

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

WE HAD A GOOD MEETING IN APRIL ALTHOUGH THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME FACES MISSING. THERE WAS SOME VERY INTERSTING FINDS ON THE TABLE. REMEMBER THE JUNE MEETING WILL BE ON JUNE 18th THE 3rd FRIDAY.

WE WILL BE HAVING OUR MAY HUNT ON MAY 15th. IT WILL BE AT THE PARK BEHIND LAKE MARY HIGH SCHOOL. VINCE WILL PUT IN A MAP TO SHOW YOU THE LOCATION. TED WILL HAVE MORE ABOUT THE HUNT IN THE NEWSLETTER. YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A FOOD DISH AND YOUR DRINKS. THE CLUB WILL FURNISH THE MEAT AND THE PLATES AND PLASTIC WARE.

THE APRIL BEACH HUNT WAS A DUD BUT IF IT WILL RAIN EVERY TIME I PLAN A HUNT I WILL SCEDULE ONE EVERY WEEKEND.

GREAT NEWS: THE FMDAC NATIONAL HUNT AND CONVENTION WILL BE HELD ON THE WEST COAST OF FLORIDA IN THE YEAR 2000. IF YOU DID NOT MAKE THE ONE IN 1996, NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN TO ATTEND THIS ONE IN YOUR BACK YARD. THERE WILL BE MORE ON THIS AS TIME GETS CLOSER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN FOR A CHAPTER OR NATIONAL OFFICE YOU CAN CONTACT CGarrett@aol.com. IF YOU WISH TO GET THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT THE FMDAC AND WHAT IS HAPPENING YOU CAN GO TO chasjone@erols.com OR YOU CAN CALL 1-703-780-5026 AND SPEAK TO CHARLES JONES. ALSO YOU CAN FIND OUT ABOUT HUNTING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES BY GOING TO jcjc0910@aol.com OR CALL JOANNE CORBETT AT 609-921-8686.

IF YOU ARE A BOY OR GIRL BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND 14 YOU ARE ELGIBLE TO WIN A METAL DETECTOR AND HUNT PACKAGE. YOU NEED TO SEND YOU NAME AND AGE AND ADDRESS AND WHY ' I WOULD LIKE TO WIN A METAL DETECTOR.' TO KIRK VANSOY 5822 BARBANELL ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90815. THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR A BOY AND A GIRL. THE ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY OCT. 9, 1999 AND PARENTS CAN EVEN HELP.

ON SUNDAY MAY THE 23rd I AND ANYONE WHO WILL HELP WILL HOLD A TRAINING SESSION ON HOW TO USE YOUR METAL DETECTOR. THIS WILL INCLUDE RETREVING TARGETS, HOW TO PINPOINT TARGETS, HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR MACHINE, RESEARCH, AND MANY MORE FACETS OF METAL DETECTING. THIS SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE LAKE MARY PARK JUST BEHIND LAKE MARY COMMUNITY BUILDING. THERE WILL BE LAND AS WELL AS WATER TRAINING.

REMEMBER BOB LAJEUNESSE, BETTY HURTIG, HELEN FLIPPO, STEVE KIRBYS WIFE (JOANN), GRADY COX'S DAUGHTER, PEG WALKER'S DAUGHTER (PEG) IN YOUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS. We were sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Jerry Hitson brother Ronald. He passed away on May 3rd and his

arrangements were on May 6th in Orlando. Please keep the Hitson family in your thoughts and prayers.

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 SMILING FACE. COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT A GREAT HOBBY. WE HAVE SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS (JACK POPE OF APOPKA) AND I PERSONALLY WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR CLUB. I URGE THE MEMBERS TO MAKE HIM FEEL WELCOME. WITHOUT GROWTH WE WILL NOT SURVIVE. I WILL SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE MAY CLUB MEETING AND DON'T FORGET!!!! BRING A STRANGER.

President-Ray Leist

Club Hunt and Picnic

Hello to All

The Saturday after the May meeting, the 15th, we will have a club hunt and picnic at Greenwood Lakes Park near the Lake Mary library and Lake Mary High School. Vince will have a map in this newsletter.

The club will supply hot dogs and hamburgers, club members are asked to bring a covered dish. Feel free to bring family members. The hunt will have lots of silver, cash prizes and a gold coin. The hunt will begin about 10 am and lunch will follow the prizes. Don't miss this one, I have some surprises also.

Vice-President-Ted Smith

CFMDC - Meeting Notes for April

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. Several guests were at the meeting and recognized. Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. Ray's joke of the month gave us new definitions of several computer items.

Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. March bank balance is \$2956.72.

