



Chatham Kent Metal Detecting Club



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Financial Report:

SUBMITTED BY: Gord Vickers

None Submitted

Visitors to the Club's Meeting

Official minutes of the Chatham Kent Metal Detectors Club

By: Dale Eagleson

Old Buisness

Rick read the mins from last meeting. Rick told Phil that he did a great job with the hunt at Erieau.

Nothing much in the way of old business

New Buisness

Julie stated that the price for Countryview golf for our Christmas dinner was \$175 for the room and 20 dollars a plate. The legion was 16 dollars a plate and 100 for the bar. Swiss chalet is free as long as we eat there.

Club wanted the **lucky inn**, at 16.95 a plate, **at 6pm on Dec 06**. We are having a Chinese Christmas. That means bring a wrapped present at least 15 and come out and have fun. We we also have a few raffles at the party.

Fred C found four pennies at our hunt on October 03. The oldest was a 1928.

Nominations for 2014 are

Rick Pearce president

Garry Schneckeburger vice pres

Phil Szucs co ordinator

Fred Cammaat treasurer

Dale Eagleson secretary

Al Sterling raffle co ordinator

Dave Crundwell library and finds of the month

Phil is buying a gold tester. Phil, Rick, Garry, Julie and Larry are donating 50 dollars towards the tester.

Rick mentioned that if we have a field hunt or something that is news worthy to add it to the news letter to make it more exciting for everyone to read.

Break 7:45 pm

Raffles

50/50 was 26 dollars won by John kuizenga

Pen won by Al Sterling

Copper round Julie

Mug on by Marion

Silver ring won by Gord

Silver chain won by Gord

Silver saxophone won by Garry S

The silver raffle brought in 70 dollars

The treasure chest door prize was won by Al Sterling

Find of the Month By: Dave Crundwell

Coin was 1898 50 cent found by John Krey

Jewelry was 10k gold diamond earring John Krey

Relic old lock John Krey

Misc key tag Jack Lewis

Token Dresden ? Fred C

Best over all was John keys coin

Event Co-ordinator: By Phil Z

Phil put on a demonstration of cleaning silver rings using a dish lined with aluminum foil, hot water and salt.

Rick held an auction on 2 small silver plated goblets. 3 dollars each, Larry Evans.

Two large silver goblets 4.50 each Larry Evans

Coin bank 5 dollars Rick Pearce

Auction brought in 21 dollars, thank for the donations Dave Crundwell

Meeting done at 8:50

Editorial

BY: Rick Pearce

ON NOV 20TH 2013

Rick Pearce was asked by St Ann's Grade 4-5 Teacher, Melissa Myslik to put on a demo for her class, to give them an insight into metal detecting. With the help of Garry Schneckenger, and Dave Crundwell, I was able to pull it off! Garry personally assisted as would have Dave had he been feeling better. So in his stead, a specialty display box of his was set up, and put on loan for our demonstration. This box was mainly non value items but still very cool for the kids such as pocket knives, key fobs, toys and action figures. Garry supplied his equipment dufflebag as well of an assortment of his finds over the years. Rick provided his equipment as well as his large display case and attempted to give a brief history on metal detecting over the years from Indian Status to present day coins. I can sure tell you, it wasn't long before I realized that I could put hours into the huge subject, so I kept it as brief as possible, answering odd questions from the

audience along the way. The kids displayed great joy and excitement as well as sharing some of their stories along the way.

I knew the most common questions that kids usually ask such as what is your most valuable find, or what is the rarest, so I opened up my display case and gave a display of my special finds on the classes electronic display white board....These are amazing!

I knew time was quickly passing so I turned the demo over to Garry and he gave a brilliant lecture on the contents of his equipment bag and articles one might need while detecting out in the open fields.

After this we proceeded out to a small area in the school yard that was previously seeded with a few coins etc. and a demonstration of an active detector was put into motion, describing reasons and procedures along the way, such as how to get permission from property owners to how to properly dig a plug and pinpointer procedures. All in all this event turned out rather interesting for us as well as the kids that the demo was put on for.





Rick was contacted by the Editor of the Blenheim Newspaper and asked several questions pertaining to the past demo at St. Anne's Public School. Here are the questions and answers sent back to him

To: pete laurie Blenheim News Tribune

Subject: RE: questions

Hello Pete, I will try to answer your questions the best I can.....I do have a bit of a security issue so Pardon me if I sound a bit ambiguous as a few years back, one of our club members did a demo in a school, and at the end of the day, her place was broken into and all her great finds were stolen from her car in the garage!!

1I was not surprised to hear that quite a few of the class of 43 had heard of metal detectors and the hobby. Either their parents or relations, or acquaintances have dabbled, or presently dabbled in this hobby. It is a hobby that is quickly becoming more and more attractive to any person looking for a great hobby of the outdoors!

