

S.H.R.R.A. Monthly



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ATTENTION !

** If you have any finds you would like to submit for consideration for the Newsletter, send them to db007@att.net.*



S.H.R.R.A. Members,

What a presentation we had. Special thanks to Richard for lugging in all those Civil War era Long Guns! Richard discussed the rifle manufacturer's history, their use in the war, & political history. Pictures are posted herein.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting Tuesday Night, 6pm Fellowship, Meeting Starts at 6:30pm.... August 9th, 2016. I plan to talk briefly about a book I've been working on for the last 3 years, & my research for it on the Civil War around the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Sincerely,

*David Bond
S.H.R.R.A. President*

HUNTER OF THE YEAR CONTEST

Everyone, please bring in finds to submit at the meetings. There are 13 Categories (Below). You will earn 1 point for entering, plus... 3 Points for 1st, 2 Points for 2nd, 1 Point for 3rd. The FINAL 2015 Treasure Hunter of the Year Standings is shown on Page 3.

This Month's July 2016 - 1st Place Category Winners are:

Most Coins: 313 – Nick Haas

Most Bullets of 19th Century or older: 20 – Richard Angelico

Civil War Buttons: None

War of 1812 Buttons: None

Civil War & Pre-Civil War Relics: Confederate "I" Button – Dan Fontenot

Buttons (all non-C.W. and Non-War of 1812 metallic buttons): Dusty Williams

Artillery: Parrott Sabot – Richard Angelico

Jewelry: Knot Ring – Nick Haas

Coin: David Bond – 1923 Wheat Penny

Tokens: NAMCO Token - Dwelia Haas

Bottles: Richard Angelico – Perfume Bottle

Non-Metallic: 1920's German Swirl Marble – David Bond

Wild Card: Buckle Civil War – Richard Angelico

SHRRA Hunter of the Year Standngs								
	NAME	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Total
1	Nick Haas	19	18	26	25	26	25	139
2	Dwelia Haas	8	17	19	20	12	9	85
3	Richard Angelico	0	0	0	0	36	28	64
4	Rick Hervey	6	11	16	14	14	0	61
5	Larry Yerino	23	16	17	0	0	0	56
6	Tom Colvin	4	11	0	11	6	4	36
7	David Bond	17	0	0	0	0	16	33
8	Frank M.	0	16	0	11	0	0	27
9	Charlie McLeod	0	0	0	15	0	0	15
10	Jeremy Birch	0	13	0	0	0	0	13
11	Jimmy Lea	0	0	10	0	0	0	10
12	Dusty Williams	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
13	Jesse Sanders	0	0	0	3	0	3	6
13	Dan Fontenot	0	0	0	2	0	4	6
15	Travis Reeves	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
15	Ken Guidry	1	0	0	0	3	0	4

Confederate Carbine Sling Buckle
CSA: Due to dimensions.
Dug in Baton Rouge, LA
Brass Frame
in March 2016 by David Bond



Treasure Hunter of the Month

July 2016 Results		
	NAME	Total
1	Richard Angelico	28
2	Nick Haas	25
3	David Bond	16
4	Dwelia Haas	9
5	Dusty Williams	7
6	Tom Colvin	4
6	Dan Fontenot	4
8	Jesse Sanders	3

Marble Pull:

Open, The Pink Marble was not pulled.

Detector Razzle:

Silver Price Performance USD

Change	Amount	%
Today	-0.17	-0.83%
30 Days	2.73	15.66%
6 Months	6.24	44.95%
1 Year	5.31	35.80%
5 Years	-20.21	-50.10%
16 Years	15.12	302.10%

silverprice.org



I Don't Have Anywhere to Hunt!

By David Bond

I hear it all the time from beginners; "I don't know where to dig", "I don't have any spots", "I don't know how to find places to hunt". If this is you, don't worry, this has affected all diggers at one point or another. With the Internet & Social Media nowadays, finding a spot of interest that has potential for a good dig, is as easy as a zit-faced College kid being able to find a Pokemon Go Pikachu in City Park. You just have to get outside and go. Here are 3 of my most relied on sources for finding hunts that you can use yourself, or pass along to a beginner in your neck of the woods.

Social Media is a great place to start. There are several Facebook Groups now that cater to the Beginner or Expert. Join these groups and remain active. Post your finds, ask questions on how to use your machine, how to find maps, how to research, etc.... You'd be surprised at the number of fellow hobbyists that are willing to help. The contacts I've made through facebook alone, in the last few years, are priceless to me. It has led to many great hunts in several states, and many new close friends. A good group to look up, and one I am an admin in is "[Metal Detecting for Beginners and Beyond](#)"

University Archives are a great place to start. Call your local university and ask to speak to the keeper of the University's Archives. I recently called a couple Universities while searching for information on a confederate camp that was in my area. I found a few Soldier's Diaries, Several groups of letters, and more. That chase led me to finding out about a local skirmish between 1,000 Union & 160 Confederate soldiers, approximate location of 2 confederate camps, exact spot where an iron clad warship shelled one of the Gulf Coast Beaches..... So much information fell into my lap, I may write a book on it one day.

