



CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES

CFMDC NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1998

There's so much going on I don't know where to begin. Let's start with last month's meeting. Our new meeting place is excellent. I'm sure that as we continue meeting there we will find more and more things that are better at this location. Amazingly we had over 50 in attendance at the February meeting, this number made it seem crowded, but I'm sure it would have been the same at Goldenrod. For those of you who used I-4 to get to Automation I'd just like to point out two things: one, the rainy weather made driving difficult and two, race week probably tripled the amount of traffic. I'm sure this month's meeting will be easier to get to.

This is the cutoff for dues. If you don't pay by the March

meeting you will be dropped from the mailing list and also the club directory. Also your dues also include \$5.00 for the Federation, which entitles you to enter the hunt at the FMDAC convention.

We have two local hunts coming up. Saturday March 14th is TCAS's hunt in Grant and March 28th is WWMDC's hunt in Weeki Wachee. Hope to see you there.

GOOD HUNTING
THE EDITOR



New Members: The February meeting was just plain amazing. A new meeting place. A larger than average crowd and more guests than normal. In fact 4 of the guests left as members. Please welcome the following new members: **Robert Godwin, Merlin Milligan, Mike Basile and Albert Mills.** I also received a letter from **Jerry Huddleston** requesting membership. If any of our new members have any questions feel free to bring them up at the meetings. I'd also like to ask our members to take the time to offer assistance to them and make sure they know the do's and don't's of detecting. One last note, I'm printing the code of ethics in this newsletter. Our new members need to know these.

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 & Jerry Hitson
Prize Table.....Fred & Nancy Schimmel

The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club meets the second Friday of each month. Meetings are held at the Automations Dealership at 4911 Wayside Drive, near the intersection of I-4 and SR-46. Meetings start at 7:30pm. Next meetings: Mar. 13th, Apr. 10th, and May 8th.

February Newsnotes: The February meeting of the CFMDC was called to order at 7:40pm, in our new meeting room at Autonation. We also had an amazingly large crowd. Including members and guests there were over 50 present. **President Ray Leist** informed the club the scheduled speaker had a family emergency and was unable to attend. Hopefully he will be able to make it to a future meeting. A hostess from Autonation, Dale, gave us a warm welcome. She explained the facilities. One item that may be of interest, they will have a restaurant on site in the future. They also have a child care facility, but I'm not sure if it will be available for us. Ray passed out the club shirts and they look real good. He passed around another list to see if we have enough interest to place another order. We needed at least six more before we could get the low price, and I believe he had enough. Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. We had 8 guests. **Madeline** read the minutes and they were accepted, **Lonna** reported the January ending balance was \$1363.84. The club gave **Milton & Lorine Raw** a plaque for their service over the years running the prize table. To fill in for them I believe **Rob Loucks** and **Jerry Hitson** will take over.

The site committee meeting that was scheduled for Feb. 15th was canceled, plans are to reschedule next month. Some of the new members had questions about policies concerning

hunts, raffles, find of the month, etc.. So Ray opened the floor to questions and we tried to make sure our new members were up to speed on the club activities. Ray mentioned the possibility of putting on a metal detecting work shop. This would be something every beginner and probably a lot of seasoned detectorists could learn something at. This is still in the planning stage, so if anyone would like to help let Ray know.

February's mystery prize proceeds go to helping local Alzheimer patients.

The Civil War will be happening March 21st and 22nd, that is the Battle of Narcoossee Mill re-enactment. If you need more info I think **Jim Ingram** can provide it.

Ray checked into setting up a booth at a local mall. The only problem he came up against was insurance. We have coverage, but they wanted a little more. After checking with our insurance company Ray found out it would only cost \$10.00 more to get the extra coverage. This higher level of insurance could help our club get on more sites also. Our insurance is proving to be more and more valuable all the time.

Upcoming events include the TCAS hunt March 14th, the WWMDC hunt March 28th, and the S.E. Council hunt & FMDAC convention are coming up. **Doug Melvin** has flyers on most of the hunts.

The February day hunt is on. **Doug**

informed the membership that everything is a go for the hunt site. The property manager accepted our insurance rider and informed the local authorities that we would be on the property. The details were all in the February newsletter. I'm sure Doug will supply me with an article as to how the hunt went. Doug also asked that everyone turn in their trash to him so he can show it to the property manager. He also asked that everyone abide by the Code of Ethics. A bonus for those who attend the club outing. Ray has found a few sites in the area that he will tell at the hunt.

The mystery prize was won by a guest of **George Livingston**, Carol Ragan. This mystery prize was a Disney figure made by the same people that produce Hummels. This was donated by **Madeline Corder** and has a retail price of \$170.00.

Miss lucky **Peg Walker**, walked away with \$21.50 for winning the half and half drawing.

It's back, Bank Nite that is, and the \$20.00 was pocketed by #48, **Fred Schimmel**.

The club gave all the ladies present a rose for Valentines day, and also gave all the men with wives and girlfriends a rose to take home.

