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# "THE DIRTY DIGGER"



## Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club --- Everett, Washington

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This issue is dedicated to PTHC honorary lifetime member and good friend, Carl Blasch, who passed this last week. For a little bit about him see page 5.

### Upcoming PTHC Events and news

**October 12, 2019 (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) – 8:00AM: Second Saturday Hunt.** Meet at Denny's on 128<sup>th</sup> west of Interstate 5, South Everett.

**October 16, 2019 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) 7:30PM: Monthly club meeting.** Everett Fire Fighters Hall, 2411 Hewitt Ave, Everett. Doors open at about 6:45 PM, meeting starts at 7:30 PM

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\***

**October 5, 2019 at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM: "Frank Lupien Memorial Hunt"** at Thornton A. Sullivan Park at Silver Lake Beach (11405 Silver Lake Rd, Everett, WA 98208). Here's the highlights:

- A "Members Only Hunt" the cost is \$10 per member plus "two items" to hide in the sand (no foreign coins please).
- Field planting starts at 9 to 9:30 with the hunt to follow at 10:00
- Sand scoops will be allowed.
- A main course will be provided. Attending members are encouraged to bring their favorite dish to share.
- Something new! A group photo is planned that will be submitted to Western Eastern Treasure Magazine.
- The Hunt goes on, rain or shine so consider packing rain gear for you and your machine, and check the weather conditions before heading out.
- Bring a camping chair or two.
- This year's hunt sponsor is Vaughan Douglas. "Thank you Vaughan for taking the lead on this special hunt. We look forward to pitching in to make this a fun and successful event!"

### Here's a little bit of the history behind this hunt:

The Frank Lupien Memorial Hunt was named in honor of one of our founding members and his generous bequest to the Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club. Like the St. Patrick's Day/Spring Hunt, it is a planted hunt with coins and tokens for silver coins, followed by a potluck and socializing.

As our club membership has grown and more hunters have attended this hunt, it was motioned, voted and approved at the August 15, 2018 meeting, that the value of the planted items be increased from \$500 to \$750, so there's plenty of treasure for all!

### Upcoming Events other Clubs and Organizations

**\*October 19-20, 2019 Bedrock Prospector's Gold Show 2019**, Puyallup Fairgrounds

**\*October 26, 2019 Cascade Treasure Club's 46<sup>th</sup> Annual "Moonlight Hunt"**, Lincoln Park in West Seattle (Registration begins at 5PM).

Each October, the Cascade Treasure Club hosts hunters from all around the Puget Sound region for a Moonlight Hunt at Lincoln Park in West Seattle. There will be two seeded hunts with tokens for prizes, games, raffles, hot beverages, and a cozy fire. Join them for a hauntingly good time...if you dare!!

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We're on the Web! Visit us at:

[www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org](http://www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org)

### A new "Cookie Cutter Caper" aka: "Steve's Stash" hunt has begun!

Mike Camerer was the successful hunter who unraveled the clues and found the "Cookie cutter" hidden by Jim Thompson. Mike received a Silver dollar and 4 silver dimes for his efforts AND the joy of being the new cookie cutter hider and chief clue giver outer.

Here are the first three clues:

1. I'm hiding in a city that shares the name of the fifth President.
2. Binford 8200
3. Here's the latest clue given at the September club meeting: "From the parking lot use the pedestrian bridge and cross the creek not the river!"

**Good Luck and let me know if you find it!**

### Welcome New Member!

➤ Bill Gerlach

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We're happy to have you on board and we look forward to sharing our excitement and interests in Metal Detecting. It will be great to see all the fun and interesting items you find. If you have any questions about detecting or need some tips and tricks you've come to the right spot!

**Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club**  
**Finds of the Month - September 18, 2019**

**LAND**

**Oldest US Coin**

1. Kari D., 1889 Indian cent
2. Mark J., 1893 Indian cent
3. Ron A., 1916- Buffalo nickel
4. Mike K., 1920 wheat cent

**Most Valuable US Coin**

1. Mark J., 1913-S Wheat cent
2. Ron A., 1925-S Merc dime
3. Mark K., 1943-S Merc dime
4. Kari D., 1936 Merc dime

**Jewelry**

1. Mike K., 14k gold ring with blood stone
2. Elizabeth M., 14k gold ring with green stone
3. Randy R., 14k gold cuff link
4. Kari D., 14k gold hoop

**Miscellaneous**

1. Ron A., Gold pocket watch
2. Elizabeth M., fraternal medallions
3. Mark K., 1940-Two Shilling
4. Pat S., 911 Memorial token/medallion

