

CENTRAL FLORIDA Treasure Tales

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The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club meets the second Friday of each month. The meetings are held at The Sanford Garden Club. Meetings start at 7:30pm.

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From the Presidents Desk

THE JUNE MEETING WILL BE ON THE 18th. THE REMAINING MEETINGS WILL BE ON THE 2nd FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AS IN THE PAST.
 THE SUMMER IS UPON US AND EVERYONE WATCH OUT FOR THE HEAT AND LIGHTNING. BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.

THE SPEAKER FOR THIS MONTH (the coin guy) HAD TO TAKE A RAIN CHECK. SO WE WILL NOT HAVE A SPEAKER THIS MEETING AND I HAVE TRIED TO CHASE DOWN A SITE FOR JUNE, BUT HAVE HAD NO LUCK. SEEMS AS HOW THEY WONT ALLOW A BUNCH OF PEOPLE IN OR THEY JUST DONT WANT THE PROBLEM. SITES ARE BECOMING HARDER AND HARDER TO GET BECAUSE OF TRYING TO GET A CLUB ON THE SITE. MAYBE AFTER THE SUMMER IT WILL BE DIFFERENT.

GREAT NEWS: THE FMDAC HUNT AND CONVENTION WILL BE HELD ON THE WEST COAST OF FLORIDA IN THE YEAR OF 2000. IF YOU DID NOT ATTEND IN 1996 YOU NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO GO NEXT YEAR.

IF ANY OF YOU WANT TO RUN FOR A CHAPTER OFFICE OR A NATIONAL OFFICE YOU CAN CONTACT THE PRES. OF FMDAC BY E-MAIL AT CGarretwe@aol.com

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT METAL DETECTING IN ANY OTHER COUNTRIES YOU CAN E-MAIL TO laryarms@southwind.net OR CALL JOANNE CORBETT AT 609-921-8686.

REMEMBER TO KEEP BOB LAJEUNESSE, PEG WALKERS DAUGHTER, HELEN FLIPPO, DON AND BETTY HURDIG, GRADY COX'S DAUGHTER, & STEVE KIRBYS WIFE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND IF YOU COULD SEND THEM A CARD I KNOW THAT THEY WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

ON THE RIDICULOUS SIDE: IT SEEMS THAT A NATIONAL PARK WILL NOT ALLOW BUG OR ANT PESTICIDES TO BE USED IN THE PARK AREA BECAUSE SOME OF THESE BUGS AND ANTS ARE PROTECTED BY THE ENVIORMENTIASTS. SO IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE IN A NATIONAL OR STATE PARK THIS SUMMER, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE NO MOSQUITO OR ANT SPRAY OR YOU COULD BE FINED FOR USING THESE PRODUCTS.

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 MEMBERS AND I WANT TO 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 NEXT CLUB MEETING AND DONT FORGET!!!!!!! BRING A STRANGER.

President-Ray Leist

Items of interest or for sale

Animal License Tags Wanted:
Will pay 50 cents each for pre-1990 tags.

Also

For Sale: Garrett GTI 1500 \$550.00

Contact: George Livingston 896-3585

For Sale: Fisher 1280X with 8" white coil
And Hard Case \$450.00

Contact: Lance Detotto (407) 238-9158

DIG EVERYTHING? – NOT! TRY THE XLT LAZY MAN PROGRAM

By Lance P. Detotto

Everyone worth their salt in Metal Detecting tell us to dig everything if you want to make good, great, or even spectacular finds. I too have read the articles and testimonials stating how some type of great item was found by detecting in the all metal mode in a trash infested area, or a good item was found after digging a nail or bottle cap close by. I don't necessarily disagree – heck I've even had some neat finds after first digging a piece of junk.

What I am about to propose goes against what many enthusiasts and purists believe, so I am presenting it as only an option to use or reject based on what you as an individual want to experiment with. I only ask that all who read this keep an open mind.

The following program (in my Whites XLT) I have made a Custom Program named: "LPD (my initials) LAZY MAN 25¢". However, something similar can probably be done with most metal detectors with discrimination in some form or another.

I start with the factory preset program "Coin/Jewelry". I leave everything as the factory set it up with the exception of the following:

1. Threshold to "15"
2. Target Volume to Maximum
3. AC Sensitivity to "70"
4. VCO – "ON"
5. Pre Amp Gain to "4"
6. I also radically change the discrimination as follows:
 - A. Reject: -30 to +78
 - B. Accept: +79 to +94
 - C. Reject: +95

With this program I have found many fine items. It was born out of my desire to find a Silver Half Dollar at one site very likely to contain one. I wanted to maximize my chances within the limited detecting time I had at this site, while still being able to find items like Silver Quarters and other miscellaneous items and "high" coins. The second reason I implemented this strategy was Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. Due to increased computer use at the office I now can only swing my detector and dig on land about 3 hours maximum with plenty of rest periods, due to the pain in my wrists.

The site that inspired this program was a complete neighborhood that is temporarily ghosted. Some former military housing built from the 50's through the 80's is in the process of being gutted and rebuilt to be sold as a new housing community. There are approximately 150 – 200 homes (all empty) with front and back yards that will all eventually be re-sodded. My hunting buddy Pete was able to secure permission for this site. While the homes are empty care must still be taken to keep out of the way of the construction crews and employees.

The first time I hunted this Modern Ghost Town with Pete I spent almost the entire visit in two back yards. I found a couple of goodies but nothing spectacular. The second time I hunted this site with Pete I spent our entire 2 ½ hours of hunting time in only one small front yard. I found plenty of pulltabs and modern coins but no silver coinage. Pete that day did strike SILVER!

In the last few minutes before we left on that second visit I created the "LPD Lazy Man 25¢". Within 15 minutes wandering over ½ a dozen front yards I found \$1.50 in coins, a lady's Timex Pendant Watch, a large M-4 copper shell casing dated 1954, a U.S. Marine Corps Token, a U.S. Military Ensignia, a hammer from a revolver, and only one piece of trash!! This experience started me thinking.

Recently, I was able to go to Pete's site a third time. This time I stayed in the "LPD Lazy Man 25¢" Program the entire 2 hours. In addition to the normal coin finds including QUARTERS!, I found the following:

- * 2 Toy Vehicles including an English made Lesney DAF Matchbox Tipper Truck from 1968 which is valued at \$5 - \$12
- A large brass religious pendant which is almost as big as a ½ dollar with excellent detail
- Several pieces of scrap brass and copper (construction site trash)
- One of my Goals in Metal Detecting – My first BADGE!

It is a N.Y. City Detective Badge with D.E.A. at the bottom and the NY. State Seal in the middle. It is brass and on the front much of the enamel is still intact. It may not be very old or valuable – but to me it is a key prize to be treasured and showed off! This badge was found several houses down from our starting point. I can honestly say that if I had been detecting in the normal "Coin Jewelry" mode, I never would have made it that far down the block and someone else would have found the badge or it would still be there today!

To summarize, I will let you make your own judgements as to the value of my program. However, for me, I now have a new strategy to add to my overall arsenal of detecting methods. I hope to see you in the field having fun and digging lots of good targets!!