Ray discussed the Grant hunt scheduled for the Saturday after the April club meeting. Because of the low number of signups, anyone wanting to go can sign up at the hunt.

A recap of the March hunt was given by Ray.

Sue Dubiel is putting together a metal detecting cruise to the Bahamas for October. This cruise will leave from Port Canaveral. Other hunts were also mentioned. See the papers for further information.

Madeline asked for help writing letters to your legislators who want to cut funds for adults with disabilities. The proposed bill is Bill 1791.

Lonna has raffle tickets available from the Southeast chapter. Prices are \$2.00 each and 3 for \$5.00. Raffle prizes include 4 gold eagles.

Ray passed out surveys to get feedback on the types of hunt and speakers wanted at the meetings. Everyone should have filled it out and returned it to Ray at the meeting.

The April hunt is April 17th in Daytona Beach. Everyone should meet at the Ora Street parking area around 9:00 a.m. The hunt is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. Everyone will hunt for about 4 hours and return to the parking area. Prizes will be awarded. Donations of coins found on the beach will be made to a local charity.

The May hunt will be run by Ted Smith and will be held at the Lake Mary park. The hunt site will be planted and we will have a BBQ at the

site. The club will supply the meat and paper goods. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish for sharing and your own drinks. The hunt will be held on the Saturday following the May meeting. The cost of the hunt is \$10.00. Ted is looking for some donations for prizes. Bring them to the May meeting.

There was not enough interest in the club shirts or the I.D. cards. We'll try again at a later date.

The Annual club auction will be held at the August meeting.

Welcome New Members: Jack Pope & Linda Bennett

Finds of the Month:

Single Coin	Steve Kirby
Group Coins	George Livingston
Single Jewelry	Steve Kirby
Group Jewelry	Alden Mitchell
Single Artifact	Dave Gascoyne
Group Artifacts	Dave Gascoyne
Single Odds/End	Grady Cox
Group Odds/Ends	Steve Kirby

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Chuck ~~Hibben~~ - Secretary

Florida Humor

I've had 2 By-pass surgeries a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer, and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation, hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends.

But.....Thank God, I still have my Florida driver's license!

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

A penny for my thoughts and a dime, quarter or dollar bill

By Lance Detotto

Have you ever been to a park and thought it would be great if there wasn't all this grass and you could just see the recently dropped coins on the surface?

Wouldn't it also be great if someone could compute the amount of coins and denominations dropped and "lost" within that park based on the actual dropped items and people that used that area?

It would be **great** but it could never happen - Right? Maybe not!

Here is my attempt to do just that based on one particular area.

I exercise in the early morning by walking an average of three to four days a week for 30 minutes. I walk around the circumference on my apartment parking lot a few times. Since moving in 4 months ago I have found a variety of coins as my walking took place. It is these coins that I will use to give an idea of what can be lost in a typical park, parking lot, ect.

My parking lot's surface area in total is much smaller than a small park, however for the sake of this article we will say it is the same as a small park or grassy area. Also based on the facts that when I exercise it is dark and much of the surface area is covered by parked cars, it is safe to assume that I only find about 25 % or less of what is actually lost there.

The following are my four month (1/3 year) totals:

50+ pennies
1 nickel
6 dimes
2 quarters
3 dollar bills

If this is average for my "Park" (parking lot) then the following could be a yearly total of actual finds by me (without a metal detector).

150 + pennies
3 nickels
18 dimes
6 quarters
9 dollar bills

To get a yearly total of all items lost in our area we will multiply the above by 4 since we are assuming that the actual finds represent only 25 % of the total items lost.

This yearly total Is:

600+ pennies

12 nickels
72 dimes
24 quarters
36 dollar bills

A five year projected total would be:

3000+ pennies (\$30.00)
60 nickels (\$3.00)
360 dimes (\$36.00)
120 quarters (30.00)
180 dollar bills (\$180.00)
Total \$279.00

Wow! Over \$279.00 dollars lost on pavement that was not heard, seen or picked up.

Imagine what has been lost in your local parks with their nice soft grass to cushion and hide falling coins, jewelry, ect. How long have your parks been their? 1 year, 10 years, 100+ years? Could the lost dollar bills once have been silver dollars? Are their 1000's of coins in the empty lot where the overflow parking for church services has been going on for years?

Who knows? I know one sure way to find out !

Am I recommending that everyone go out and find some of these stockpiles of coins? No. Although it is not a farfetched idea.

Overall this article is to illustrate to the curious something that is difficult to judge. Also for the beginner, just starting out, who may find it hard to believe that anyone dropping money wouldn't know it - this is for them too. Coins are all around us. Even in and on paved parking lots at 5:30 am in the morning.