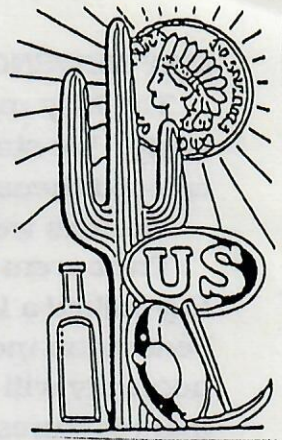




CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES



CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB JUNE 1994

Do you consider yourself politically active? If you said no maybe you should think again. If we are to enjoy our hobby and save it for the future we must step into the political arena. No one says you have to take the lime light, but we all must give 100% of our support to those who represent us. Big Brother is watching, don't let him step on us.

The last month has seen higher than normal temperatures. When you go out to hunt take precautions so the sun won't beat you. It's going to be a hot summer.

GOOD HUNTING

THE EDITOR

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Well, no new members this month. There is a new club however. It has recently formed in Sanibel Island. So pass the word along to others in the hobby and give them our support. I'm not sure of their name, but SWFTHA is what they go by. Hopefully they will become a strong club and join the Federation. Good luck to them.

The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club meets the second Friday of each month. Meetings are held at the Goldenrod Civic center, close to the intersection of Aloma Ave. and Palmetto Ave., and start at 8:00 PM.

Next meeting: June 10th
 July 8th
 Aug. 12th
 Day Hunt June 11th.

The following is a reprint of a article in the Southeast Council newsletter.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT.....

Many of us have been concerned over the past year and a half with things that have been happening at the Local, State and Federal level with regards to laws which have affected and will effect the hobby we enjoy. Of course our hobby is not being singled out, although at times, especially at the local and State level, it may seem so but legislation also affects collectors, rock hounds and many others who use the lands given over to our state and federal government to regulate.

WHAT IS HAPPENING.....

It's a cry heard by many groups across the country, the desert is being restricted, the rivers have new regulations, the ocean usage seems to be regulated, the federal government is after collectors and here we are...

Sitting at home, waiting for the clouds to clear so we can go out and enjoy the fresh air, find a few coins, maybe a musket ball if we are in the right part of the country, maybe an arrowhead, a glass bottle and in the distance there is another cloud - not weather this time but the clouds of change - the cloud of government doing what it does best. We are fortunate, most of us are secure, as happy as we can be, have an income (jobs or pension) and most of all we have a hobby we enjoy and want to see our children, grandchildren and maybe a few friends enjoy. For most of us it's a harmless passtime. We hunt a park, a school yard, a beach and never encounter a problem. Wait you say, I've hunted this school yard for 15 years and now there's a fence around it - well welcome to the drug concerned generation. Schools not only have to fence the bad elements out, they also have to fence the children in so they don't disappear during school hours. Well many of those fences have gates open on the weekend so we can still get into the yard and hunt. Wait you also say - I have been hunting my local park and recently I was told to get off because the city government changed the law. Humm, it seems maybe more of us are being affected by the changing times than I thought. How about that State beach where you have gone for years on your vacation and now the lifeguards won't let you hunt while they are on duty? What about that inland lake, that piece of the river you had to pass over BLM or State Forest to get to and the road has been blocked off by chains? What about that old homestead you've known about since you were little and finally you returned only to find a housing development right where you wanted to hunt?

What's happening? Change, some for the good, some for the not so good. But what about me you say, well - what about you? What have you done when that local park ranger told you to go away? Did you telephone his boss and inquire what had transpired to change the regulations? When that school put a fence up there wasn't much you can do about that but in the school yards you have been hunting, have you ever returned one class ring you found on those grounds? Have you ever taken a few minutes to explain to a teacher who asks what it is you are doing? Have you ever offered to give a demonstration to a class and show them how the detector works and allow them to see your finds? Have you ever written a letter or sent a fax or made a call to your State Representative when your club has brought up a law that is being decided on? Have you ever called your club president or Southeast Chapter Officer with a newspaper article, maybe a tiny 3 liner, hidden in the government section, regarding new proposed regulations being voted on? Have you subscribed to the new newsletter published by Tesoro for the Federation so you can stay informed? If you said no, you need a change also. Gone are the days when you can get in your car, drive down a back road and hunt to your hearts content. In fact maybe those days didn't exist for many of us because so much of the world is owned by others, you would have had to ask someone's permission. But the fact is times have changed and we have to change also. Just like the food we eat, one day fat is good, the next day fat is bad. So what do you do? Read the articles, listen to your doctor if you have a problem already, read the labels and change what you can. The main thing that needs to occur is to determine what you wish to have happen in your life. Metal Detecting

and the laws which govern it is somewhat similar but as with the choice of what to eat there are others involved. Your health can affect your family, you are healthy and happy, they are happy that you are healthy. In the metal detecting family, what you do can influence how people not involved in the hobby view those they see. You dig a hole in a park and don't cover it up and leave a piece of trash laying next to that hole and you may not suffer any repercussion because you may not be there when that park ranger sees it and reports vandalism but you will suffer when they close that park to detecting. You go on vacation and sneak into an area off limits and you may not suffer the consequences but when the State discovers something amiss and that land is restricted your fellow hunters have been affected.

