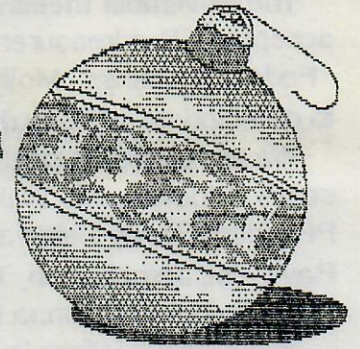


# CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES



## CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB DECEMBER 1995 MERRY CHRISTMAS

December is usually a pretty busy month, so if you can't find time to get out detecting maybe you can squeeze in a little research and be ready for next spring. In fact if anyone can do a little research for possible club hunt site the Site Committee will do the leg work and go out into the field to check out locations. In an effort to boost membership and increase the quality of our club several changes have been made lately. A couple last month and a couple the month before. See newsnotes to get the whole story.

GOOD HUNTING

THE EDITOR

### NEW MEMBERS

November brought us two new members. I'd like everyone to welcome Rob and Fran Hubbard, of Longwood, to our club.

Do to lots of items to print this month I'll have part II of Sumter towns next month.

### \*1995 Club Officers\*

- President.....Randy Settle
- Vice-President.....Jerry Hitson
- Second Vice-President.....Bill Ackerman
- Secretary.....Madeline Corder
- 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. Meetings are held at the Goldenrod Civic center, close to the intersection of Aloma Ave. and Palmetto Ave., and start at 7:30 PM.

Next meeting: Dec. 12th *8th*  
Jan. 12th  
Feb. 9th

## NOVEMBER NEWSNOTES

The November meeting of the CFMDC opened at the new time, 7:30. The minutes were read and accepted. The treasurer reported an October ending balance of \$1251.83.

Federation News: Motherlode Research is now on the Internet. Pensacola is still mostly off limits to detectorists, but private property is ok with permission.

We are unable to get any advertisement in the sentinel, but Channel 9 might list public meetings, so we're looking into that. In effort to boost our club membership and maintain a good active club President Randy Settle asked for volunteers to form a site committee and a membership committee. Ray Leist, Jerry Hilson, Ted Smith and Fred & Nancy Schimmel will make up the site committee. Doug Melvin and Lonna Leist will make up the membership committee.

Examples of letters to write to government officials were available for anyone wanting one. In December anyone who brings in a letter to a government official will be entered in a drawing for a prize supplied by Madeline Corder. A good topic to bring to the attention of our elected officials is ARPA, Archaeological Resources Protection Act, and how its being interpreted wrong.

Randy opened the floor for nominations for 1996 club officers. After some discussion a motion was made to retain the current administration for 1996. The motion was seconded and passed. So for 1996 we will have the same excellent officers.

The weekend hunt in October didn't turn out too good. It was held at the Woodlands Luthern Church Campground. After getting to the camp it was discovered that one of our club members lives there part of the year. Only four people spent the night, the others left after a day of hunting. Anyone that feels this hunt was not worth the money my request a \$5.00 refund.

The club's Christmas party will be held at the December 8th meeting. For those planning to attend, you need to bring a present, \$5.00 value of a unisex nature. NO perfumes or colonges, etc. If you plan to bring any children please bring a present for them with their name on it for the big guy to pass out. You also need to bring a covered dish. The club will provide the turkey, dressing and gravy as well as plates and utensils. One last thing to bring is canned food for the club to donate. \$13.00 was given away in the 1/2 & 1/2 drawing to Ray Leist. Bank night was won by #52, Herb Phillips, \$25.00.

## FIND OF THE MONTH

Single Coin.....LORINE RAW  
Group Coins.....ALDEN MITCHELL  
Single Jewelry.....MADELINE CORDER  
Group Jewelry.....ALDEN MITCHELL  
Single Artifact.....NO ENTRY  
Group Artifact.....NO ENTRY  
Single Odds-N-Ends.....JERRY HITSON  
Group Odds-N-Ends.....JERRY HITSON

Turn on the machine and check out the beep.  
Adjust the discrim, cause you have to go deep.  
You pocket your probe, put your headset on light.  
The batteries are fresh, it's an un hunted site.  
Your mind is alive with excitement and pleasure.  
Knowing the ground is bursting with treasure.  
Coins and rings, silver and gold.  
More than your pouch can possible hold.

Today is the day, You feel it will be.  
Perhaps an old cache buried under an old tree.  
Then suddenly you hear it--that deep mellow sound.

You're sure it's gold, hidden down in the ground  
Probing and digging, cautious, alert.  
Careful not to scratch, while digging the dirt.  
Exposed and revealing, in all of its glory.  
Another pulltab, the same old damn story?

Written by Dale Freeman

Hope you like it. The Big Bear. Boyd Rodgers.

