



CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES

CFMDC NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1998

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT: BOY, THIS IS REALLY GREAT WEATHER WE ARE HAVING ISN'T IT? NEED TO LIMBER UP THE OLD MUSCLES AND GET OUT THERE AND DO SOME HUNTING. THE SITE COMMITTEE MET LAST MONTH. NOT VERY MANY PEOPLE SHOWED UP BUT WE DID GET SOME POSITIVE THINGS DONE. I HAVE MADE UP A ACTIVITIES CALENDAR AND IT WILL BE IN YOUR NEWSLETTER. AS YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE A LOT OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. I DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP FOR THE MALL DISPLAY. I NEED NOT ONLY THINGS TO DISPLAY BUT

ALSO DETECTORS, DISPLAY CASES, CARD TABLES, AND HELP. IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN BRING, ESPECIALLY ITEMS TO DISPLAY, I WILL BE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ITEMS.

WE DO HAVE SPEAKERS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. APRIL, MIKE MCGUIRE FROM THE TREASURE SALVAGERS OF MEL FISHER EXPEDITIONS. HE WILL GIVE A VERY INTERESTING TALK AND HAVE SOME OF HIS FINDS TO SHOW. IN MAY, KELLYCO WILL BE ON HAND TO TALK ABOUT ALL THE NEW TECHNOLOGY OF METAL DETECTING. THEY WILL BE SHOWING THE NEW MACHINES AND

RELATED PRODUCTS.

AS YOU SEE ON THE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR WE HAVE TWO OVER NIGHT HUNTS PLANNED. THESE ARE EXCELLENT SITES AND SHOULD PRODUCE LOTS OF GOODIES. THE ONE IN MAY IS VIRGIN TERRITORY. IT CONTAINS ABOUT 60 ACRES AND HAS A LAKE. ALSO HAS CAMPER FACILITIES. AND THE MEALS SOUND DELICIOUS. LOOKS LIKE A GREAT OUTING. I WILL TELL YOU MORE AT THE MEETING. I AM STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OTHER COMMITTEES. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE MEETING AND DON'T FORGET!!!! BRING A STRANGER.

1998 OFFICERS

President.....Ray Leist

Vice-President.....Doug Melvin

Second Vice-President.....Vince Faulkner

Secretary.....Madeline Corder

Treasurer.....Lonna Leist

Newsletter Editor.....Ted Smith

Refreshments.....Ron & Gerry West

Find Table.....Rob Loucks

Prize Table.....Fred & Nancy Schimmel

PRESIDENT

RAY LEIST

The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club meets the second Friday of each month. Meetings are held at the Autonations Dealership at 4911 Wayside Drive, near the intersection of I-4 and SR-46. Meetings start at 7:30pm. Next meetings: Apr. 10th., May 8th and June 12th.

SEMINOLE TOWN SQUARE MALL DISPLAY:

Most club members who read the site committee report probably asked themselves "what can I do for the club"? Here is your chance! On Saturday May 9th our club will be putting on a display to try and recruit some more club members and to also inform the public about our club and the hobby of metal detecting. We wish to present the club, hobby and ourselves in a positive light. A number of tables will be set up for our displays. One table will have literature about our hobby and our club on it. One table will have several different models of metal detectors on it for display. One table will have an ID type detector on it and there will be different targets attached to a circle which can be turned, the detector will correctly ID the targets! There will be several tables set up with our finds on display.. perhaps we could have a display on the trash that we pick up to demonstrate that our hobby is environmentally friendly! Ray is considering having a sandbox with targets in it. People could try out a detector and perhaps keep a coin that they recover! To make this project a success we need the help of a lot of club

members! People are needed to lend items for display and to be there. Maybe you could be there for at least one hour or hopefully much longer! Ray will need help setting up and taking down the display. For security purposes and to keep track of the items on loan, all items on display will be in display cases. Tentatively the display will be at the mall from 1:pm to 7:pm. If you like you may put your items for display in a display case. If you don't have a display case this is no problem! The club will borrow some display cases or if necessary we can use the talents of a carpenter in our club who can build some cases for us! Just put your items in a bag or box and write your name on it. You may want to make a list of items that you are loaning to the club. We need everyone to bring in their items to the April meeting so Ray and Lonna can get it organized. We don't want to go overboard on this but some "trash" is also needed. Ray as club president and also being in charge of this project shall have full authority to decide what items are used or not used in the display and he shall have the final word of any decision regarding the display and this activity. If you have any

artistic ability Ray may possibly be interested in having some signs or posters made up, if you have any interest in this contact Ray. Remember we need the items for display brought in to the April club meeting, the May meeting won't allow enough time to get it ready and organized! Please plan to help out!