**WATER FINDS**

**Oldest U.S. Coin**

1. Vaughan D., 1923-S wheat cent
2. Randy R., 1939-S Merc dime
3. Ron A., ? wheat cent

**Most Valuable US Coin**

1. Randy R., 1943 Quarter
2. Ron A., 1957 Quarter

**Jewelry**

1. Randy R., 1946 10k Class ring
2. Ron A., Elephant with stone

**Miscellaneous**

1. Randy R., Boson's whistle
2. Ron A., Bottle cork

**LAND OR WATER**

**Toys**

1. Ron A., 1920's yellow cab
2. Pat S., toy truck by Marx
3. Randy R., Hydroplane boat
4. Walt E., Harrier jet toy

**Eyeball**

1. Pat S., 10K white gold ring
2. Mark J., \$5 "red star note"
3. Elizabeth M., \$61 in bills
4. Ron A., Brass hardware

**Ugliest coin**

1. Mike K., nickel
2. Kari D., punched out penny
3. Elizabeth M., wheat cent
4. Ron A., burnt silver dollar

*This month's judges: Mark Kulseth and Chris Taylor*

**PTHC Member's Corner & Special Announcements:**

1. On September 14<sup>th</sup> at the MDAW annual membership picnic and hunt a tragic event took place when one of the participants suffered a fatal heart attack during the hunt. Our thoughts and support are extended to his family. PTHC interim acting Secretary, Emma Flores was there and assisted in trying to locate and notify the stricken hunter's family members. It took a while but she was finally able to find some contact information on Facebook. Emma has stated that this is a reminder to us all that it would be prudent to have any emergency contact information noted on our special hunt signup sheets or on file with your club's membership information.
2. President David Label has asked for member volunteers for the following PTHC committee positions: 1) Second Saturday Hunt Chairman, 2) Hospitality/Official greeter, 3) Spring/Fall and other hunt Chairman. These are vital positions that help keep our club vibrant and fun. Please consider lending a hand. Contact David today at 206-719-3557 and let him know you'd like to help out!
3. Woody Atterberry ran across the site [www.lostmystuff.net](http://www.lostmystuff.net). He thought it might be a good opportunity for a PTHC member or two to check it out and maybe see if they can recover some lost property for the dismayed owners! There's a current Redmond area listing.
4. Lora Hetzel has officially resigned her position as the PTHC club Treasurer. Lora's selfless service and dedication to our club has been immeasurable. Lora has expertly managed the finances and treasurers' duties since 2010. In addition and concurrently she began running the Annual MayFest hunts a few years before that, eventually crafting them into the highly successful annual events that made our club stand proud. Lora has expressed her appreciation for the trust and support you've shown in allowing her to serve the PTHC Club and membership in these vital positions. *"Lora, the Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club membership thanks you for all you have done and extends to you our deepest gratitude."* Until the club elections this November, Ray Desy has been appointed by President David Label to serve as interim acting Club Treasurer.
5. After 4 ½ years and penning 55 issues of the "Dirty Digger" I am handing my official newsletter scribe to Vaughan Douglas. Vaughan has shared some of his ideas, presentation formats and wit with me and you are in for a treat! We are very fortunate to have his fresh vision, creativity and enthusiasm as newsletter editor. I have been honored to serve as your newsletter editor and thank you all for that opportunity. -Ray Desy

*Here is the new Scavenger Hunt hosted by Mark Kulseth. Mark has ran the last several scavenger hunts and has decided this is the last he will do at this time, so he has come up with a doozie of a list of 106 items that range from the simple to the really rare. So, grab this list and get out there and start finding stuff. Remember, these items must be found between September 18, 2019 and January 15, 2020. Thank you Mark for all the fun scavenger hunts you have sent us on!*

Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club Fall/Winter 2019 Scavenger Hunt

Begins Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> / Ends Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

Items may be found with a metal detector, water scoop or eyeball. Top 3 point winners receive silver prizes as well as all participants. Any questions please call or email Mark Kulseth at 206-730-2694 or [mkulseth@gmail.com](mailto:mkulseth@gmail.com)

