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President's Corner

by John Finnell

Hello everyone! I hope all of you had a good time at our hunt last month, and if you were not able to be there, you really missed a great one! Kudos to all who helped us put this together. I will say more on that later. Now for the semi-details, we brought in about \$3000 for the day. Mike will have all of the figures broken down at the meeting, but in round numbers we made \$1400 on the cake auction, \$1000 on the raffle, and \$600 on the fundraiser hunt and last minute entries. The consensus of the executive committee was that this was easily one of the best hunts the club has put on, but I would appreciate hearing your thoughts as well so please don't be shy. This goes for everyone, even if you did not participate this time!

The Christmas Season will soon be upon us so I want to get the word out about what is planned. We will have our traditional Christmas barbeque dinner again at the Senter Park East facility, the same date as last year on December 7th, which is our regular meeting day, but we will begin at 7:00 p.m. The members' cost will be \$5.00 per person, and the club will pick up the other half. We will have brisket, sausage, and chicken along with beans, potato salad, and fixing's. Spring Creek provides tea and lemonade, but feel free to bring other soft drinks if you prefer something else. Please remember that the city does not allow alcohol in their facility! Joe says he would hate to have to arrest you (well some of you he wouldn't mind so much) so don't forget. It would be nice if folks brought a desert of some kind too, since the caterers only bring cookies.

Now on to everyone's 'favorite' Christmas party event, the gift exchange. In the past, we have tried to give guidelines for the gift exchange so that everyone who participates feels they got a thoughtful gift, and that their generosity hasn't been abused.

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This has proven to be extremely difficult! So difficult in fact, that there was serious debate over whether we should have a gift exchange at all. In the end, it was decided to go ahead and do it. So once again, the guidelines are as follows, **a gift of \$25.00 or more, include the receipt so it can be exchanged, and place your unwrapped gift in a paper sack.** I hope that everyone participates, and that everyone likes their gift. One other thing about the party, we will be raffling off \$1000 worth of gold coins!

That's enough about the party. The program for this month's meeting is going to be a little different, and I'm not exactly certain about some of the details so do not hold me to what I am about to say. Basically, everyone attending the meeting will be given a raffle ticket, and during the program winning tickets will be drawn out. Each winner will then choose a card with instructions on it. Now I don't know what the instructions are going to be, but they might include things like; what was the funniest thing that ever happened to you while you were hunting? Or what is the most valuable find you have made to date? You see where this is going. For participating in this event, you just might get some kind of reward. I think I have used up all of my space, so I'll just say

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD HUNTING!

HEAVY THINKING 101

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

WEIRD INFO

Dry ice weighs about twice as much as regular ice!

If you're 'cool as a cucumber', it means your inside temperature is up to 20 degrees Fahrenheit cooler than your outside temperature.

The Cat Box

by Catherine Finnell, Editor



Hello again friends! This month we celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11th in recognition of all those who have served our country in all branches of the military. God bless each of them now in active duty, and God speed them to a healthy return home.

Oh! We also have the "eat until you think you will bust your pants, why did I eat all that turkey and dressing, if I have one more piece of pie I'll upchuck, where's the closest bed because I need a nap now, will Uncle John please stop taking all those pictures" holiday; Thanksgiving, November 22nd.

As this year draws ever closer to an inevitable end, I think back over my tenure as newsletter editor, and I have many things for which I give thanks. I would like to thank everyone in the club for allowing me the opportunity to share my rambling thoughts with you, and not throwing eggs at me during the meetings for stating them in print. I thank everyone who showed their appreciation for the job I have done for them by comments, emails, and pats on the back. I thank everyone who sent in submissions, pictures, ideas, jokes, articles, etc. I thank the others who help me to get the newsletter out to you all, **John Finnell**, **Mike Skinner**, and our printer **Image Print Copy-aka Francis**. I thank God for all the inspiration He gives me when I write. These are just a few of the thanks I give to everyone in the club. My life has many other reasons to give thanks, as I am sure all of yours do as well.