March Newsnotes: I seem to have lost my notes, but do have the main info. The treasurer reported a Feb. balance of \$1395.?? We had a guest speaker from the Sanford police department on home security. Ray would like to form an executive board. If you feel you'd be willing to serve your club in this manner please inform Ray. We are planning a display at a local mall. The club as done this before and seen some success. Please consider how you can get involved. **Don Baldwin** won \$26.50 in the half and half draw. #2 **Lydia Ackerman** won \$20.00 for bank night. Jack Erwood would like to know if anyone has a hard case for a spectrum. He's planning a trip to the caribbean and needs the protection.

FIND OF THE MONTH

Single Coin.....**DOUG MELVIN**

Group Coin.....**ROB LOUCKS**

Single Jewelry.....**EDNA LIVERATORE**

Group Jewelry.....**ALDEN MITCHELL**

Single Artifact.....**DAVE GASCOYNE**

Group Artifact.....**DAVE GASCOYNE**

Single Odds-N-Ends.....**LORINE RAW**

Group Odds-N-Ends.....**ALDEN MITCHELL**

Is everyone ready to go metal detecting? For me this is the time of year I really love, water hunting season. By the time I put out this month's newsletter I will have already been out water hunting a couple times. Everyone has their own special hunting type and while some are just starting others are winding down. For those of you who venture out into the summer heat make sure to take proper precautions. For some of our new members I'll touch on the basics. First, **Sunscreen**, this is a must. Also you may want to stay away from mid-day outings. Evenings and mornings are best. Don't forget to drink lots of water. Something you might not think of as a precaution is hunting with a buddy. A partner is always a good idea.

Last month there were two open hunts. Our club was well represented at both, and did those new shirts look sharp. I'll have the details on the hunts in separate articles.

I've got a lot to put in this newsletter and I really appreciate everyone's contributions. Thanks for the help. **GOOD HUNTING, THE EDITOR**

GRANT HUNT REVIEW:

The TCAS 11th annual benefit hunt was March 14th in Grant. 52 entrants were on hand, including the following CFMDC members: **Jack & Argent Erwood, Jerry Huddleston, Chuck Hosbein, Don Smith, Bill Bergdoll, Jerry Hitson, Bob Alexander, Doug Melvin** and me, **Ted Smith**. There were four hunts. The first was the competition hunt, the field was planted with 1500 painted pennies and everyone had 30 minutes to find as many as they could.

The second hunt was a pinpoint

shoot-out. The object was to place an "X" as close to the center of the target as you could.

The third was the runway shoot-out. Here you had 90 seconds to go down a 20 ft. runway and find as many pennies as you could.

The final hunt was the Spanish Reale hunt. The field was planted with foreign coins, a few silver coins and six tokens for Spanish Reales.

In the middle of all this was a nice Bar-B-Q lunch.

After the hunts came the awarding of prizes. Our club members did pretty good. In the competition hunt I took second place and won a silver medallion made from a silver bar off the Atocha and **Don Smith** took 3rd and won a 1 reale coin. In the pinpoint hunt **Jerry Hitson** tied for fourth and won a nice set of headphones. In the runway hunt I took 3rd and won a 1 reale coin and **Don Smith** took 5th and won a sand scoop. Last were the tokens for Reales. **Doug Melvin** won a 2 reale coin and the big winner from our club, **Chuck Hosbein** won a 4 reale coin.

The TCAS hunt is a little different than most. If you really hope to win anything you have to work for it, and work hard. A token hunt with only six tokens is, well not much of a token hunt.

SITE COMMITTEE

REPORT: What happened to everybody who said that they would be at the site committee meeting on Sunday March 15th at three PM? The turnout was very poor, just a few club officers. The job of you club officers is to provide leadership and guidance for the club not to do all of the work! This is

every club member's club, let's all work together to make 1998 a good year for our club.