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Fishing sinker       | 36. 1940's Merc              | 72. Franklin Half        |
| 2. Pre 1920 wheat       | 37. 14K Ring                 | 73. Tootsie Toy          |
| 3. Shotgun Shell        | 38. Silver Necklace          | 74. US Three Cent Coin   |
| 4. Transit Token        | 39. 1946 Wheat               | 75. Hot Wheels Car       |
| 5. Light Bulb Base      | 40. Axe Head                 | 76. 1950's Rosie         |
| 6. Compact              | 41. 1942 Nickel (Non Silver) | 77. Golf Ball            |
| 7. Military Button      | 42. US Silver \$             | 78. Hose Nozzle          |
| 8. War Nickel           | 43. Railroad Spike           | 79. Pre 1900 Silver Coin |
| 9. Pocket Knife         | 44. 1946 Rosie               | 80. Paper Clip           |
| 10. 1958-D Wheat        | 45. Scout Item               | 81. Gold Ring W/Stone    |
| 11. Foreign Silver Coin | 46. 10K Gold Ring            | 82. Presidential \$      |
| 12. Silver Earring      | 47. Copper Nail              | 83. Cap Gun              |
| 13. Indian Cent         | 48. Walking Half             | 84. Spark Plug           |
| 14. Square Nail         | 49. Standing Lib Quarter     | 85. Suspender Clip       |
| 15. Lead Toy            | 50. Pre 1800 US Coin         | 86. Wa. Tax Token        |
| 16. Matchbox Toy        | 51. Pre 1900 US Coin         | 87. Oil Lamp Part        |
| 17. Bullet Casing       | 52. Canadian Lrg Cent        | 88. Dinner Knife         |
| 18. 1970 Cent           | 53. Seated Coin              | 89. Shield Nickel        |
| 19. 1970 Nickel         | 54. Barber Quarter           | 90. Silver Wa. Quarter   |
| 20. 1970 Dime           | 55. Two Cent US Coin         | 91. Silver Kennedy Half  |
| 21. 1970 Quarter        | 56. Barber Dime              | 92. Clad Kennedy Half    |
| 22. Pet License Tag     | 57. Any Platinum Jewelry     | 93. Grommet              |
| 23. Sacagawea \$        | 58. Good For Token           | 94. Tent Stake           |
| 24. Buffalo Nickel      | 59. Wrist Watch              | 95. Railroad Spike       |
| 25. Bottle Cap          | 60. Automobile Part          | 96. Steel Beverage Can   |
| 26. Safety Pin          | 62. Door Knob                | 97. D Cell Battery       |
| 27. Spoon               | 63. Fork                     | 98. Live Bullet          |
| 28. Beaver Tail         | 64. Marble                   | 99. Skeleton Key         |
| 29. Pencil Eraser       | 65. Plastic Water Bottle     | 100. Harmonica Reed      |
| 30. US Half Dime        | 66. V Nickel                 | 101. Aluminum Can        |
| 31. US Large Cent       | 67. Birth Year Coin          | 102. License Plate Tag   |
| 32. Copper Fitting      | 68. Zippo Lighter            | 103. Valve Stem Cover    |
| 33. Teens Merc Dime     | 69. Two or More Keys on Ring | 104. Pocket Watch        |
| 34. 1920's Merc         | 70. Colored Pull Tab         | 105. Bale Seal           |
| 35. 1930'S Merc         | 71. Padlock                  | 106. Bike Reflector      |



# “WHATSIT”

## THE FIRST OPINIONS ARE IN AND YOU'RE GONNA LIKE THIS!

*In the last couple of issues I've asked for the collective club membership to help identify these two items found by Randy Routsala while water hunting in a lake (in case this is a salient fact)... And here are the opinions so far!*

**First:** Club member Ron Aldridge identifies the small brass object on the right as a “radiator cap from a Model T and early cars. He has found a few like this.”

**Second:** Club member Ray Desy thinks the object on the right looks like an incense burner. And the item on the left looks like a Sudoku type of “magic square”, where all the rows, columns and major diagonals add up to the same number. The inner 3x3 section symbols closely appear to match numbers written in the Gujarati dialect. It is the official numeral system of Gujarat, India and a minor script in Pakistan. Here's the numbers 0-9: ૦, ૧, ૨, ૩, ૪, ૫, ૬, ૭, ૮, ૯. When I substituted these for the corresponding English numerals and added them up I got nothing but random totals. I haven't any idea about the figures on the perimeter 16 squares. They don't make sense. None of it makes any sense! So I give up.!

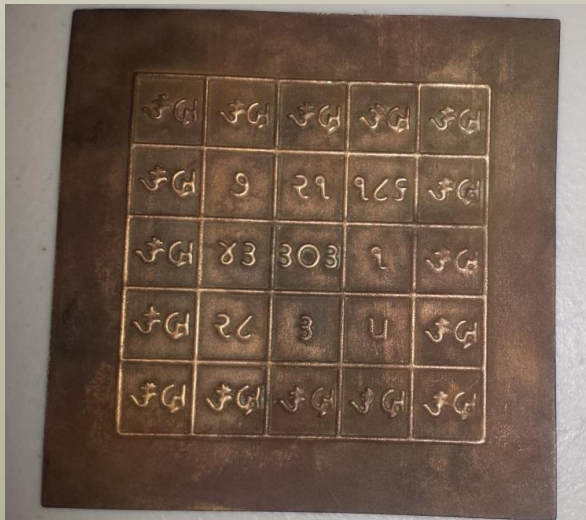
**Third:** (...and this is the really fun one!): Club member Emma Flores showed these to a co-worker and this is what she wrote in her email. “My Moroccan coworker said your mystery items are Arabic Magic Items. I found something similar. He said they make a spell like to get a husband back or keep someone away from them. They make the spell, burn herbs & stuff, & then bury it.” Here is a similar item:

