

TREASURE TALK

CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Treasures hunters code of ethics

I WILL not treasure hunt on private property without the permission of the owner.

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

I WILL not tamper with signs, structures or equipment

I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources wildlife and private property

I WILL fill all my dug holes, remove and properly dispose all trash that I find

I WILL leave the property the same as I found it.

I WILL assist law enforcement, government agencies and private citizens as needed

I WILL not litter

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Central Florida Metal Detecting Club
meets the 2nd Friday of each month at
7:30 p.m. The club meetings are held
at the Sanford Garden Club building.

SECRETARIES REPORT FOR THE JUNE CLUB MEETING

SUBMITTED BY CHUCK HOSBEIN

The June meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting club was called to order at 7:40 PM by vice-President Doug Melvin. The meeting started with Doug giving the club members a brief history of his life and his interest in metal detecting. Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. We had two guests at the meeting and they were recognized and welcomed. The secretaries report was read and accepted. No treasurer's report was given as the treasurer is on a two month vacation.

Doug gave a brief report on the Sebring hunt. There were a total of 32 hunters, three from the D & F Club, about ten from our club and the rest from the gold coast club. Doug indicated that it was a very hot day and the ground contained a lot of trash. Some modern coins and just a few silver coins were recovered. There may be many items remaining though as the site was a Second World War Naval Pilot training base and due to the race track traffic many items may have been lost.

While down in Sebring, Doug and Linda, the president of the Gold Coast Club, took some time out and investigated a site for our fall camping trip. We were both impressed with the site and the person in charge of scheduling the camp group usage assured us that they try to serve top notch meals! We are in the process of reserving the camp for our use. The joint camping trip is planned for the last weekend in October and the cost will be \$40.00 per camper. This will include a place to sleep Saturday night, three meals and all of the metal detecting that you care to do! The site has been a camping site since the 50's and it has a large lake swimming area. The present owners have had the camp for ten years. More information will be available in the future, but set aside October 28th and 29th on your calendar for this activity!

Information about the June Lake Mary Park planted hunt was given. It is scheduled for Saturday after the club meeting. Doug Melvin and Jerry Hitson are setting everything up. The cost for the hunt is five dollars per entrant. The money collected will be used for cash prizes. Everyone is asked to bring their own non-alcoholic drink and a picnic lunch. The hunt will start at 9 AM and last for one hour. Only small digging tools should be used and no sifters. There will be tokens planted which will be good for silver coins, 175 total. Other numbered tokens and miscellaneous will be planted.

Our guest speaker at the June meeting was Steve Raytar, who was invited to give us a presentation by Jerry Hitson. Steve discussed historic hiking trails in the state of Florida. He has done much work in setting up a large number of these trails. Steve related how hard it was to get any information on hiking trails before he started researching them. He has now written several books on the subject and he had a few copies available for purchase at the meeting. The books retail for almost forty dollars each but Steve allowed club members to purchase the few that he had with him at \$15.00 each! They were snapped up very quickly! Steve also discussed the Department of Forestry's Trails walker program. With this program you earn patches for walking the various hiking trails. Steve makes some money selling the patches that he has designed for the program. So far the profit has been used to purchase newly designed patches. One of the books written by Steve, entitled, "Indian War Sites" drew some interest at the presentation ending and the one copy available was quickly purchased. Steve received a round of applause at the end of his presentation.

After the door prizes were awarded, name tag drawing and Finds of the Month, Doug closed the meeting with an interesting video titled "Recovering Civil War Artifacts with a Metal Detector."

Raffle tickets from the Federation hunt are available. We have two books of eleven tickets each..They will be available for purchase at the July club meeting.

The July hunt will be a scavenger hunt! The list of items to look for will be in the July newsletter. The judging will take place at the August club meeting so please don't bring in anything at the July meeting.