Some important business was accomplished at the meeting. A club activity calendar has been formulated. Some exciting activities and field trips are planned for this year! Effort is being put forth to have special club meeting programs at some of our meetings, for example our "Treasure Hunting" program lined up for this month should be exceptionally good! Other programs are also in the works! Metal detecting is an exciting hobby, made more so by belonging to a **good club**! Half the fun of our hobby can be provided by a club that helps one make friends in the hobby, learn more of our hobby, allow you to show off your finds and provides activities like camping trips, field trips, hunts and interesting club meetings, all of which increase one's enjoyment of our hobby! Someone who isn't active in a club misses out on a lot of fun! Please make an effort to show some enthusiasm for our club and our hobby and do your part to support the club and your club officers! **Vice-President Doug Melvin.**

A memo from **Boyd & Florence Rodgers** to the editor and members of CFMDC. Due to health problems we have not been able to participate in the club functions for some time. No one knows how sick **Boyd** is and has been. We want to especially thank **Ron Wagner** and **George Livingston** for keeping in touch. It means a lot. As Always, **Boyd & Florence Rodgers.**

WWMDC HUNT REVIEW:

This was the 9th annual Weeki Wachee hunt and they just keep getting better. Over 100 people signed up for the hunt. The day started off with complimentary coffee and donuts, and then consisted of 4 hunts, with lunch in the middle. The first was a warm-up hunt. The field was planted with silver dimes, and lots of them. The next hunt was the treasure chest hunt. The field was planted with silver dimes, quarters, halves and 10 tokens good for a chance to open a treasure chest filled with items worth over \$300.00 donated by members of the WWMDC. The only glitch to the day came when lunch did not arrive on time. The caterers were close to an hour late. The representatives from WWMDC were very apologetic and gave out free sodas to tied everyone over till the food arrived. Once there it was pretty good. After lunch was the progressive hunt. This is a interesting hunt. Everyone starts in one field planted with silver dimes and 50 tokens. If you find a token you get to go to the second field planted with silver quarters and 25 tokens. If you find a token here you get to go to the third field that was planted with 100 silver half dollars. This is just the main premise. The hunts were started in ten minute intervals. This hunt required honesty from everyone to make it more enjoyable. Once you found a token you had to leave the field you were in and wait for the next field hunt to start, that way those that didn't find a token had more silver to dig. Ten minutes after the the dime hunt started those with tokens

could start the quarter hunt. Ten minutes later those with the second token could start the half hunt and also everyone still in the dime field could move into the quarter field and ten minutes later everyone could try the half dollar field. The last hunt of the day was the token hunt. Over 100 tokens, plus lots of silver was planted. Prizes ranged from silver rounds to gold coins to metal detectors, three to be exact: a Fisher 1266, Tesoro Golden Sabre II and a Whites PI water machine. Once again members of the CFMDC picked up lots of tokens and here's a run down of what each won. I'll start with myself. I didn't find a single prize token. I did however find tokens that got me into the silver half field in the progressive hunt. This helped me find over \$15.00 face value in silver coins, which more than paid my entry fee. **Jerry Hitson** found token #5 for the treasure chest, which won him a silver round. He also had two prize tokens which got him two grab bags. Let me interject here that each grab bag consisted of 4 or 5 items relating to our hobby, such as hats, aprons, books etc. **Bill Bergdoll** found one prize token which won him a US silver eagle. **Doug Melvin** was one of the big winners. He may not have won a detector, but his **FIVE** prize tokens netted him several nice prizes, including a silver dollar and Garrett book, three grab bags and a free entry into next years hunt. **Ralph & Helen Flippo** had a couple tokens between them. One for the treasure chest which had Ralph as close to winning as you could get without actually winning. You

see Ralph had token #10 of 10 and it was #9 that won. If only #9 had picked the other key. The other token they had was a prize token for a grab bag. **Jack and Argent Erwood** picked up one token that won a nice watch and a video. **Bill & Lydia Ackerman** each found a prize token. Lydia won a silver dollar and garrett book. Bill won a first-aid kit, Garret book and a silver round. **Jerry Huddleston** had one prize token for a grab bag. **Joe Walton** picked up treasure chest token #1 and won a silver round. He also had a prize token that got him a set of bamboo candles and a special stamped \$2 bill. **Don Smith** had two prize tokens and received a silver round for each. The big winner from our club, like me didn't find a token, but he won \$152.50 in the half and half draw. Way to go **George Livingston**.

With over 100 entrants, excluding the lunch problem, I didn't hear any complaints. During the orientation one of the hunt judges yelled out to hunt master Don Foust, "How much clad is planted", Don's answer "If you find a penny, clad coin or trash it wasn't planted by us, only silver coins and tokens were planted." The most amazing thing about the hunt was the lack of trash. I later heard that their club cleaned the fields a week before, now thats going an extra mile to make a good hunt. I've been to at least 5 or 6 hunts in Weeki Wachee and I have to say I've never been disappointed, I'm already looking forward to next year.