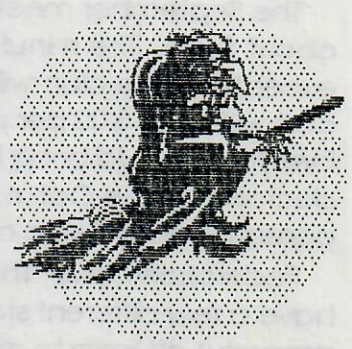




CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES



CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB
OCTOBER 1995

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

I guess its only fitting that the meeting in the same month as Holloween should be on Friday the 13th.

This month we will have a two day hunt at a large camp ground. Treasure weekend will be underway by the time this letter is sent out. I'll also pass on an article written by Ray Leist. If you weren't at the September meeting you won't want to miss the newsnotes. We had a guest with the find of a lifetime.

Hopefully by the end of the month we will see weather more fitting a day of metal detecting.

GOOD HUNTING

THE EDITOR

I'd like everyone to give warm welcom to two new members, Mike Nevedosky of Sanford and Jimmy Galante of Orland. Welcome to both of you.

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 8:00 PM.

Next meeting: Oct. 13th.
Nov. 10th
Dec. 8th

SEPTEMBER NEWSNOTES

The September meeting of the CFMDC was called to order by President Randy Settle at about 8:pm. The minutes were read and excepted. The treasurers report was also read and excepted. The club will hold a two day hunt at a large camp ground on Oct. 28 and 29. The cost will be \$15.00 per person or \$17.00 if you need an RV spot. AC will be \$1.00 extra. Everyone should bring their own necessities. The exact time and place to meet will be decided at the Oct. meeting. Anyone wanting to go needs to make the Oct. meeting or contact Randy Settle after the meeting for details.

Federation news: The situation in Pensacola is still a hot subject. The city officials seem to have a few different stories when it comes to making all historical property (or adjoining property) off limits to metal detecting. The city also seems to have a "on again" "off again" position of city archaeologist.

Two people were almost arrested while hunting on private property with permission. One good thing that has come out of this is that there are two clubs in town and now they are working together.

There was a little talk about problems with illnesses in Costa Rica. You better check.

Hopefully the club will be getting some advertising in the Orlando Sentinals club section. Keep your eyes open.

The club gave a round of applause to Jerry Hitson and Randy Settle for their work on the big clue hunt. Once again "GOOD JOB AND THANKS".

We watched a video from the clubs 2nd annual hunt in Turkey Lake Park in 1985. There were quite a few familiar faces, some still around and some it was good to see again.

We had a special guest speaker at the meeting. His unbelievable story is true and an inspiration to us all. Here's the story: Bill bought a used metal detector at a garage sell not too long ago for \$20.00. His wife liked to go to the beach, and even though he did not, he went anyway to try beach detecting. While walking along a Volusia County he received the first of several signals that resulted in the following finds. The first item was a 1791 8 real coin covered in wax. Imbedded in the wax were three fully cut Columbian emeralds. After that came the following. 1825 U.S. Bust half dollar, no-date U.S. Bust half dollar, 1808 U.S. Half-cent and one more 8 real coin with another emerald imbedded in wax on it. The total weight of the 4 emeralds was around 12 carats. This story sounds unbelievable, except Bill had all the items mentioned with him to show. And they were found with a \$20.00 detector. For those of you who missed it they were fantastic.

Lydia Ackerman won a silver dollar in the raffle.

Ted Smith won \$19.00 in the half and half drawing.

Bank night, \$35.00 went to new member #62 Jimmy Galante.

FIND OF THE MONTH

Single Coin.....	JIM INGRAM
Group Coins.....	GEORGE LIVINGSTON
Single Jewelry.....	TED SMITH
Group Jewelry.....	TED SMITH
Single Artifact.....	DAVE GASCOYNE
Group Artifact.....	GEORGE LIVINGSTON
Single Odds-N-Ends.....	JACK DEE
Group Odds-N-Ends.....	GEORGE LIVINGSTON

