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## FMDAC NATIONAL OFFICERS for 2004

### INTRODUCTION to the FMDAC

The Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs, Inc. (FMDAC), was established in 1984 by a group of dedicated hobbyists and has grown into a nationwide, nonprofit organization, devoted to promoting and preserving the sport and hobby of metal detecting for future generations to enjoy. The FMDAC is a recognized not-for-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service, under IRS code section 501(c)3. As such any contributions, other than membership dues, are deductible charitable contributions under Federal tax laws. Please see your tax advisor for further details.

The Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs is comprised of Metal Detecting Clubs from across America and is open to all reputable metal detecting clubs. Membership is also open to individuals through The Preservation of Independent Metal

**FMDAC President, Duane Biller**, *If you have a question concerning the FMDAC I will do my best to answer it, and if I cannot answer it, I will forward it to the right person. .*

**FMDAC Vice President, Jim Beyers**, *am extremely interested in your opinion and want your input. The Chapter President's meet with me and discuss your issues. Listening to and working with you is my highest priority.*

**FMDAC Secretary, Frank Colletti**: *I take notes/minutes at the board meeting and provide them to membership; including records and by-laws*

**FMDAC Treasurer, Jill McFeeders**: *I receive FMDAC funds, make financial reports, keep membership information, and distribute funds appropriately.*

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[SE](#), & [NE](#) )

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## **Letter from Your National President**

Time is going so quickly it's hard to believe that I was elected President almost 18 months ago. I know that in those 18 months it has been an honor for me to serve as your National President and I hope that I have done what was expected of me. Some of the decisions that the board and I had to make were not always the most popular choices but we did what we felt would best serve the organization. Twenty years ago the organization was founded on the principle that it was to be an advocate for the promotion, protection and preservation of the great hobby of treasure hunting and with the decisions we've made and the new programs that we've started I believe we are heading in the right direction. This year you will see even more changes and programs added to help keep everyone informed and to help local clubs grow. As I've traveled around the country over the past year and a half I have met many fine individuals in our hobby and have openly listened to their comments, ideas and complaints. If I had not listened, many of the programs and changes that the board has acted on would not be in place. We are not close minded and remember this is your organization and we need your input and ideas to keep moving forward.

The 1<sup>st</sup>. annual Spring Convention was a great success and if you were unable to attend you missed a great time. We had a variety of seminars covering everything from competition and relic hunting to hunting ghost towns in

Russia. Manufacturers had seminars on using their new machines and we even had a seminar from a distributor on how to become a dealer. The banquet featured a guest speaker from the Virginia Beach Police Department talking about how the Tidewater club has been working with them on helping to find evidence. We also had as a guest speaker who is a special close and dear friend, Walt Genter. If you don't know, Walt is deaf and his daughter Dolly was on hand as an interpreter, thanks to the funds provided by our 'Deaf Fund.' Walt presented one of the best talks at any of the conventions I've ever attended. He kept everyone in stitches when he started out by talking about our relationship with toilet paper and ended with his and others, with similar disabilities, ability to metal detect and the friendships that he has made in the hobby. Even though the price of silver was up considerably from last year we had 3 big treasure hunts with over 20,000 coins being put in the sand. I would like to send out a special Thank You to the Roanoke, Hampton Roads and Tidewater clubs for all their help in making this convention a great success.

Plans are already underway for our next convention, September 17, 18 and 19 in Shreveport, Louisiana. We have changed the name to the FMDAC Convention and Treasure Expo and many other changes will be added to make the conventions more exciting. The Saturday morning hunt will be honoring our past SouthCentral President, Jimmy McWilliams. I know many of you didn't know Jimmy personally but for us who did know him, we will sadly miss his endless smile. Jimmy was an avid relic hunter and in his honor the Saturday morning hunt will be called the Jimmy McWilliams

Memorial Relic and Coin Hunt with many of the targets being civil war relics. We are also planning a much larger manufacturer / dealer display area and some hands on workshops. Mark your calendars early and plan to attend.

In closing I hope everyone has a great summer and finds lots of treasures but remember this organization can only be as strong as it's membership.  
Duane Biller

### **A Note from the National Vice President - Jim Beyers**

#### **Jimmy McWilliams**

While serving as the FMDAC South Central Chapter President a few years ago, Jimmy contacted me regarding the possibility of his newly formed club (ACTS) joining the FMDAC.

Jimmy himself was new to the metal detecting hobby and in finding it to be not only fun but educational as well decided that there had to be more individuals in the area with the same interest.

