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Chatham Kent Metal Detecting Club

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OUR CLUB

Our club is a group of people interested in recovering artifacts, coins, and other interesting items from the past and various historical research topics. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month at the back door behind Evangel Community Church on 76 Sandy Street in Chatham. Guests are always welcome. At each meeting members may enter their finds of the month in the Finds of the Month Competition. The programs consist of talks by club members or invited speakers, slide or video shows, artifacts displays or demonstrations of new products.

The club maintains a small library of books, magazines and maps, which may be checked out for one month.

Our club strives to improve the public image of detector users and other amateur historical collectors. We therefore abide by the Code of Ethics.

We can be contacted by email at Info@ckmetaldetecting.com

CODE OF ETHICS

- I will respect private property and will not metal detect without the owner's permission.
- I will fill all holes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural and cultural resources, wildlife and private property.
- I will use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will remove litter and properly dispose of all trash found.
- I will not litter.
- I will not destroy property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I will not tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.
- I will return an item, by any means, if someone can adequately describe it

Wish to Thank **Ducana Windows** for them Contribution of the Newsletter the we the Club Members receive Each and every month

**Thank You!!
Ducana**

CKMDC 

Next Meeting

**March
27th 2008 @ 7:00pm**





History of the Chatham-Kent Metal Detecting Club

Five years ago if someone was interested in metal detecting here in Chatham-Kent and wanted to meet other people interested in the hobby, they would have to travel an hour to Windsor, Sarnia, or London. There were a group of people that would occasionally travel to Windsor to meet at the SunParlour Treasure Seekers. These individuals enjoyed the Windsor club but found the travel to be too much, especially during the winter months and so grew the idea to have meetings here in Chatham. The first unofficial meeting of metal detector enthusiasts was held on January 30, 2003 at the home of Vince and Kathy Gagnier. There were seven people at this meeting:

Marcel Van Hintum, Dennis Warwick, Fritz Enzlin, Vince Gagnier, Phil Szucs, Frank Vadovic and Kathy Gagnier

Different ideas were discussed at this meeting including the possibility for a club name. Two ideas were, White Horse of Kent and CKMD (Chatham-Kent Metal Detectorists). Suggested club dues were \$10.00 for the year and a suggested meeting date and time being the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Also discussed were the positions the club would have being a President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. A "Find of the Month" Contest was discussed and also the possibility for a club hunt in the Spring.

The Second unofficial meeting of metal detector enthusiasts was held on February 27, 2003 at the home of Vince and Kathy Gagnier in Chatham. First discussions were on club logos. The group liked the maple leaf design but thought it a bit outdated. Ideas were discussed to have the words "Maple City" in the club's title but it was turned down. White horse was brought up again but disagreed upon because no one was familiar with the horse. Marcel Van Hintum felt *Chatham-Kent Metal Detecting Club* was a good name for the club as it explained what the group does, makes sense, and tells of the hobby. Many individuals didn't like the words *treasure seekers* as there is so much more to the club. Ideas for a logo were to have two detectors crossed but was agreed that we needed an easily identifiable logo. Thus the name for the club was decided and agreed upon by the individuals as **CHATHAM-KENT METAL DETECTING CLUB** with a simple flamed leaf as its logo.

Next was talk about the club's positions with individuals voting on Marcel VanHintum being the club's 1st official President, Frank Vadovic the Vice-President and Kathy Gagnier as the Secretary/Treasurer. The club was now **OFFICIAL!** These members met once again at Tim Hortons on March 20, 2003 to prepare for the first real meeting. A place was found for the meeting, Phil Szucs was nominated Web Designer, the membership fee was raised to \$15 for individual and \$20 for family, and a 50/50 draw would take place. Thus the **CHATHAM-KENT METAL DETECTING CLUB** was formed and on Thursday, March 27, 2003 the first official meeting took place at the CAW Local 127 Hall, on 280 Merrit St. in Chatham. There were 12 individuals present including the executives.

This brings us to 2008. The club is still going strong with over 30 members and growing.. The club has gained many members that have added great ideas and camaraderie to the club and made it a great success. Since 2003 our club has been in the paper numerous times, made donations to local charities, and has been a meeting ground for members to discuss and participate in their favourite pastimes. We have come a long way!

Kathy Gagnier



Club Interest



Club Site: <http://www.ckmetaldetecting.com/>

Interesting Sites

The Treasure Depot
Canadian Metal Detecting Forum
History Television
The Trading Post
Lost Treasure
Western & Eastern Treasures

<http://www.thetreasuredepot.com/index.html>
<http://members3.boardhost.com/cmdf/>
<http://history.ca>
<http://members4.boardhost.com/cmdctradingpost/>
<http://www.losttreasure.com/>
<http://www.treasurenet.com/westeast/>



May 24th & 25th 2008 - BEACH HUNT
Fifty Point Conservation Area, Stoney Creek, Ontario



For more info go to: <http://metaldetectinghunt.com/>

For Sale

White's Prism V
Like New!
\$600.00
Contact: Jack
(519) 948 3354

For Sale

Tesoro Tejon with rain cover
\$500.00
Tesoro Tejon Vaquero and 5.75
coil \$100.00
Lessche digging tool \$30.00
Contact Vince 519-352-8451

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Please! Contact me (Frank) In writing at the meeting or E-Mail me: fvadovic@cogeco.ca to post an item you would like to sell.

