



# Newsletter

**JUNE 1997**

Last month I mentioned some sites on the internet that have a lot of interesting things about our hobby. At the May meeting it was suggested we put together a list of everyone's E-mail addresses, so if you would like to be included just send me your address. You can email me at [smithtj@bellsouth.net](mailto:smithtj@bellsouth.net) or just tell me at the meeting.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a shirt with your name and metal detecting logo on it please let Bill Bergdoll know. He had one on last month and it looks good. The cost will be around \$15.00 to \$20.00. This includes the shirt with your name and the club logo on it. The one Bill had was a nice polo style.

Last month we had a couple club outings. The Saturday after the May meeting several members got together in the Lake Mary area and hunted the site of the Festival of the Arts. From Doug's report it sounds like a lot of items were recovered, including a couple nice finds. We also had an overnight hunt at a campground in North Florida. Doug also wrote a nice article about that trip also.

In the past we have had club members give talks on different aspects of our hobby. I mostly water hunt and gave a little talk on that, but I'm also interested in other aspects of our hobby. I'm going to toss out a few subjects I'd like to see someone talk on, so if you feel you have anything to pass on please do. I'd like to see something from our relic hunters. Things like tips on how to find Fort or camp sites. Did forts tend to have a consistent layout that might help find hot spots. Research tips, such as good books to check out or good maps of the war era's. Relic hunting is a large part of our hobby and I know some of our members could talk on the subject for years so why not give a short program. Coin hunting may seem like a broad subject, but it too is a specialized area of our hobby. Retrieval tips alone could take a whole meeting. Everyone in our club probably has a tip or two for finding coins. So.....

Research is a major part of making good finds. Little things like map symbols or how to find the backroads

that used to be main routes. Just last month I was telling Rob Loucks I had seen an abandoned house way out on a dirt road and to my surprise he told me I was probably close to a ghost town that used to be on the road when it was a main road to get east. I had no idea, but I'm trying to get more information and make sure it's ok to hunt this site. Well, these are just a few ideas. We all like to hear stories about finds and how they were made. You don't have to give a big program. Just share your stories, I'm sure everyone would like to hear them.

**Attention everyone:** I have forgotten to remind everyone to bring in items for Park Lake and Madeline is almost out of supplies. Remember sodas are great, but any kind of resealable snacks are ok also. If you're not sure I bet Madeline could put cash contributions to good work also. Please everyone pitch in. Thank you.....

Due to a computer problem I was pressed for time to get this issue to press. I'll probably have to make this a short newsletter and it may be a little late.

## 1997 OFFICERS

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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 7:30. Next meeting: Apr. 11th., May 9th, and June 13th.

**MAY NEWSNOTES:** The May meeting was called to order a 7:40 before a light crowd of about 25. The minutes were read and the treasurer reported a April ending balance of \$646.67. The Federation ID cards are available for pickup at any meeting. Doug informed the club he had a site to hunt Saturday. The site is where the Lake Mary Festival of the Arts us held, as well as other events. Ray recapped the upcoming camp hunt. Directions were in the May newsletter. Ray also presented his new book to the club. The book is divided into sections; old, military and springs. Each section is listed by county with directions to most sites easy to understand. This book has hundreds of sites worth checking out. Ray brought ten copies to the meeting and was asking \$10.00 each to cover printing costs. He sold all the copies he had at the meeting, so you need to check with him to find out when he will have more copies.

A brief discussion was held on computers and the information on the internet. Any one wishing to exchange information should give me there E-mail address.

Jim Ingram passed on information that the Kissimmee Historical Society has a good museum on Bass Road and it is open Thursday thru Sunday.

The Quest is out and looking good. I guess they didn't want to be out classed by a little Florida club. George Livingston gave a quick recap of the SE open hunt. They had about

50 entrants. Silver coins were in all the hunts. Next month he may give a report on another elderhostel, "Wooden Forts of St. Augustine".

Ron West won a coin grab bag in the raffle. Half and Half was won by Lonna Leist, \$12.00. Can you believe this Peg Walker,#79, won another \$20.00 for bank night. Thats what I call Luck..

Bill Bergdoll was wearing a custom made shirt with his name and a club logo on it. He received the shirt as a present, but will look into the cost if anyone else is interested we will discuss it at the next meeting.

**Local Field Trip Report:** by Doug Melvin. The Saturday following the club meeting 12 club members pursued our hobby together at our 50 acre local site. For a site that has had thousands of people in it the trash was minimal. We recovered alot of pocket change. Besides modern coins a gold ring, silver rings, fashion rings, silver earrings and a gold earring were recovered. Three one dollar bills were found folded up together and I recovered a collectible double stamped modern penny. A thank you letter was mailed to the property owner. One to the location of the site, its open fields and abundant shade, at a future date perhaps we could use the site for a fun hunt or other activity.n After the next fair it could be worth

another club field trip. Please advised that this site is private property. Don't just go wondering around detectingit. Go with the club or perhaps right after a fair when the public has access to the site.



**“SURPRISE”**

One of our newer members, Mike Myers has a cute little girl that was born on Valentinesday. Lonna and Madeline are putting together a baby shower basket to give them at the next meeting. If everyone could bring in a little something to put in the basket that would be great. I believe Mike and his wife joined our club just before the baby was born, so that means the baby was born a member of the CFMDC. Please Remember this is a Surprise...

**FIND OF THE MONTH**

- Single Coin.....DAVE GASCOYNE
- Group Coin.....CHUCK HOSBEIN
- Single Jewelry.....TED SMITH
- Group Jewelry.....MIKE MYERS
- Single Artifact.....DAVE GASCOYNE
- Group Artifact.....DAVE GASCOYNE
- Single Odds-N-Ends.....JERRY HITSON

**May 17th/18th Field Trip Report:** by Doug Melvin. About sixteen club members turned out for our weekend camping trip. As Ray and I suspected there were lost rings in the swimming area. A gold ring, about five silver rings and some fashion rings were found in the swimming area. A few silver coins were recovered. I would estimate that about six hundred modern coins were recovered. For the club members that stayed at the site Saturday night Ray entertained them with another "Game Night". We played four different games. For participating everyone present was awarded some old coins. Some silver halves and silver quarters were awarded to some of the game winners. Most club members who stayed overnight left by 9:am Sunday morning. Doug was the last person to leave, he thanked the camp manager and gave him a rough idea of what had been recovered.

I think everyone had a good time but the general consensus seemed to be that the drive to the camp was too far. I would prefer to not write off the camp for a possible return trip at a later date. The area that surrounds the camp is rich in history. Perhaps at a later date we could have a Saturday morning hunt at the camp, have lunch than visit a better close-by site. Sunday morning we could have or go out for breakfast than detect at another site. The camp would be an inexpensive place to stay.

I rarely get up near Gainesville so I took advantage of the field trip to make a side trip to Gainesville on my trip back home. I visited the Harn Museum of Art and also the Florida Museum of Natural History. Early in 1998 the Florida Museum of Natural History will be moving to a different location. Both museums will be located right next to each other. With

more room the Natural History Museum should have many more items on display. Put visiting the museum after it's move on your list of things to do in 1998. You will learn much about Florida history with your visit.

The Site Committee would appreciate some club member input at the June club meeting regarding what they would like in the way of field trip sites. and/or activities. These days field trip sites age getting harder to find. Presently Doug and Ray are working on two local sites and another "camping" trip. See you at the club meeting.

## **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. \$350.00. For more info call Alden Mitchell at (207) 778-2178.

### **\*WANTED: Buy or Trade\***

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