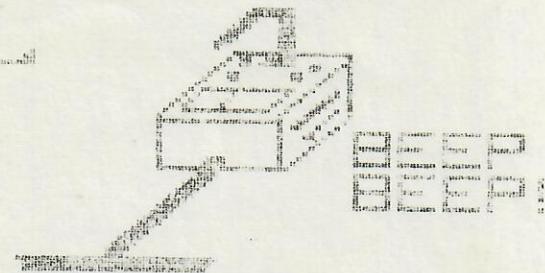


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CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB

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The next meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club will be held on Friday, March 10th at the Goldenrod Civic Center at 8 PM. See you there!

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FIND OF THE MONTH: FEBRUARY

Coin: 1857 Seated dime found at Wheeler house in Winter Park by Annette Johnson.

Coins: Silver coins, nickles and wheaties found by Ralph Flippo.

Jewel: Gold nugget found at Blue Water motel at Daytona Bch by Arlene Shaffer

Jewelry: Several rings found at Daytona Bch during storm by Charlie Peteren.

Artifact: Coast Guard button found at old house in New Smyrna by Arlene Shaffer.

Artifacts: Relics found at NW fort site by Duane Carter.

O&E: Schrade knife found north of Orlando by Jim Ingram.

O&E's: Lead soldiers, foreign coins found by Arlene Shaffer at same house.

I.D. CARDS

Claude and Ray will begin to update and redesign the i.d. cards for current club members.

Bank Night: Congratulations to Claude Rainey who number was drawn and received \$30.00. About time, Claude!

Word from the Editor

From an informed source, it seems that some club members think of me as the village idiot. I'm a member of a treasure hunting club that is comprised of grown adults. Maybe the effort that I do to research, track down and list potential sites for all of you seems easy. Ray, Claude, Doug, David C. & G. and others who research knows its not a piece of cake. Good ole Harry doesn't have to provide these sites but I do it as a favor. If you wish to offer some better sites that all can share in then I'm all ears. Any comments expressed about my work should be saved until I return if I've stepped outside for maps and notes.

I'll treat every TH'er with courtesy and respect and I demand the same treatment. Thank you!

MARCH HUNT PLANNED:

Ray and Claude are working to secure permission to a tract of land that was once used to encamp soldiers of the Seminole Indian Wars in Volusia county. If permission can't be granted then another site will be chosen. Details will be presented at meeting. If you can't be present then call Claude Rainey at 407-351-6974 for details.

Weekend Club Hunt Results:

The hunt on February 18 & 19 at Camp Winona was a marginal success. Thirty - one people showed up to take in the hunt. It'd been ten years since the camp was last hunted. By Sunday, only 18 members remained to hunt the day. A total of about 1100 coins were found and 4 or 5 rings. Two silver dimes and a 1904 Barber half dollar were found. Only a few of us braved the water and the editor was the only one to dive the swimming area with a head cold to boot. The water was about 65 degrees and the bottom was 12 feet deep with about 3 foot visibility. I found about three dollars in change. Later I found that the real area to hunt was up near the cafeteria. That was where the old swimming area was. That little jaunt in the water put me in bed for three days with bronchitis so I won't be doing any water hunting for a while. Most everyone had a good time but TH'ers always have a good time.

Dahlonega, Georgia

I was ask by a member about getting a party of club members to go prospecting in Dahlonega in June. I'm sorry but I doubt I'll be returning to Georgia to dredge for gold as I have Carpal Tunnel Syndrome in my right wrist causing my right arm to go numb to the elbow when I put it under a strain. Someday I hope to venture to some of the old mines and nugget shoot them with a good nugget detector. Anybody who wants to go prospecting can contact my partner, Pete Berger & Scott Zigler at 656-4804. They'll be going up in June for two weeks with two dredges. They aren't tour guides so either you can assist on the dredges or mine for yourself. A piece of advice! In order to recover any gold, you need at least a hand sluice and shovel. Panning is hard work and is more discouraging than detecting. Good sites can be located by talking to Buck's Mining store in Dahlonega. I know several sites but they're reserved for Pete, Scott and myself. Plan early..

TH'ing Sites:

Along the River Road in Rockledge is a little spit of land that juts into the river. It is marked by old cabbage palms(?). On cold nights, a yellow mist swirls on the Indian River. The road makes a sharp turn at this point and the mist eddies across the road. An apparition dressed in 1715 clothes appears to warn off people. Old timers say the area is haunted and the pirate, Henry Jennings buried treasure close by. This was found in a old book.

South of Melbourne and the south side of SR 516 on Turkey Creek was the battle site that wiped out the last of the Ais tribe by US troops in 1845.

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