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## April Meeting Notes

### We want to thank everyone who brought things in to share.

Club jackets are in please pick them up from Terry at the club meeting.

The cost is \$26.00 with the logo and \$21.00 without the logo.

**Dues are due in January so please pay promptly. You must fill out the form at the end of this newsletter completely and either mail it to me or bring it**

**to the meeting. Additionally, if any members know of anyone who would like to join the club, please have them come to the next meeting or give their name and address to Tammy.**

If you have any interesting articles or anything related to Metal Detecting that you would like to put in the newsletter for sale you can contact at 440-865-6062 or email me at [rtkepler8@hotmail.com](mailto:rtkepler8@hotmail.com).

**Our club picnic will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> the Saturday before Father's Day.**

**If you need to get a Metro parks permit call this contact number and request one. The number is 216-635-3200.**

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***Next meeting will  
be Thursday  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
At 7:30P.M.***

Please join us. Our monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Solon Historical Society Building. It is located at the corner of Bainbridge Road and Route 91 33975 In Solon, Ohio. Our meetings are open To the public. We look forward to seeing you.

## **May's Meeting Topic**

We will be watching a video about Chippewa Lake Park this month at our meeting this month. Many of us have visited the park when we were younger and would love to get back in there to hunt the grounds. There were rides and cabins for spending a vacation or just a weekend at the park. They also have a very large lake there that was used for swimming and fishing. Some of the club members have hunted the parking lot and are going to share their finds with us. I also have 2 books on Chippewa Lake that I am bringing with me to share with you. We are still trying to make efforts to get permission to hunt the grounds. There was a feeling that we may be able to go there once the grounds were cleared of old and dangerous rides. Come on out and join in the discussion or Share with us your experiences there. Don't forget to bring in your finds of The month! Happy Hunting!

**I want to apologize for the small newsletter this month. I have an extremely busy month with my family in from Brazil. I Will post a larger version in about a week on the web site for all the Financials and the Find of the month results.**

**Terry thought you might find it interesting. Here is a story that was recently done on Chippewa Lake on WKYC news:**



## New life at old Ohio amusement park

MEDINA COUNTY -- There are trees growing through a wooden roller coaster that are taller than coaster itself.

And twisted steel is all that's left of the dance hall.

Chippewa Lake Park, once billed as "Ohio's playground," closed in 1978 after a 100-year run. The that played host to Lawrence Welk and Bruce Springsteen is in ruins.

"First question is, why," said California developer Gary Sills. "Why would you come here? Gotten of that."

The draw for the 97-acre purchase is a \$3.15 million view from where the park's hotel once stood.

"The real asset here is the lake," Sills said. "It is truly a diamond in the rough."

Chippewa Lake is the largest, natural inland lake in Ohio and it is still largely undeveloped.

Sills and his partners hope to break ground this fall on a 193-room Hilton hotel. It will anchor the project called "Chippewa Landing".

In addition to the hotel, preliminary plans already approved by local and county officials call for two restaurants, a culinary institute, a wellness center affiliated with Akron General Health Systems and boat houses overlooking the lake.

Sills said the hotel and conference spaces are aimed a corporate market. But there will also be club memberships and cottages to attract the interest of Northeast Ohio residents

"This area here as far as a resort destination and meeting and conference hotel," Sills said, "we're looking at a drive-to, not a fly-to, tourism."

Sills said the biggest challenge of the project is regrading the site to take care of flooding concerns flood mitigation.

Time will tell if Chippewa Lake Park will be given new life.

Sills said that they are in the process of securing funding for the hotel. He told Channel 3 News if everything goes well, Chippewa Landing could open in two years.

Most of the park's rides and buildings are beyond restoration. But two of the park's rides, the ferris wheel and a ride called the "Tumblebug," may be taken down and reassembled on the opposite side Chippewa Lake.

The park is open for free tours on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# Membership Renewal Form-January 2009

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 (\$20.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Family (\$25.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Senior over 70 (\$15.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Family (\$20.00) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Spouse** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children names and ages:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you wish to be contacted for the police hunts?** Yes No

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