If this sounds as if I am saying good-bye, you would be correct. At the end of this year, I am resigning my post as editor of the newsletter. I will still be around the club. You can't get rid of me that easily. However, I am sure someone else will step into the role of editor, and give you an even better newsletter next year! Next month will be my final editorial. So once again I want to thank each and every one of you, and keep those detectors humming!

Happy Thanksgiving!

CAKE AUCTION INFO



Thanks to everyone who donated to our cake auction, and/or bought a cake. Without your generous support, this event would not be the success it is each year!

Donator's Name	# of Items Donated
Tom and Melinda Bush	1
Dave and Kelene Tutzke	3
John and Cathy Finnell	1
Herman Denzler	2
Bill Austin	1
Robert Jordan	1
Rusty Curry	2
Joe Hennig	2
Mike Skinner	3
Ronnie Morris	2
Danny Rackley	1
Dennis and Carol Brasher	4
Terry Schick	1
Mary Penson	2
Andy Mesaros	1
Roy Harston	1

Cake Auction Info, cont'd.



Cake Auction Purchasers

Purchaser's Name	# of Items Purchased
Dave Totzke	3
Herman Denzler	4
John Finnell	1
Joe Hennig	2
Danny Rackley	2
Rick Anderson	1
Rusty Curry	2
Robert Jordan	1
Rick Ege	1
Ivan Santos	1
Ed Verboort	1
Mike Skinner	2
Dennis Brasher	3
Mary Penson	1
Floyd Caldwell	1
Harold Novian	1
Ronnie Morris	1



Announcements and Reminders



SNACK REMINDER

Herman Denzler agreed to bring snacks to the meeting November 2nd. He is the only one on the "list" so once again; **please** consider bringing a snack item to the meeting for everyone to enjoy a good break. Thank you for your contribution and for making the club's meeting a success.

The meeting date is November 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., at the IOOF lodge. Finds of the month, raffles, and door prizes will be done at this meeting as usual.

The fun hunt will be held on November 3rd, unless otherwise indicated at the meeting. The time and location will be announced at the club meeting. Come join us for fun, practice, and camaraderie.

Annual club dues for 2008 are now past due! Anyone who has not paid their dues at this meeting will be dropped from the membership list. Silver coin can be used to pay your dues at the current exchange rate.

Please check out the upcoming legislation that needs to be addressed on page 7 of this newsletter along with links where you can act now!



ACTION NEEDED, H.R. 2262 Enters Full Committee."

Action Is Needed Now!! HR2262, the "End of Mining and Prospecting Bill" is on the move. Contact your Congressional members by going here.

<http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/>

Be sure to read it, and vote against it here, and send this Washington watch page to your Congressmen/women

http://www.washingtonwatch.com/bills/show/110_HR_2262.html

All miners and prospectors will either take action now by contacting local and national news media as well as their local and national politicians or get ready to remember the 'good old days.'

Stated by:

Jim Hinesley

This bill would make it impossible for the recreational or small miner to even exist. Then all we would have is large corporations using our mineral resources, and controlling the economy like the oil companies. What's next?

Marc Abbott

This would take away from our outdoor recreation that we do with the family as well as cub scouts and boy scouts. We can teach the history of gold in our area, but letting the kids pan and sluice really brings it home as to how it was done, and the enjoyment of finding a little bit of gold.

Submitted by Keith Wills, www.wwats.org

THE UNITED STATES ONE DOLLAR BILL

Submitted by [Rusty Curry](#)

Take out a one dollar bill, and look at it. The one dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its' present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols, and then it is starched to make it water resistant, and pressed to give it that nice crisp look. If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States.

The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin, and a group of men come up with a seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task, and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a pyramid.

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Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for western civilization.

The pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, "A new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776, (MDCCLXXVI). If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every national cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes' monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

The bald eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it.

Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the king of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation.

In the eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM," meaning, "one nation from many people."

Above the eagle, you have thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one.

Notice what the eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace.

The eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number.

This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13 or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor.

But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum", 13 stars above the eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on

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the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And, for minorities: the 13th amendment.

I always ask people, "Why don't you know this?"

Your children don't know this, and their history teachers don't know this.

Too many veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade.

Many veterans remember coming home to an America that didn't care.

Too many veterans never came home at all.



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