

CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB

DECEMBER 1996 MERRY CHRISTMAS

Season's greetings to all. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. Last month saw some of the biggest beach cuts in quite awhile. I haven't heard of any spanish treasures found, but I did hear of several dozen silver coins that were found in the Daytona Beach area. From the picture of the cut I saw in the paper it looked five feet down. I wish I could have got in on some of the finds. Hopefully some of our club members got in on the glory hole. I hope to see alot of good finds at the December meeting.

The only thing I'd like to see more than finds would be another pile of donations like we hade last month. This month we have our Christmas party, election of '97 officers, more clues and a club outing the day after the meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting make arrangements for someone to call you with the information after the meeting. And don't forget 1997 dues are \$20.00 per person and are due after Decembers meeting.

GOOD HUNTING

THE EDITOR

1996 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. 13th. Jan. 10th

Feb. 8th

November Newsnotes:

Randy called the meeting to order as normal. A brief pause was needed to welcome guests and members we haven it seen for awhile. The minutes were read, the Treasurer reported a October ending balance of \$771.43.

Federaion Update: Ray reported on the convention, everything seemed to go pretty good. Everyone had a good time and our club was well represented. The Ohio Treasure Seekers even held there monthly meeting during the convention. There were hunters from several western states as well as almost every eastern seaboard state. Somewhere around 350 hunters were on hand Sunday to try for the top prize. The only CFMDC member in the top 40 was Noel Hogland. He had number three, the guy in front of him had numbers one and two. As Noel told the events to us, he looked at the pile of envelopes, dug down to the bottom of the pile and nearly fell over when he read "GRAND PRIZE" on the card inside. The chest he received was filled with five \$100 bills, 75 silver dollars, a one oz gold coin, a 1/2 oz gold coin and either a 1/4 or 1/10 oz gold coin.

Everyone else at the meeting that attended the convention took turns telling how they enjoyed it.

The only real complaint I remember was about the crooks selling hot dogs for \$3.00 and hamburgers for \$4.00. With no place else to go everyone who was hungry got scalped. (next time I'm bringing a bag

lunch)

Ray also reported that they talked about reincorporating the World Federaion. I didn't even know there was a world federation. The largest represented countries were Canada. Germany. England. Italy and of course the USA.

The next order of business was nominating officers for 1997. Randy informed the club he felt responsible for an off year last year, but would be willing to stay in office if elected. Personally I feel he did a good job and everyone in the club has just as much responsibility for making the club what it is. As Randy said, hopefully next year we'll get back on track. The nominations were as follows: for President; Randy Settle, Jerry Hitson, Dave Gascoyne; for Vice-President; Jerry Hitson, Bill Ackerman, Jim Ingram; for Second-Vice-President; Chuck Hosbein, Glen Corder; for Secretary; Madeline Corder, Ted Smith; and for Treasurer Lonna Leist. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

Doug Melvin valunteered to be the site committee chairperson. He will act as a hub to get possible sites checked out, either by himself or the other site committee members. He is already hard at work as

you'll see by his articles on the next page.

Now for the important stuff. The Chirstmas party: The December meeting will be brief and then its time to feast. We are doing something new this year. Instead of exchanging gifts everyone is asked to bring in a gift to be donated to a needy family or Park Lake. Suggestions for gifts: snacks that are in resealable containers or individually wrapped. Soft drinks or nonperishable foods or anything else you think will be needed. If you plan to bring children please bring a gift with their name on it and santa will pass them out. Lastly the club will provide turkey and dressing, your job should you decide to accept it is to bring a side dish that will make this mission a success.

The November meeting saw a fantastic pile of donated soda and other foods. I'm sure Madeline would like to send a special thank you to everyone. Last months winners. Larry Hellmann and Florence Rodgers each won silver dollars. Lorine Raw won \$14.00 in the half and half, and bank night \$25.00 went unclaimed as #63 Mike Neverdosky was not present.

FIND OF THE MONTH

Single Coin......DOUG MELVIN
Group Coins......HERB PHILPS
Single Jewelry......MIKE MYERS
Group Jewelry......ALDEN MITCHELL
Single Artifact.......GEORGE LIVINGSTON
Group Artifact.......JIM INGRAM
Single Odds-N-Ends......HERB PHILLIPS
Group Odds-N-Ends......GEORGE LIVINGSTON

News from the Site committee chairperson; If you attended the November club meeting you are aware that Doug Melvin volunteered to be the site committee chairperson for 1997. He has been doing some research already to line up some interesting sites for us! We are off to a good start, a local site has been lined up for this year! This will be a December 14th, 1996 hunt. That will be the morning after our Friday night meeting! Details of the trip will be related at the December meeting. To Doug's knowledge the site has never or only occasionally been detected on. Until recently it has been off limits to metal detecting! A change in management has changed that! The site has seen heavy use through the years and is many acres in size!

From Doug; One of the goals of the "Central Florida Metal Detecting Club" is to educate and promote the hobby of metal detecting in a responsible manner. All CFMDC members are encouraged to follow the "Metal Detecting Code of Ethics" whenever they are pursuing their hobby of metal detecting. The "Code of Ethics" will be followed on all of our field trips and outings. You are invited to participate on all club outings only if you agree to abide by those rules. Participation in club field trips is by invitation only! As a CFMDC club member you have an open invitation to participate but this invitation to participate is rescinded for the remainder of 1997 if you refuse to practice the "Code of Ethics" on any outing. If you are not practicing one of the rules and refuse to do so you will be asked to leave the site and refrain from attending any more trips! Anyone not wearing headphones, anyone leaving trash in or next to a dug hole or leaving a hole unfilled is not following the "Code of Ethics".

"DETECTORIST CODE OF ETHICS"

- 1. Respect the rights and property of others.
- 2. Observe all laws whether National, State or Local.
- 3. Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible
- 4. Never destroy historical or archeological items or sites
- 5. Leave the land and vegetation as it was, fill in all holes
- 6. retrieve and properly dispose of all trash that you uncover
- 7. All detectorists may be judged by your example. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration for others. Always use headphones.

New members:

Once again last month we had two new members join. Please welcome Mike Myers from Atlamonte Springs and Larry Hellmann from Melbourne.

This reminds me, dues are payable at anytime, \$20.00 per person.

One last note, Find of the Year will be in January. Anyone who won a monthly catagory can enter that find into the find of the year competition. The yearly winners usually receive a nice silver round and plague.

Clue # 9; Clues #1 and #4 make a cross.

Clue #10; If you were at this park in February or March you might have a fair time.

CLue #11; From a token it is less than 0 steps to the black river. Clue #12; If this were a fairy tale you might see a troil close by.

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: New 1996 Big Bud Pro with headphones. List \$774.95 will sell for \$300.00. For info call Merbert Phillips (407) 880-3495.

For Sale: \$700.00 New Spectrum XLT with hard carrying case. Call or write C. Wayne Welker, P.O. Box 788, Farmington, Maine 04938. (207) 778-4558 OR call Alden Mitchell in Zellwood 860-0708. This detector has not been used by owner.

For Sale: U.S. Coins of all types. I'm interested in buying coins also or trade. Call Ted Smith 291-3442.

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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