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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

Next Meeting

CKMDC

**March 25, 2010
@ 7:00pm**

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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



March 14, Day Light Saving Time

Wish to Thank



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For the club newsletter.

Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 28, 2010

The President Phil Szucs began the meeting at 7:10 p.m. He welcomed all members that attended. Greg Reid was present from Tecumseh to purchase the silver some members had brought in. We would like to welcome Ray Smolders as a guest this evening. Welcome to the club. The minutes of November 2009 were read by the Secretary and all members accepted to print them as read. Treasurer's Report: This year we begin with the highest monetary total we have ever had at \$624.27 in the bank. This is even after \$200.00 has been removed for Phil to give to the church for allowing us the use of this room.

XMAS PARTY: Phil asked if members had suggestions or feedback from the Christmas party. Some members didn't like the new way the gifts were distributed, others enjoyed the fun change. The food was from Quo Vadis and was very good.

2010 CATALOGUE: This year the club is doing something different by way of finds each month. Please bring in each and every item you dig up this year either in a photo form or actual item or put the picture on your memory stick and give to Phil. We will be making up a photo album of all the finds every member has found throughout the year and give everyone a book at the end of the year.

LIBRARY: Con mentioned the Windsor club was downsizing their library and Con got 3 or 4 books he is going to donate to the CKMDC library. Thank you Con for your contribution.

DENNIS MYERS: Phil will see if Mr. Myers can come in again in March to talk on jewellery. Some members suggested that he bring in various golds and platinum so we can test the sounds with our detectors.

YEARLY TRIPS: Con and other members would like to see more trips this year, daily and overnight as in the past. Lets put this in our plans for 2010. We will also put together some night hunts, Park Poker Runs, etc for the members. There is also a sand pit where the jousting was held that we could have a mini hunt. Julie Pollard has volunteered to be the club's EVENTS COORDINATOR. Thank you Julie!

NEWSLETTER: Keep sending Frank any ideas or articles, pictures, stories, etc. to help him put the newsletter together. Lets all work together and please find items for the newsletter. Frank put Fred Cammaat in charge of doing a message for Feb.'s newsletter.

HATS/SHIRTS: The members are interested in purchasing hats and shirts with the club's new logo. Next month we will decide how many shirts and hats to purchase and from whom.

MEMBERSHIPS DUE: By March. Membership cards will be handed out next month.

SCAVANGER HUNT: There are 100 items to find on this year's list. Instead of finding these items on an individual basis, the club will put members in teams of around 3 people. This is to have fun and work as a team.

EARTH DAY: Earth day is coming up fast and Dave thought it a good idea to pick a park and do some cleaning up and call the newspaper to get some advertisement and help out the community at the same time. Afterwards there was mention of staying and detecting in the park.

HUNTER OF THE YEAR BOOK: The club needs a volunteer to take over this book. This person will put the finds of the month down and at the end of the year add them up. Please see Phil if you'd like to help out with this situation.

LOST AND FOUND: Fred S. helped a Wallaceburg woman find a ring. It took him 25 minutes in about 4 inches of snow. Way to go Fred!

MYSTERY ITEM: Dave brought in something for the members to guess at. It turned out to be a blade injector for a Shick razor. If you want to bring in something to stump the members feel free to bring something in. If you're not sure of something, bring it in as well so we can help you identify it.

NEXT MONTH'S SHOW AND TELL: Bring in anything to do with a horse's harness or buckle.

CONSTITUTION: Next month everyone will have a copy of the club's constitution. It has 2 parts. One is who we are, the other contains the club's bi-laws. To change the constitution it has to be brought up on the floor at a meeting and 2/3 of the members have to okay it, then written notice 1 month in advance for voting. The following meeting it will be voted on. Next month or in March there is going to be a debate to change the rules and regulations of the club.

CLUB BUSINESS CARDS: Phil will make up more cards for the members. They are free of charge and you can give them to people that ask questions while you are out detecting. It has information about the club and our meetings.