Shortly after entering his club into the FMDAC, there was a great need for a Vice-President for the South Central Chapter.

I approached Jimmy with the suggestion that he take the position and after some reluctance, he did in fact accept the appointment.

From that time on, Jimmy became heavily involved not only with his club and the FMDAC but the metal detecting hobby in general.

Jimmy and I formed a very unique bond and from that time on, he and I have worked very close to rebuild the South Central Chapter. He and I

worked together to present new ideas to our Chapter clubs.

Three years ago, Jimmy accepted the nomination of Chapter President which allowed me the opportunity to run for National Vice-President. Taking full charge of the chapter, Jimmy was able to create a great deal of rapport with our existing FMDAC clubs, other non-federation clubs and the TCTC (Texas Council of Treasure Clubs).

Throughout my relationship with Jimmy, I have found that he knows no strangers or enemies and had a great compassion for his fellow hobbyists. He was never afraid to try new avenues to improving our chapter and the hobby in general.

Jimmy's friendship and true dedication to our hobby will be greatly missed. He was indeed the "one of a kind". - Jim

### **A Note from the National Secretary – Frank Colletti**

It would be difficult to say more than Jim Beyers said regarding Jimmy McWilliams, all that I can add is that in the short time that I came to know Jimmy, I felt that I could call him friend.

Jimmy, you will be missed.-Frank

### **An Introduction to Lyle Thomas President of the North Western Chapter**

I live in Pasco Wa, also known as Tri-Cities. The other two cities are Kennewick and Richland Wa with a total population of approximately 150,000. Richland is known for its Nuclear Reservation where the first Atomic Bomb was constructed in World War 11. It's mostly closed now.

I started Metal Detecting in April 1975. I attended my first competition hunt and have been doing it ever since. Some other parts

of the hobby that I enjoy are shallow water hunting, and hunting ski slopes.

Metal detecting has taken me to British Columbia and the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Montana, Iowa, Oklahoma and recently Virginia.

Currently I belong to the Northwest Treasure Hunters Club (NWTWC), Southeast Washington Association of Treasure Hunters (SWATH), FMDAC, and the Resource Coalition. I am serving my fourth term as SWATH President and have been their Hunt Cochairman eight of the past ten years.

I feel that the only way our hobby will continue to exist is to get involved, so that is what I'm doing. - Lyle

*Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs, Inc.*

May 9, 2004

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Inquiries have been received asking what the FMDAC will do concerning what is termed the "Bob & Ed" case as the participants consider appealing their felony conviction for violation of the Archaeological Resource and Protection Act. (ARPA).

When this matter was first brought to public attention, the FMDAC donated the sum of \$500.00 to the defense fund for these individuals. In addition, the FMDAC paid the expenses for two representatives from the organization to go to Waco, Texas for their trial and offer support.

At the May 2004 Board of Directors meeting, the National FMDAC Board carefully considered the facts available and finding that these participants did violate the law voted to cease any further action to support, condone or assist the individuals involved.

This vote, and decision is based on the stated FMDAC Code of Ethics, and the Mission of the Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs, Inc.

Any further incidents brought to our attention will be investigated and appropriate action taken.

Sincerely,

National FMDAC Board of Directors

Spring Convention Notes:

