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"THE DIRTY DIGGER"



Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club --- Everett, Washington

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Upcoming PTHC Events

- ✓ **April 9, 2016 (Saturday) - 8:00AM:** Second Saturday Hunt. Meet at Denny's on 128th in South Everett and join the group for this days hunt.
- ✓ **April 20, 2016 (Wednesday) - 7:00PM:** Monthly club meeting. Everett Fire Station on Hewitt, doors open at 7PM, meeting starts at 7:30. **"SILVER BUYBACK" At this meeting! Bring you silver coins to sell. See details below.**
- ✓ **April 23, 2016 (Saturday) - 9:00AM:** **"ANNUAL SPRING HUNT"** at Thornton A. Sullivan Park at Silver Lake. Members only hunt. Bring \$10 plus two items to plant and your favorite dish to share at the potluck following the hunt! Also, don't forget you family members who might like to come along and see what you do! **Ron and Lora Hetzel are hosting the hunt. "Sand scoops" ARE NOW ALLOWED this time!**
- ✓ **May 27-29, 2016 (Memorial Day Weekend):** "PTHC Mayfest" at Stanwood/Camano Community Fairgrounds. Theme is "Return of the Zombies".

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We're on the Web! Visit us at:

<http://www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org/home.html>

Upcoming Events - other organizations and clubs

- ✓ **April 20, 2016: "Silver Buyback" at our April club meeting.** The club would like to buy your excess silver coins (dimes, quarters and half dollars) to give as prizes at our upcoming May fest event. We have been having trouble getting enough coins this year from our regular coin dealers so we are short and can use what you can spare. The club will pay you the closing silver spot price for that day, which is a better deal than you get in a coin store, so please look over you hoard and bring them with you to the next meeting! Thanks!!
- ✓ **April 30 - May 1, 2016: Everett Rock & Gem Club 63rd Annual GEM, JEWELRY AND MINERAL SHOW** at Everett Community College 2206 Tower St., Everett, WA. Admission is FREE! For further info see them online at www.everetrockclub.com
- ✓ **May 27-29, 2016 Mayfest - Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club's annual extravaganza!** This year's theme is "Return of the Zombies" (I guess the Zombies had such a good time last year they are coming back!). MDAW will again be sponsoring one of the hunts on Saturday afternoon where all entrance fees go back into the field. We put out over 8,000 coins again last year. For more information go to: <http://www.pilchucktreasurehunts.org/home.html>
- ✓ **June 17, 18 & 19, 2016 NWTWC Annual Treasure Hunt "Back at Farragut Park".** Save with early registration Mar.1 and May 15th price changes. Hunts for all ages – kids, teens, and seniors. **Camping available.** Email: skdjbell1@msb.com Call 1-208-660-4852 Or bottles55@q.com 509-995-4268
- ✓ **July 23, 2016 "Fraser Valley Treasure Hunters" 4th Annual Treasure Chest Hunt.** Early Registration still \$75.00. *If you'd like more information about this club drop Mark Lewis a line at FraserValleyTH@gmail.com*
- ✓ **July 30th, 2016: Cascade Treasure Hunters are bringing back their Silver Shoot** in Renton, WA 15711 - 152nd, Renton, WA. Mark Kulseth mkulseth@gmail.com (206) 730 - 2694 or Mark Jenkins markjenkins375@rocketmail.com (425) 223-2985
- ✓ **SEP 2-25, 2016 Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association - PNNA-sponsored coin exhibit and info table** in Hobby Hall at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup - <http://www.pnna.org>
- ✓ **For Metal Detecting Association of Washington (MDAW) events and information go to their website at:** <https://sites.google.com/site/metaldetectwa/events>
- ✓ **"CALL TO ACTION!!":** The MDAW would like your help in protecting our rights to metal detect in Washington State Parks. They are asking you to please send an email to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission liaison, LISA LANTZ and ask to be added to her email list to be notified whenever there is a meeting or discussion regarding policy changes to regulations covering metal detecting in state parks. **This will allow you to attend a public meeting on the subject and express your desire to keep our parks open to metal detecting! Please email: lisalantz@parks.wa.gov**

Note: There are many "hyper-links" contained in the above event listings. For further information try clicking on one.

"Exonimia" - -----"A token hobby!" (Haven't heard of this before, have you?!)

What is Exonimia?

According to the Token and Medal Society, Exonimia (I personally never heard of this before!!) was defined by TAMS founding member, Russell Rulau in 1960. It refers to collectible items, other than coins or paper money, such as medals or tokens. Most collectors expand that definition to include an even wider range of similar types of items. For more information click on this link <http://www.tokenandmedal.org/FAQ/FAQ.html> .

