

# Rainbow's End Metal Detecting Association

## Minutes for Meeting

January 11, 2017 (Start at 7:30 pm)

### Meeting called to order

- 34 Attendees
- 1 guest, Wes

### Minutes of November Meeting

- Motion to approve by John, seconded by Eugene, all accepted

### Treasurer Report:

- Bank in good standing. Need to start fundraising for May hunt

### Membership:

- 59 members but only 39 have paid they dues
- John is collecting membership
- FEDMAC dues will be paid
- Annual awards outstanding from December meeting to be distributed

### Other:

- Flyers from the "road warriors" to bring in your gold and collections.
- Warning to members they are buying for cheap
- Dave P took a coin to one of these dealers and it was 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the price
- Dave M went to the gold traders in the mall. Worker was quoting 1/3 of the price
- Take advantage of the people who need the money
- Should ask what they are paying "per gram" or "penny weight" in the US.
- Joe was saying in the States they have a "holding law" where they need to keep the jewelry for 2 weeks
- Len mentioned in the Cdn Coin News there are groups who were caught for speeding, the police searched the vehicles, found silver, gold, lots of cash. All the gold was counterfeit. Many dealers have been burned by buying counterfeit gold and silver. Even on Ebay these counterfeit products are all over. In the fine print the details state that it is pure "clad".
- Testing could be done by specific gravity
- Buyer beware, if it is too good to be true, it probably isn't

**Break: 8:00 pm to 8:10 pm**

### Best Find Overall

- Dave M brought in brick a brack from Port Dover. Signet ring 14K. From a construction site in Port Dover a big brass lock. 18K ring on a ball diamond that was for 1831. Information was on the hallmark. Found with all his machines over the year
- Robin B brought in a pack of goodies on a ring. About 3 pounds. His big clunkers that he found over the year. All were water finds. One is worth \$4000. Mainly are found on the islands in the Caribbean. Aruba was one of the nicest places to metal detect. In up to his neck and

determined to find the signal and found a big ring. Back they would find 28 pieces on average each time. Using a minelab he did a test with the rings and it detected only 2. He didn't have his machine set wrong. Robin will set another meeting to have everyone bring their detectors to make sure the settings are correct.

- Len brought in a chain he found years ago. Found detecting with Scott. 18 carat Italian gold found at Christie Conservation back in the 90's. Like to go out to your neck, seem to find the best finds
- Mike found a Shinglers hammer. It was stuck in a rotten tree on the ground. One of his first wins on the finds board. Found "Presto Light Batteries" advertising sign. The best gift is having all of us!
- Lenny has 2 pieces of silver. While diving in Florida about 25, 30 feet out. Found a cross, hand cast, found with his friend, who happened to pass away the same day. One of his last trips to Spain, went to a waterfall, right behind the waterfall there was a convent. The nuns would keep silver to make money for the convent. Within 10 minutes in the waterfall he found a silver cross. The jeweler told his it was hand made and was hand made. Probably only about 10 made because his grandfather is the one who made it.
- Richard found 7 gold rings. Found 1 in Churchill park, 18K ring. Gave to Len to a make into a nugget
- Steve S found a cross thought it was junk. 10K white gold with diamond chips. 31 grams. Found in Woodbine beach. Found also a handmade gold ring and a wallet the same day
- Randy found a silver goblet with many other
- Brenda F found a 18K gold ring found on a beach in New Brunswick. Ron found a Harley Davidson ring. She brought in many unusal rings found in New Brunswick. Dave said it was one "blank" nice ring. Also found many coins
- Thank you to all nice to share with everyone

#### **Other**

- Hunt Committee meeting – Sunday, January 22, 2017 at Janet & Eugene's house
- We need volunteers
- 50/50 are starting to be distributed. Anyone wanting to take to sell, please see Terry
- In the March meeting Wayne is bringing in someone to discuss marbles. If you have any bring them in
- To the floor do we want to have a snow hunt to be held in March. Many were interested. All depends on the weather. Could be held at Dundas Driving Park. Sat, Mar 11 is the tentative date
- Website may be down in the next couple for weeks for maintenance

#### **Auction Time:**

- Wall Clock - \$2.00
- Air freshener (2) – \$4.00 each
- Air freshener Case – \$3.00

#### **Finds Board:**

- COIN: Large 1859 cent – Dave M
- GOLD: Gold Ring – Tom V
- SILVER: Silver 925 Ring – Dave M

- RELIC: Thimble – Dave M
- COSTUME JEWELRY: Engineers Ring – Dave M
- MISC: Pocket watch – Dave M
- MOST UNUSUAL: “One thin dime” – Dave M
- BEST OVERALL FIND FOR THE NIGHT: - Dave M for Pocketwatch

**Raffles/Draw**

- 50/50 Prize Winner – Cynthia
- Case Dollar Prize Winner – Cynthia
- Door Prize Winners (silver dimes tickets): Brenda, Rick, Cynthia, Len, Mary, Terry, Gary, Wayne
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**Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 pm**

**Next Meeting: Feb 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm**

*Please note: any errors or omissions on these meeting minutes should be reported at the next scheduled meeting. A copy of these minutes will also be posted on the REMDA website along with photos of the Finds Board*