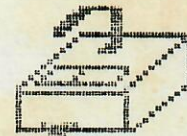


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*****NEWSLETTER*****

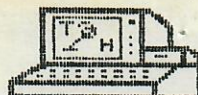
The next meeting of the Central Florida
Metal Detecting Club will be held on Friday,
November 11th at the Goldenrod Civic Center at
8 PM. See you there!

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DISCOVER FAMILY FUN!



Fellow Club Members:

I'd like to publish for you any treasure hunting tales that you have experienced. You can type or write it in long-hand and keep the location secret if you so desire. Tell us what it was you found, how it was found, example: underwater or on land. You may choose to write of a possible treasure site but you yourself don't have the means to hunt it but perhaps someone else could. I'm going to do my best to fill these pages every month with tidbits to draw your interest and those around you.

FORTS, CAMPS & BATTERIES OF FLORIDA.

History of the 8th US Infantry
by Thomas Wilhelm, Volume I - II.

The following information may be researched by contacting the National Archives or Library of Congress in Washington, DC. For a small fee, they will xerox the material and mail it to you.

Camp Brown was a temporary camp located on Black Creek near Palatka in 1842. Volume 2, pg 223.

Fort Carroll located on the northeast branch of the Peace Creek near Lake Hancock. Built in 1841 and abandoned in 1844. Seven companies based here. Reservation Cedar Keys was a military base and headquarters for eight companies of the 8th US from 1840 to 1843, located near the mouth of Wacassassa Bay.

Defenses of Charlotte Harbor was located 60 miles southeast of Tampa Bay. Companies A & B occupied the inlet in 1841. Volume 2, pg 217. Town ship 44, Range 20, sections 43, 44.

Fort Cummings located between Ft. Davenport and Sullivan, 1839-1841. Located along west shore of Lake Arietta, north of present Auburndale. Latitude: 28 degrees 95'; Longitude 81D 55' west. Niles Register vol. 56, pg 386; General Order 128, Army of the South, 1839, Book 23.

Fort Dade is located 13 miles from Dade's battleground on the left bank of the Withlacoochee River, 1837-1849. Situated at the Fort King crossing(?), occupied by six companies. Lat: 28D 30'; Long: 82D 12' west. General Orders 26, Army of the South, 12-23-1836; #34 & 35 for 1-08-1837; #124, 6-12-1837; #127, 6-16-1837 and #151, 7-18-1837, all from book 19.

Here's a local battle site: Battle of Hatch-e-luskee Creek located near Tohopekaliga. Indians encamped on creek (high ground) near the Great Cypress Swamp. Alabama volunteers and a company of Marines attacked and drove off the Indians. This maybe be on Shingle Creek today. Surely some old timer can point the directions.

From the pages of "Finders Keepers" a THing club from Menlo Park, CA., they published the following Federation news flash:

The Corps of Engineers is being asked to come up with a nation wide policy on the use of metal detectors on land that is controlled by them. The Federation is asking all TH'ers to write voicing their support for use of metal detectors to:

Mr. Robert W. Page, Department of the Army, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Washington, DC 20310-0103.

Any type of legislation like this is a threat to our hobby. Let's protect THing nationwide!

SPECIAL REPORT

According to the West State Archaeological Society newsletter of last month. They've been busy excavating a portion of Fort Brook of Seminole War fame just off Platt Street in downtown Tampa. Many nice finds of coins, buttons and bottles have been recovered. This site on Platt Street is now closed to metal detecting. The South Regional Parking Garage will soon occupy this area. What a pity. Perhaps in a hundred years, it'll be torn down and more relics will surface for the future TH'ers.

The Tampa club did mention that a few more spots are open before they too are destroyed in the name of progress.

At the South-east corner of Kennedy and Morgan, a lot is being bulldozed so another skyscraper maybe added to the Tampa skyline.

Tampa club members are locating items from the early 1800's to the early 1900's. Another area that is open and of interest is along Marion Street from Whiting Street north - ward where the roadbed is being torn up for resurfacing. Some coins and relics have thus far been turned up but not in great numbers but the old coins are old nonetheless. As permission has not been granted to these sites, its a "hunt at your own risk". Keep a number of a reliable bails-bondman handy, I reckon. I wish the club in Tampa the best of TH'ers luck in recovering Fort Brooks past.

TREASURE TIP

During your THing days, don't be disappointed if some of the coins you find have marks or initials scratched on them. You may be hunting an area where people pitched coins into a circle or toward a line. Many coins that were overthrown were lost. So if an area starts to produce several marked up coins then slow down a search a wide circle as gambling may have be held there several time.

Many thanks from Midwest Historical Research Society of Chicago, Ill who published a similar suggestion in their newsletter, "Trash to Treasure".

JUST A REMINDER ★ ★ ★

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS WILL
BE HELD AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING
AND CLOSED AT THE END OF THE MEETING.
ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE DECEMBER

"ODDS & ENDS"

Correction on last month's newsletter. The phrase used was that this category was items that weren't man-made. The correct role of this category is that if any item man-made or natural can be entered as long as it doesn't fall into the "Coin, Jewelry or artifact" categories. Odds & Ends award will become effective in January, 1989.

ERROR: Last month I stated that the Leesburg Public Library carried 120 volumes of the Civil War Rebellion Records. The records are Moore's Rebellion Records of which there are only 12 volumes. There are additional books pertaining to the Seminole Wars.

NEWS

Carbondale, Ill.: MONEY TO BLOW. Arson investigations found two sealed metal tubes while looking for clues to a house fire. Police called an Army bomb squad. The capped, 18 inch long tubes were taken to a safe location and blown up. Then it rained money. Bits of \$10 and \$20 bills fluttered through the air. One of the tubes contained what had been several hundred dollars. "I think there were several people there that were quite surprised," police spokesman Neal Jacobson said Friday of Thursday's incident.

