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The Buckeye Searcher

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Last Months Ebay Meeting

We had a very informative meeting with a lot of GREAT INFORMATION on selling and buying on Ebay. There were many questions and a lot of information. We want to thank Terry Stahurski for all the information he provided. We also want to thank all the others who contributed information to us all. If any one has any other questions about Ebay you can still contact us and we will try to help you with any problems or questions that may arise.

CIVIL WAR EXPERT TO SPEAK AT THE MAY MEETING

We are very pleased to announce that our May meeting will be featuring **George Rees**. He is from Medina. He has been detecting for 25 years and is an expert on Civil War relics as well as other militaria. Please bring in any Civil War finds (or even stuff that wasn't metal detected) and George can help identify or at least discuss the items. Let's hope for a great turnout!

Seeded hunt information

There will be a \$4 dollar fee collected at the hunt site before the hunt. The hunt is open to all members. Refreshments will be served after the hunt. Thank you to our Hunt master Bob Richards and a special thanks to Joe and Marlene Franchino who not only take care of our snacks at the meeting, but at the hunts as well.

The Buckeye Searcher Patches are in. They will be \$4.00

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Each and can be purchased at our next meeting. See Terry Stahurski our President for those patches.

Treasurers Report

March 2007

Start: _____ \$105.02

Income: _____ \$165.00

Expenses: _____ \$23.00

Increase _____ \$142.00

End: _____ \$ 247.02

Income: \$157.00 Raffle, \$8.00 Coffee Kitty

Expenses: Refreshments \$23.00.

Don't forget to renew your memberships! Just send in the form on the last page or bring it with you at the next meeting.

Up Coming Events

Hunt Dates :

Sunday April 29th 2007 - Bedford Glenss- 10 A.M.

Saturday May 19th 2007- Garfield Park- 10A.M.

Saturday June 16th 2007-Annual Picnic Celebration- 10 A. M. Arrive 11 A.M. Main Hunt possible Silver Hunt following. Lunch at around 12 Noon.

Sunday July 22nd 2007- Loews Park- 10A.M.

Saturday August 18th 2007- Mentor Headlands-10A.M.

Sunday September 16th 2007- 10A.M.

Due to time restraints our find of the month will be in next month's issue.

Web Pages of interest:

<http://www.losttreasure.com>

<http://www.fmdac.org/>

<http://www.treasurenet.com/west/east/>



Treasure Competition Hunts

APRIL

- 21st** Butte, MT. The 2007 Montana Gold and Treasure Show at the Red Lion Hotel, 2100 Cornell Ave., Exit 1-90 & Harrison. Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. Admission \$4 per person, 12 and under free. Door prizes, raffles, demos. Call Alan at 406-253-1678 or Ralph at 406-691-0306 for more information.
- 21st & 22nd** Winfield, PE. The Susquehanna Valley Metal Detecting Club's 28th Annual Two-Day Treasure Hunt at the Union Township Fire Co. Fairgrounds. Three hunts each day. Breakfast and lunch provided by the Fire Co. For more information, contact Lenny Cooper 570-752-6347 or coop6347@msn.com. Additional contact of Ed Burke 570-287-5022 or potogold1@verizon.net
- 27th & 29th** Riverside, CA. The West Coast Prospectors and Treasure Hunters' 20th Annual Rendezvous at Rancho Jurupa Campground. Make camping reservations early by calling the campground at 800-234-7275. Additional information available at www.westcoasters.org or from Ralph Crowther, 26722 Valpariso Dr., Mission Viejo, CA 92691, 949-588-2922, or crowtherj74@hotmail.com
- 28th & 29th** Salt Lake City, UT. GPAA Gold & Treasure Show Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 10am-4pm. General Admission \$5, children under 12 free at the Utah State Fair Park, 155N 1000 W. Call 801-538-8440.
- 28th & 29th** Cashmere, WA. North Central Washington Prospectors' 7th Annual Gold and Treasure Show at the Chelan County Fairgrounds. For more information, contact Carl Pederson, club president, at 509-884-6940 or repete@nwinternet.com.

May

- 4th - 5th** Mesa, AZ. The 2007 FMDAC Spring Convention and Treasure Expo at the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center. Hunts at Goldfield Ghost Town, 4 miles north of Apache Junction, AZ (www.goldfieldghosttown.com). Additional information available at www.fmdac.org or contact Mike Smith at (480) 983-7011 or Duane Biller at (724) 439-1380.

2007 Spring FMDAC Convention and Treasure Expo



The convention will be at the **Windemere Hotel, 5750 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85205**. The rooms will be \$69.00 plus tax per night. (This includes a continental breakfast). That rate will be from **May 4th to May 7th**. To make reservations you can call 1-800-888-3561. Be sure to tell them you are with the FMDAC. You can check out this beautiful hotel at

- 5th & 6th** Rapid City, SD. GPAA Gold & Treasure Show Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 10am-4pm. General Admission \$5, children under 12 free at the Central States Fairground, 800 San Francisco Street. For details, call 605-355-3861

