

CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES

CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB SEPTEMBER 1995

In this month's newsletter you'll find part 2 of 'Lake names Chronicle Life'. Also I'll tell you who the big winners were at the hunt last month, and I've been given a tip and a joke to pass on. I missed the August meeting and was unable to get a copy of the minutes. I'll try and update the membership next month. I hope to see everyone at the September meeting.

GOOD HUNTING
THE EDITOR

SEPTEMBER IN HISTORY

Sept. 9th, 1882: The town of Apopka City was incorporated. Sept. 25th: 1869 - A new wood frame courthouse is built in Orange County. 1908 - Winter Garden was incorporated.

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: Sept. 8th
Oct. 13th
Nov. 10th

LATE BREAKING NEWS

I received a letter from Federation Vice-President Ray Leist just in time to include in the newsletter and I hope everyone pays close attention. "THERE WAS NOT MUCH HAPPENING UP UNTIL SUNDAY THEN EVERYTHING STARTED TO GO HAYWIRE. EVERYTHING IN ALABAMA WAS SUITE THEN IS WHEN THINGS IN PENSACOLA STARTED TO POP. THEY PASSED A LAW STATING THAT USING A METAL DETECTOR WAS AGAINST THE LAW IN DOWNTOWN PENSACOLA. THIS MEANT EVEN DETECTING THE STRIP OF GROUND BETWEEN THE SIDE WALK AND THE CURB. ALL CITY PARKS AND SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE OFF LIMITS. ALSO ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT IS ADJACENT TO ANY HISTORICAL PROPERTY IS OFF LIMITS. TWO MEN WERE GIVEN PERMISSION TO HUNT A PIECE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE POLICE RAN THEM OFF. AL DUBIEL IS IN CONTACT WITH THE CLUBS IN PENSACOLA AND TRYING TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. IF THIS IS ALLOWED TO CONTINUE IT WILL HAVE A GREAT IMPACT ALL OVER THE STATE. THE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER HAS SAID THEY WILL SUPPORT ANY LEGAL ACTION BY GIVING UP TO \$500.00. THIS IS A FIGHT THAT ALL METAL DETECTORISTS MUST GET INVOLVED IN. WE HAVE CONTACTED THE ACLU AND THEY INFORMED US THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT US AFTER WE HAVE FILED A LAW SUIT. THIS IS A TIME WHEN ALL OF US MUST CONTACT THE LEGISLATORS AND LET THEM KNOW ABOUT THE DISCRIMINATION THAT IS HAPPENING IN PENSACOLA."

As you can see this is a very serious matter and we all must make our voices heard.

DETECTOR TIP

Most of you know this but it might be of some benefit to rehash this knowledge. While searching an older area for its older coins you detect what seems to be a good deep target. After digging and probing you recheck your target with your detector and get no signal at all. What happened? Some people would assume that it was a false signal and cover the hole and move on. What you should do is KEEP DIGGING. You probably have an excellent target which you turned on an angle or dropped deeper in the hole while you were probing around. Your detector will not pick it up causing you to think nothing is there. Another scoop of dirt or two will probably bring the target to the surface.

TWO OLD TREASURE HUNTERS SAT BY THEIR CAMPFIRE REMINISCING ABOUT ALL THE TREASURE HUNTS THEY HAD BEEN ON TOGETHER. ONE OF THE OLDTIMERS WONDERED OUT LOUD. DO YOU THINK THEY HAVE TREASURE HUNTING IN HEAVEN. THE SECOND ANSWERED. I DON'T KNOW BUT THE FIRST OF US TO GET THERE SHOULD COME BACK AND LET THE OTHER KNOW. SOON THEREAFTER. ONE OF THE TREASURE HUNTERS WENT TO MEET HIS MAKER. A FEW DAYS LAER THE EARTHBOUND HUNTER DECIDED TO GO CAMPING AT THE SAME PLACE WHERE THE TWO HAD BEEN MANY TIMES BEFORE. THAT NIGHT HE WAS SITTING ON A LOG THINKING ABOUT HIS DEPARTED FRIEND. SUDDENLY AN IMAGE APPEARED. HE KNEW IT WAS HIS HUNTING PARTNER. AND HE ASKED "WELL IS THERE?" THE PARTNER REPLIED. I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS AND SOME BAD NEWS FOR YOU. FIRST I WILL TELL YOU THE GOOD NEWS. YES THERE IS TREASURE HUNTING IN HEAVEN AND IT IS EVEN BETTER THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE. ALL THE COINS YOU DIG ARE GOLD AND THERE IS NO PULL TABS AND NO KEEP OUT SIGNS. THE SOIL IS SOFT AND UNMINERALIZED AND YOUR DETECTOR NEVER BREAKS DOWN OR NEEDS NEW BATTERIES. BEST OF ALL WE HAVE FREE COMPETITION HUNTS EVERY SATURDAY AND EVERYBODY WINS. THE OTHER HUNTER SAID "THIS IS GREAT BUT WHAT IS THE BAD NEWS". THE PARTNER PAUSED A MOMENT AND THEN SAID "I CHECKED THE RECORDS AND FOUND OUT YOU'RE SCHEDULED FOR THE COMPETITION HUNT THIS SATURDAY."

