



CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES

CFMDC NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 1998

From the Office of the President:

This weather is just what we have been waiting for. I can't remember the last time we had cooler weather. This has been such a unforgettable summer. We have a lot of things going on the last two months of 1998 so make sure that you keep your newsletter and read about the activities. We had a good meeting in October and enjoyed the guest speaker. Daniel Sedwick, gave a very informative talk on spanish coins, explaining about the makings on various coins and what they represented.

Members, please be sure to welcome our newest members, Carol Taylor and Frank & Marlene Barnes.

The club outing was a very, very, very good outing. The hunting area of the camp was large and the find were plentiful. A large number of coins were found and a good number of rings (some quite valuable). As we were leaving

Sunday at 11:30 Vera Harrington from the D&F club had just found an old silver, wolf's head, scout ring. She also found a enameled hat pin where **Ralph Flippo's** motor home was parked.

This camp was first a boy scout camp est. in 1911, then became a YMCA camp in the forties. There is no way to describe the excellent food that was prepared for us by Chef (Brooklyn) Louie. It was just outstanding. If you missed this one you missed the best one yet. **Doug** will have a special report on the camp outing in this letter. Remember to bring food items, for the Thanksgiving Basket. We find a family that needs help at Thanksgiving time and we try to help them in this way. Also we have some kind of charity giving at the Christmas meeting. Also it was mentioned that we go back to the gift exchange at the Christmas party. Think about this and we will discuss it at the November meeting.

Remember the December meeting

will also be our Christmas party. It will be December 11th at the VFW hall on Edgewater Drive Orlando.

Remember that the nominations for next years officers are to be decided at the November meeting. This is for President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The election will be decided at the December meeting. Anyone having a desire to be a club officer can have their name submitted. Also anyone that wants to head up a committee or do something for the club please submit your name at the December meeting. The more activity we have from our club members the more activities the club will have.

Remember we expect to see you all at the next meeting and wear your club shirts. If we have not seen you in a while we miss your face. Come on out and support a great hobby. We have several new club members and I personally want to welcome you to our club. I urge the members to get acquainted with these new members and make them feel welcome. Without growth we will not survive. I will see all of you at the November club meeting and don't forget!!!!!! Bring a stranger.

PRESIDENT

RAY LEIST

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

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: Nov. 13th, Dec. 11th. & Jan. 8th

October Newsnotes:

The October meeting of the CFMDC was called to order by President **Ray Leist** at 7:40 before a crowd of about 40.

Guests and new members were welcomed. Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

We has a guest speaker, Daniel Sedwick. He gave a very informative talk on Spanish Colonial coins. His talk covered cobs, pillar and bust type coins. Also the main coin devices and how they changed and stayed the same. One of the more interesting items he mentioned was the fact that some of the ships had more treasure smuggled onboard than was listed on the manifest. Remember when you're at the beach detecting that some of these coins are worth thousands of dollars.

We had three new members join at the meeting. Please welcom **Carol Taylor** and **Frank & Marlene Barnes**.

The October hunt was covered, no shovels, headphones are required and be ready for a good time.

For anyone interested Kellyco is looking for employees and for people to be in a Whites commercial. For more inof call Kellyco and ask for John Betner.

The December meeting will be our Christmas Party. It will be held at the VFW hall on Edgewater Drive. For more info come to the November meeting.

We will be doing our annual Holiday Baskets. Please bring in donations.

Bank night was for \$30.00. Unfortunately #101, **Joe Walton**, was not present to collect it.

Ron Devary won \$34.00 in the half and half drawing.

Jerry Hitson won a silver half dollar in the silver raffle.

EDITORIAL:

It's amazing how fast the days pass by. We are fast approaching the end of another year. I would say it has been a good year for our club. The membership is growing pretty good and we've been pretty active.

In the next couple months we have several things to take care of. Firstis our annual holiday baskets. Everyone needs to remember to bring in items to donate. If you aren't sure what to bring, here is an excellent suggestion from **Gerry West**. Go to a local grocery store, like Goodings or Albertsons, and get a gift certificate. So please bring items in to the November

meeting. We also have the Christmas Party in December. Ray's article covers the date and location. The club will supply the main course, usually turkey and dressing, the rest of the club members bring in covered dishes. The business part of the meeting is done as fast as possible so the party will not run too late. For those with children, if you can supply you-know-who with a gift with your child's name on it, he will deliver it in person. The exact details for the party will be discussed at the November meeting.

The November meeting is also when we will nominate officers for 1999. The vote will be in December.

Also remember to pay your 1999 dues in the next couple months.

I missed the hunt last month, but **Doug Melvin** has provided a detailed article.