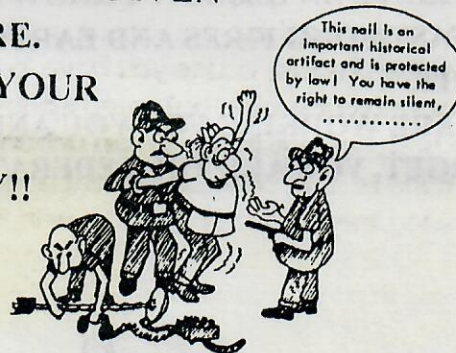
# A Fight for Your Rights

PLEASE HELP US  
TO PRESERVE OUR RECREATIONAL HOBBIES!!!

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT (ARPA) WAS ENACTED TO STOP VANDALISM AND LOOTING OF ARTIFACTS ON FEDERAL AND INDIAN LANDS. IT IS A GOOD LAW, IN THAT IT PROHIBITS LOOTERS FROM REMOVING ARTIFACTS AND RELICS FROM THESE LANDS. AT THE TIME OF ENACTING THIS LAW IN 1979, IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT ONLY FEDERAL AND INDIAN LANDS WERE PROTECTED BY THE LAW.

THERE ARE MANY IN GOVERNMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS WHO ARE TRYING TO GET THIS LAW EXPANDED TO COVER ALL LANDS, INCLUDING PRIVATE PROPERTY. WE ALSO HAVE THE FOREST SERVICE TRYING TO ENFORCE A 50 YEAR LAW AND SUPERSEDE THE ARPA 100 YEAR LAW AS TO KEEPING RELICS WE MAY FIND. THEY ARE NOW TRYING TO ENFORCE THE RULING THAT COINS, TOKENS, BULLETS AND JEWELRY, WHICH ARE SUPPOSEDLY EXCEMPT, BE INCLUDED UNDER THE 50 YEAR LAW. THE FOREST SERVICE, BLM, AND ALL ARCHAEOLOGISTS ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO KEEP US OFF OF ALL LAND WITH METAL DETECTORS. IF THIS 50 YEAR LAW IS ALLOWED TO TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE 100 YEAR RULING IT WILL SOON GIVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER HOW WE USE OUR OWN PRIVATE PROPERTY. WE FEEL THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT CONTROL OR RESTRICT THE USE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY BY OWNERS, OR OTHERS ON AN OWNER'S LAND IF GIVEN PERMISSION BY THE OWNERS TO BE THERE. PLEASE WRITE LETTERS OF PROTEST TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES.

ONLY YOU CAN HELP US SAVE OUR HOBBY!!





## A REPORT FROM THE FMDAC

THE FMDAC IS BACK IN STRIDE, WE ARE ONCE MORE IN A GROWING MODE, WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING AREAS REOPENED, AND SOME AREAS THAT WERE NEVER OPEN TO OUR HOBBY HAVE TAKEN DOWN THE NO DETECTING SIGNS. WHY? BECAUSE WE HAVE A DEDICATED AND SINCERE GROUP OF OFFICERS WHO ARE ALL DOING THEIR PART TO MAKE US INTO THE ORGANIZATION WE WERE MEANT TO BE.

MANY OF OUR CLUBS ARE COMING BACK, AFTER AN ABSENCE OF TWO OR MORE YEARS. SEVERAL NEWLY FORMED CLUBS ARE JOINING US. WE ARE TAKING A GIANT STEP FORWARD IN BECOMING AFFILIATED WITH OTHER OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL GROUPS, FIGHTING FOR THE FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS. AS A HUGE UMBRELLA GROUP, OUR VOICES WILL RESOUND LOUD AND CLEAR IN THE HALLS OF CONGRESS AND THE SENATE. WE WILL BE HEARD! WE WILL WIN OUR RIGHTFUL FREEDOM TO PURSUE OUR RECREATIONAL HOBBIES ON THE LAND THAT BELONGS TO US. LAND WE PAY TAXES ON, AND A SAY AS TO THE CONDUCT OF THOSE PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHOSE SALARIES WE PAY.

ARPA WAS NOT WRITTEN TO MAKE THE UNITED STATES A GIANT PLAYGROUND FOR FOREST SERVICE, BLM, AND FEDERAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS.

IT ANGERS ME TO HAVE OUR HOBBY MALIGNED BY PEOPLE WHO KNOW NOTHING OF WHAT WE DO, WHO DARE TO CALL US LOOTERS, SCAVENGERS AND GRAVE ROBBERS.