TOKEN HUNT

We had a nice turn out for our combination hunt-social. With a couple of gold coins and alot of silver in the balance everyone took to the hunt field for one last chance at a token for the treasure. In an effort to reward everyone who put time into finding tokens during the last six months we divided the treasure into about 30 prizes. 40 tokens were turned in for chances at the treasure and the big winner was Rob Loucks. His winning ticket won him a \$5.00 Eagle gold coin.. a uncirculated Morgan Silver dollar, a 14k gold ring and several other silver coins. Rob and Madeline each had 6 out of a possible 7 tokens. This shows they both put alot of effort into the hunts.:

A second gold coin was given away in a raffle. Tickets sold for the gold coin raised about \$60.00 which paid off all the prizes and put a little back into the club. The winner of the Mexican Peso gold coin was Fred Schimmel.

Everyone had a good time and gave a big thank you to Jerry Hitson for putting together this hunt.

LAKE NAMES CHRONICLE LIFE part 2

FRUITLAND PARK: Founded in 1876 by Maj. O.P. Rocks of Cincinnati and named for the Fruitland Nurseries of Augusta, Ga. Formerly the town was called Garderia. A colony of British emigrees came in the middle to late 1880's.

GRAND ISLAND: Named in the 1880s by Capt. Dodd who moved from Fort Mason, on Lake Eustis, to find higher ground. At that time the community was almost surrounded by lakes.

GROVELAND: Originally Taylorville, the town's name was changed about 1911 to Groveland, for the large number of citrus groves in its environs.

HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS: Named for W.J. Howey, the developer and Florida Republican leader who ran for governor in 1928 and 1932.

LADY LAKE: So named by early Indian residents because of an unknown white woman they found drowned in the lake. Others say the shape of the lake suggests a womans face.

LEESBURG: Founded in 1853 by merchants Calvin and Evander Lee but unnamed until 1857 when Calvin went North to buy goods. He realized there was no town to which the merchandise could be addressed, and made up "Leesburg" on the spot.

MASCOTTE: Founded in 1885 by J.W. Payne, a settler from Boston, who named the town for a ship that sailed between Boston and St. Petersburg. The word is French for mascot, a person, animal or thing that brings good luck.

MINNEOLA: Named by Canadian settler George W. Hull, and given the Dakota Indian word for "many waters". The name was also applied to the lake.

MOUNT DORA: First called Royellou, the name was changed in 1883 to Mount Dora, after the lake. The lake was named much earlier for Mrs. James A. (Dorra Ann) Drawdy, who lived on the east side and was known for her hospitality to members of a U.S. Army Survey team that mapped the area in 1848. Mrs. Drawdy spelled her name "Dorra," so to be technically correct, the town should add an "r".

OKAHUMPKA: From a Creek word meaning "single lake". Site of a very deep spring named "Bugg" because a man of that name drowned there. Okahumpka's post office is oldest of the region, having been established in 1845, Florida's last year as a territory.

SORRENTO: When settlers arrived in 1875, they couldn't agree on a name. Residents at the time were reading a novel, Agnes of Sorrento, about a city in Italy noted for its oranges. Settlers held a drawing in which names were put in a hat and drawn by a blindfolded person. Sorrento was picked from the hat.

TAVARES: Established about 1880 by Orlando lawyer Alexander St.Clair-Abrams and named by him for a Spanish grandee to whom he was related. Became Lake County seat in 1888. St.Clair-Abrams made a spirited bid to move Florida's capital from Tallahassee to Tavares.

UMATILLA: An Indian word imported from Oregon and thought to mean "water rippling over sand". Name suggested by settler William A. Whitcombe after correspondence with people in Umatilla, Ore., where Umatilla is also the name of a county.

YALAHA: Named in 1870 with the Indian word thought to mean "yellow orange". But some say it's "yellow water over sand".

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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: Whites Spectrum \$350. Call Herb Phillips (407)880-3495.

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