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**In Memoriam**

## **James (Jim) E. Hunt, Sr.**



### **Jim at Treasure Week in Shreve, Ohio**

James (Jim) E. Hunt, Sr., 66, of Barberton, passed away suddenly November 13, 2006.

James was born on May 15, 1940 in Geneva, Ohio. Jim retired from Brick Layers Local 7. He is survived by Jane Hunt and their children, James (Laura) Hunt Jr., Kim (Chuck) Keim, Noel (Rickie) Shannon, Shellie Hunt, Kellie (Mark) Witwer; seven grandchildren; his love, Shirley Moore. Funeral services were held on Friday, November 17, 2006, in Copley, Ohio. Memorial donations to the family at 14 Prospect St., Seville, OH 44273.

**Jim will be missed by all of us. He was a Great Guy who loved to go detecting. He loved all types of detecting, from competition hunts in Shreve, to going out to hunt the battlefields for relics of the civil war. Many remember the times they spent hunting with Jim at old homes and secret spots. He was a good friend and we have all suffered a great loss.**

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I knew Jim from going out on hunts along with many others including Bernie Benewiat, Jim Blackburn, Keith Rericha, Murray Tonathy, Darrold Allen, Richard Kepler and many others. Jim was also very skilled at finding Indian artifacts and had a nice collection of arrowheads and other tools. Jim always donated very nice items to our club auction and was always eager to share his finds and recruit new members. We'll all miss him.

Terry Stahurski (Vice President Buckeye Searchers)

I knew Jim thru the hobby that he loved, metal detecting. Jim was a great friend of the hobby and was always willing to share his support at the treasure hunts he attended throughout the country. He will be missed at the hunts and in the lives of all who knew him. Thanks Jim for your friendship. Oh, and by the way, be sure to get permission from the Big Guy up there before you do any treasure digging under those Pearly Gates - He might frown on that!

**Randy Gatchel (Blacksburg, SC )**

Find of the Month: November 2006

<u>Coins Non Silver</u>	<u>Coins Gold or Silver</u>
<u>Joe Franchino 43 pts. 1864 2 Cent piece</u>	<u>Joe Franchino 41 pts. 1934 Walking Liberty half</u>
<u>Jim Blackburn 30 pts. 1836 Large Cent</u>	<u>Jim Blackburn 31 pts. 1945 Walking Liberty half</u>
<u>Dave Papp 19 pts. 1893 Indian head cent</u>	<u>Terry Stahurski 19 pts. 1917 Mercury dime</u>
<u>Jeff DeLuca 9 pts. 3 Indian head cents</u>	
<u>Terry Stahurski 7 pts. 1895 Indian head cent</u>	
<u>Jewelry</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
<u>Dave Papp 43 pts. Silver and gold ring</u>	<u>Jim Blackburn 37 pts. Hard times token</u>
<u>Terry Stahurski 32 pts. Silver dragon ring</u>	<u>Terry Stahurski 36 pts. Indiana Civil war token</u>
<u>Orrie Papp 14 pts. Brass watch</u>	<u>Dietter Carrco 16 pts. 1940 Chauffer tag</u>
<u>Jim Blackburn 10 pts. Silver Catholic medal and chain</u>	<u>Joe Franchino 14 pts. 1863 Civil War token</u>
<u>Joe Franchino 9 pts. Antique women's scarf broach</u>	
<u>Dietter Carrco 5 pts. St. Christopher medal</u>	

Financial report

Previous Balance \$228.25

Debits \$-219.10

Credits \$146.00

New Balance \$155.15

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## Upcoming Events

**Next Meeting  
December 14th  
at 7:00 P.M.**

## Annual Christmas Party

**December  
14<sup>th</sup> 2006**

Web pages of  
interest :  
<http://www.treasurenetsurenet.com/weasteast/>

<http://www.losttreasures.com/>

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

<http://www.thetreasuredepot.com/index.html>

### ANTIQU BOTTLES

... where  
collectors,  
diggers  
and  
traders

### DETECTING CHATS

My website features a scheduled daily and weekly chat about all things metal detecting. Also, members can upload pictures of finds so they can post pictures at other forums.

