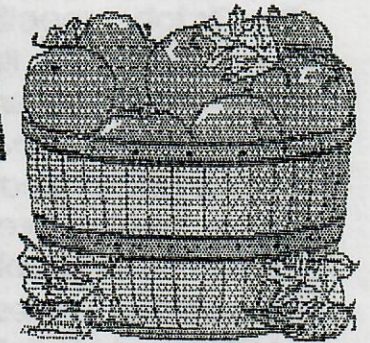


# CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES



CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB  
NOVEMBER 1995

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

I hope everyone had a good Halloween. By the time the kids sugar shock where's off it will be Thanksgiving. At the October meeting we made a couple changes that everyone should take note of. First we will begin the meeting promptly at 7:30pm from now on. Second we will increase the yearly dues to \$20.00 starting in 1996. The increase in dues is mostly to help the Federation. The biggest news of all comes from the Federation. They plan to hold Treasure Weekend "96" in Clearwater, Florida. Our own backyard! I was unable to attend the overnight hunt October 28th and 29th. I hope we see some of the finds at the November meeting. Remember we will be holding nominations for 96 officers at the November meeting. One last note, we plan to have our Christmas party at the December meeting, so make plans for a fun night.

GOOD HUNTING

THE EDITOR

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President.....	Randy Settle
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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: Nov. 10th.  
Dec. 8th  
Jan. 12th

## OCTOBER NEWNOTES

The October meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 8:00pm for the last time. Future meetings will be called to order at 7:30pm. The minutes were read and accepted. The treasurer reported a September ending balance of \$1083.96. Ray gave a report on the Federations Treasure weekend. Everyone had a great time. Attendance was pretty good with 250 entrants for the hunts and even more attended the seminars. There were several big names from the treasure hunting hobby present including Roy Bolker and Ron Stockman. We also had a few representatives from CFMDC there, including Ray and Lonna Leist, Joe Walton and Glen and Madeline Corder. In fact Glen won a CX3 metal detector at the hunt. Other clubs from Florida were also represented. Top prize was \$2000.00 and the fields were planted with \$12,200.00 in silver coins. The Federation officers met Saturday at 1:pm and had a very busy meeting. They had to close at 4:pm due to the open meeting starting at that time. The open meeting also ran long. Closing just in time to prepare for dinner.

The subject of Pensacola was also discussed. It appears the city officials want to drive metal detecting out of Florida. They have the idea that if its in the ground, no matter what it is, in 200 years it will be history. We should also take note that other cities in Texas and California have been made off limits. We all need to write our government officials and make our voices heard. In order to better organize our Federation and its efforts to keep laws from banning our hobby the Federation dues have been raised to \$5.00 per member per year. An interesting note is that people who have no clubs in their area can join the Federation, but the dues are \$25.00.

Here's some news I think will get everyone fired up. The 1996 Treasure Weekend is planned for October 25, 26 and 27 in Clearwater, Florida. Make plans now because its sure to be alot of fun. One little side note to this, it was mentioned that a group showing would be impressive. And the best way to look like a group would be to have T-shirts made up. This is just an idea, but lets think up a good logo for a shirt just to be ready.

A motion was made and seconded and passed to raise dues to \$20.00 in 1996. So make note dues are coming up real soon.

Membership Drive: Our current membership number is down. We need more bodies. Some of the ideas brought up to help were: 1) Follow up past members to see what can be done to get them back. 2) Start the meeting at 7:30. 3) Work on getting more active committees to find hunt sites. 4) Have more club hunts. 5) Advertise more, such as flyers at Kellyco. 6) When you run into other detectorists in the field not only invite them to the club meeting, but get their address and we will send them a newsletter.

Anyone wanting to go to the weekend hunt should meet at Big Lots in Winter Garden Saturday, Oct. 28th by 9:am.

Rob Loucks filled in on the prize and half & half table. Good job Rob.

Peg Walker won a silver dollar in the raffle.

\$13.50 went to Randy Settle from half & half.

#93. Jack Erwood missed \$20.00 from bank night.

# FIND OF THE MONTH

Single Coin.....	TED SMITH
Group Coins.....	TED SMITH
Single Jewelry.....	ROB LOUCKS
Group Jewelry.....	NO ENTRY
Single Artifact.....	DAVE GASCOYNE
Group Artifact.....	DAVE GASCOYNE
Single Odds-N-Ends.....	JERRY HITSON
Group Odds-N-Ends.....	DAVE GASCOYNE

## Sumter towns' titles hold pieces of past

Emmett Peter On History

If it's all the same to you, I'd just as soon stay on good terms with Halleck-Tustenugee, the Seminole chieftain who used to hang his feathered hat in the Sumter County town of Panasoffkee.

Halleck-Tustenugee was described in the 1939 Florida WPA guidebook as "one of the most feared of the Seminole chiefs." And well he might be, for during the Seminole Wars of the 1830's, the chief not only led raids on white settlers' villages and shot U.S. soldiers, but was given to biting off the ears of his own people who disagreed with him.

The guidebook says of Panasoffkee, which means deep valley in the Indian language:

"The valley was the hiding place of Halleck-Tustenugee....He agreed several times to surrender, but on every occasion, after obtaining supplies, fled to the wilderness. On Dec. 20, 1841, his men raided the town of Mandarin, near Jacksonville, killed several inhabitants, fired the town, and escaped.

"Not all of the men approved of (his) obstinate resistance to the whites; some deserted. In April 1842 the chief came voluntarily to the camp at Warm Springs, near Lake Panasoffkee, and was induced to go to Fort King (Ocala) where he was held captive.

"Meanwhile, his band had been enticed to the camp, captured, and taken to Fort King. They were surprised to find their leader in captivity, and some accused him of having betrayed them. Aroused to fury by this insinuation, Halleck-Tustenugee raged like a madman, prostrated two of his followers, and bit off the ear of a third."

This is a sample of what the historian finds when he delves into the origin of place names. Most of us learn from our parents where our names came from. A favorite aunt named Jennifer, maybe. Or a movie star like John Wayne. Or just some word that sounded good to Mom and Dad at the time.

Fewer of us know that our home counties, cities and towns get their names in much the same way, except they're picked by politicians instead of parents.

Let's start with Sumter, Florida's 29th county, founded Jan. 8, 1853. Sumter was named by the Florida Legislature for Gen. Thomas Sumter (1736-1832), a Revolutionary War hero in the southern campaigns of the Revolutionary War.

Why a native South Carolinian? Because many of the original settlers came here from that state, and Sumter was a big heroic name to them.

In a while I'll get back to Panasoffkee, and the Indian braves' lost ears, but for now let's consider each Sumter County place name in alphabetical order: (to be continued)

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