



## **SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF TREASURE HUNTERS**

Member Federation of Metal Detecting & Archeological Clubs

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

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Secretary: Helen Lynn  
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### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

**February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm** (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday) - S.W.A.T.H. club meeting at the Mid-Columbia library in Kennewick.

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm** (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) - S.W.A.T.H. club meeting at the Mid-Columbia library in Kennewick.

Reminder: Attention Club Members now is the time to get donations for the club hunt. Most vendors will fill their yearly budget early. So hit up all the places you go to for any donations.

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### **CLUB TREASURE CLUES**

Clue 1: Our first and best! --his ashes lie beneath his own Virginian sky. John Greenleaf Whittier (1807--1892)

Clue 2: If you think it's where the kids are cheering. You're way off base - it's in a clearing.

Clue 3: Listen to the wildlife, along the great divide! The geese and ducks are playing on the other side.

Clue 4: The ducks are there in the sump, but the river is not it's over the hump. If you pass a stump growing new trees, the next thing you know you're on your knees.

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### **JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The meeting was called to order by Joanne. Minutes were read. Lyle gave the treasurers report. Balance \$141.30 spent \$95.00 silver, balance \$36.30.

Joanne welcomed new members to our club the McKee family.

Joanne presented Dan Autrey his 500 coin plaque and Jim Wilson his 750 plaque for coins found in a month.

Copies of the By-Laws were passed out. Please read the By-Laws and write down what you would like to change or any up dates we should make in the By-Laws. One thing we will need to change in the By-Laws is a foreign coin category on the board.

The hunter of the year trophy and officer plaques have been ordered.

The Treasurer is looking into ordering hats, shirts and jackets to be on sale at the hunt.

Best Find of the year went to Frank Griffith. Congratulations Frank.

Remember: Dues are due. You have until the March meeting to pay your dues.

Hunt News: The coins for the hunt have been ordered. We sent letters to the detector dealers and are awaiting replies. The Hunt Site is secured at Horn Rapids Park (than you Kim). The Hunt Flyers have been sent out. If you need one, see Jo Anne or Steve. We have contacted the magazines and put Hunt announcements in them. Now we need all the help we can get on donations. Remember the highest amount donated each month, that person will receive a half dollar donated by Lyle. When you get a donation, please get a business card so we can sent a thank you, and also write on the back of the card the items donated. Reserve your campsite for the hunt soon. They are already filling up. We will keep you informed next month on the progress.

The silver round was won by Jim Davis, 50cents went to Chris Hulse, 50/50 Helen Lynn.

Mark your calendars: Feb. Meeting is Feb. 24, last Tuesday of the month. March meeting is March 17th.

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### **CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Everyone;

We are beginning a new year and that means a fresh start in detecting for the year. Congratulations to Frank Griffith for Hunter of the Year 2008. Good Job Frank!

Now is the time to get out as much as possible and see what goodies you can find. I know the weather has been cold but it will be gone soon. Let's see that board full at each meeting. It's good to know I have all of you to help me run this club. It is our club. And there is not one person who can do it alone. I need your help cuz I am new at this. I promise to do my best, but you can help me too. We have a good group of people and a good club. Let's have fun this year and support each other. There is a lot of competition, but let's keep it friendly because no treasure is worth a friendship. Remember, the easiest way to have the last word is to be the first to apologize.

Feb is Valentine's month and you might want to consider giving that special person a valentine card, you can even give one to club members if you like, but in case you don't know it, YOU are special. I am looking forward to this year. I hope you are and that we can enjoy each other and have a lot of fun. Well, you all have a good month and dig deep for the goodies!

Till next time

Joanne

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### **2008 HUNTER OF THE YEAR**

**Frank Griffith**

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### **2008 FIND OF THE YEAR**

**Frank Griffith's 14k men's ring**

## 2008 FINDS OF THE YEAR

### **COINS**

Dan Autery	1895 V nickel	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Jim Wilson	1944 penny	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Frank Griffith	1958D quarter	

### **WILDCARD**

Dick Loderhose	braclet with stones	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Dan Autery	1930 British trade dollar	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Jim Wilson	earring	
Frank Griffith	10k ring with diamonds	

### **GOLD JEWELRY**

Frank Griffith	14k men's ring	1 <sup>st</sup> place
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### **SILVER JEWELRY**

Dan Autery	frog ring with stone	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Mike Showalter	spinner ring	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Frank Griffith	sterling ring	

### **COSTUME JEWELRY**

Dick Loderhose	watch with stones	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Jim Wilson	ring	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Frank Griffith	ladies bracelet	

### **MISC.**

Jim Wilson	pocket knife	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Frank Griffith	Leatherman combo tool	2 <sup>nd</sup> place

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## CODE OF ETHICS

I WILL respect private property and will not treasure hunt without owner's permission.

I WILL fill all excavations.

I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

I WILL build fires in designated or safe places only.

I WILL leave gates as found.

I WILL not destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.

I WILL not tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.

I WILL not litter.