STONEY CREEK: Coming in the Spring. There has been a change in which they want the sponsored clubs to bring in a prize. Phil will bring in a letter next month to show the members.

MONTHLY SNACKS: Julie has volunteered to prepare snacks for the members each month. Thank you Julie!

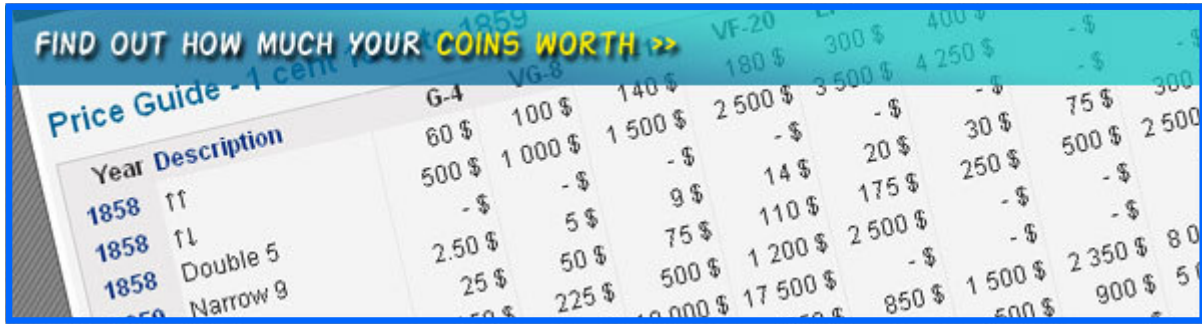
DVD: Phil showed the members a short 15 minute movie in which a man found a change purse from 1860 and was removing the coins. It is also available on utube.

SOUTH BUXTON RACE TRACK: Randy mentioned to the club that the track is under new management and Randy will put in a good word about the club so we can participate in selling 50/50 tickets on a Saturday night. We also need a turnout on Sunday to help clean up the track. This will help raise money for the club.



Club Interest

Canadian Coins Price Guide



If You!! Have old, and rare coins this is the site you must see!
Very easy to use, and interesting to read.
Take a look and add to your Favorites.

<http://www.coinsandcanada.com/coins-prices.php>



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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/>

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

For Sale
Whites Prizm 5
Used very little
Reason for selling-
upgraded
Cost new \$575.00
Ask Julie

For Sale

For Sale

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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.

Battle for the Hill

This is a story that happened a long, long time ago in the 73rd year of the 1900's. I was a novice in my first years of metal detecting using a second hand Whites 6000, hip-mounted, detector. There was no auto-grounding or push button discrimination in those days. It was all manually adjusted knobs and switches.

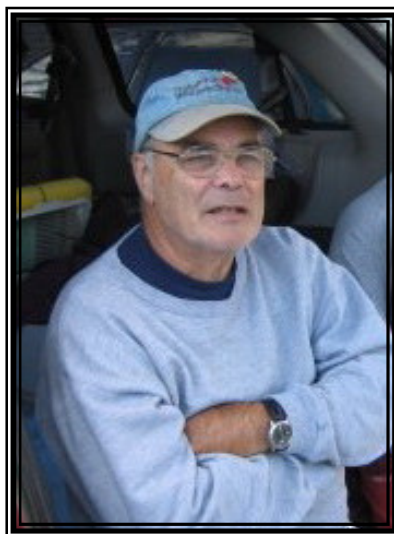
The story started when the family was tent camping at Port Glasgow trailer park. The land owner, to the east of the park, was also camping and while talking to him, he invited me to hunt on a large sand hill on his farm, on which there was a lot of broken dishes and bricks.

The following day I walked down the dirt road, through the deep ravine and over the bridge to the site location. There before me was a long sandy ridge running to the east and parallel to the road and the north shore of Lake Erie. The ridge of sand sloped from the East, up to the west, terminating at the deep ravine. Because of the ravine, the west end looked very high, but in reality the maximum height was about that of a short man, 4'6" or so. Since the gate was at the lower east end, I decided to start my hunt there rather than climb over the old rusty fence.