THERE ARE 650 MILLION ACRES OF PUBLIC LANDS AND ONE THIRD OF THEM ARE NATIONAL PARKS. THESE PARKS ARE AMERICA'S PLAYGROUNDS FOR FISHING, HUNTING, SKIING, GOLFING, HIKING, BIKING CAMPING AND MANY OTHER USES. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE USE THESE LANDS FOR THEIR OWN RECREATION BUT NO ONE IS TO BRING A METAL DETECTOR INTO OR ON THESE PUBLIC LANDS UNLESS IT HAS BEEN DISMANTLED. HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU SEEN A GUN HANGING ACROSS THE REAR WINDOW OF A PICK UP TRUCK. IF YOU BROUGHT A METAL DETECTOR INTO A PARK, IN FULL VIEW AS THE GUN HANGING IN THE BACK WINDOW YOU WOULD IMMEDIATELY BE ARRESTED AND ALL YOUR POSSESSIONS BE TAKEN. YOU EVER WONDER WHAT MAKES A METAL DETECTOR SO DANGEROUS. IT DOESN'T GIVE OFF GAMMA RAYS, OR SHOOT BULLETS, OR EXPLODE LIKE A BOMB.

THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE HAVE MANAGED TO HAVE THE U.S. CONGRESS ENACT LAWS TO OUTLAW METAL DETECTORS FROM THESE LANDS.

I KNOW THAT THEY SAY THAT IT IS NOT THE METAL DETECTOR BUT THE PERSON USING THE MACHINE. HOWEVER DOES THAT GIVE THEM THE RIGHT TO PASS SUCH STRICT LAWS AGAINST ALL METAL DETECTORISTS. THERE ARE MORE CAMPER, HIKERS, FISHERS, AND OTHERS THAT USE THESE PARKS THAT DO MORE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE THAN METAL DETECTORISTS HAVE EVER DONE.

CONGRESS PASSED LAWS THAT STATED THAT ANY THING FOUND WITH A METAL DETECTOR OVER 100 YEARS OLD IS SUBJECT TO SEIZURE. NOW THEY ARE TRYING TO TO CHANGE THE LAW TO 50 YEARS. ANYTHING THAT IS FOUND UNDERGROUND OR ON TOP OF THE GROUND WHETHER IS IS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY-- IT DOES NOT BELONG TO THE FINDER BUT BELONGS TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.

THERE IS A SHORT FALL OF ABOUT \$6.4 BILLION NEEDED FOR OPERATIONS IN THESE PARKS. EVEN IF THEY WOULD ALLOW METAL DETECTING BY PERMIT IT WOULD REDUCE SOME OF THIS DEFICIT. THE METAL DETECTOR WOULD ALSO REMOVE LITTER. IN 17 SITES ACROSS THE COUNTRY LAST YEAR T-SHIRTS WERE GIVEN TO PARTICIPANTS FOR HELPING TO REMOVE LITTER. HOW MUCH DID THIS COST AND ALSO WHO PUT THE LITTER THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE. I THOUGHT THAT CLEANING UP THE PARK WAS PART OF THE PARK EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBILITIES? MAYBE THEY WERE TO BUSY CHECKING AUTO AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR METAL DETECTOR'S.

WHAT IS NEEDED IS WRITE YOUR CONGRESS PERSON AND TO CHANGE THE ARPA LAW AND TELL THEM THE ONLY WAY TO DECREASE THIS \$6.4 BILLION DEFICIT IS TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES FOR THE USE OF METAL DETECTORS IN THESE PARKS. REMOVING UNDERGROUND LITTER DECREASES PROBLEMS WITH THE OZONE LAYER. ALSO COINS THAT ARE REMOVED ARE PUT BACK INTO CIRCULATION.

DON'T FORGET ONLY YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY WRITING YOUR CONGRESS PERSON AND LET THEM KNOW YOUR IDEAS ON HOW TO STOP THE DEFICIT OF THE NATION PARKS SYSTEM.

The above article was sent to me by Ray Leist. Personally I agree 100 percent. In fact I believe that there are even more good reasons to let detectorists into National Parks. With a joint effort we could map out alot of historical events at little or no cost to the government. Until the government begins to see us as allies instead of enemies we can count on more laws to restrict our hobby.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT DEPARTMENT

To place an ad please contact Ted Smith, 291-3442. It would be best to submit your ad in writing to avoid any errors. When the item is sold or you want the ad stopped please let me know.

Thank you.

For Sale: SEARCH SCAN MODEL 650 land or underwater metal detector w/8" coil. \$350.00 call Bob 425-7921.

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 Aiden Mitchell, 6 Knowlton Ave., Farmington, Maine 04938. (207)776-2178. Will ship prepaid.

WANTED: Buy or Trade

The Florida Yankee wants your Civil War and Seminole War collectibles, especially Buttons. Call Dave at (407) 767-0530.

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