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# The Buckeye Searcher

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## Last Months Talk on Competition Hunts

We had a very informative meeting with a lot of rewarding information on competition hunting. If anyone has questions on competition hunting you can contact me and I will see that you get any hunt information, or answer any questions on the hunts themselves.

**The Buckeye Searcher Patches are in. They will be \$4.00 Each and can be purchased at our next meeting. See Terry Stahurski our President for those patches.**

**Our Meeting Topic for this month will be" Dump Digging". It will be on August 9th at 7:30P.M. at the Solon Historical Society.**

**Joe Franchino is going to share with us his knowledge on How to locate a site, how to dig at the site and exciting finds that you can locate on a site! If you have anything you found dump digging, bring it to the meeting. We would like to see any finds or tools you use to hunt these sites. Hope to see you there!**

*Here's an update on club shirts. These prices are based on a company who John P. knows and is friends with that he recommended:*

*(all prices include the Buckeye Searchers name near the upper left area):*

*Shirt with pocket: \$9.00 each, without pocket: \$7.00*

*USA made shirt with pocket: \$11.00, without pocket: \$9.00*

*We can probably select several colors of shirts in sizes S-XL. Sizes larger than XL will cost a little more. These prices are more expensive than the place that did our club patch but that place had a minimum order of 100. There is no minimum amount with John's friends' place. We will discuss this at the next meeting.*

*Here is a special THANK YOU to Darrold Allen who made us a beautiful glass Buckeye Searcher Emblem Sun Catcher.*

*Just a note: At the last club hunt we had 12 people hunting and one hunter took away a little something extra not planted, a Half Dollar! Congratulations to Harry Malosh!!*

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*June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the  
Solon Historical Building*

*33975 Bainbridge Rd,  
Solon, OH*

*At 7:30P.M.*

**Web Pages of interest  
on dump digging:**

[www.treasurequestxlt.com/community/bottle-dump-digging/](http://www.treasurequestxlt.com/community/bottle-dump-digging/)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8JMsU4RMzE>



### **Sam Henderson, Leadville Dig 2001.**

1979 was a hard year for many in Leadville as the Climax Mine began to close its' mining operations. It was at this time that the Haulmans began to sell their finds at flea markets and shops. Geri said that this eventually led to their purchasing the building that now houses the Mad Hatter Antiques shop that they operate. Dolls and bottles became the main sales items at the shop and Geri states that her interest in dolls began when she kept finding doll heads and parts in the dump. Geri makes a lot of the clothing for the many dolls that sit or stand in the shop. Geri and Kathy recently commemorated their 20th year in the antique shop. Overall they dug bottles for nearly 20 years and have sold what they found for another 20 – it is obvious that they have enjoyed the hobby.

**HERE COMES THE GOOD STUFF!!!!!!** – The questions and the responses (enough to make you want to grab the probe and shovel and head for the old dump).

**QUESTION:** How many bottles do you estimate that your family dug at Leadville?

**GERI:** At least 1,000 "good ones" and somewhere around 3,000 others.

**QUESTION:** What were the most bottles you dug at one time?

**KATHY:** We dug 40 Hutch sodas in one hole. They were from different towns.

**GERI:** We once dug 300 bottles in one spot including 6 Warner's Safe Cures.

**QUESTION:** How many "good bottles" did you usually take home from any one dig?

Web pages of general interest:

<http://www.losttreasure.com>

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

<http://www.treasurenet.com/westeast/>

**GERI:** Our usual number of bottles that we would dig was around 150. Most of the time we would take home 30-50 of them as keepers.

**QUESTION:** Once you had to start digging for the bottles, how deep do you dig?

**GERI:** We rarely would dig deeper than 10 feet.

**QUESTION:** What were the "good bottles" that you dug and took home?

**GERI & KATHY:** (after about 2 minutes of deliberation) "To the best of our knowledge we dug 3 Gun Wa's, 4 Denver Moxies, 10 Leadville crock whiskey jugs, 40 50 different bitters, 30 Saratoga Mineral Water, most if not all of the 49 Leadville druggist bottles, all of the Leadville soda bottles, 15 cobalt Carter's cathedral master inks, and 3 SETS of the Whital Tatum quilted cylindrical cobalt poison bottles.

**OVERCOME WITH AWE I INTERJECTED A DISBELIEVING STATEMENT 30 SARATOGAS??? IN LEADVILLE, COLORADO???**

**GERI** responds – Yes, it is probably closer to 40!!!

**FINAL QUESTION:** What would you consider the most humorous occurrence during the years you dug bottles?

**GERI & KATHY:** (both with a smile on their face) It had to be when we were digging a dump spot that was producing some good bottles along with many common green ales and Lea and Perrins. We weren't able to finish the spot at one time so we placed all of the ales and sauce bottles around the outside of the hole. When we finally came back to the spot all of the ales and sauces were gone and fingered in the dirt was the message "finders keepers, losers weepers". (Both Geri and Kathy start chuckling).

Anyone who has dug in the Leadville dump will also laugh at this. Haulman's finished the dig site and found a fair number of good bottles along with many more ales and sauces. **THEIR STRATEGY WORKED!!!!**

After interviewing Geri and Kathy, I didn't even want to think about what I had dug in Leadville – even though I had been digging there as early as 1967. OH!!! **THOSE WERE THE DAYS!!!**

If you are ever in Leadville, be sure to look up Geri and Kathy at the Mad Hatter Antiques. I dare you to ask them a question about their bottle digging days in Leadville – if you do, you will see those incredible smiles that only bottle diggers understand!!!

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## Financial report August 2007

### Hunt Schedule:

Just go to these links for updated hunt schedules.

<http://losttreasure.com/LatestIssue/calendar.cfm>

<http://www.treasurenet.com/westast/>

<http://www.my.calendars.net/fmdacorg>

**Balance forward - \$254.64**

**Revenue - \$151.89**

**Expense - \$235.39**

**New Balance- \$171.14**

We will be starting our **Annual Gold Raffle** the tickets will be available at the meeting this week. Here is a list of the prizes for the raffle:

**1st Prize: 1886-S US Liberty \$5 Gold Coin**

**2nd - 5th Prize: Mexican 2 Peso Gold Coin**

**6th-10th Prize: Pre 1900 US Morgan Silver Dollar**

These are actually better coins than last year. We hope to make this big success!

### Find of the Month: October 2006

<u>Coins Non Silver</u>	<u>Coins Gold or Silver</u>
<u>Ditter Carrico – George the 3<sup>rd</sup> One Cent 28pts.</u> <u>Jim Blackburn – Shield Nickel 25pts.</u> <u>Dave Papp – 10 Kroner 22pts.</u> <u>Joe Franchino – 10 Pence 15pts.</u>	<u>Ditter Carrico – 1 Reale 42 pts.</u> <u>Jim Blackburn – 1904s Barber Dime 38pts.</u>
<u>Jewelry</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
<u>Joe Franchino – Nickel/Copper Ring 47pts.</u>	<u>Ditter Carrico – Old Lock 36pts.</u> <u>Jim Blackburn – Angel 33pts.</u> <u>Joe Franchino – Silver Plated Fork 16pts.</u>

# 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:

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

Dealers who support our club

Silver Eagle and Gold Coin Shop  
4979 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44235  
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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