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Happy New Year!

Twenty ten or two thousand and ten, no matter how you prefer to say it, we are all starting another new year. Have you given any thought as to what you would like to accomplish in the new year in regards to your metal detecting hobby? Would you like to find more coins around your favorite schools or public parks? How about trying your hand at finding some nice jewelry while water hunting? Maybe you would rather find some nice Civil War relics, old silver coins or other memorabilia from decades and centuries past. We all have different goals and methods we like to use while searching with our detectors and that is fine. However, one thing we all have in common is finding those new spots to detect.

We have all heard it over and over again. If you want to find new spots to detect, you have to do the research. Personally, I am not very good at doing research. I have to admit that most of the places Suzanne and I hunt, she finds for us and gets permission for us to get on the property, (and she doesn't mind reminding me of it either.) Some of the places we have detected have not been very productive but our motto is, "You never know until you go." On the other hand, some of the better sites we have detected were the ones we didn't expect to find much on but were surprised once we got there and started hunting.

The point I am trying to make is that you need to keep your eyes and ears open for those new sites this coming year that you have not thought of before. If you have an outgoing personality like Suzanne does, talk to people and let them know that detecting is your hobby and that you are always interested in finding new sites to detect.

While you are in the process of locating that next new site, why not consider trying a different type of hunting than you normally do? Talk to the other club members and offer to take them to one of your favorite sites if they will reciprocate and take you to one of theirs. You never know, you might find out that you like relic hunting or water hunting if you have never done that type of detecting before and the best part is, you might also find out that you really enjoy detecting with some of the other club members and the fellowship that goes along with sharing some of your knowledge and detecting skills with them. **HAPPY NEW YEAR and good hunting!**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I know it's a little late for Jan. 1, but for 2010 as a whole it's not. We all think about what we are going to do in this new year and what TREASURES may be found. Some of us just hope it's better than the last. I thank the Lord for giving me a new TREASURED Granddaughter, McKenna, in 2009. And then I am sad at the loss of my dad, so we really never know what the new year holds for us. We just have to deal with it as it happens, good or bad. The Lord gives us the strength to go on and the joy that it brings at times, which brings me to this month's recipe. When you go in the grocery store, everyone is seeking out black-eyed peas and cabbage.



Debbie Crosby

The Legend of the Black-eyed Pea and its promise of Good Luck.

It is believed that the slave trade in 1674 brought the black-eyed peas from the West Indies which originated in North Africa. They were a staple there for centuries. (Interesting also, okra was brought to the U.S. from Africa, which is added to peas by some people.) Black-eyed peas were introduced to the US and were a diet staple of the southern slaves.

It was during the "Scorched-Earth" policy when the Union soldiers marched through Georgia. As they marched from Atlanta to Savannah, Major Sherman ordered that all crops of cotton, tomatoes, potatoes and such were to be burned and destroyed; however, the black-eyed peas were overlooked and became a staple and played a major role in survival, not only for the slaves, but for everyone who lived in the south.

Hence, the legend of good luck from the black-eyed peas began. From that time on, everyone wanted to eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day to ensure good luck for the rest of the year. Legend states that for every pea you eat on New Year's Day, it brings you good luck for one day, so don't just have one or two bites. Cook up a pot with some hot water corn bread or for a spicier meal here is one I hope you enjoy!

New Year's Dirty Rice with Black-eyed Peas

1 lb. Jimmy Dean Breakfast Sausage 8 chicken livers 6 cups water 3 stalks Celery ribs w/leaves 1 lg. Bell Pepper 1 bunch green onions ½ t. red pepper (cayenne) ½t. black pepper ¼t. garlic powder ½t. ground mustard 1t. salt 4 cups cooked rice 1 can Black-eyed Peas. Cook rice. Set a side. In a sauce pan put 4 cups water. Add chicken livers. Boil until done. In a skillet add sausage, chopped onions, bell pepper, and celery. Cook until meat is done. Add 2 cups water and spices. Simmer for 5 minutes. Remove livers from liquid and mash with a fork. Add to sausage mixture. Add liquid from chicken livers. Drain peas, add peas and rice to mixture. Simmer for 5 minutes. Can be served on a bed of cooked cabbage.
Enjoy

| Monthly Finds Contest Winners | | | |
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| | | Winner | Description |
| Coins | 1st | Dorris St. Clair | 10 Peso Coin |
| | 2nd | Michael Moore | Japanese Coin |
| | 3rd | Jimmy Clark | 1957 Wheat Penny |
| Jewelry | 1st | Bob Bradberry | Silver Donkey Pin |
| | 2nd | Dana Logston | Jade Earring |
| | 3rd | Jimmy Clark | 10K Gold Ring w/ 5 Diamonds |
| Artifacts | 1st | Bob Bradberry | .54 Caliber Bullet |
| | 2nd | Michael Moore | Old Perfume Bottle |
| | 3rd | No Entry | |
| Tokens | 1st | Michael Moore | Baseball Token |
| | 2nd | Bob Bradberry | Family Entertainment Token |
| | 3rd | No Entry | |
| Judges | 1st | Jimmy Clark | Cast Iron Bugler |
| Choice | 2nd | Dana Logston | What's it Brass Piece |
| | 3rd | Bob Bradberry | Woman's Circle Pin |

Margaret Logston won \$16 in the Bucket Drawing



Carl Norris
was the winner of the gold coin for the blue ticket drawing at the Christmas party.
(We think Carl was a little excited about his win!)
Congratulations Carl!

We Appreciate Our Volunteers!
January Meeting Snack Volunteers
Jack Leak, Penny Utzman

Hunters of the Year Winners



Bob Bradberry
proudly shows off the gold coin he was awarded for winning the
Hunter of the Year - Men's Category.

Congratulations Bob!



Dorris St. Clair
won the Hunter of the Year - Women's Category.
According to Junior, Dorris couldn't have done it without
his help.

Congratulations Dorris!
(Most of us men are glad Dorris competes in the women's category)



Christmas Dinner



Christmas Party



Fashion trend setter Bob Anderson and Shawn Norris during the gift exchange. Just goes to show there is never a dull moment when club members get together!



Margaret Logston and David Chapman watching the shenanigans.