The December newsletter will bring to a close five years as your Editor. I have enjoyed being the Editor, but I think its time for some fresh ideas. I'm happy to announce the new Editor will be **Vince Faulkner**. I would like to say thank you to everyone for your help and support.

GOOD HUNTING

THE EDITOR

FIND OF THE MONTH for OCTOBER

Single Coin.....	MIKE MYERS
Group Coin.....	PETE SABITINI
Single Jewelry.....	MIKE MYERS
Group Jewelry.....	TED SMITH
Single Artifact.....	CAROL TAYLOR
Group Artifact.....	DAVE GASCOYNE
Single Odds-N-Ends.....	ROB LOUCKS
Group Odds-N-Ends.....	ROB LOUCKS

October camping trip:

This was one of the most enjoyable metal detecting camping trips that I've ever been on and I believe most of the other campers would agree with me! It was amazing the number of coins and jewelry that was recovered! For whatever reasons the turnout for the camping trip was poor, only five people from the "Dig and Find Coin Shooters and Historical Club", five from the "Gold Coast Treasure Club" and sixteen from the "Central Florida Metal Detecting Club", a total of just twenty-six overnight campers. Like most camps they have a minimum group camp use fee, for this camp it was for forty campers! If you do a little math you will quickly see that the CFMDC went deep into the hole financially for this hunt, we had to pay for the club members who decided not to attend. If club members are not going to participate on these camping trips than there won't be many more planned! Ray mentioned that some club members may not be aware or appreciate how much time and effort goes into lining up a camp for us, believe me that it takes much more than one simple phone call! You may have noticed that both Ray and Lonna both put in a lot of extra effort to make sure everyone enjoys the camping experience. Our club is most fortunate to have them in and active in our club! Let's demonstrate a little more support for our club officers and club activities. I should note that these camping trips are financial bargains, I think most people would be hard pressed to enjoy a weekend get-a-way for under thirty dollars which includes three meals and a place to sleep. And as an added bonus, on our camping trips you get to pursue our hobby til you get tired, prizes are usually given away during Saturday night game night, sometimes coins or tokens are planted in the ground for us to find, you get to socialize with people who share your interest in metal detecting and you have made no effort to locate and get permission to detect a site, the club has provided that for you.

Saturday morning we met at our assigned meeting place. Ray gave us some particulars about the camp and directions to get there. I think everyone was excited about the camp as it was begun in 1911 as a Boy Scout camp. In 1946 another group took it over.

That's a lot of time and people for one site! Shortly after 9 AM we were all on our way to the camp. The weather was just perfect for our outing, neither too hot or too cold. I have to admit that the mosquitos ere bad but some insect repellent made them just a minor nuisance. We arrived at the camp, everyone got settled in and than began metal detecting. In what seemed a short time it was time for lunch. I think everyone was holding their breath to see what lunch looked like because we've had some poor food in the past. This time we were pleasantly surprised! There was salad, rolls and bread, assorted cheeses and meats, tuna, potato or macroni salads, fruits and canned sodas, fruit punch, iced tea, or bottled spring water to drink. I noticed that most of the drinks were left out after lunch, dinner and breakfast for thirsty campers to enjoy, I thought that was most generous and thoughtful of the camp staff. During and after lunch most people were comparing finds, some people had already done well in recovering coins, this encouraged the rest of us! For dinner we had chicken patties, mashed potatos, mixed vegetables, salad, fruits, rolls adn the assorted drinks as previously mentioned and chocolate cake for dessert. It was tasty and there was plenty of everything. After dinner Lonna wrote down everyones coin and jewelry recovery totals. By Saturday evening we had recovered over eighteen hundred coins! Everyone displayed their finds and three judges determined which ones were the four best ones. Ray awarded cash awards to the four people who had recovered the best finds so far. Terry Hahn of the D&F Club recovered a 14k gold ring with a one carat tear shaped diamon on it! Mirek Gorzkowski of the Gold Coast Treasure Club recovered a silver ring with an amethyst on it. Tom Dooley of the GCTC recovered a large sterling silver "poison" ring. Linda Bennet of the GCTC recovered a "gold" five inch boot knife and sheaf. Each person was awarded \$5.00. There were a number of other interesting finds, to name a few.: a silver coin from Guatamala minted in the early eighteen hundreds, three Saint Christopher silver medallions, silver dimes and quarters, wheat pennies, a few buffalo nickles not planted by Ray, five pocket knives, Boy Scout metallic items and a hand painted penny size hat pin. About forty pieces of jewelry were recovered, of this number eighteen items were rings!