Online Maps, this one is my favorite. For great Historical map overlays, go to www.historicaerials.com. Type your "location of interest" in the search box at the top of the site. Once your location pulls up, click the "Overlays" drop down tab. Select "All Roads". This will help pinpoint your spots. Now click the dropdown tab on the "Compare" box. Select "Slide". When you click slide, you will notice a few date selections pop up on the right side of your screen. You will also notice there are two sets of dates. The Top selections are historic photographic aerials, & The lower selections are USGS topographic maps. (Note: Different regions will have different dates available.) On the left side, choose the most recent Aerial date. On the right side, click the oldest Aerial date available. When you do this, you will now notice 2 split screens. You are now viewing 2 aerials overlaid on the same exact location, but years apart. Use your cursor to click, hold, and drag the split screen back & forth to see the overlay. This will allow you to see and pinpoint the exact location of the structures you are searching for. Some of the Aerials in my region date back as far as 1938.

Hope this helps someone!

Personal Best Submissions for July:

****S.H.R.R.A. Members are encouraged to submit a personal best picture/story or just a picture with a brief description.**



-Submitted by: Richard Angelico-

ABOVE: This is a very historic “counter-stamped” coin, which is fairly rare. The side with the “chicken eagle” reads, "Nouvelle Orleans" or New Orleans in French. The other side bears a circle of chain links with the initials “PB” inside the chain. This stands for “Planters Bank”. I dug this on the grounds of a local plantation years ago.

After the Louisiana Purchase, there were not enough quarter coins on hand at the U.S. Mint to circulate in the newly acquired territory. That caused the U.S. Treasury to authorize Planters Bank to cut 8 Reales. 8 Reales were valued at One U.S. Dollar. They cut them into four “quarters” . The bank “Counter-stamped” them to certify they were the correct weight and silver content to be worth .25 cents. This is where the term “two bits” came from. This is a two bit piece as in “two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar”.

I had no clue what it was when I dug it but when I saw words “Nouvelle Orleans” and the eagle I knew it had to something pretty good.

One of my favorite 30 minute hunts, and one I won't forget. A Lady gave me and a buddy permission to dig her property in prime Civ Territory. Hubby got home and ran us off!!! pic Below – David Bond



HUNTMASTER REPORT

NOTE: Club Hunts are not guaranteed, except for the Huntnic. It is not mandatory, but it is everyone's responsibility to find a spot for a club hunt. If you do find a spot, you will be rewarded. Once a member offers up their spot, the club will be informed after a definitive date is set. Let's all make it a point to constantly be on the lookout for a place to bring the club.

- **NEW: Annual Huntnic: October 15th ... Sept 1st Deadline to pay!!!!!!**
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Civil War Long Rifle Presentation, by: Richard Angelico



2016 S.H.R.R.A. MEMO

Note to all SHRRA Members: Please direct all new/potential members to www.shrra.net. All information on the club is there. The Website includes a web store where you can now Pay Dues online, info on How to Join, Annual Huntnic Information, etc...

*If you would like to contribute an article or Metal detecting related story, or something relevant to our hobby or club... Please submit to db007@att.net. Upon B.O.D. approval, we will post it on the website.

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SHRRA Club T-Shirts are available on their website for purchase S-XL starts at \$18.

PredatorTools.com has also come on Donating a Lesche Digger for the Huntnic Rebel Raffle, and offering Club Members \$10 off each purchase.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

Refer a New Member Program

Earn 10 FREE Rebel Raffle Tickets

Eligibility for FREE tickets will be voted on by the Club's Board of Directors on a case by case basis. You will only earn tickets for the One person you refer. Terms are subject for revision as needed.

Club Hunt Reward Program

Earn 20 FREE Rebel Raffle tickets for finding a site for a Club Hunt.

Eligibility for FREE tickets will be voted on by the Club's Board of Directors on a case by case basis. Access to a site, means.... An area of historical interest with potential, that is not normally accessible by the general public. Setting up Hunts on a public Beach will not be eligible for Free Tickets. Terms are subject for revision by the Club BOD as needed.

NEXT MEETING IS: August 9th, 2016 at the Italian Pie @ 6:30 pm

If you have a great personal best find, and you would like to submit a picture for this Newsletter..... or an article, send to db007@att.net