



CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES

CFMDC NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 1997

It doesn't seem like August should be here yet. This is usually the hottest part of the summer and also means the summer is only has a couple months left. For some this means the metal detecting will be slowing down and for others it means only a short time till their season begins. I guess that's why our hobby has so many different people enjoying it. The different aspects make it year round or seasonal depending on what you like. It seems attendance is seasonal also. For some reason the summer months see a drop in the number of members coming to meetings. I know this is the time of year people take vacations, but it

looks like everyone is vacationing together. Last month we only had 20 members present. That is about the fewest I've seen in quite awhile. It wouldn't have been so bad, but we had five guests checking us out. A large group is always more impressive. I hope everyone will do their best to make all the meetings.

Someone ask me last month if it cost more for the color in the newsletter. (I guess they were concerned with the clubs financial status) Since I took over the newsletter one of the main priorities has been cost management. Before I went to color I was doing part of the

printing on a private copier to save money. This cut printing costs in half. Unfortunately I lost the use of the office copier a couple months before I went to color. I'm doing all the printing on my home computer printer now. It takes alot more time to print, but the quality is good and the cost is the same or less then coping b/w at office depot.

This months newsletter may be a little short. It seems that I don't have much to write about. At last months meeting I heard a few interesting stories, I wish I could talk some of you into writing some of these stories for the newsletter.

1997 OFFICERS

- President.....Randy Settle**
Vice-President.....Jerry Hitson
Second Vice-President.....Chuck Hosbein
Secretary.....Madeline Corder
Treasurer.....Lonna Leist
Newsletter Editor.....Ted Smith
Refreshments.....Ron & Gerry West
Find Table.....Milton & Lorine Raw
Prize Table.....Fred & Nancy Schimmel

**GOOD HUNTING
THE EDITOR**

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. Meetings start at 7:30pm. Next meetings: Aug. 8th, Sept. 12th, and Oct. 10th.

JULY NEWSNOTES: The July meeting of the CFMDC was called to order at 7:35. 20 members and five guests were present. Randy asked each guest to introduce themselves. Only one birthday, Fred Schimmel, born on the 4th of July. Also only one anniversary, Bill Bergdoll, his 10th. I read the minutes from the June meeting, and they were accepted. No treasurers report due to circumstances beyond Lonna's control. (more on that later) Randy gave an update on his daughter, Samantha. She's doing good and is already through what sounds like a critical period. She was in remission after the 15th day. Randy thanked everyone for the card and appreciated everyone's caring.

We have a couple members kinda laid up. Peg Walker had a bad fall and broke, sprained or bruised all her extremities. Ray Leist fell off a ladder and broke his heel. That was bad enough, but swelling caused other complications and he had to be taken to the emergency room. Both Ray and Peg are home now and I'm sure they'd like to hear from everyone. Get well soon to the both of you.

I'm happy to announce the article in Lost Treasure Magazine was very good. They focused on our club as a good contributor to the community and an active club in regards to our hobby. The editor sent me a couple extra copies of the issue and I put them on the door prize table, they went pretty fast too.

I brought in a gold test kit and demonstrated how to test for the different karat levels. The kit comes in a wood box and includes the stone to take the sample, directions and 10k, 14k & 18k acids. If anyone is interested in a kit you can buy them at Florida Discount Jewelry at 1180 Solana Ave., in Winter Park. The cost for the kit is less than \$30.00.

The guests present had questions about equipment so we held an informal open discussion to try to answer their questions. The topics ranged from used equipment, to repairs to land vs water machines to mail order companies such as Clevengers.

Fisher magazines and catalogs were brought in by Vince.

Jerry Hitson related an interesting story. Everyone has encountered the problem of onlookers crowding you while you're hunting. Well Jerry was water hunting in the Atlantic when three unwanted visitors started to get in his way. Well Jerry decided to quit hunting and leave all the treasure to the three sharks. Yes I said sharks. Seems Jerry had noticed one swimming around earlier in the day, but when he brought his two buddies back to Jerry he played it safe and left.

Anyone having ideas for hunt sites are asked to get with Doug Melvin.

A motion was made to consider changing the start time of the meeting from 7:30 to 8:00. Further discussion will be at the August meeting.

Silver Raffle: Bill Bergdoll won a Franklin half dollar and Ron West won a 1964 Kennedy half. Bill also won a 3-pack of VHS tapes donated by Doug Melvin.

Nancy Schimmel won \$14.50 in the half & half drawing.

Marian Mitchell, #80, was not present to claim \$20.00 for Bank Night.

FIND OF THE MONTH

Single Coin.....	JERRY HITSON
Group Coin.....	BILL BERGDOLL
Single Jewelry.....	GEORGE LIVINGSTON
Group Jewelry.....	TED SMITH
Single Artifact.....	NO ENTRY
Group Artifact.....	MIKE MEYERS
Single Odds-N-Ends.....	NO ENTRY
Group Odds-N-Ends.....	GEORGE LIVINGSTON

CLUB FLASHBACK: This was submitted by Claude Rainey in the July 1977 newsletter. "How to be Your Clubs Worst Enemy"

1. Don't attend meetings, if you do, be late.
2. If the weather doesn't suit you, stay home.
3. Find fault with all the officers.
4. Never accept an office; its easier to criticize than to do things.
5. If asked an opinion by your officers, tell them you have nothing to say. After the meeting, tell everyone how things should have been done.
6. Do nothing more than a minimum. But when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly use their abilities and time to help others, howl that the club is run by a Clique.
7. When you attend meetings, vote to do something and then go home and do the opposite. Agree with everything said at the meeting and then disagree with it outside.
8. Take all the club can give you, but don't give anything in return.

Order Form CFMDC Club Shirt

Date _____, Full Name _____

Size _____, Quantity _____

Name as you want it on the shirt

(Block Letters Only)

The shirts are white with collars. The cost is \$18.00 ea.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT DEPARTMENT

The classified section is a free service for the members of the CFMDC. Anyone wishing to place an must contact the Editor, Ted Smith, in person at the monthly meeting or by phone @ 291-3442. When the ad is no longer required please inform me so I can remove it.

For Sale: Fisher 1280X, two years old but only used about six times. \$300.00. For more info call Alden Mitchell at (207) 778-2178. Or write to 6 Knowlton Ave. Farmington, Maine. 04938

WANTED: Buy or Trade

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

George Livingston will buy, at 50 cents ea., your dug dog, or other animal, tags in reasonable condition. Bring them to the club meeting.