[http://hua.umf.maine.edu/China/Xian/Shaanxi\\_History/pages/284\\_History\\_Museum.html](http://hua.umf.maine.edu/China/Xian/Shaanxi_History/pages/284_History_Museum.html)



Then three days later I get this email from Emma: “My friend is also now very worried about the person who dug it up. He reads Arabic & speaks it. Apparently the spells are very personal & don't make sense to others who are trying to read it. There's no way to know if it is for something good or bad. So if the person who found it is having a stream of bad luck, he may want to rebury it. Habib is dying to know where he found it.”

Okay, now this last one has me little creeped out. I think I like Ron's answer better. I can relate to a car part! What do you think? (Anyone know a good shaman?)





It is with sadness and fond memories that we learned of the passing of Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club honorary lifetime member and good friend to many, Carl Blasch of Corvallis, Oregon. He is a long time, close friend and metal detecting buddy of Stan Schumacher, a PTHC founding member. Carl was a regular attendee at our annual MayFest hunts and a very generous supporter and participant in our raffles, often winning many of the top prizes. Probably, because he bought so darn many tickets!

Living in Corvallis, he wasn't far from the White's metal detector factory in Sweet Home, Oregon and was a devotee and expert with his White's metal detectors. If you had a White's detector he was always a willing resource on the set up, operation, tips and tricks of your machine. Carl belonged to the "Bever State Coinshooters Club" and was also a familiar face to many other metal detectorists across the Pacific Northwest region, Oregon and Washington. He will be missed.

In January, 2014 Carl was interviewed by a reporter for the Corvallis Gazette-Times. It's a nice article and can serve well as a fitting tribute to and remembrance of someone who represented some of the best aspects of the metal detecting hobby. Following is a link to that article.

[https://www.gazettetimes.com/news/local/treasure-hunter-digs-in-with-metal-detector/article\\_cf7b0918-8231-11e3-a726-0019bb2963f4.html](https://www.gazettetimes.com/news/local/treasure-hunter-digs-in-with-metal-detector/article_cf7b0918-8231-11e3-a726-0019bb2963f4.html)

## Coins to be found (09/18/19)

**Quarters from previous years:** (These are in the America's National Park quarters series (2010-2021))

American Samoa P / Virgin Island P / Mount Hood P / Grand Canyon P / Acadia P / Hawaii Volcanoes P / International Peace Memorial P / White Mountain P / Great Smokey Mountains Nat. Park P / New York Fort Sumter National Monument Site P / Frederick Douglas National Historic Site in the District of Columbia P / Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore P / Voyageurs National Park P / Cumberland Island National Seashore P / ~~Block Island National Wildlife Refuge P~~ (found by Mike Kirkendall)

**New 2019 Quarters:** Lowell National Historical Park in Massachusetts PDW / American Memorial Park in Northern Mariana Islands PD(found by Mike Kirkendall)W / War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Guam PDW / San Antonio Missions National Historical Park in Texas PDW / Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness in Idaho PDW.

*If you're the first club member to find, with your metal detector, one of the newly minted quarters with the mint mark "W" (for West Point mint), you can claim a special prize of a "silver half dollar". Keep an eye on your finds pouch!*

**Sacagawea Dollars:**

2011 P / 2012 P / 2013 P & D / 2014 P & D / 2015 P & D / 2016 P & D / 2017 P & D / 2018 P & D / 2019 PD

**Presidential Dollars\*:**

Grant P / Hayes P / Garfield P / Arthur P & D / G. Cleveland P & D / Grover Cleveland P & D / Woodrow Wilson P & D / William H Taft P & D / Theodore Roosevelt P & D / Wm McKinley P & D / Warren Harding P & D / Calvin Coolidge P & D / Herbert Hoover P / Franklin D. Roosevelt P & D Harry S. Truman P & D / Dwight D Eisenhower D / John F Kennedy P & D / Lyndon B. Johnson P & D / Richard M Nixon P & D, Gerald Ford P & D and Ronald Reagan P & D

\*no further new ones unless a former president of the US dies.

*Rules: Coins must be found using a metal detector.*

*Please call or text Ray Desy at 206-930-0903 or email at [raymond4982@gmail.com](mailto:raymond4982@gmail.com) if you find one of these and claim your prize at the next monthly meeting!*

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