GOOD NEWS

Bob Stackhouse contacted Claude about a Deland Insurance Company. Ray Leist sent them a check for \$140. for a year's coverage. The club will be covered for \$300,000. liability. With the insurance behind us now we can gain access to church and youth camps again.

Club Hunt

On November 18th, there will be a key hunt held at Jetty Park. The Grand Prizes will be \$150. Hope to see you there.

Publications that may help you to locate buried treasure:

1. "Treasure Recovery from Sand & Sea" by Charles Garrett; @ \$12.95.
2. "Hidden Wealth: The TH'er newsletter" by Frank Hudson; @ 12.00 per year, bi-monthly paper is filled with sites. Treasure Trove Publications, POB 14250, St. Petersburg, FL 33733.
3. "The Uncommon Sense" by E. Earl Webb, published quarterly. This is a private information source for professional, treasure and gold finders that is dedicated to the 'art' of making money from details unknown to the general public. More information, contact: E. Earl Webb, POB 27, Berry Creek, CA 95816-0027.

Any information, newsletters or inquires should be sent to: Harry Rainey, 9100 Meadowcreek Dr, #148, Orlando, FL 32821.

Relic Hunting Site?

During the October meeting, David Gascoyne struck up a conversation with me about the possibilities of having a club hunt at the Civil War Battle site at Olustee. The State Park is off limits but the area across the street was cut down last year.

This opened a large segment of land that should hold many relics. Of course, the area will be well hunted but as with any site, its never totally hunted out. If you'd like to make a trip up to Olustee and try it then let it be known at the next meeting. We can make it a one day or a weekend. Some years ago, an old retired ranger told me where the Rebs dumped the captured guns that were damaged.

The site lies outside the state park in a swampy area that has but one way in. The site is a small pond about a mile from the battlefield. According to the old ranger, the Rebs took firearms and cannons that were damaged beyond repair. The relics lie in mud where they will remain in good shape after all these years. Winter will be a good time to tackle this site as the snakes and 'gators will be in hibernation. There are hotel rooms and RV campsites nearby. Just about anywhere between Olustee and Jacksonville, you'll find relic hunting sites. Give me your opinion of this. Thanks! EDITOR.

TH'ing Sites

1. Of the five branches of the Timucua family; two, the Utina and Potanos used the Malrose area as a meeting place, even used as a occasional battlesite. Usually fighting over flint that was highly prized and easily obtainable northwest of Gainesville. Most of these battles took place during the 1500's.

The Potano's village possibly existed on the shores of Newnan's Lake while the Utina village was located on the western side of the St. Johns River, several miles inland from the northern end of Lake George.

A "Dalton point" was found near Indian Beach, east side of Santa Fe Lake. It possibly dates to 7000 B.C. Lake Geneva has yielded a number of canoe dugouts to SCUBA divers. Other dugouts have been located by the Tyre family on HalfMoon Lake.

On May 20, 1702, 100 English backed Indians attacked, burned and devastated the village of Santa Fe. The Spanish retreated to a stockade and repulsed the attackers.

The mission site of San Francisco de Potano is believed to be in the vicinity of the San Felasco Hammock, northwest of Gainesville, possibly between Warren's Cave and the Devil's Millhopper.

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RULES OF THE HUNT

REMEMBER THE HUNT PRIZE IS \$100.00

- ITEMS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING TO BE ELIGIBLE. NO PICTURES, COPIES, ETC. ARE ALLOWED. THE ITEM MUST BE PHYSICALLY DISPLAYED.

FOR SALE!

Club members may place ads by calling or writing Harry Rainey at 239-0862; 9100 Meadow Creek Dr., apt 148, Orlando, 32821. Please give a brief description of items, prices, phone number or address. Thank you.

1. C&G Wildcat w/11.5" coil. Good condition. \$150.00. Edna Liberatore, 678-2190.
2. Garrett ADS 3 w/7.5" coil, hip-mount. \$100.00. George Livingston 425-2670/886-3585.
3. Deiss 35mm reel to reel microfilm reader + extra bulb. good condition. Micro-film not included. \$150.00. Call the editor.
4. Garrett Groundhog ADS hip mount + new carrying case. \$125.00. & a Huffy 10 speed bicycle. it needs new tires. \$45.00. Call Bill Ackerman at 671-0214.
5. Garrett ADS 3 with 7.5" & 12" coils + rechargeable batteries. Call Jim Ingram at 933-1308.
6. Usika Brave, \$75.00. John Walters, 1416 Smith Drive in Titusville, 32780.
7. White's Treasuremaster Amphibian \$250.00. W's Surfmaster Amphibian \$100.00. Garrett XL 500 pulse with 7.5 & 15" coils + waterproof headphones \$250.00. Call Charlie Peterson at (904) 423-2213 or write to 2203 Royal Palm, Edgewater, Fl 32032.
8. A ten inch coil that fits a White's 6000 series, 5 pin. \$30.00. 407-783-2081 or write to Claire Meyers, POB 244, Cape Canaveral 32920.
9. Garrett ADS 6, hip mount with 7.5" & 12" coils + carrying case. Excellent condition. \$275.00. (904) 427-7988.
10. White's 6000Di Pro with 8" & 10" coil hip-mount, NEW: \$325.00. 904-423-2213 Charles Petersen

WANTED

1. Military buttons from Seminole Indian and Civil War campaigns. Fair prices paid. 767-0530 for David Gascoyne of Longwood.
2. Will pay high prices or trade silver for old trade tokens particularly Florida tokens. Call Robert Waters, 11818 NW Highway 27, Ocala, 32675.