Among the items we find while metal detecting we sometimes dig up various types of "trade tokens" which are usually "Good for" something tokens; like a nickel beer, a pool game, 5 cents in trade or more recently (like Chucky Cheese) a video or amusement game, a car wash, etc.

This month (and for a couple more months or until we tire of the subject) we will take a look at this interesting part of metal detecting. I want to start with introducing you to fellow [Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club member, Wally Stier \(wwwstier@aol.com\)](#). Wally is the Washington & Alaska Editor for the online resource, "Tokencatalog" (www.tokencatalog.com). Wally is a great guy to talk to for information about token collecting, identifying and information. He has been kind enough to contribute the following .

What are tokens? Tokens have been in use for centuries. They have been used for advertising, identification, recognition, tickets, prizes, and substitutes for coinage. More recently, they have been frequently used in vending, and amusement machines and a variety of self-service devices. Unlike coins, tokens have seldom been made of precious metals such as silver and gold. Most tokens from the 19th and early 20th centuries were often made from copper, brass, nickel-silver and after 1895 – aluminum. Plastic tokens began to appear in the 1950's.

What is Tokencatalog.com? Tokencatalog is a free on-line searchable database of world tokens started in 2007. Currently, there are about 425,000 listings of various kinds of tokens. The majority of listings are for merchant trade tokens – that is, tokens issued by merchants which are "good for" something. Other listings include transportation, parking, carwash, civil war, military, tax, prison and commemorative tokens. Wooden nickels and encased coins are also catalogued. A unique feature of the database is that users can contribute information about tokens they have, even if they do not know where the tokens are from.

How do I use the catalog? Guests can sign-on to the database at www.tokencatalog.com there is no fee for use. If you register, an email address and name are required - - no user information is ever published or sold. The search feature of the database can be useful in obtaining information about a token which is not self-identified – a maverick or one that has no location information such as a city or state. Keep in mind that there have been several hundred thousand tokens of various kinds issued over the last 150 years and the database is therefore quite limited in scope.

The following token examples are part of the personal collection and are compliments of fellow PTHC club member Stan Schumacher. Stan found all of these with his trusty metal detector! THANKS WALLY AND STAN for your enthusiasm and contributions!!



Meeting minutes – March 2016

By Rob Fish

March 2016 PTHC Minutes

Minutes of the Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club meeting, held on Wednesday, March 16th, 2016. The meeting was convened at 7:30 PM by President Ron Hetzel, with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Everett Fire Fighters' Hall, located at 2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett, Washington. Guests always welcome.

Officers Present: President Ron Hetzel; Vice President David Label; Treasurer Lora Hetzel; Asst. Treasurer Ray Desy; Secretary Rob Fish; Sgt. @ Arms Steve Stretch

President Ron H. asked if there were any guests present, and Lee B., who swings an AT Pro introduced himself. Ron then asked for any new members, and there were none. Secretary Rob F. read the minutes from the February, 2016 meeting, which were accepted as read by the membership. President Ron announced that the club will buy back any silver anybody would like to part with for spot.

Treasurer Lora H. gave us a treasurer's report. We started with a December 2015 balance of \$10574.25. We ended with a balance of \$8315.23. Numerous other treasury details were discussed, and if you need any specific treasury info, talk to Lora or Ray.

Prez Ron brought up the spring hunt, scheduled for April 23rd at Silver Lake which is located at Thornton Sullivan park in Everett. This is a club only hunt. Cost to get in the door is \$10.00 and a couple plantables. Planting starts at 9:00, and the hunt starts at 10:00. Member Randy R. will be hosting the hunt, and that mean ol' so and so has outlawed sand scoops for the hunt. What'll he think of next? There will be a pot luck lunch after the hunt, so bring a dish to share.

Prez Ron went over the "Coins to be Found" list. And it goes like this; every month there is an attachment to the newsletter listing which newly minted coins need to be found, quarters, dollars, etc. If you find one of the coins on the list, immediately call or email President Ron H. to notify him of the find before some other low down skunk does, thus stealing your thunder and your prize. In the event of a tie, there will be a brawl to determine the outcome. At 7:47, there was a strange animal heard but not located, and I'll just leave it at that. Treasurer Lora H. reported progress on Mayfest regarding prizes, donors, donations for treasure wheel, raffle prizes, etc. She mentioned that Stan would be hosting the Mayfest hunts, and any donations for Mayfest should go to Dave. The kids' goody bag was passed around to the only kid in attendance and he pulled an Ike dollar. Vice President David L. reviewed the Second Saturday hunt of March 12th, 2016. As usual, it was Denny's Bar and grill for beer and grilled stuff. Dave was once again dared to have the sushi, but went for the oatmeal instead. 14 hunters showed up, a bill of goods was decided on, and it was off to the chosen hunt'n' grounds, Cowen Park. There was a three way tie for find of the day, with Kelli, Aden and Dave all finding jewelry.

