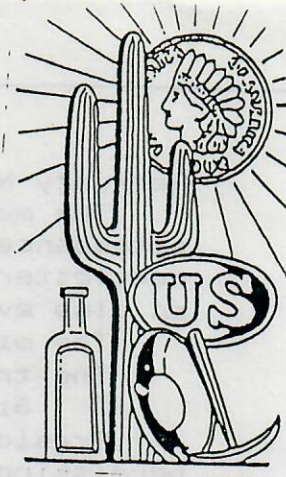




MARCH 1994



CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES

CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB

March means warming weather, spring breakers and better Treasure hunting. So don't just sit there, get out and find your share.

Only members that have paid their dues will receive the April newsletter. As of the last meeting only 51 people have paid. Don't forget that the April newsletter will have the map and directions to the April 22 & 23 weekend hunt site. Don't be left out, mail or bring your \$15.00 to Lonna Leist. (Note: Those who paid \$12.00 will receive April's newsletter.)

We must have made a good impression on our February guest, Frank Ridgeway, because during break he joined our club. Everyone give him a warm welcome.

GOODING HUNTING!

THE EDITOR

1994 Club Officers

President.....	Dave Gascoyne
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Treasurer.....	Lonna Leist
Newspaper Editor.....	Ted Smith
Refreshments.....	Ron & Gerry West Lonna Leist
Find of the Month.....	Milton & Lorine Raw
Prizes.....	Fred & Nancy Schimmel

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

Next Meeting: March 11th

April 8th

May 13th

How many of you know that the city of Orlando, as well as several private companies, are doing a lot of construction around town that requires clearing lots down to, and below, normal ground level. All you have to do is go for a Sunday drive and you'll probably see several good sites to hunt.

Here's a tip for anyone who finds a coin that may have value, DON'T CLEAN IT!!!!!! Even dipping can reduce the value of a coin. Take it to dealer, or anyone who's been collecting coins for a number of years, and ask if they think cleaning will hurt your find. Some collectors look for coin with original tarnish or certain colors of tarnish.

February Newsnotes:

The meeting was called to order at about 8:00 pm. The attendance was on the slim side. As I mentioned in the last newsletter if you don't make the meetings you may miss out on club events, as you'll find out further in the newsletter.

The minutes from last month were read, and accepted.

The treasurers report: January ending balance \$1216.75.

51 members have paid 1994 dues.

President Dave Gascoyne informed the club he secured permission to hunt a park in Lake Mary. The site was shared with Dave by other th'ers and the grounds keeper was checked with to make sure that metal detecting was allowed. The members decided to meet at the site the next morning at 9:00 am. A guest, Frank Ridgeway, showed a display of items found at the site which included civil war era bullets, casings, a bracelet, and a 1846 token.

The club has a weekend hunt scheduled in April, see separate article for details.

Bill Ackerman showed slides of Germany. The pictures ranged from country side to castles and showed how beautiful Germany is. I'm sure everyone wished they could have seen them in person.

The Find of the Year awards are going to be changed. Each category will receive a 1st place award and one entry from all categories will receive a Best Overall Find of the Year. The club may also recognize a 2nd place in each category, but at this time it is unsure. The cost of plaques is taking a big bite out of the clubs treasury.

The club members voted to increase annual dues from \$12.00 to \$15.00 for 1994. This is the first time dues have been increased since the club was formed. The major factors behind the increase are increasing costs and the \$2.00 per member the club must pay to the Federation. Please note that if you paid \$12.00 you need to pay \$3.00 more. Prompt payment is always appreciated.

The subject of the annual open hunt was brought up for discussion. If the club is going to have a hunt we must decide in the next couple months. In the past the club has depended on Ray Leist to handle most of the hunt setup. I'm sure Ray will be a major contributor, but we need more people to step forward and help out. Our club has a reputation for putting on one of the best hunts, anywhere. I personally hope we can do it again.

1/2 & 1/2 was won by Jack Dee, \$16.00.

Bank night was won by John Chase, #68, \$25.00.

Find of the Month:

Single Coin: Ted Smith, 1940 Mercury dime.

Group Coins: Rob Loucks, 1912 D V-Nickle, 1938 Nickle, and 1936 penny gold plated in broken bezel.

Single Jewelry: Milton Raw, 18k ring.

Group Jewelry: Joe Walton, 4 gold rings, silver bracelet, silver ring, class ring & 2 junk rings.

Single Artifact: Dave Gascoyne, Great coat button, 1830's.

Group Artifact: Dave Gascoyne, Several nice buttons, rim fire casings, Patriot Eagle flask top, buckshot, spur, spoon, misc.

Single Odds-N-Ends: Jerry Hitson, Wyoming Hotel key tag.

Group Odds-N-Ends: Alden Mitchell, knife, 5 keys, dart, 4" wrench 2 pins, flattened dime, 5 game tokens, 3 marbles, misc.

DAY HUNT BIG SUCCESS

About 15 club members showed up at 9:00am Saturday, Feb.12, for a day hunt. The site is believed to be a homesite from the mid to late 1800's. Just about everyone found items from that period. Some of the more interesting finds came towards the end of the day. Glen Corder found a silverplated bridle rosette and an 1865 Indian head cent. Dave Gascoyne found a clay marble and 5 skeleton keys, all in the same hole. Jerry Hitson came up with an item that may have been a powder measurer. A number of people found rim fire casings, buckshot, and bullets from the late 1800's. Everyone I talked with had a good time. It was really fun to see the way everyone showed off their finds and made an effort to go see others finds when they heard about them.

WEEKEND HUNT COMING UP

As you may already know the club has reserved a camp in the Keystone Heights area for a weekend hunt. The hunt will take place April 22 & 23. The camp has buildings with beds but you need to bring linen and pillows. Meals are not provided so here's the basic plan. Saturday; Breakfast, eat it on the way up; Lunch, brown bag it and take a break when you want; Dinner, the club will meet as a group and go to a local diner. After dinner we will get together in a meeting room at the camp for fun, games and what ever else. Sunday you're on your own, make plans with others or just hunt till you drop.

We will meet at Miller's market between 9:00 & 9:30am Saturday morning. Then we will go as a group to the camp. The gate to the camp will be locked until the club officers check in. NO HUNTING UNTIL THE OK IS GIVEN !!!

Directions and a map to the site will be in the next newsletter. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. All members and their spouses are invited to the hunt. And now for the bad news. this being a member hunt means those people that have not paid 1994 dues must do so before the hunt.

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