The Leists stayed at the camp til about 11:30 am Sunday morning and at that time the final tally of coins recovered was over twenty-six hundred coins! In addition to the lost items in the ground Ray planted a roll of no date buffalo nickles and two rolls of painted pennies and one token. Very few of the buffalo nickles were do to the large number of pull tabs in the ground! You may think that the camp is now hunted out but this is definitely not the case. Of the painted pennies that Ray planted just over half were recovered. Depending on the color of the painted penny Ray awarded you with a silver dime or an indian head penny. Planting tokens or painted pennies is much better than planting the actual older coins, this way no older coins are left in the ground. Silver coins and other older coins are getting too expensive to be planting them in the ground when there is such a good chance that it won't be recovered! By Sunday morning the special token had not been found so Ray gave a hint as to it's location. The hint was "Lazarus Arising". Ralph Flipppo found it behind the wooden cross near the outdoor chapel. He won an 1861 seated liberty half dollar. Congradulations Ralph! The last overnight campers to leave the camp left at 2:30pm, they were still popping coins from the ground and this was in the heaviest hunted area, the area near the mens and womans cabins.

To lessen the financial burden on the CFMDC several silver rounds were raffled off. One lucky camper, Leonard Birdsall of the D&F club won two of them! Our last activity Saturday night was playing cash bingo. Ray awarded cash to the bingo game winners. You really had to pay attention as every bingo game was different. I never knew that there were so many different games of bingo for example, diagonal, "X", cornersand little robin. Our bingo caller was Linda Bennet who is the president of the GCTC. She did a very good job, she has a voice that is very easy to hear.

After our Sunday morning breakfast we had the kitchen staff come out and we thanked them with a round of applause. I think that they appreciated that. In addition to that we gave each of them a ten dollar bill which they all certainly deserved, besides serving us good meals they were friendly and seemed interested in pleasing us. Oh, for breakfast we had scrambled eggs, hot bagels, fruit, cerial if you wanted it, assorted sweet rolls, muffins, bacon, orange juice, milk, spring water or canned sodas.

One activity that I have noticed on our recent field or camping trips is the lack of activity by a club historian to take pictures. Wouldn't it be nice to have a photo record of some of our trips and of people in our club? Perhaps next year someone would be interested in doing this activity for our club. If a club member would want a copy of him or her self the club historian could give a picture copy and maybe the club could even make a modest profit on this service. Also if a club member would like a set of prints from a trip the historian could sell a set too at a modest cost. Does anyone in our club have any interest in this?

This was the last camping trip planned for this year soif you missed it you will have to wait til sometime next year to go on another one! This camping trip was good all around. Good weather, good food, good fun, good recoveries and good company!

Vice-President Douglas Melvin

Civil War in Florida

Here are some dates and forts that might be of interest. The battle sites might be a clue to a site worth doing some research on.

Jan. 10, 1861: Florida withdraws from the Union under the Ordinance of Secession.

Jan. 12, 1861: Confederates seize Navy Yard in Pensacola, occupying Forts Barrancas and McRee. Federals occupy Fort Pickens.

Jan. 28, 1861: Florida joins the Confederate States of America.

Mar. 20, 1862: Both Jacksonville and St. Augustine fall into Federal hands.

June 15, 1862: (New) Smyrna is shelled and town surrenders to

the Federal Navy.

Oct. 3, 1862: 1,200 Federals overrun the abandoned works at St. Johns Bluff. Tampa occupied by Federals.

Feb. 15, 1864: Union raiding party occupies Gainesville for one night and skirmishes with 2nd Fla. Cavalry and 2nd Fla. regiment.

Feb. 20, 1864: Confederate General Finegan crushes the Federal invasion at the battle of Olustee. Federal losses amount to one-third of their force.

Sept. 27, 1864: Federals take Marianna in a desperate fight. Confederates re-take city the following day.

Oct. 24, 1864: Federals defeated at battle of Middleburg.

Feb. 6, 1865: Battle of Braddock's Farm south of Palatka on the St. Johns River.

May 20, 1865: The Stars and Stripes are raised over the Capitol in Tallahassee.

July 25, 1868: Florida formally reinstated in Union, ending three-year military rule.

At least 15,000 Floridians saw military service. Of these, more than 1,000 were killed in action, some 5,000 were wounded, and another 5,000 died of hardship and disease.

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: Tesoro Stingray water and land machine. This machine is like new. Can be used on the wand or hip mounted. Asking \$400.00. Also a serf and turf Garrett AT-4 machine. Have the instruction booklet. Used as a hip mounted machine. Asking \$300.00. Also have a long handle water scoop. Asking \$50.00. Contact Ray Leist (407)322-5509

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.