



CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES

CFMDC NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1998

1997 was a pretty good year, our club had a pretty good increase in new members. We had a few good camp trips and day hunts. Our club has not been as financially strong as in the past, but when the chips were down we all pulled together and raised enough money to keep us in the black. Next year with everyone's help I'm sure we will all have even more fun. For all our newer members here's a couple things to remember. At the January meeting we have find of the year. Each monthly winner can be entered in their respective categories for Find of the Year. 1998 dues need to be paid. Several of the other clubs in Florida hold open hunts.

Usually there are 3 or 4 in the spring time. As soon as info is available on the hunts we pass it on, either in the newsletter or at the meetings.

I'd like to thank Doug Melvin for writing articles for the newsletter. Doug has been my reporter on the scene since I've been working 6 days a week and haven't been able to make any hunts lately.

New Member: Our club roster increased by one in December. I know everyone will make our new club member, Robert Lajeunesse, feel right at home.

For 1997 we had about 65 members. Lets see if we can get more detectorists next year. Any club member can invite guests and a lot of



guests become members.

1997 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.....Milton & Lorine Raw

Prize Table.....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. Meetings start at 7:30pm. Next meetings: Jan. 9th, Feb. 13th, and Mar. 13th .

December Newsnotes: The December meeting of the CFMDC was called to order about 8:pm. Once everyone was settled we did the voting for find of the month. Then birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. Madeline read the minuts, Lonna reported a November ending balance of \$1331.22. It should be noted the Camp fee check had not cleared yet.

Madeline informed the club she had given out the food donated by club members. A young lady with 3 kids received half and two gentlemen, one blind the other with diabetes, got the other half. They were very appreciative and Madeline said our genorosity made their holiday season alot brighter.

Site Committe Chairmans report: Doug informed the club the field trip for Saturday is postponed till we can secure permission for the site. We discussed the club shirt issue again. Vince and Doug are working together on a couple ideas. It looks like we are going to go with a polo style

shirt with our club patch sewn on it. We are currently checking to see if we can find someone to sew names on them also. A sign-up sheet was passed around for everyone to order their shirt.

Federation update: Ray informed the club that St.Augustine may have an ordinance to ban detecting. The S.E. Council is checking it out. Ray also mentioned he's checking on business card for club members. He gave a quick summary of the Camp Winona hunt. Doug wrote an article on the hunt witch is in this newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who brought in food donations. We build Madeline's supply back up. The Christmas dinner at the meeting was excellent. There was plenty of food, including dessert. And everything tasted fantastic. Lonna did a great job on the turkey and stuffing, and to everyone else that helped, "Thanks".

Sometime during the night we voted on 1998 officers. Here's your new officers: President-

Ray Leist, Vice-President- Doug Melvin, 2nd Vice-President- VinceFaulkner, Treasurer- Lonna Leist, Secretary- Madeline Corder and Newsletter Editor- Ted Smith. Even though we don't vote on it, the club by-laws state the Newsletter Editor is an officer.

Club Flashback or Camp Winona Past: The December camp hunt to Camp Winona turned up quite a few finds. What some of you may not know is the CFMDC went to Camp Winona once before. The past hunt was January 8th and 9th, 1983. Here are a few of the highlites. At least 23 silver coins were found. 17 Rings, including a 1952 class ring were found, plus several other silver and gold items. The fee back then, and I don't think it included 3 meals, was \$10.00 per person.



FIND OF THE MONTH

- Single Coin.....**ALDEN MITCHELL**
- Group Coin.....**JERRY HITSON**
- Single Jewelry.....**BILL BERGDOLL**
- Group Jewelry.....**ALDEN MITCHELL**
- Single Artifact.....**JIM INGRAM**
- Group Artifact.....**JIM INGRAM**
- Single Odds-N-Ends.....**JIM INGRAM**
- Group Odds-N-Ends.....**ALDEN MITCHELL**

Upcoming Events: January 8th thru the 11th is the 43rd annual "FUN" convention. It is one of the largest coin shows in the country and will set the trend for the collecting business for the rest of the year. It is held at the Orange County convention center. This is an excellent show to take young collectors too. They usually always give a token or coin to everyone that attend.

I just got my first flyer for an open hunt in '98. The Weekly Wachee metal detecting club is holding their 9th annual open hunt Saturday, March 28. To get a flyer for the hunt you can write Marie Hillenbrand, 280 Galaxy Ave., Spring Hill, Fl., 34606 or call Marie at 352-686-3616 or Ron Foust 352-686-9727. I will also try to bring some flyers to the meeting. Don't miss out, WWMDCC always puts on a good hunt.



Field trip site: I have been working on getting permission for our club to pursue our hobby on a local site. This is a site that saw heavy use during WW II and it also borders an old historical road. I am happy to report that I have made progress! The property manager has given us permission to metal detect on the site! I estimate that about thirty-five acres of open fields are waiting for us! But there is one small hitch, the property manager is requiring that he have a copy of our insurance and a rider attached that specifically names him and the property owners not liable for any problem. If we meet the last requirement I'll be able to schedule a date for our field to this site.

If you wish to go on a January field trip someone will have to come with a site!

Submitted by Doug Melvin,
Vice-President CFMDC.