Sgt. @ Arms Steve S. pulled a few raffle tickets, and Prez Ron called a break at 8:05, re-convening the meeting at 8:20. Tickets were pulled for the remaining raffle items. Prez Ron mentioned that several events are coming up, talk to him,

or someone else that knows about the hunt you want info on. Or sometimes there are flyers at the front table. Member Mark has info on detecting in state parks, see him for more info. Treasurer Lora brought a motion to the floor to pay our MDAW dues. Motion passed unanimously. Vice Prez David L. summarized the finds of the month as judged by Mark K and Ron A. Thank-you to the judges. A second chance drawing was held for the losers. Bob hit the candy guess with 85. No word who hit the Novocain guess. With no further input from the gallery, Prez Ron called the meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Cheers,

Your humble scribe, Rob

-**"Thanks Rob F., we appreciate and thoroughly enjoy reading your ever entertaining and always "not boring" rendition of the club minutes!! Please keep it up!"**

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PILCHUCK TREASURE HUNTING CLUB

SCAVANGER HUNT

Starts - February 17, 2016

Ends - April 17, 2016

HURRY>>>>THIS ENDS SOON on the 17th.. bring your list to the club meeting on 4/18/16 and see what you won!!

ITEMS TO FIND.

1. National Park US Quarter
2. Metal Toy - Soldier, Cowboy or Indian
3. Box or Opened End Wrench
4. Red, Green and Black Pulltab
5. Brass Hinge
6. Live Ammunition
7. Jean Rivet
8. Pre 1970 Dog License or Vaccination Tag
9. Fishing Lure w/hook
10. Three Foreign Coins - No Canadian
11. 1958 Wheatie
12. Auto Part
13. 11 K Gold Ring with Stone
14. Religious Item
15. Old Ford Type Key
16. State Tax Taken - Not from Washington
17. Silver Charm
18. Ace Bandage Clip
19. Button with Maker Name
20. Vintage Die Cast Vehicle - Larger than Typical Hot Wheel

RULES: *There will be a first and second place winner. Member with the highest number of finds is the winner. A found item can only be used in one category and only one item per category. Items need not be present for review, this list checked off is sufficient. Tie breaker will be by number. Item 1, if not found then 2, if not found then 3, etc. For questions contact David Label - 206-719-3557*

There is now two entry category. One for veteran members and another for members of 3 or less years.



COINS TO BE FOUND (as of 3/19/2016)

Quarters: American Samoa P / Northern Mariana Islands P / Virgin Island P / Glacier P / Mount Hood P / Grand Canyon P / Yellowstone D / El Yunque P / Chaco Culture P / Acadia P / Hawaii Volcanoes P / Great Basin P / International Peace Memorial P / White Mountain P / Great Sand Dunes Nat. Park P / Great Smokey Mountains Nat. Park P Nebraska: Homestead National Monument P / Louisiana: Kisatchie National Forest Park P & D / North Carolina: Blue Ridge Parkway P & D / Delaware: Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge P & D / New York Saratoga National Historical Park P & D (Stan reported 3/19)

New 2016 Quarters:

Shawnee National Forest Site P & D / Cumberland Gap National Historical Park P & D / Harpers Ferry National Historical Park P & D / Theodore Roosevelt National Park P & D / Fort Sumter National Monument Site P & D

Sacagawea Dollars:

2011 P / 2012 P / 2013 P & D / 2014 P & D / 2015 P & D / 2016 P & D

Presidential Dollars:

Monroe P / Grant P / Hayes P / Garfield P / Lincoln P / Buchanan P / Pierce P / Fillmore P / Arthur P & D / G. Cleveland (1885-1889) P & D / B. Harrison P & D / Grover Cleveland (1893 – 1897) 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 & D / Franklin D. Roosevelt P & D Harry S. Truman P & D / Dwight D Eisenhower P & D / John F Kennedy P & D / Lyndon B. Johnson P & D

New 2016 Dollar coins:

Richard M Nixon P & D, Gerald Ford P & D, Jimmy Carter P & D and Ronald Reagan P & D

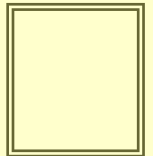
****As soon as you find one of the please **Contact Ron** at 425-338-3682 or ronhetzel@yahoo.com****

So far, as of March 19, 2016: Stan S. has found the following: **North Carolina: Blue Ridge Parkway D / Delaware: Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge D / New York Saratoga National Historical Park D**
HURRY UP YOU GUYS AND CHECK THE COINS IN YOUR POUCH THAT YOU HAVE FOUND!!
LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN GET MORE OF THESE THAN STAN!!

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