The field was planted in corn which was about 4 inches high. The soil was light yellow sand and the corn rows were 2ft apart. Visibility was great. As I approached the crest of the hill about 150ft out I could see a groundhog sleeping at the summit. Having hunted groundhogs before, I knew as soon as it saw me it would dive into its hole for protection. When I was out about 100 ft, the groundhog rose up on all four legs making it appear to look larger than life. This was a challenging posture intended to frighten off other rival males. This was not normal; it should have run away. I stopped, and then moved closer slowly. Each time I stepped closer, the groundhog stepped closer to me, bouncing forward on stiff legs, gnashing and chattering its teeth, flashing its tail and acting in a very aggressive manner. I backed off a few feet only to see the groundhog do the same. Each time I approached the 100ft mark and entered into its space, the reaction was the same. I tried throwing dirt to frighten it away. I tried approaching from the North side, same results. Thinking the groundhog might be sick with rabies and not wanting to get bitten, I remained outside of its space. This was an older animal, its fur faded, and its whiskers all white and gray. Not being able to frighten it off the hill, I muttered a few choice words and left planning to return the next day. However, the next day we packed our tent and left for home, never to return.

Today, as I drive by sand ridges on sunny spring days, I wonder, is there still a colony of groundhogs on that Lake Erie ridge? Does one of the old males bring the new pups to the surface each spring and tell them tales of when great, great, grandpa groundhog defeated the two-legged giant sending him screaming from the field in fear; thus defending the home land with his courage and tenacity.

I never did return to look for any treasure on this lonely sand ridge on the North shore of Lake Erie and probably never will, leaving the groundhogs to rule their hill in peace.



Dave Crundwell

January 2010 Finds



Coin



Dave C
1864 US
Indian Head Penny



Fred C
1946 Silver Dime



Token



Fred C
Massachusetts
Hunting Token



Jewelry



Dave C
Silver Ring



Fred C
Silver Ring



Misc

Relic



Dave C
Axe Head



Fred C
Old Pocket Watch



Dave C
Toy Tractor



Misc



Fred C
Set of Keys



FINDS OF THE MONTH:
COIN: Dave won with a 1864 Indian head
TOKEN: Fred won with a Massachusetts hunting token.
JEWELRY: Dave won with a silver ring.
RELIC: Dave won with a settler's ax
MISC.: Dave won with a toy tractor.
BEST OVERALL: was Dave's toy tractor. Good job Dave!

Sorry! For any missed labeled or missing pictures...



There are 7 differences in the two Pictures above.. Can you find them?

TIPS & TRICKS FOR METAL DETECTOR USERS

USING GOOGLE TO FIND FOUNDATIONS

I noticed that a lot of There mention aerial views, did anyone consider using Google Earth? I have used it often and the aerial view from satellite have outstanding detail. The detail is so good that you can see old foundations from structure that are no longer there. The only down fall is that it view is not updated LIVE but it still worth the effort. In addition, you do not have to make any phone calls or go to the county offices to request information.

HUNTING IN SNOW

Living Ontario (think snow). we tend to put away the detector and pine for spring. Don't do it! If you live where it snows, then you probably live where people ski. gain access to a ski area and think of the possibilities. People get down the slope near the base lodge and take off their gloves. cold, shrunken fingers and lost rings soon part company and anything dropped in the snow disappears just as quickly as in sand on the beach. Why wait for spring?

HUNT OLD HOUSES

I see old houses all the time that have been rezoned to commercial and are being used for businesses. I have yet to be turned down at one of these when asking permission to hunt. I feel that these places are not as personal to people as their private residence. Another plus is that most of us hunt in the evening or on week-ends when these places are closed and we do not interfere with their operation.