## Christmas Extravaganza-December's Meeting

1. Holiday Party – doors open at 6:30 PM. We'll start eating at about 7:15-7:30. Club supplies cold cut party trays, bread, pizza & pop. If last name begins with A-K, bring a side dish (salad, vegetables, hot dish, etc.) and if L-Z, bring a dessert. If you have a family membership, spouses & family are free, otherwise it is \$5 per guest.
2. At the Holiday party we will award the top three finishers in the four categories in the Find of the Month contest. The results of this will be published in the January 2007 newsletter.
3. There will be no Find of the Month contest. Anything found after the Nov. meeting goes into the Jan. 2007 FOTM contest.
4. The regular raffle will be a bigger raffle with better prizes so bring your money.
5. The gold raffle will be held and tickets will be available for sale prior to the drawing. Please bring the ticket stubs of all the tickets you've sold
6. Every year we ask members who would like to donate a wrapped present to the raffle to make it a bit more fun! Items can be for children too. Please mark them though if they are for the younger ones.

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We had our Election of officers at our November meeting. They are as follows:

Election of officers: Terry Stahurski as President, Bernie Benewiat as Vice President, Tammy Kepler as Secretary/ Treasurer. & Newsletter editor, Harry Malosh as Website coordinator, Bob Richards as Hunt master & Joe & Marlene Franchino as Refreshment Coordinators.

We would like to thank all of our Officers and helpers from last year especially John Pacanovsky for his leadership. We couldn't do it without all of your dedication and Help. Thank you to all!!!!

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### Don't forget our gold raffle!!!

**The drawing will be at our Christmas Party in December. Besides a nice \$5.00 U.S. Gold coin there are 9 other great prizes. We hope to raise enough funds to purchase coins for our seeded hunts and picnic.**

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**We at the Buckeye Searchers want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a Happy and Blessed New Year!!!!!!!!!!**



## Notes From November Meeting

1. FMDAC presentation – Chris Beaton talked about FMDAC and what they do for our club and for metal detectorists. The club voted their lone vote for the FMDAC officers running in the annual election. Chris will also investigate the availability of FMDAC patches.
2. **Membership cut off – if you haven't paid dues by the Dec. Meeting, you will receive no more newsletters.**
3. We will look into emailing newsletter as well as posting on our website to reduce postage costs. Those without computer access will still get the newsletter mailed to them.
4. **Al's detector that he donated to the club sold for \$565 on eBay. Thanks Al!!!!!!!**
5. Terry Stahurski will look into prices for patches & shirts for our club.
6. Jim Blackburn said that the couple in Doylestown, OH whose wedding ring he found said their local newspaper will run a story about Jim' & Joe helping to find the ring. We will try to get copies of the article.
7. Jeff DeLuca suggested having a "rotating museum" of finds donated by club members. These finds could be displayed at various libraries to get support for metal detecting and generate interest in the club. Keith Rericha and Jeff De Luca said they would start to investigate this with the local libraries.
8. Suggestions for speakers were coin collector/dealer, fossil expert, Civil War relic detectorists, and bottle hunting, historical societies. If you have any other suggestions or people who can speak on these topics, please talk to Terry.

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Courtesy of MSNBC <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/6936362/>

## **When is a quarter worth more than 25 cents?**

### **Flawed Wisconsin coins drawing attention of collectors**



A Tucson, Ariz., coin store owner found some unusual Wisconsin state quarters in his store last month. The one at lower left appears to have an extra downward-pointing leaf at the lower left of the ear of corn, just above the wheel of cheese. Another version, lower right, has the stray leaf pointed up. The one at top is correct, with no defects.

# Long, Cold Winters In Vermont

By: Lance W. Comfort



Sort your finds by era or topic and  
Display them in a colorful  
and attractive manor

Our winters up here in northern Vermont are very long and very cold. The ground can freeze down to almost 4', which, when added to the potential of 3-4' of snow on top of it, makes it impossible to think of metal detecting until spring returns in April.