June

- 2nd** Roanoke, VA. Roanoke Valley Coin & Relic Club's 16th Annual Hunt. For more information, call Anna or Steve at 540-563-4118.
- 9th & 10th** Hampton, IL. Cedar Valley Research and Recovery's Second Annual Treasure Hunt at Illiniwek Forest Preserve, Route 84, Hampton, IL. Contact Daryl Mitchell at 55 Geneva Dr., Muscatine, IA 52761, phone 563-263-2749, or cz6hunter@machlink.com



Civil War Relic Hunting

By Larry Cissna (aka TR)

Camp Identity



So often we find Yankee relics in confederate camps and vice versa. There's many reasons for this, and how do we go about identifying the type of camp we are hunting? In 1860 before the war between the states, men from the north as well as the south all served united for the United States military. The military attire was the same for everyone, U.S. buckle, eagle buttons, breast plates, etc. etc. When the war between the states erupted, the U.S. military split. Those from the north went their way, and those from the south the same. The northern states were more industrialized than that of the south. The southern confederacy depended on small button makers in the south for example, "Hyde and Goodrich", "Theodore Miller" as well as foreign button makers. As the war progressed, the union blockades prevented any foreign trade to enter the southern states.

When the U.S. military split and the soldiers went their way, so did those U.S. military attires! Times were hard in those days, and to many, it didn't matter what they wore. When it was time for those southern boys to go into confederate camps, many of them wore those U.S. military attires, it was all they had. This is why we find U.S. belt plates, breast plates, and eagle buttons of all sorts in CS camps. Earlier buttons are found in these CS camps as well, these guys wore anything they could get their hands on. Many think the "Flower Button" was for women, well that's wrong. Men on both sides of the mason wore clothing with flower buttons etc., however, during the war it was more prominent on the confederacy side. Some folks feel just because a soldier was a confederate he had a CS uniform. If the truth be known, only about 50% of the confederate army was clothed in CS attire, and that may be stretching it.

There's been a time when hunting a Yankee site, a confederate button is dug, and that question enters our minds, "wonder how this got here. During the war, soldiers would exchange items for souvenirs. Buttons were one of these items. This is why we find some CS relics in Yankee camps, and vice versa. Sometimes the site was used by both opposing forces, and when a mixture of both types of army relics is present. Just because you find a three ring Minnie ball does not mean you're on a Yankee site :) Both sides used this bullet. Three ring minnies are found in every CS site in Texas, as well as other southern states, and there were no Yankees in a lot of these camps.

How do we determine what type of camp we are hunting if no state buttons or any other identifiable relics have been found to determine who occupied the site? I'm going to use two examples here, one of which will be Yankee, the other confederate. If you hunting a site and your finding eagle buttons, but mostly flower buttons and flat buttons, this is usually the tell tale sign of a CS camp. Another tell tale sign would be the Enfield bullet. All though some Yankees did use this bullet, this bullet was mainly used by the confederate army. Round balls are another tell tale sign of a CS site. Why are round balls found in CS sites? These guys were army poor from the get go. They brought shot guns, old muskets from earlier wars way before the minnie was invented. The Yankees on the other hand were army rich! They had the latest and newest of everything for the most part. Round balls in Yankee camps? I don't think so. You might find a .69 cal. though :) No, the southern boys brought their guns with them from home, most of which were that of round ball type.

Yankee camps are usually pretty easy to identify. The bullets in such camps usually give this away long before a single button is found, most relic hunters from Virginia can vouch for this. The Yankee army was rich. They had lots of stuff compared to their counter part the confederates. As I stated earlier, the north was more industrialized than that of the south.

From personal experiences hunting both Yankee and confederate camps "mostly confederate" I must say there are two main things that always show up more prominent in CS camps than that of the northern army, flat or flower buttons, and round balls. I always find an abundance of these relics in CS camps. I would like to say this, the confederate army

of northern Virginia early on in the war, had better clothing "CS" than later on. The blockades at sea, as well as the Yankee control over the Mississippi and other main rivers were the cause of this. Before ending this article, I would like to share something with everyone. Some may already know this, some may not.

Have you ever found a button that has a ring "key chain type" run through the eye of the button? The reason for the ring was to keep a grouping of buttons together so they wouldn't be lost so easily. When the soldier lost a button from his uniform, he would take one off the ring and replace the lost button. Now we know why we find thimbles in camps :) I hope some of this information has helped, there's a ton of information on identifying a camp that I didn't even go into, we would end up with a book if I had. I wish you all great success in the field.
Larry Cissna...**TR** TEXASREBEL@COMPUTRON.NET

Membership Renewal Form-June 2007

Applicants agree to abide by club rules and show good fellowship and to participate in club activities. No member will do anything to harm or degrade the Club's name or reputation and will work toward the preservation of the same.

Name (Print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (Area code included) _____

Cell Phone _____

E-Mail

Address _____

FMDAC MEMBERSHIP () Yes () No (\$5.00 Fee to join)

Ok to publish your home phone number and e-mail? () Yes

() No

Type of membership: Individual (\$15.00) _____ Family

(\$25.00) _____ senior over 70 (\$10.00) _____ Senior Family

(\$15.00) _____

For a family please list your spouse and your children and their ages:

Please make check payable to Tammy Kepler and mail to 39064 East River Road Elyria, Ohio 44035 or bring to a monthly meeting.

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Jose Ortiz Phone: 216-267-6760

If you anything you would like to sell or share with the club you can contact me (the editor)

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