**2004 FMDAC CONVENTION VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**

**APRIL 30, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**TOP 40 WINNERS**

| <b>NAME</b>                          | <b>CLUB</b> | <b>PRIZE</b>                      |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>1. PAUL HATTEN</b>                |             | <b>ECRDA</b>                      |
| <b>MINI TREASURE CHEST</b>           |             |                                   |
| <b>2. DANIEL HOOPER</b>              |             | <b>TIDEWATER</b>                  |
| <b>10 OZ. SILVER BAR</b>             |             |                                   |
| <b>3. BUTCH KANSAK</b>               |             |                                   |
| <b>MASON/DIXON</b>                   |             | <b>¼ OZ. GOLD COIN</b>            |
| <b>4. ANDY BLESSING</b>              |             | <b>LRRC</b>                       |
| <b>GRAND PRIZE CHEST (\$1250.00)</b> |             |                                   |
| <b>5. JOE JORGENSEN</b>              |             |                                   |
| <b>ECRDA</b>                         |             | <b>¼ OZ. GOLD COIN</b>            |
| <b>6. DONNA GREENWAY</b>             |             |                                   |
| <b>MASON/DIXON</b>                   |             | <b>\$100.00 CASH</b>              |
| <b>7. GARY GRAY</b>                  |             | <b>.</b>                          |
| <b>TIDEWATER</b>                     |             | <b>¼ OZ. GOLD COIN</b>            |
| <b>8. MIKE RACE</b>                  |             | <b>NEW HOLLAND, PA</b>            |
| <b>LRRC</b>                          |             | <b>\$100.00 CASH</b>              |
| <b>9. RICKY WHITE</b>                |             | <b>CROFTON, MD</b>                |
| <b>CHESAPEAKE</b>                    |             | <b>10 OZ. SILVER BAR</b>          |
| <b>10. BUD HOUCK</b>                 |             | <b>PHILA. PA</b>                  |
| <b>SOUTH JERSEY</b>                  |             | <b>10 OZ. SILVER BAR</b>          |
| <b>11. DAVE BERTZFIELD</b>           |             | <b>LANCASTER, PA</b>              |
| <b>LRRC</b>                          |             | <b>MINI TREASURE CHEST</b>        |
| <b>12. ED LAUB</b>                   |             | <b>PHILA. PA</b>                  |
| <b>GREATER PHILA.</b>                |             | <b>10 OZ. SILVER BAR</b>          |
| <b>13. LYLE THOMAS</b>               |             | <b>PASCO, WA</b>                  |
| <b>S.W.A.T.H.</b>                    |             | <b>25 OZ. SILVER BAR</b>          |
| <b>14. ED LAUB</b>                   |             | <b>PHILA. PA</b>                  |
| <b>GREATER PHILA.</b>                |             | <b>10 OZ. SILVER BAR</b>          |
| <b>15. DAVE KEDING</b>               |             | <b>MEDINA, OH</b>                 |
| <b>BUCKEYE SEARCHERS</b>             |             | <b>MINI TREASURE CHEST</b>        |
| <b>16. RICK TROUT</b>                |             | <b>ELKHART, IN</b>                |
| <b>SILVER SEEKERS</b>                |             | <b>MINI TREASURE CHEST</b>        |
| <b>17. BILL MYERS</b>                |             | <b>JERSEY SHORE, PA</b>           |
| <b>SILVER SEEKERS</b>                |             | <b>MINI TREASURE CHEST</b>        |
| <b>18. PAUL MEANS</b>                |             | <b>GORDONVILLE, PA</b>            |
| <b>LRRC</b>                          |             | <b>MINI TREASURE CHEST</b>        |
| <b>19. KEN HOGUE</b>                 |             | <b>YORK, PA</b>                   |
| <b>LRRC</b>                          |             | <b>10 OZ. SILVER BAR</b>          |
| <b>20. MARK SCHUESSLER</b>           |             | <b>ATTICA, NY</b>                 |
| <b>NIAGRA FRONTIER</b>               |             | <b>10 OZ. SILVER BAR</b>          |
| <b>21. DOUG STEPHANS</b>             |             | <b>HOLLAND, MI</b>                |
| <b>WOLVERINE</b>                     |             | <b>2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE CHEST</b> |
| <b>(\$750.00)</b>                    |             |                                   |
| <b>22. DICK WAGERS</b>               |             | <b>BLOOMINGTON, IL</b>            |
| <b>MCCLEAN COUNTY</b>                |             | <b>10 OZ. SILVER BAR</b>          |
| <b>23. RAY FREEMAN</b>               |             | <b>FAIRFAX, VA</b>                |
| <b>SPRINGFIELD</b>                   |             | <b>MINI TREASURE CHEST</b>        |

