

Rainbow's End Metal Detecting Association

Minutes for Meeting

May 10, 2017 (Start at 7:30 pm)

Meeting called to order

- 34 Attendees
- No guests

Minutes of March Meeting

- Motion to approve by Robin, seconded by Joe, all accepted

Treasurer Report:

- Bank in good standing

Memberships

- To confirm we do not issue memberships to people who are only looking for permits

Southern Ontario Beach Hunt:

- Still accepting donations. Give to Brenda. Register if you haven't already.
- Robin looked at the beach and it was rather bad but sure to be good for the hunt. Picking up Kimberley Clark donations. Looking for people for Friday night to help get the park ready Super8 has 7 rooms under a block. Sausage hotdog lunch Sat and pizza Sun. Rick is helping Gerry. Ed is bringing condiments. Will need help serving about 3 to 4. Can anyone donate water. Need ice for the cooler if you have a spare cooler bring it down

Special Guest - Barry "The marble guy"

- His daughter went to summer camp and her friend invited the family to their home in Goderich
- The husband collected marbles. He had about 300,000. Some were works of art. By the time weekend finished he bought some marbles from him. Barry brought with him tonight handmade marbles from 1910 and 1915. Wayne brought some play marbles. The best glass marbles are made in Italy or Germany from 1870 to 1905. Marbles can be made from natural stone. Still some glass makers today that make marbles. The old glass marbles have fine lines of glass that are rolled and rolled. What to look for is the pontal on each side where they were finished. How can you tell the age, the machine made have certain characteristics. Brenda brought in 1 made in the states. Usually 2 colour swirl are called number 9's. Some are green and purple or blue & yellow. Those were experimental and dumped in Southern Ontario. Machine made are generally perfectly round.
- Marbles come in all sizes about ½ inch is common
- Many compositions clay, ceramic, metal wood and glass
- Most collectors don't consider metal to be a collector item
- Most 18th century from Germany. As they immigrated production ramped up
- Stone marbles are old made by the German's
- Benington is crockery marbles from Benington Vermont

- Glass marbles, older ones are handmade. Have transparent swirls and most come with lattice work, with various cores.
- Sulfides – transparent glass containing a small bit of chine clay pressed. True sulfides were made in the 1800's can range up to \$5000.
- Some of the modern handmade will be signed by the glass maker
- Barry has approximately 1000 to 2000 in his collection
- He displays in jars or old glass rolling pins.
- Carpet balls" are a porcelain glaze. He paid \$20 for 60 and they are worth about \$20 each. To make a set you need 2 of the same pattern in a set of 12. Was able to make 2 sets of it. Turned out to be worth around \$3000. Average price now is about \$135 each
- Many people have found marbles while metal detecting

Break: 8:0 pm to 8:25 pm

Auction Time:

- Hat box - \$1.00
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- Manitoba case dollar copper nickel - \$5.00
- DVD's - \$3.00
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- Hamilton Fire Patches - \$1.00 each group
- Bike lock - \$3.00
- Phone - \$1.00
- Photo printing paper - \$5.00
- Mystery Box - \$21
- Mystery Box - \$26
- Candles - \$1.00
- Cheese knife & pocket light - \$1.00
- Candles - \$1.00
- Magnifying glasses - \$3.00

Finds Board:

- COIN: 1917 quarter – Dave P
- GOLD: Ring – Tom V
- SILVER: Silver Bell – Dave M
- RELIC: Military Pin – Dave P
- COSTUME JEWELRY: Squirrel Pendant – Dave M
- MISC: Toy car from England – Dave P

- MOST UNUSUAL: Spike skull – Dave M
- BEST OVERALL FIND FOR THE NIGHT: - Silver Ball – Dave M

Raffles/Draw

- 50/50 Prize Winner – Cynthia
- Case Dollar Prize Winner – Eugene
- Door Prize Winners (silver dimes tickets): Kathy, Dave M, Ron, Len, Gwen, Paul, Scott, Cynthia

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm

Next Meeting: June 14, 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