionally have found similar targets with each machine at greater depth... 8 inches with my Whites, 12 inches with the Minelab. That’s why I say, ‘depth’ is relative.]

So, do I think technology is over-rated? No, I don’t, but don’t underestimate any machine in the hands of a skilled operator. For the average detectorist, what is the relative importance of the various factors in getting ‘the good stuff’? I’d say, roughly, skill (technique, knowing your machine) – 55%, knowledge (choosing where to hunt) – 25%, and technology – 20%. I rate the latter lowest, because I’ve found many good items in the top 4 inches of soil, where most machines could locate them if the first 2 factors were taken care of. (For the expert, where greater skill and knowledge is assumed, I think technology can play a bigger role.)

Now, just to upset all this thinking a bit... there was the case of a yard dating back to the late 1800’s, that gave up a lot of Indian cents to my hunting partner and myself (and surprisingly, very little silver). We hunted the yard several times, from several directions. Just when we figured it was cleaned out, I pulled out my ‘B’- grade machine (Whites) for the first time, just for laughs (and because my arm was tired from swinging the heavy Minelab), and within a space of 12 feet found my first ‘V’-nickel and my first Flying Eagle cent! Both were at a depth of 3-4 inches. We’ve both since found more Indians at spots we thought we had thoroughly hunted. Go figure. This hobby is so full of surprises (some of them nice ones), which keeps me hooked. So keep at it. You just never know...

A Thank-You Note from Cheney Homestead

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Cheney Homestead Committee of the Manchester Historical Society would like to express our sincere appreciation for the assistance of your members who participated in our archaeological dig this summer. Their man-hours and dedication to this project were invaluable to getting it completed in a timely fashion, and we look forward to working with your group again if the opportunity arises. You are certainly a credit to your hobby. Please extend our personal thanks to the following members: Don Bogli, Dave and June Cooke, Carl Mueller, Phil Skewes, and Mark Sutcliffe. We apologize if we have omitted any names.

Sincerely,
Marianne Hainstra, Secretary

Those Pull-tabs Do Have Some Use...

...at least for someone else. The Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America (Springfield, Mass.) have collected well over 200,000 pounds of tabs in the past eleven years [should take Y.T.C. 2-3 years to match that!]. The tabs are redeemed at a metal recycling facility. MANY expensive items have been purchased with the money, for both the Shriner’s Hospital in Springfield and the Shriner’s Burns Unit in Boston.

Rick Browne has volunteered to coordinate collection and return of tabs that members turn up in their treasure hunting [see... treasure IS where you find it!]. The pull tabs need to be aluminum (non-magnetic) and CLEAN! Please do not turn in ones that are corroded, encrusted with dirt, sand or other foreign matter. The best way to ‘recycle’ yours is to bring them to a meeting. (If you can’t, contact Rick to make other arrangements.)

This is a very worthwhile endeavor. Not only do we remove trash from the ground / sand, but then it can be turned into cash used for needed medical equipment.
DECEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS/HUNTS

2000 Garrett Club Program: Please register all Garrett metal detectors purchased or received as gifts during 2000, with Garrett. If you make them aware that you are a member of YTC, Garrett will credit the club with 10% of the purchase price. Obtain an application form from any YTC officer. This credit is used to procure the yearly Freedom Ace Give-A-Way detector. This is an easy and effective way to support your club!

Trip to Mash. Pequot Museum - this trip was postponed because of minimal current interest and because the ground is still ‘diggable’ - why spend your sparse free time inside, when you can be hunting for treasure?

January 7, 2001 - Winter Beach Bash Bonanza (Seaside Heights, N.J.) - www.midjersey.com , 609-860-9636 (Dan Tuckman), 609-585-3029 (Scott Pullen).

Annual (Y.T.C.) Jack Hube Memorial Polar Bear Hunt - on a Sunday in late February, more info. to follow. Members must be in good standing (i.e., dues paid up!) to participate.

April 8 - Bill Sweetland Memorial Hunt (Belmar, N.J.) - sponsored by the Jersey Coast Treasure Hunters' Club; contact Joan Ammend @ 1311 Liberty Ave., Union, N.J. 07083, or call 908-686-7962.

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Seasons Greetings

With the Holidays so close, it’s again time to reflect on the past year. Perhaps you had set some goals for yourself, or if you’re like me, you sort of allowed your ‘nose’ to lead you down the path of life (and hopefully to some good detecting spots!). We apparently survived ‘Y2K’ quite well. I hope your disappointments and sad times were few, and that there was someone ‘there for you’ to share them. I also hope that there was an ‘upside’ of good times, good friends, and good ‘finds’!

Christmas, for me, is usually a time of mixed emotions. Hope and promise is inherent in the season, and there are many good memories. Yet sometimes these memories also bring sadness because of loved ones no longer with me. So I want to take some of my own advice from a year ago (and perhaps this can be helpful for you, too).... slow down and listen...allow some child-like moments...give to others what you would like to receive (and I’m not talking about material things). Let what is in your heart transcend the commercialism, so you can re-locate the meaning and magic that touched you long ago. Buy YOURSELF a present. Ask what the Christ-child wants. Let in some of Santa’s joy. Let the carols resonate inside of you (humming along with them helps). See snowfall in a different way...perhaps as flakes of peace and healing (it worked for Dorothy and Toto!).

I want to express my gratitude to all those who have helped me, in big ways and small, with the Probe. I am also thankful for the friendships that have come my way, from my being in Y.T.C. In my opinion, this past year has been a very good one for the club. A big part of this is because more people have gotten involved, sharing their ‘energy’ with the rest of us. My wish is that you and all your loved ones have a sweet, happy, wonderful, ‘smell-good’ kind of Christmas!

Dave G.

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