FIND OF THE MONTH

Single Coin.....	DAVE GASCOYNE
Group Coin.....	DEYTONPEYTON
Single Jewelry.....	ALDEN MITCHELL
Group Jewelry.....	ALDEN MITCHELL
Single Artifact.....	DOUG MELVIN
Group Artifact.....	DAVE GASCOYNE
Single Odds-N-Ends.....	RON WAGNER
Group Odds-N-Ends.....	RON WAGNER

Insurance: As mentioned at the February club meeting insurance has become a very big issue. We live in a sue you if I can country! Just to put on a club display at a mall requires us to carry over a million dollars of liability insurance! As Ray stated our club now carries that level of insurance. Without our insurance we would not of been permitted to pursue our hobby as a club at our last field trip site. The first thing asked by the Executive Director who oversees the property was, "Does your club carry liability insurance?". The insurance that we have covers people on club activities, like field trips, camping trips, our own planted hunts, our hunts open to the public and club meetings. We discourage club members from returning to our field trip sites on their own. Permission to be on property that the club had permission for does not extend to people going there on their own. If you do go to a site on your own it is at your own risk.

Doug Melvin
Vice-President

Metal Detecting Code of Ethics

I will respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.

I will fill all excavations.

I will remove and properly dispose of any trash that I find.

I will leave gates as found.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife and private property.

I will build fires in designated and safe places only.

I will use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.

I will not litter.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will not destroy property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.

I will not tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.

CLUB FLASHBACK: I thought I'd just link some of the clubs current events with the past. The first item is our new meeting place. We held our first meeting at Autonation last month, in March 1983 the club held its first meeting at Goldenrod. I hope Autonation lasts as long. Second, last month we re-instated bank nite. The bank nite drawing was formed in July 1977 and the first winner was Howard Kaplan, \$40.00, in September. We are currently considering doing a mall display. The club has done these in the past. July 25th & 26th 1980 the club had a display at Colonial Plaza Mall for membership drive. The next meeting they had seven guests from seeing the display. Hopefully we will do even better.

From the Table: The find of the month table had several very nice items and groups displayed. I was pretty impressed and would like to pass on to the members who couldn't make the meeting a sampling of what is being found by our members. I'll just list the items: silver dollar, one reale coin, four different coin groups with multiple silver coins, a couple nice gold rings, lots of other jewelry in the groups and several nice military items such as buttons, bullets and shot etc. Lets all bring in our finds next month.



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT DEPARTMENT

The classified section is a free service for the members of the CFMDC. Anyone wishing to place an ad is no longer required please inform me so I can remove it.

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.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT: Boy, was it ever great to see so many members at our first new meeting place. We are accomplishing great things, but we need to move forward. I would like to welcome new members and ask the membership to make it a point to welcome these members. We do need to grow and I am asking for suggestions to make this possible. We have two major hunts in March but if I can we will try to have some kind of activity. Also we will have a speaker or a video for our meeting. We have new name badges with our names and bank nite numbers, courtesy of **Vince**. Also **Frank** has volunteered to have these laminated and a clasp put on the name tag for only one dollar. This takes a lot of work and effort. Those of you who picked up your tags need to bring them to the meeting to get laminated. We will again plan to have a site committee meeting Sunday after the meeting. I would like to also start having a board meeting. We have several things we need to do to help this club get bigger and better. We have had several volunteers step forward and I am looking for others. **Didn't those shirts look great.** Everyone make sure they wear their's to the meeting I am looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting and don't forget to **Bring a stranger.**

Ray Leist

President

Field Trip Report: I believe that our field trip went very well. We couldn't of expected any better weather! About fifteen club members enjoyed an hour of socializing and eating breakfast together at Denney's. Close to 8:30am we were joined by about another dozen club members in the parking lot. We than made a caravan to our site. It took one right turn and one left turn to get to it! As promised there was over fifty acres of property for us to enjoy our hobby on! I am sure some club members were overwhelmed by the amount of trash in the ground, I have to admit that it was lot! Unfortunately whenever buildings are demolished this is what usually occurs. It just goes with our hobby! Some detectorists love to hunt trashy areas, they know that (for lack of a better term) lazy detectorists won't have the patience to work for too long at a site like this, too challanging and too much digging! That leaves a lot of goodies in the ground though waiting to be recovered! No site is ever 100% "hunted out" especially a trashy site! If one saves the detected lead, copper, brass and aluminum you'll quickly discover that fewer of the targets are actually worthless trash. Those metals can be recycled and a recycler will pay you cash money for them! In addition to all the trash taggets dug-up there were some nice finds too, these are the ones that I heard about and I had to leave early, A silver ring, mercury dime, wheat

pennies, WW II military buttons and buckles, a collectable safety razor, old lock, and some old automobile parts. I really liked the old radiator medallion with the star on it that was pre WW II. Because this was a local site and much ground was not detected on some club members expressed a desire to return to the site. I have written a thank you letter to the people who gave us permission to be on the property and metioned that we would like to return to the site at a later date. Let me say that it appeared that our holes were being filled in well and our trash was being picked up and properly disposed of. I very much appreciate everyones effort in this regard. In the same breath though we do have at least one club member who thinks that our field trip rules don't apply to him or her. I noted a few holes that had been filled in and the trash target left right on the surface in the center of the filled in hole! If the Director of Operations had seen that or it was struck by a mower I doubt very much if our club could return to this site. Sites are getting harder to locate and get permission to use, if you see someone not observing our very simple field trip rules mention it to that person and if that has no effect tell a club officer and the offending person will be disciplined. If you recover some interesting items be sure to bring them to the March meeting for display.

Doug Melvin

Vice-President