

THE OUTPOST



NEWSLETTER OF THE THREE FORKS TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

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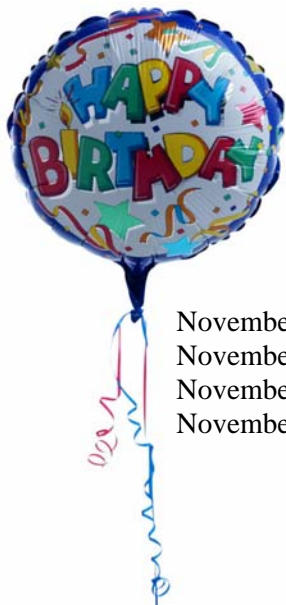
CLUB MEETINGS: First Friday of each month.
TIME : 7:15 P.M
PLACE: Wagoner Community Building at the corner
of Jefferson and Cherokee Streets
in Wagoner Oklahoma.
NEXT MEETING: **November 7th**
BOARD MEETING: November 7th after the club meeting
CLUB PO BOX: P.O. Box 753 Wagoner, Ok. 74477-0753
CLUB WEB SITE: www.threeforkstresurehunters.org

2014 CLUB OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Larry Koch
VICE PRESIDENT: Tim Adams
SECRETARY: Tim Dearman
TREASURER: Cathy Young

BOARD MEMBERS: Jerry Callison
Tom Spears
Mary Tracy
Francis Tracy
Charles Williams
Gary Young



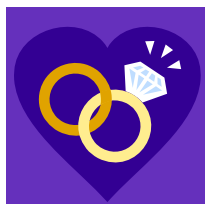


November 3 Barbara Williams
 November 4 Kimberlin Hamilton
 November 13 Ann Archer
 November 16 Audra Tamplin

The club will be furnishing Pizza for us to eat during the club meeting!

Upcoming Events

November 7	Meeting, Elections, & Pizza
November 7	3 Forks Board Meeting
December 5	3 Forks Christmas Party
April 18 & 19	3 Forks National Hunt



Joyeux Anniversaire

November 16 Howie & Isabel Rosser
 November 18 Tony & Annette Morris
 November 22 Bob & Patsy Dunn
 November 26 Ken & Linda Fanning

Three Forks Christmas Dinner

6:30 PM Friday, December 5th at our regular meeting place in Wagoner.

A signup sheet will be passed around at the November Club Meeting so think about what you will bring.

If you are not going to be at the meeting you can call or email to let us know what you are bringing.

We will be having the biggest Raffle of the year so bring lots of donations and lots of money to buy tickets. The club has bought lots of Silver Half Dollars for the Raffle.

We will also be drawing for the \$500.00 Visa Gift Card.

Don't forget your Table Centerpieces. Everyone that brings one will be going home with a different one.

Find of the Month Contest Winners will be rewarded.

We will also have the Find of the Year Contest so bring an entry for each category from this year's finds and you may win a trophy!

Christmas

OCTOBER FIND OF THE MONTH WINNERS

PROS

Oldest Coin

1 1827 Bust Dime	Chuck Marcum
2 1882 Indian Head Cent	Ken Fanning
3 1902 Barber Quarter	Larry Koch

Jewelry

1 14K Gold Ring w/Diamonds	Ken Fanning
2 Part Silver Indian Earring	Chuck Marcum
3 Butterfly Necklace	Wayne Starr

Val. Coin Silver & Gold

1 1917 Standing Liberty Quarter	Charles Williams
2 1907 Barber Quarter	Ken Fanning
3 1903 Barber Quarter	Larry Koch

Valuable Coin - Other

1 1876 Shield Nickel	Chuck Marcum
2 1900 V Nickel	Ken Fanning
3 1905 Indian Head Cent	Matt Fortney

Relic

1 Dog Watch Fob	Ken Fanning
2 Part Sterling Silver Spoon	Wayne Starr
3 Old Iron Key	Chuck Marcum

Military Relic

1 1820s Great Coat Button	Chuck Marcum
2 Officer Staff Button	Ken Fanning
3 Indian Wars Eagle Button	Matt Fortney