Finds of the Month:

Single coin	Scott Young	1853 Seated dime
Group coin	Scott Young	Indian head pennies, 1921 Buffalo nickle, 1916 Barber quarter and others
Jewelry single	Jack Dee	14K gold diamond ring
Jewelry Group	Ron DeVary	Collection of gold and silver rings and miscellaneous
Single Artifact	Ron DeVary	Suspender buckle
Group Artifacts	Steve Hinson	Miscellaneous artifacts and buttons
Single Odds and Ends	Glenn Hanson	a gold nugget
Group Odds and ends	Dave Gascoyne	Petrified bones and sharks teeth

Our Silver and Cash Hunt was held on Saturday June 10th at the Lake Mary Greenwood Lake County Park. The weather was just perfect for it! There was a nice breeze, most of the hunt field was in the shade and at 9 AM it was still pleasantly cool. It was easy digging too as due to the drought the area was mostly bare sand! The hunt was started at 9:10 AM we waited a few minutes for any possible latecomers. As all collected hunt fees were awarded as cash prizes there will be no refund of monies paid for the hunt. The hunt prize allotment was based on about a twenty entrant hunt. Only ten entrants showed up so many of the entrants did very well in winning cash and silver coins! All of the planted tokens were recovered! One hundred and seventy-five silver coins awarded to ten entrants is a good investment for a five dollar hunt fee! And there were twelve envelopes containing cash prizes with between five and twenty-five dollars in each envelope. I believe one entrant won sixty-five dollars total, another forty-five dollars, another twenty dollars and other entrants lesser amounts. Twelve envelopes of cash for ten entrants is an excellent ratio! About three hundred and fifty dollars in cash and silver coins was awarded. A number of trash targets were planted and each one was worth five dollars. As in most hunts a few people will do very well, a few people will do very poorly and most people are in the middle. It takes some luck, and skill in using ones detector to do well. Its always nice to win things but hopefully the most fun is just participating! I think everyone had a good time. We didn't keep a log of everyones winnings. Hunt recoveries are not eligible for the Finds of the Month but feel free to put them in the display category! After the hunt and awarding of prizes some entrants enjoyed a picnic lunch under the pavilion.

Club news: I received information from Roland Davis that a couple lost a twelve thousand dollar sapphire and diamond ring and he was able to recover it for them! Congratulations Roland! He can tell us more about it at our club meeting.

Information: You will notice that the newsletter is quite different this month! Ray, who normally does our newsletter is out of town on a two month vacation so I am putting out this month's issue. I am also on my vacation, I only have access to my typewriter so the newsletter may be somewhat different and shorter than usual! If all goes ok I will be mailing it from where I am staying, check out the postmark! If I make it back safely I will be conducting the meeting again! I am looking forward to seeing everyone!

Detective Emmett Browning from OPD is scheduled to be our guest speaker. He will be updating us on the latest developments concerning the police murder and wounding.

If time permits I would like to show another interesting video. If I can retrieve the borrowed video concerning the history of the coke bottle we could view that or we could go on a trip looking for Indian artifacts!

Interesting tib-bits;

On July 3rd, the anniversary of Pickett's charge, the controversial 320 foot battlefield viewing tower at Gettysburg was demolished. Historians say that the three day battle fought July 1-3, 1863, marked the beginning of the end of the Civil War. About 160,000 troops fought here. About 51,000 were killed, wounded or captured. It was a Union victory. The tower opened in 1974 to serve as a spot to educate people about the battle with a birds eye view. The National Park Service and many individuals have considered the tower to be an insult a desigration to the battlefield and are happy to see it come down. A plan is in place to keep the battlefield as near to what it was in 1863 as possible. Supporters of the tower accuse the Park service of heavy handed tactics of eminent domain to "steal" and demolish the tower. The plan includes a controversial decision to demolish the existing visitor center and construct a brand new 39.3 million dollar visitor center and museum complex.

The last of the pure-blooded Kaw Nation, the Indian tribe that gave the state of Kansas its name has died. William Mehojah, 82, was one of only about 2,500 people on the Kaw Nation Tribal roll, most have only a fraction of Kaw blood. The tribe, previously known as the Konza, Kanza or Kansa at one time stretched over 20 million acres across northern Kansas into Nebraska and Missouri. In the early 1800's the tribe moved to the Kaw Valley. In 1873 the U.S. government moved them to a reservation in northern Oklahoma, by then their number had been reduced to about 700 people. Today about 600 live on the former reservation lands.

REMEMBERING INDEPENDENCE DAY

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates. Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot about what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't fight just the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government! Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't. So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid. REMEMBER: freedom is never free! I hope you will show your support by please passing this on to as many people as you can. It's time we get the word out that patriotism is NOT a sin, and the Fourth of July has more to it than beer, picnics, and baseball games.