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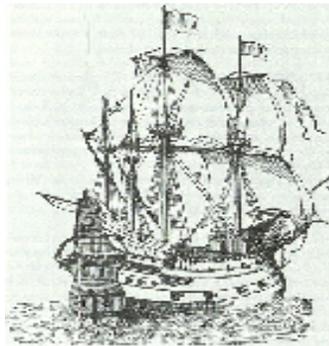
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## No Showers, No Flowers?

So if Florida has no rain in April, does that mean the May will have no flowers? These are the questions of a person that is not getting information. I need stories, please!!! If you are worried about giving up your sweet spots, I promise to use code names and never say a word.

Anyway, getting off my soap box, I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. On

another not thank you to Phil Kaufman for your generous donation of the 50/50. You are the



man!

Please don't forget about the

Daytona Hunt on May 8. Let's support our fellow club. And a special thank you to all of our volunteers, you made this a very successful hunt.

As always happy hunting!

~Amy

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## Treasure Hunter's Code of Conduct

**Source: South Florida Treasure Hunters Club**

1. We will respect the rights of others
2. We will fill in all holes.
3. We will not deface property.
4. We will not trespass.
5. We will return lost items, if possible.
6. We will support our local Police Department
7. We will dispose of all trash.
8. We will report the discovery of all items of significant historical value to a local accredited historian.
9. We will be a credit to our Club, Community



The Whitesburg Drive-In Theater, Huntsville's first drive-in, was opened June 16, 1949. This theater is located one-half mile south of Huntsville on Whitesburg Drive.



On my first visit to Whitesburg drive-in I popped up this nice silver quarter.

## Whitesburg Drive-In Theater

Source: <http://www.hdwt.net/whitesburg.html>

One of the most memorable areas that I've hunted was an old [drive-in movie theater](#). I was stationed at Redstone Arsenal, (Huntsville) Alabama at the time. The theater was located on Highway 231 South (Memorial Parkway). Under the screen was a trailer where the grounds keeper lived. One day while he was out front mowing the lawn I stopped by and inquired about hunting the playground area in front of the screen. During the conversation I learned that the drive-in was built in 1949 and had been detected by other hunters. However, business was slow and the drive-in was now in the process of closing down for good. Permission was granted to metal detect so I parked inside and concentrated on the playground located directly in front of the screen.

The playground was approximately 150 feet wide and about 30 feet deep. In the front were two chair swings on either side of a cement pad (use unknown). In front of the cement pad was a see-saw and beyond that a merry-go-round. On the left was another merry-go-round and a swing set. On the right was another swing set and in the middle toward the back was a slide playhouse. All of the equipment looked its age. It is hard to remember exactly where I found all of the coins. I kept accurate records of the drive-in and to this day only remember digging up one of the coins...a Ben Franklin half dollar. I only hunted in the playground as most of the area where the patrons would park and watch the movies was paved over. I was using a White's 5000-D metal detector at the time (I still have it).

The date was March 3, 1980. I found 2 silver Washington quarters, 1 [Standing Liberty quarter](#) (1929-S), 3 Mercury dimes, 4 silver Roosevelt dimes, 30 wheat pennies, 46 new pennies, 7 clad dimes, 4 nickels, 4 quarters, and 1 silver ring. It was a good day of detecting and I had the entire area to myself. I made plans to return the following week.

On March 8, 1980 I detected the playground again. Coins were popping out of the ground like the previous hunt. That day I found 1 silver Washington quarter, 3 Mercury dimes, 2 silver Roosevelt dimes, 18 wheat pennies (one was a 1909), 8 clad dimes, 1 nickel, 25 new pennies and another silver ring. The drive-in was starting to become a very productive site.

On March 10, 1980 I hit the playground again but coins were starting to thin out somewhat. I managed to pull up 1 silver Washington quarter, 1 Mercury dime, 1 silver Roosevelt dime, 5 wheat pennies, 1 clad dime and 5 new pennies. All in all it was still a good day. Could there still be more coins hiding in the playground?

I found out the answer on March 11, 1980. Yes! Coins were still sparse but I did find 2 more Mercury dimes, 2 silver Roosevelt dimes, 6 wheat pennies, 2 clad dimes, 2 nickels, and 12 pennies. Looks like things were closing down in the coin department too.

I had to pull a short tour of duty at Fort Hood, Texas. At the time I was a Meteorological Observer in research and development. It was a great job and I really enjoyed that type of work. When the tour was up I went on a 30 day leave (vacation) back to Pennsylvania. I guess I'm trying to say it was a few months before I got to go back to the drive-in. Surely, there had to be more coins.

A big change occurred while I was gone. The screen burned down some time during May of 1980. All of the playground equipment was now gone and the lot had been bulldozed over. On August 10, 1980 I hit the vacant playground again. The one coin I remember finding after 19 years is the Ben Franklin half dollar I found under the see-saw. After hitting the area 4 times, I still missed a rather large coin. That is why it pays off to hit an area time and time again. When the day was done I ended up with the 1954 B.F.

September 7, 1980 would be my last visit to Whitesburg drive-in. It was a sad feeling knowing that the end of an era was coming to a close. The movies had not played for some time now and the screen and playground were gone. No more children to laugh and play on the swing sets. No more parents watching the children and discussing current events. All gone, just memories now. I ended the day with 2 Mercury dimes, 2 silver Roosevelt's, 8 wheat pennies, 2 clad dimes and 7 new pennies. Whitesburg drive-in was undoubtedly a great place to metal detect. I found a total of 239 coins with a face value of \$9.68. \$4.50 of that was in silver. Recent correspondence with half dollar, 2 Mercury dimes, 3 silver Roosevelt dimes, 1 silver war nickel, 6 wheat pennies, 1 clad dime and 5 new pennies.

metal detecting buddy Robert Hoard in Huntsville tells me that the entire place is now Whitesburg Shopping Center. Bob Hope said it the best, "thanks for the memories."

## Table Winners for April

**Rings: MT, Joe S., Phil K.\*, Skip W., Mark H.**

**Group Coins: MT\*, Marty H., Joe S., Skip W., Mark H.**

**Jewelry: MT\*, Skip W., Jim L., Joe S., Mark H.**

**Miscellaneous: MT\*, Skip W., Mark H.**

**Single Coin: Marty H., Joe S., Mark H.\***

**Fossils: Marty H.\***

**Artifacts: No Entry**

## Find of the Month for April

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Jewelery

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# Treasure Coast Archeological Society

Guests are always welcome! Meetings are held at North Indian River County Library on SR512 in Sebastian, FL.

The first Wednesday of every month from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

## The Last Word

**Have something to share with the club? Let us know! This is your paper. Tell the world about your first find. What machine do you use? Have any advice for beginners?**

**Send an e-mail to [Fun103@aol.com](mailto:Fun103@aol.com). Make sure that your name is on the article so we know who to give credit to. Hope to hear from everyone soon.**

**Dead detectors tell no tails.**