When the metal detecting bug hit me a number of years ago, I found it necessary to develop other interests to keep me occupied when I could not go out and swing my detector. I used this time to research my finds from the previous season, as well as to look for new spots to detect the following year. This was a great time to hit the town hall records and look through 200 years of deeds and other documents in search of interesting locations for future hunts. I also do research at the library and through local newspaper records that are readily available.

I also use some of the off-season hours to clean, sort, and display my finds, and try to identify those previously unknown items. I take great pride in my finds and display them with care. When I take them to lectures that I give in the community, I always get compliments on how attractively they are displayed. I feel that once we have found a historical item, we become the keepers of that bit of history. It is our responsibility to clean, protect, and share these items with others. There is nothing worse than looking at a bunch of dirty, rusting relics thrown into a cardboard box.

Each item is properly cleaned and then protected to prevent any further deterioration. On my iron finds I like to use a product called "Extend" by Loctite. It not only prevents iron from rusting further, but also gives the metal a dark patina. On other objects I put on a thick coat of paste wax and then buff the item to a nice shine. This not only preserves the original patina but also makes it even more attractive.

For most of my displays I use the standard Ryker boxes, but I cover the white batting with felt in either a deep green or burgundy. I then add appropriate labels if I feel that it will add to the display. My coins are put in protective 2x2's, labeled, and put in a display case made to hold them.

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I have to admit that one of my favorite ways of passing those long winter days actually came from my wife Linda's hobby, is scrap booking. Now, I know that all of you guys out there are going to say that scrap booking is not a manly hobby, and that you would not have any interest in cutting and pasting- which is exactly how I felt about it until one day when Linda showed me a page that she was doing on a historical family piece.

I put a variety of items in my scrapbooks. It may be a very special find that I've made, a particular historical place that I have hunted, or a synopsis of a year's finds. I have even completed pages on articles I have written and lectures I have given in our community. It helps me to remember so many things that we often tend to forget.

Each subject that I put in my scrapbook may be up to six pages long, with four being the average. I pick out the photographs that I want to use, and then choose paper of colors that work well with the pictures. I will use copies of old photographs and antique-looking paper for the backgrounds to give a feeling of history to some of the pages. I use the computer to add graphics and text, and then just spend time putting the pages together until I have achieved the effect I want.

One of my favorite scrapbook themes is my adventures with my brother, Rick. Several times a year, he comes here from California for one of our "Brothers and Others" hunts that we share with close friends who wish to come along. Each of these hunts lasts six or seven days, and eight hours or more a day of straight metal detecting. I have found that scrap booking is a wonderful way of capturing these times, and recording with pictures all of the fun, excitement, and adventure, which I am able to enjoy over and over again.

I have recently taken this hobby one step further with what is known as digital scrap booking. After each of our "Brothers and Others" hunts, I now put together a CD with the story and pictures. This is put into an attractive case with the pictures and titles, including the label, on the CD itself. I then make a copy of the CD for each person who has been on the hunt with us. You cannot believe the response that I get from them when they receive it.

To make the box and disc labels I use the Memorex express it S.E. 2.2, which can be picked up inexpensively at most large stationery stores. I originally started using Microsoft Word for the text and pictures, and have now started using a Microsoft PowerPoint program for a slide show presentation. Both work really well for this purpose, and I have found that most people have Microsoft Word; so, when I send the CD, they are able to just plop it into their computer and enjoy the pictures and text.

Not to be outdone, my brother has taken this idea yet another step further, and now does a DVD of the hunts so that the cases now holds both a CD and a DVD of each hunt. He simply takes a lot of video when we are out detecting, then edits it on his computer and puts it all together on a DVD for many hours of enjoyment. It gives us several ways of reminiscing about our times together for many months after the hunt is over.

Although I certainly don't look forward to all that detecting downtime, I have now developed a number of ways of enjoying my hobby throughout the year. You may have to be a little bit open-minded and try some things that you have not done before, but I believe that if you give it a chance, you will find there are many ways to enhance your hobby when you can't detect.

# 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

ABC Art & Coin Exchange

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Brecksville, Ohio 44141

440-526-3366

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

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