



# CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES

CFMDC NEWSLETTER

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I know this time of year can be pretty busy, but I hope everyone makes it to the November meeting. I'm pretty sure it will be interesting. I've heard a few rumors that some pretty nice items will be at the auction. I understand I missed some nice finds last month. I look forward to seeing them in a couple months on the find of the year table. I had a nice vacation, I'll try to do a little write-up about it in this newsletter. Right now I just want to touch on the current events. First, the Key Hunt, I just want to say it was good to

hear we had a good turn-out for our club. Second, we have

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a camp hunt Dec. 6th and 7th. Third, nominations for 1998 officers is coming up. Fourth, the December meeting will be our Christmas party. Fifth, **Big Auction** at the November meeting. Sixth, this time of year we need everyone's help making up food baskets for the holidays. Please bring something in.

**CAMP HUNT:** The weekend of December 6th and 7th we will have an overnite hunt at an old camp. The cost will be \$25.00. This includes 3 meals. Don't forget to bring your linens and supplies. The hunt will include three other clubs and some special surprises. This is going to be a first and unique hunt, you'd better not miss it.

#### 1997 OFFICERS

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

**ELECTION:** Nominations for club officers is coming up. We need to get some new people involved. If anyone would like to hold an office please speak up. Think about it, we vote in December.

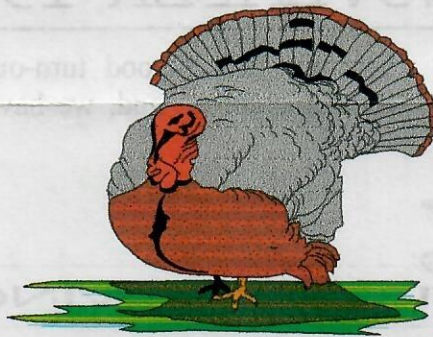
The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club meets the second Friday of each month. Meetings are held at the Goldenrod Civic Center, close to the intersection of Aloma Ave. and Palmetto Ave. Meetings start at 7:30pm. Next meetings: Nov. 14th, Dec. 12th. and Jan. 9th.



**August Day Trip Report:** Two club members met early at Denny's restaurant and enjoyed a good reasonably priced breakfast. Four more club members arrived close to 8:30 am. We all drove to the site. It had rained all day Saturday; that made for easy digging on Sunday. All of us found some modern change. Coins were recovered with dates from the mid-sixties to the mid-eighties. Due to other commitments we vacated the site after only an hour and a half of metal detecting. We left many acres of property undetected. As the site dates back to the fifties or earlier I am convinced that many earlier coins remain in the ground. When the weather has cooled off some it should be worthwhile to have another field trip to the site. This is a site that will not be available to us indefinitely as it is for sale and I would guess that eventually something will be built on the site.

**Judging by the number of coins recovered by just six people in just an hour and a half of metal detecting the site has had very little serious metal detecting activity on it. Here is a local site that is probably less than a twenty minute drive from most club members and the property has over fifty acres. It is essentially a "campground" that had thousands of people camping on it**

over the past few decades. I was very surprised that the turn out for the field trip was so poor. It is a very safe site to detect on as it is completely fenced in except for the entrance and it is in full view of a well traveled road. As mentioned at the club meeting the grass had also been recently mowed. We also had permission to be on the property. If you go on the property by yourself you will be "trespassing"! by Doug Melvin.



**KEY HUNT REPORT:** We had an excellent turn-out for our Key hunt at Wadeview park, over 30 people participated! Many thanks to Madeline who did an excellent job as Huntmaster for this event. It was obvious that Madeline had put a lot of effort and planning into this activity to make it a successful fun time for everyone. She wanted to thank Erin Hitson, and her dad Jerry, and Bill Bergdoll for planting the fields. It appeared that everyone had a good time. I should mention that the weather was just perfect too.

This is a good choice too for an activity like this as there is a lot of shade, there is a picnic pavillion for our use and the ground is easy to dig into. We have had many hunts over the years at this site, that's why a few people recovered a few silver coins that had been buried in the ground in past years! It's a little amazing but there is still quite a bit of trash in the hunt field, I guess that is to be expected though in a park that gets a lot of people use. One thing that aggravated a number of us was that darn pipe that runs thru part of the hunt field I must of detected it over a dozen times! As this was an inexpensive "Fun Hunt", the entry fee was only \$5.00. Many prizes were given out, most entrants won something. The fun of competing and enjoying a club outing together should be worth the five dollars to everyone and if you win something that just is an unexpected bonus! If you consider how much it costs to pursue many other hobbies such as golfing, horseback riding, fishing, eating out, viewing live sporting events, gambling, shooting pistols or rifles or traveling, to name a few I think our hobby of metal detecting generally comes out ahead cost-wise, enjoyment-wise and potential for financial gain or having an interesting collection of recovered goodies. Isn't this a fun and neat hobby!!! by Doug Melvin.

### FIND OF THE MONTH

- Single Coin.....**RALPH FLIPPO**
- Group Coin.....**RALPH FLIPPO**
- Single Jewelry.....**RALPH FLIPPO**
- Group Jewelry.....**MIKE MYERS**
- Single Artifact.....**JIM INGRAM**
- Group Artifact.....**RALPH FLIPPO**
- Single Odds-N-Ends.....**HERB PHILLIPS**
- Group Odds-N-Ends.....**JIM INGRAM**



**VACATION:** Last month I went on vacation up to Maryland. We were fortunate and had mostly nice weather. We even got to see some fall colors. I did get to do a little detecting while there. The number of old sites to hunt there is staggering. I only detected a couple hours and made several nice finds, which can be seen on display at the next meeting. We also took a short side trip and went camping at Gettysburg for a few days. Gettysburg is amazing. It really put history into perspective to see the actual battle site.

One thing that seemed odd was everyone was selling artifacts from battlesites. I have to wonder why some of these government agencies that are trying to stop metal detecting don't confiscate half of Gettysburgs shops. The first place I went was an antique shop that look more like a museum. Probably close to a

1/4 of the items were labeled with what battle site they were "dug" at! The wax museum gift shop had a number of small display cases with bullets, buttons, coin or other artifacts in them for sale. Each case had a label that read "Dug at a Gettysburg camp site". The gift shop at the



campground I stayed at even had a box of dug bullets for sale. I guess I just feel its odd that they can sell artifacts right in the middle of a National Park and the detector hobbyists has to keep his finds secret for fear of "Big Brother" looking over his shoulder. If anyone is planning a trip to Gettysburg here's a tip. There are some sites to hunt outside the park. I talked with a local and he told me the confederates had a

couple hospitals behind there lines that are outside the park and the union had at least one hospital outside the park. If you could find these and secure permission to hunt them you still can find some nice items.

**AUCTION:** This is going to be a good one. We already have some real nice donations, so bring in a little extra cash for a good deal. Remember bring in a nice item and help out our club.

**PARTY:** The December meeting will be short so we can have our Christmas party. I'm assuming it will be like last year, the club will supply the main course and members should bring in side dishes. Instead of exchanging gifts please bring in a donation to help out Park Lake or a needy family. If you bring a child than you need to bring a gift with their name on it for you-know-who to hand out. I'm not sure but I think we may have a game or something else.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT DEPARTMENT

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

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