2. I became interested in the hobby on a bit of a whim. At the time, I was employed by Navistar as a line worker. I had a very good friend in my pool area, and he was just infatuated with the idea, and he would talk about it all the time as we were working on the trucks. I was not so easily convinced as I was very skeptical what these machines could find. One day, he put me in contact with an employee in the back shop that had done this hobby, even wrote a small book on it that he had published. This guy had told me about lost jewellery he had found on the beaches and in the waters of nearby lakes. I figured, what the Heck, for a couple hundred bucks I could get a good used detector and try myself! So, as it turned out, my buddy and I basically got our detectors at the same time and we both stumbled blindly into the hobby. We started off by ourselves just scanning some farmers fields. We didn't have much luck till we both learned

how to set our detectors up properly, but after a few outings, we began to find some neat cool stuff!

3. you watch treasure hunters on tv? Yes, this has happened in the past with seekers looking for lost sunken ships laden with many treasures, and a few have found them after very extensive research...for instance, Mr Fisher and finding the "Atocha"? Fellows like these have put many years and thousands of dollars into research and equipment looking for these old treasure ships. You may have heard over in Europe where detectors' have found Jars of ancient gold artifacts and gold coins?...Yes, this has happened over there, but remember our country is way younger than those, so we did not have many ancient Vikings or Romans burying their hoard around here! The closest you may come in North America is where some bank robbery or stage coach heist had taken

n place, or where some hermit that did not believe in banks had stashed his loot! Yes there are many that did not believe in banks due to mainly what happened to the banks in the depression era. Not all metal detectorists have great luck, but we all work at it

4. I am into detecting mainly to enjoy the outdoors and compadreiship with friends. Of course it is fun to see if you can beat the pants off your buddy with who finds the best item of the day! :) another great side effect is finding something old, and doing research to see what it is and when and why it was made.

5. Many of our club members and others that own detectors have made rather valuable finds. All the way from antique coins to relics of yester year and as well jewellery and electronic devices! You name it, if it has metal in it, we have found it before! I have one story where I was thinking about my dear departed father as I was detecting, when all of a sudden I found a valuable old coin with the date as the exact same as my father's birthday!! Weird or What?? I am convinced it was a form of contact from beyond, just the way things happened! and I am not superstitious or religious either! A lot of the enjoyment comes from the events that lead up to a nice find, such as enjoying the companionship of a friend, the outdoors, nature in general

6. As for the reason for the kids demo?...it was mainly to familiarize with them that there is a hobby club out there, when they see a fellow in the fields or on the beaches, sweeping some sort of machine back and forth across the ground, this is what they are doing. Thus when they find something they think is old, they can research it through the internet and through friends, to tell them exactly what they have found. For instance, when I find a old coin, I will look it up in my coin book to see how rare it is, and what the value is of it. Then I type the year into the computer looking for historic events that happened that year. It is unbelievable some of the dates I come up with, for instance some years of coins that I have found, lead me to Indian wars still going on in that time period, Titanic sinking for another year of coin I found, etc, etc The computers and internet can give one a real in-site into the past if one just knows what to look for! Most of my relic finds are all associated with history of some sort, but there are other forms of detecting as well, such as just looking for modern coins etc in local parks and beaches. In our club, which happens to be Chatham Kent Metal detecting club, there are several different types of detecting

Parks....we look for lost jewellery and modern coins, some electronic devices like cell phones

Field....Basically looking for old relics on old homestead sites...all the way from along major creeks, rivers where pioneers of our area settled...note! there were no, or very few roads back in the 1700s so all homesteads were log cabins along the waterways

Beaches...this is where we find most jewellery...on shore as well as in the water....yes, there are special detectors to use in the water, some are designed to work 10 feet under the water, others 300 ft! for skin divers

Ball Parks...again looking for more modern stuff

Now, I need to mention, we have several categories we search for as well. These categories are coins, tokens, jewellery, relics and miscellaneous

Jewellery....self explanatory

coins...old from past years...all the way from 1700s to modern coins, from all over the world....our coin system did not start till 1858, but there were French, Spanish American as well as other European denomination tokens...back in depression times people had very little money, so they made up token coins so to speak stating their business on them and what they were good for...as well our own banks made penny and half penny tokens representing the provinces at that time period...for instance, a Upper Canada 1/2 penny token?...we still find these today, but are becoming rarer to find.

Relics...the old stuff we find in fields consisting of such as old horse shoes, old oil lamps, pocket watches, old coins etc....By the way, when we are hunting for relics in the fields, we do find Indian artifacts as well, like pipes, arrow heads and stone tools. Yes, we find old coins, but these too are collectable and some very rare and expensive to the collector! Why I know one fellow that was hunting in a park 60 miles from here, found not much for his day efforts, and while going back to his car at the parking lot, got a signal and dug up a 1921 dime! yea, I know 1921 not that old, but get this!...a 1921 silver dime if fair condition sells for \$3000.00 and his was in great condition!! A find like this of course is once in a lifetime so to speak! And no, it was not I that found this coin, but will keep looking! hahahahaha!