What - you don't care; think about this. You may not be the person who would break the law but maybe you know someone. Have you ever pointed out the results to that person? Even in hunts people are told to bury their holes and how many do?

How long can we keep on not listening, not caring, not writing, not being involved? Not much longer if some of our State and Federal officials have their way.

WHAT CAN WE DO. Go back to the beginning of this article and highlight what you feel is appropriate for you, your club, your friends. Express yourself, help yourself, write your letter. Don't wait for the Club President to give you a sample - make a phone call if you don't like to write, invest a quarter in a call, invest 29 cents in a stamp. Do your part, and I will do my part, the Club President will do a share, the Council Vice-President will do another and together we will make a difference.

Where to start - right at home. Clean your house, bury your holes, carry a bag for trash, return a class ring, pitch in on beach clean up day then move on to your club. Are they looking for help - you don't have time. Do your officers have any more time than you - they may have jobs, children, sick parents and they have to do it all. No they don't, you can give a talk, share your finds, write an article, clap when someone deserves a hand. Then move on to your State Council, you can respond to their letters, fill in the few forms they send, take up donations to help pay for expenses. Then move on to the Federation - as you can see there is a lot to do.

What else? This is a negative part - there are things we have to protect ourselves against. Negative image is one - do everything you can to present our hobby in a good light. Adopt a charity, donate time, help out. We also have to consider and protect fellow club members. Think about what you put in your newsletter and who it goes to. The government seems to be building a case against detecting and some of our articles about artifacts found may be fuel for their case. It's hard to say don't print but we need to think about what we are printing. What about that innocent request for your club's mailing list? Mailing lists are generally given for exclusive use - would you like your address given out?

WHERE DOES IT END? At the present time we wish we could see the future to tell you but much is changing. We hope to keep you as informed as possible. It is up to you to pass it on to your fellow club members. As always it's up to you - the future is in your hands, please handle it with respect.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

One of our Brother Detectorists, Don Baldwin, recently underwent prostate surgery. We're all thinking of you Don, and hope you're back to hunting real soon.

On the brighter side Ray informed me that due to the number of individuals expressing concern over bill 36CFR it has been withdrawn. We've won the battle but the war continues. I'd like to point out that the words here are "individuals" and "withdrawn". If just a few less individuals hadn't spoke out this bill might still be alive. I'm sure the next meeting will be full of news from the Federation, so don't miss it.

MAY NEWSNOTES

The May meeting of the CFMDC was a little more informal than other meetings lately. We started with comments on last months weekend hunt. I think everyone enjoyed themselves and all are looking forward to future hunts.

Minutes were deciphered.

Treasurers report: April ending balance \$1621.69.

Ray talked a little about changes in the Federation. He will make a trip to Atlanta for a Federation meeting May 21st. They Plan to organize a new board of directors, which hopefully will include representatives of the hobby related publications and manufactures. At the next meeting Ray will give an update.

We talked some about bill 36CFR. If you need to find information on government officials in your area check the blue pages of your local phone book. "KILL 36CFR"

Vice-President Jerry Hitson has found a site for a day hunt. The plan is to go out the Saturday after the June meeting. The site location will be let out of the bag at the meeting. The site is in the Orlando area and has a rich history back to the turn of the century. It is probably even older.

There was a little talk at the meeting about the club mailing list. This list is private and solely for the use of the club.

1/2 & 1/2 was won by John Chase, \$20.00.

Bank Night was won by #101 Joe Walton, \$20.00.

FIND OF THE MONTH

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| Single Coin..... | Dave Gascoyne |
| Group Coins..... | ALden Mitchell |
| Single Jewelry..... | Frank Liberatore |
| Group Jewelry..... | Edna Liberatore |
| Single Artifact..... | Bill Ackerman |
| Group Artifact..... | Dave Gascoyne |
| Single Odds-N-Ends..... | Dave Gascoyne |
| Group Odds-N-Ends..... | Jerry Hitson |

TREASURE HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.

I WILL fill all excavations.

I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife and private property.

I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

I WILL build fires in designated or safe places only.

I WILL leave gates as found.

I WILL remove and properly dispose of any trash that I find. I will not litter.

I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.

I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.



"I'VE WATCHED YOU FOR 10 MINUTES,
AND THAT THING HASN'T CUT ONE BLADE
OF GRASS!!"

Jerry B...

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