EVERYDAY, I READ CLUB NEWSLETTERS TELLING OF RINGS RETURNED, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ASSISTED BY OUR MEMBERS, LIBRARY DISPLAYS, TALKS AND DEMONSTRATIONS AT OUR SCHOOLS ABOUT OUR HOBBY. I READ OF CLUBS WHO PUT ON HUNTS FOR THE DISABLED, "SPECIAL KIDS", THE BLIND, THE DEAF, WHO TALK TO SCOUT GROUPS, AND OF SCOUTS THAT GET A MERIT BADGE WHEN THEY LEARN HOW TO CORRECTLY FIND AND RETRIEVE AN OBJECT. I KNOW OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE HELPED AFTER DEVASTATING FIRES AND EARTHQUAKES, HARD, DIRTY WORK, BUT THEY DID IT.

WE ARE WORKING FOR YOU AND OUR HOBBY. WE WILL WIN, BUT NEVER FORGET, YOU ARE THE FEDERATION AND WE MUST HAVE YOUR HELP.

*Preserve Our Heritage*

# Code Of Ethics

1. BEFORE SEARCHING PUBLIC SITES, ALWAYS CHECK LAWS, ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS THAT MAY GOVERN YOUR SEARCH. OBSERVE ALL LAWS, WHETHER NATIONAL, STATE, OR LOCAL. IF YOU ARE ASKED TO LEAVE A SITE UNJUSTLY, GET THE NAME OF THE PERSON, THE NAME OF THE AGENCY HE REPRESENTS, AND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, THE LAW/CODE YOU ARE VIOLATING. DO NOT ARGUE. DO SOME RESEARCH. IF YOU ARE RIGHT, GIVE US THE DETAILS, AND WE WILL CHECK INTO IT.
2. RESPECT THE RIGHTS AND PROPERTY OF OTHERS. NEVER TRESPASS. ALWAYS GET PERMISSION BEFORE SEARCHING PRIVATE PROPERTY. WRITTEN PERMISSION IS BEST!
3. NEVER LEAVE OPEN HOLES, EVEN ON THE BEACHES. LEAVE THE LAND AND VEGETATION EXACTLY AS IT WAS BEFORE YOU STARTED DETECTING. REMOVE ALL TRASH AND LITTER WHEN YOU LEAVE.
4. REPORT THE DISCOVERY OF ANY ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL VALUE TO THE LOCAL HISTORIAN OR MUSEUM. NEVER DESTROY PRICELESS HISTORICAL OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES.
5. IF YOU DISCOVER LIVE AMMO, A LETHAL OBJECT, OR SIGNS OF ANY CRIME, DO NOT TOUCH! MARK THE SITE AND NOTIFY THE POLICE AT ONCE.
6. BE POLITE AND INFORMATIVE TO THOSE WHO INQUIRE ABOUT YOUR HOBBY/SPORT. CONDUCT YOURSELF WITH COURTESY AND CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS. YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR OF A PASTIME WE WANT TO PROTECT AND WE WILL BE JUDGED BY HOW YOU ACT AND RESPOND.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

THE FMDAC HAS A FAX SYSTEM IN PLACE AND CAN SPREAD THE WORD TO NUMEROUS PEOPLE AND GROUPS ACROSS THE NATION IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. YOU CAN HELP IN ANY NUMBER OF WAYS.

PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE ARTICLES THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR RIGHTS. WE HAVE FILES OF ILLEGAL CONFISCATIONS, PROPERTY SEARCHES, GOVERNMENT IMPROPRIETIES AT EVERY LEVEL, ETC. CUT OUT OR COPY THE ARTICLE(S) AND MAIL OR FAX TO THE INDIVIDUALS BELOW.

BY THE SAME TOKEN, LOOK FOR ARTICLES WHERE DETECTORISTS HAVE DONE SOME GOOD DEEDS, SUCH AS AIDING ARCHAEOLOGISTS, POLICE, PARK OFFICIALS, DISASTER VICTIMS, LOCATING AND RETURNING ITEMS FOR PEOPLE, TEACHING CHILDREN OR THE PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED, HAVING FUND RAISERS FOR CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS, ETC. ANY POSITIVE INPUT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE NEGATIVE ARTICLES.

WHEN ASKED TO CALL, WRITE, OR FAX ON BEHALF OF ANY PERSON, CLUB, CHAPTER, STATE, OR ??? DO IT!!! PLEASE DON'T EXPECT THE OTHER GUY TO DO IT. THE MORE PEOPLE WE HAVE RESPOND, THE MORE POWERFUL THE IMPACT.

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CC: BETTY WEEKS  
RON STOCKMAN - AND ANY OTHERS YOU SEND COPIES TO.  
SANDY CRAWFORD

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Thank you.

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For Sale: Jimmy Sierra Eliminator Magnum Force Coil for White's. \$50.00 Contact Jack Dee at (904)749-4459.

For Sale: Tesoro Stingray, like new, very little use. asking \$400.00 call Carol 298-2852.

For Sale: Whites coils- 10" \$15., 12" hot head \$50., eliminator magnum force \$40. and 6" blue max 600 \$40., contact Alden Mitchell, 3313 N. Citrus Cir., Zellwood, FL. 32798 407-856-0706

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