Club Shirt Project: We are making progress! It was decided at the December club meeting that our shirts will be green in color. Rather than have our club patch silk screened or use iron-on transfers we will have our actual club patch sewn onto the shirts above the shirt pocket. Possibly we will also have our names embroidered on the shirts. Club members have been asked to assist in this project by investigating an inexpensive source for the shirts, where and how much it would cost to have the patch sewn to the shirts and the cost and location of a place that would embroider our names on the shirts. Perhaps one place could do all three projects for us? Lonna, our club treasurer, said at the meeting that we have several hundred club patches on hand. Why not put them to a good use! Hopefully we will be actually ordering the shirts at our January club meeting, by Doug Melvin.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT DEPARTMENT

The classified section is a free service for the members of the CFMDC. Anyone wishing to place an ad 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: 12" hot head coil. Cost \$119.00 new. Used only once, too heavy for my wrist. Will sell for \$30.00. Call Alden, 886-0708

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 is interested in buying dog, or any other animal, tags. Will pay 50 cents for any tag in reasonable condition. Bring you tags to the meeting for George's official appraisal.

Camp Winona Trip: If you missed the camping trip you missed a super good time! Amazingly close to forty, yes forty rings were recovered! At least sixteen hundred lost coins were recovered too! In addition to the lost items recovered, Huntmaster Ray Leist with the assistance of Jack Dee planted over one hundred assorted old coins and two full decks of playing cards with a nickle inside of each card. Some coins had a number on them; if you recovered one of them you got to claim one of the prizes laid out on a table. Ray had an interesting and novel game with the cards! The one person who obtained the best card game hand won a one ounce silver bar. That was Richard Zabriskie of the Gold Coast Trespure Club. In addition to that though, just prior to the actual metal detecting at the camp everyone took one item out of a container. Just before the Saturday night Bingo game started everyone with the same item gathered together and pooled their cards. The groups that had the higher hands were given coin awards! Some people who found no cards or just a few got some prizes because they were lucky enough to be in the lucky group! Awards were given to the person who had the best find in the camp and also the best "junk" find. Vera Harrington of the D & F Club found a man's large ring with a large Tiger-Eye stone mounted in it. She was awarded a one ounce silver bar. Sophie Petruche of the Gold Coast Club found an antique knife, she was also awarded a one ounce silver bar. There was a "Guess how many pennies are in the pickle jar" game. The idea was to give the person who guessed closest to the number of pennies in the jar all of the pennies. Ray, being the good sport that he is gave Richard a different prize so I guess everyone is happy except the person who gets to clean them up! Ray gave him a silver dollar. There were four silver dollars won by raffle. Steven Hoskins of the Gold Coast won one, Lonna Leist of the CFMDC won one, Mary Hoke of the D & F CLUB won one and Richard Zabriskie of the gold coast won one. Deyton Peyton of the "Dig and Find Coin Shooters and Historical Club" conducted the Bingo Game.

Because the temperatures would be dropping down to the mid or low thirties during the night and our cabins had no heat many campers decided to leave for home Saturday night. Some of the campers who came up from Boynton Beach Friday night and stayed in a hotel Friday night in DeLand decided to stay there for Saturday night too! Because many people were planning to leave the camp Saturday Ray decide to go ahead and award all of the prizes Saturday instead of Sunday. Close to sixty people were at the camp on Saturday morning and by Sunday morning this had shrunk to about twenty people! At 1:pm Sunday the last people left the camp. Actually except for the chilly mornings it was perfect weather for metal detecting, it was sunny and there was no breeze to chill you. Some people who live up north must envy us that for a good part of the winter down here in Florida we can comfortably pursue our hobby outside!

Were there any negatives beside the chilly weather? I heard that a few people complained that they didn't find too much. My answer to that is that this is the first camping trip that I have ever gone on that old coins were put in the ground prior to us arriving there! Most field or camping trips you just recover what people have lost! The coins planted in the ground, several hundred of them and the prizes awarded were just a little "icing on the cake" to make the camping trip a little more interesting. Yes its neat to make good finds with one's metal detector but the real fun of a field or camping trip is the comraderie of people who share a common hobby, in our case the hobby of metal detecting.

I heard that a few people weren't too happy with the food. This is a camp that is geared to children, we were very lucky that the camp even served us food! We have been to camps where food was our responsibility! The food was prepared by one cook and a camp helper, I thought that they did a good job for us. For "camping food" it was OK. If we return next year we'll try to get them to do a better job on the Saturday lunch.

I personally have one major complaint. There is always at least one person who has no regard for us returning to the campground! Yes at least one person was not filling their holes or picking up their trash! If you care about your hobby and you like to return to a site you need to educate any person that you see not picking up their trash, filling in their holes or breaking any other "Code of Ethics" rule. Anyone caught not picking up their trash or filling in their holes on any field or camping trip should immediatly be required to leave. I wish that I had caught the person or persons who were doing it!

Let me personally thank everyone who did fill in their holes and picked up their trash. All the trash that was recovered was put on a long table for display. It was amazing how much we collected! I think that the camp personell as well as all of us were impressed with the amount! There seemed to be at least three thousand seperate pieces! That will make metal detecting there in the future a little easier if we decide to return. Think how long it would take one person to dig up all of those trash targets! Myself and Deyton Peyton, both officers in the D & F Club sorted thru the trash. They collected all of the pull tabs for the "Pull Tab Project" of the our club.

Except for the afore mentioned complaints everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves! I thought it was nice to have a whole a camp to ourselves with no one to bother us! Wasn't it fun getting to meet and get to know other people who share our interest in metal detecting? The camping experience seemed to go so well and many positive comments were made that we are planning to do it again next year! A weekend in a warmer month than December has already been reserved for us! Due to the size of the camp we may have to limit the number of people allowed to sign up!

Lost and found; A blue jacket size medium was left at the camp. I have it. If it is your give me a call at 904-775-6460 and I will get it back to you.

A thank you letter was mailed to the camp thanking them for allowing us to rent the camp and pursue our hobby of metal detecting. To protect our site for future metal detecting trips I have requested that they not allow metal detecting at the camp except to their paying campers.

Submitted by Doug Melvin, Site Committee Chairman, CFMDC.