Non - Metallic

1 Blue Trade Bead	Chuck Marcum
2 Coke Bottle	Ken Fanning
3 Marble	Matt Fortney

AMATEURS

Oldest Coin

1 1914 Wheat Cent	Jerry Hoffman
2 Buffalo Nickel	Mark Gilbert
3 No Entry	

Jewelry

1 Walnettos Saddle Ring	Mark Gilbert
2 Silver Ring	Rachel Hayworth
3 Silver Pendant	Shawn Gilbert

Val. Coin Silver & Gold

1 No Entry	
2 No Entry	
3 No Entry	

Valuable Coin - Other

1 1926D Wheat Cent	Jerry Hoffman
2 1951s Wheat Cent	Shawn Gilbert
2 1950D Wheat Cent	Mark Gilbert

Relic

1 Lock Cover	Mark Gilbert
2 Harmonica Reed	Shawn Gilbert
3 Hot Wheels Car	Angel Hayworth

Military Relic

1 No Entry	
1 No Entry	
3 No Entry	

Non - Metallic

1 Robot Ring	Angel Hayworth
2 No Entry	
3 No Entry	

Golden Eagle Award

**Ken Fanning Found A Really Nice
14K Gold Ring w/Diamonds**



Win a \$500.00 Visa Gift Card for Christmas!



Our Three Forks Treasure Hunters Club will be having a drawing for a \$500.00 Prepaid Visa Card.

Tickets are a dollar each and we will have books of 5 for \$5.00. The drawing for the \$500.00 Prepaid Visa card will be held at our Christmas Party on December 5th. You need not be present to win. Photos of the winning ticket will be posted on our website the following day.

You can purchase tickets from any of our club members or you can buy them by mail. Visit our website at www.threeforkstreasurehunters.org for more details. Thank you for supporting our Club.

All Club members are urged to check out and sell as many tickets as they can. This is a major fund raiser for our club's general fund.

Cleaning Coins and Relics With Hydrogen Peroxide



before



after

Directions for the Cleaning of Artifacts/Coins using Hydrogen Peroxide

Required items:

- 1 - Disposable plastic bowl – I use an empty margarine container
- 1 - Bottle of Hydrogen Peroxide which is 3% H₂O₂
- 1 - Heat Source – I have a gooseneck lamp with a halogen bulb in it.
- 1 - Box of Cotton Swabs – Q Tips are the best – others fall apart too easily

Make sure the artifact/coin is free of any oil coating like olive oil if you previous had soaked this object. The oil coating prevents the Hydrogen Peroxide from working on the dirt.

Put object to be cleaned in disposable plastic bowl and then pour Hydrogen Peroxide on top until it is at least a half an inch above the object to be cleaned.

Using the lamp as a heater, I position the lamp to within 2-4 inches of the bowl. This heats up the solution. Be careful not to cause anything to melt from too much heat, use common sense for this part. A Heat Source is NOT necessary, but it does speed up the cleaning significantly...

ADDED: YOU CAN USE A MICROWAVE TO HEAT THE PEROXIDE UP FIRST, BUT BE CAREFULL AND PLEASE USE A SAFE CONTAINER WITH NO METAL IN IT, PUT THE RELIC/COIN IN AFTER THE HEAT UP IN THE MICROWAVE!!!!

If the solution is hot enough the boiling of the Peroxide should be very evident to you and should remind you of a geyser. Once it is cooking it sprays the bubbles and smokes a little also. This should continue for anywhere from one hour to two or three.

Periodically remove the object if you want to check on the progress. I usually then lay it on a napkin and take a cotton swab and start to gently rub and see how much crud is coming off the object. It might take several hours or more to get real clean. You might even have to repeat the entire process if the object has a lot of stubborn crud on it.

When the bubbling of the Peroxide stops the cleaning also is done. If it needs more cleaning start over again with fresh fluid.

Keep your cotton swabs wet with the Peroxide while gently rubbing, this will prevent scratches.

When done with your cleaning, rinse the object well with water.

The first coin I did with this method did not require any rubbing whatsoever. I believe each artifact/coin is unique in how it is cleaned. Some did not clean up hardly at all. If it is a corroded object, like a pitted, green Indian Head, I don't think anything you do will help that.

My best advice is to experiment on non-valuable objects first and then move on to your better finds once you build confidence in what you are doing.

The objects may appear dried out after cleaning, if you want you can coat with a coin preservative like Blue Ribbon Coin Conditioner and Preservative or a similar product that is on the market.

Don in South Jersey



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