Miscellaneous...ok, what the heck is miscellaneous?...well, child's old metal toys, hot-wheels toys from the beaches, lead soldier figures, parts of old items like watch parts, license plates, the list here goes on forever!...You say a hot-wheel dinky car...hump! so what?...a child's dinkey toy!....well some of us have found rare ones to those who collect them, worth hundreds of dollars to the collector! ...get the idea?

7.How detectors work?...oh, they just do! hahahaha pulling you leg! Basically a detector sends out a signal into the ground and receives it back and it measures the conductivity of the metal object so to speak...coins are made of various metals...copper silver, gold, aluminum etc. Each metal has a certain conductivity number to the detector and this number is displayed on our screens....We at time think we are finding a nice ladiesgold ring but most times turns out to be a pop pull-tab...these numbers are very close! Most detectors are built and set up to find American coins...these machines will find a lot of ours but depends on how we set them up and "tweak" our coin hunting programs....Yes, our detectors are digital and computerized, but it wasn't that long ago, they were huge shoe-box machines, and some even ran on old vacuum tubes!...these were the first metal detecting machines weighing in at roughly 30 pounds as compared to 3 pounds of today's machines!

One may ask what are those machines the military use for mine detecting? We run the exact same thing except the military models may be built a little more rugged... Have I ever found a land mine?...No! , not lately and I do not care to! hahahaha!

It was great to put on a demo for the school kids, it is the first one that I personally have done, but more have been done in the past with other detectorists. It gets our word out, and we have a better chance of getting more people involved with this great hobby. I personally have been in it long enough that I am beginning to get the odd phone call...Rick! I have lost my ring, and the wife is going to you know what me!! I now arrange a posse and groups of us at times will go out and find that persons lost ring and get it back to them!

You, being a news man, do you recall a article on the front page of the Chatham newspaper, a couple years back, of two detectorists finding a lady's lost \$8500 dollar engagement ring in Lake Erie?...Yup, I was one of those guys in the picture, the other was my friend, Garry Schnekenberger that I hunt with... I heard of the story that a ring had been lost down behind Morpeth, so I grabbed my buddy and went into the lake to look for it....we were hunting, we both got a signal at the same time, right beside each other...He got the ring, and I got a rusty nail! hahahahahaaha The main thing is we got the ring back to the owner, and she didn't even know we existed and were looking for it...It was fun, lots of hugs and Kisses from a nice young shapely woman! hahahahaha!

Hope this gives you some insight into the hobby of metal detecting! I can go on for hours, and I know many in our club that can talk for days!!...don't ask too many questions as we may answer them all!! hahahaha

In closing, any further questions, just shout...Rick Pearce, Vice-President of Chatham Kent Metal Detecting club

I also sent the first page of our newsletter

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From: pete laurie [<mailto:pl.tribune@southkent.net>]

Sent: November-25-13 3:57 PM

To: rpearce5@cogeco.ca

Subject: questions

Greetings Rick, hope all is well.

I have to say that metal detecting may be something totally new for the kids of St Anne School.

Tell me about yourself and how you got involved with Metal detecting.

I watch how treasure hunters strike it rich.

Is that a goal of yours.

Can you tell me some of the things you have found over the years and where you search.

What was your presentation to the kids. I trust it was about history.

Can you tell me about detectors them selves, how do they work.

Obviously going to the schools is something different, did you enjoy it and was it fun for the kids.

What did you find

Let me know of anything else you can tell me.

Joke Of The Month

A little old lady went to the grocery store to buy cat food. She picked up four cans and took them to the check out counter.

The girl at the cash register said, "I'm sorry, but we cannot sell you cat food without proof that you have a cat. A lot of old people buy cat food to eat, and the management wants proof that you are buying the cat food for your cat."

The little old lady went home, picked up her cat, and brought it back to the store.

They sold her the cat food.

The next day, she tried to buy two cans of dog food.

Again the cashier said "I'm sorry, but we cannot sell you dog food without proof that you have a dog. A lot of old people buy dog food to eat, but the management wants proof that you are buying the dog food for your dog."

So she went home and brought in her dog.

She then was able to buy the dog food.

The next day the little old lady brought in a box with a hole in the lid. She asked the cashier to stick her finger in the hole.

The cashier said, "No, you might have a snake in there."

The little old lady assured her that there was nothing in the box that would harm her.

So the cashier put her finger into the box, quickly pulled it out, and said, "That smells like shit."

"The little old lady said, "It is. I want to buy four rolls of toilet paper."

Don't mess with old people.



Happy Detecting!