MINUTES FOR THE CHATHAM-KENT METAL DETECTING CLUB

January 31, 2008

The President Phil Szucs began the meeting with Vice-President Fred Shepley in attendance. There were 21 members in attendance. The members welcomed Wendy Cammaart to the meeting.

The Secretary Kathy Gagnier read the minutes from the November 2007 meeting and they were first accepted by Con, seconded by Randy Dewael and all members were in favour to print them as read.

Phil stated the members will take their positions this evening as read in the constitution.

Membership cards: Frank will take new photos for the cards and one idea was to have the date of when the person first became a member printed somewhere on the cards or to have past president, etc.

Christmas Party: Phil went over the Christmas party and a good time was had by all. A date was set and voted on amongst the members for this year's party to be held Tuesday, December 16, 2008 so Phil could put it on the church's calendar to reserve the room. Master Hunter of 2007 is Fred Cammaart with 61 points and Dave Crundwell was a close second.

Ideas for New Year: The members would like to see Mr. Myers back to talk on jewellery, etc. Phil would like to try and get three more speakers for the year. Perhaps someone knowledgeable on history, buttons, etc. There is a man in Windsor that does a good presentation on marbles and another on scuba diving. Lou Wagner could do a talk on coins.

Finds of the Month: Originally the finds of the month were put off until March but members would like to see it held as some members are working hard and detecting even in this cold weather and items are being found. Some members stated it was too long to go from Nov. to Mar. with no finds of the month. The members present voted on having a finds of the month every month except December and the club will resume the finds of the month in February.

Stoney Creek: To be held May 24 and 25 this year. Our club is a sponsor for this hunt in Stoney Creek. There are 50/50 tickets for sale sent to us from the Stoney Creek club to help cover the cost of silver. The tickets are 1 dollar each or 6 for 5 dollars. Con mentioned the application is online to register for this hunt. www.metaldetectinghunt.com Ideas were passed around for our club's fun raiser. Frank has the keys and locks, we can do treasure boxes, 50/50 or detector or gps raffles. The club wanted to do a couple 50/50 draws or a 50/50 draw with a silver coin, etc. The members eventually voted on 50 treasure boxes and one 50/50 draw a day. If you have anything to donate please give them to Phil for the treasure boxes.

Reproduction Coin Draws: Phil held a draw for three reproduction coins. The winner was Jack Denny, second was Phil and third was Joanne Szucs. This draw brought in \$11.00.

50/50 Draw: Brought in \$75 so the winner, Robert Szucs, won \$37.50.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Dave Crundwell did a very informative speech on buttons and brought in some displays. Thanks Dave for your time and presentation.

BRING IN: February is Valentine's Day so bring in something you have found with a heart on it.

POP: Dennis Warwick has agreed to take on the job of bringing in pop for the meetings. Thanks Dennis for volunteering.

2008 POINT SYSTEM: Dave has finalized the system and Phil will give copies to everyone next month.

MYSTERY PRIZE: winner was Robert Szucs.

White's Package: Ken brown has another \$100 box from Whites so the club will talk next month about ordering one.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dave's stuff

Grand Army of the Republic

G A R



BRASS 1 ¾ " diam.

FRONT

**National GAR encampment
Aug. 3-8 DETROIT 1891**

BACK

**Mabley & Company
DETROIT
12 stores & 62 departments
medal winners
the largest retail establishment in Michigan**

The G.A.R. was founded in 1866 by Benjamin Stephenson MD as a fraternal organization for veterans of the Union Army in the US civil war. It was styled after the Masons and had a military type uniform. They were influential in starting the Decoration Day holliday which evolved into Memorial Day (May 30). In 1881 they started the Sons of Union Vets which replaced the G.A.R. in 1956 when the last vet died.

The G.A.R. held a National Encampment annually from 1866 to 1949. The 1891 Encampment was held in DETROIT MICHIGAN .

Interesting & Fun Stuff!



Geography of Canada

Canada is a huge country with a variety of climates and geographic features.

Here are some basic facts:

Area: 9.9 million sq. km. (3.8 million sq. mi.); second-largest country in the world.

Cities: Capital--Ottawa (pop. 1 million). Other major cities--Toronto (4.5 million), Montreal (3.4 million), Vancouver (2.0 million).



FACTS ABOUT CANADA

- Canada is the second largest country in the world, with 9,971,000 square kilometres of land.
- The baseball glove was invented in Canada in 1883.
- With only three people per square kilometer, Canada has the fourth lowest population density in the world.
- Vancouver Canada is tied with Zurich Switzerland for the highest quality of life of any city in the world.
- The world's smallest jail is believed to be in Rodney, Ontario, Canada. It is only 24.3 square meters (about 270 square feet).
- Canada has the ninth biggest economy of the world
- According to the United Nations Human Development Index, Canada has the highest quality of life in the world.
- Contrary to popular opinion, Canada does not own the North Pole. In fact, the North Pole is not owned by any country. It is believed, however, that Santa Claus is from Canada.
- Canada is the world's eighth biggest trader.
- Of all of the world's producers of natural gas, copper, zinc, nickel, aluminum, and gold, Canada is in the top five.
- Canada is the home of many great inventions, including: basketball, the electric light bulb, the electric range, the electron microscope, standard time, the television, the telephone, and the zipper.
- Canada is the fifth largest energy producer.
- Canada has the world's highest tertiary education enrolment.