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| 24. GARY MEYERS<br>IMDA                  | VA.<br>¼ OZ. GOLD COIN                            | SILVER ROUND – BRET WORDEN – MIAMI VALLEY  |
| 25. RON BARNES<br>SEEKERS                | 10 OZ. SILVER BAR                                 | SILVER ROUND – SUSAN HAYES – HAMPTON ROADS                                       |
| 26. JERRY BROUSSARD<br>IMDA              | VA. BEACH, VA<br>¼ OZ. GOLD COIN                  | SILVER ROUND – JOHN CHIRCO – WOLVERINE   |
| 27. DAVE KEDING<br>BUCKEYE SEARCHERS     | MEDINA, OH<br>10 OZ. SILVER BAR                   | SILVER ROUND – MIKE RACE – LRRC  |
| 28. STEVE FEAZELL<br>ROANOKE             | ROANOKE, VA<br>25 OZ. SILVER BAR                  | SILVER ROUND – DAN YARUSSO – WESTCHESTER/PUTNAM                                  |
| 29. WALLY SWARTZ<br>SUNCOAST             | PINELLAS PARK, FL<br>10 OZ. SILVER BAR            | SILVER ROUND – TONY CIFELLI – LRRC   |
| 30. DUANE BILLER<br>SILVER SEEKERS       | MCCLELLANDTOWN, PA<br>MINI TREASURE CHEST         | SILVER ROUND – SUE RACE – LRRC   |
| 31. JACK BETH<br>GATEWAY                 | HYDE PARK, MA<br>MINI TREASURE CHEST              | SILVER ROUND – JOHN HOWARD – GENESEE VALLEY                                      |
| 32. BOB FELDMAN<br>LRRC/SS               | LANCASTER, PA<br>10 OZ. SILVER BAR                | SILVER ROUND – MARION MUSSER – SS  |
| 33. JEFF KOCH<br>MIAMI VALLEY            | HARLAN, IN<br>10 OZ. SILVER BAR                   | SILVER ROUND – CLYDE SCHAEFER – PEN MAR  |
| 34. DICK BLAKE<br>WOLVERINE              | JENISON, MI<br>\$100.00 CASH                      | DEAF FUND RAFFLE   |
| 35. DOUG STEPHANS<br>WOLVERINE           | HOLLAND, MI<br>10 OZ. SILVER BAR                  | SAND SCOOP – EMILY DEWEY – ECRDA   |
| 36. PAUL MARVEL<br>MASON/DIXON<br>CHEST) | FRANKFORT, DE<br>3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE (\$500.00) | SAND SCOOP – JOE BOX – WARRIOR BASIN<br>SAND SCOOP – DONNA GREEWAY – MASON DIXON |
| 37. KATHY HICKMAN<br>LRRC                | YORK, PA<br>MINI TREASURE CHEST                   | SAND SCOOP – ROY DARNELL – HAMPTON ROADS   |
| 38. NANCY FEAZELL<br>ROANOKE             | TROUTVILLE, VA<br>MINI TREASURE CHEST             | FLAG AFGHAN – JIM BEYERS – ARKOMA  |
| 39. RICK TROUT<br>SILVER SEEKERS         | ELKHART, IN<br>MINI TREASURE CHEST                | MID ATLANTIC RAFFLE – 3 COINS – GREATER PHILADELPHIA                             |
| 40. WALLY SWARTZ<br>SUNCOAST             | PINELLAS PARK, FL<br>¼ OZ. GOLD COIN              | WARRIOR BASIN – FREE ENTRY FOR HUNT – MONA WRAY – HOOSIER HILLS                  |

**OTHER WINNERS:**

MASON DIXON JAR WINNER – JOHN GROFF – LRRR

FRI. 50/50 WINNER - \$120.00: WALLY SWARTZ

SAT. 50/50 WINNER - \$107.00 – LYLE THOMAS

SUN 50/50 WINNER \$170.00 : JOE COCHRAN

WHITE'S DETECTOR – AL HOFFER - TIDEWATER

15 COIN RAFFLE

5 OZ. SILVER ROUND – DEAN LOVENDUSKI – SJMDC

3 OZ. STERLING BAR – BRET WORDEN – MIAMI VALLEY

3 OZ. STERLING BAR – KELLY EEK – WOLVERINE

2 PESO – WENDELL DECKER – SS

2 PESO – JACK WAUGH – IMDA

**DETECTOR WINNERS**

TESORO – SILVER U-MAX  
SJMDC

BETTY SULLIVAN –

GARRETT GTX – TOM MORGAN – ROANOKE

BOUNTY HUNTER LANDSTAR – KATHY HICKMAN – LRRC & SILVER SEEKERS

FISHER 1225 – GEORGE MCELHONE – ECRDA & SILVER SEEKERS

BOUNTY HUNTER LANDSTAR – CHARLES JONES – SPRINGFIELD

**UPCOMING CONVENTION SITES:**

Shreveport, La  
Laughlin, NV

FALL 2004  
SPRING 2005

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Panama City, Fl.</b>  | <b>FALL 2005</b>   |
| <b>Wildwood NJ</b>       | <b>SPRING 2006</b> |
| <b>Wisconsin Area ?</b>  | <b>FALL 2006</b>   |
| <b>Niagra Falls, NY</b>  | <b>SPRING 2007</b> |
| <b>Rapid City, SD ?</b>  | <b>FALL 2007</b>   |
| <b>New Mexico Area ?</b> | <b>SPRING 2008</b> |