

TREASURE TALK

MAY 2000

CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB

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CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB MEETS THE 2nd FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. NEXT MEETING MAY 12th. MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE SANFORD GARDEN CLUB. FOR DIRECTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION CALL RAY LEIST----407-322-5509.

YOU WILL HAVE TO EXCUSE THE FORMAT OF THE NEWSLETTER BECAUSE MY COMPUTER IS ON THE FRITZ.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

WOW!!!! WAY TO GO GUY'S. IF YOU HAVE NOT HEARD BY NOW, OUR GUYS FROM CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB FOUND THE GUN THAT KILLED ORLANDO POLICE OFFICER GEORGE DeSALVIA. THE GROUP HEADED UP BY ROLAND DAVIS FOUND THE GUN THAT SEVERAL POLICE AND NAVY DIVERS COULD NOT FIND. OUR GROUP WAS CALLED OUT APRIL THE 22nd AND WAS TOLD WHERE THE GUNMAN HAD THROWN THE GUN. THEY SEARCHED THAT AREA WITHOUT SUCCESS THE NEXT WEEKEND THEY WENT BACK AND RETRACED THE GUNMAN'S STEPS AND WITHIN 28 MINUTES RALPH ALL FOUND THE WEAPON. RALPH DESERVES THE FIND OF THE MONTH FOR THAT ONE. THE FOLLOWING ARE MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED.

ROLAND DAVIS, GRADY COX, RALPH ALL, RON DEVARY, MICHEL HOLMAN, CHUCK HOSBEIN, CHUCK PASTORE, BILL SHACKELFORD, GLEN HANSON, STEVE KIRBY, TONY KRAPIL, AL MILLS, JIM MITCHELL, JEFF RECTOR, PETE SABANTINI & DON HICKEY. IF I LEFT ANYONE OUT I AM SORRY.

THIS WAS A GREAT FIND NOT ONLY FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO FOR THE CLUB.

SECRETARY CHUCK HOSBEIN--MEETING MINUTES

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:50 PM. BY PRESIDENT RAY LEIST. THE MEETING STARTED WITH RAY'S JOKE OF THE MONTH. RAY THEN GAVE US A GOOD NUMBER QUIZ. BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES WERE RECOGNIZED. SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORTS WERE READ AND ACCEPTED. THE MARCH BANK BALANCE WAS \$2134.22. GEORGE LIVINGSTON MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE NEW GOLD COLORED DOLLAR COINS. HE STATED THAT EVERY ONE SHOULD BUY THEM, THEN LOSE THEM TO SEE IF THEY CAN BE FOUND WITH A METAL DETECTOR. HA, HA, GEORGE.

WE HAD TWO GUEST WHO ARE NOW MEMBERS. VINCENT GIACHETTI AND GEORGE MERRIT. PLEASE MAKE THESE MEMBERS WELCOME.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WAS TOM DANKOWSKI. MANY OF YOU MAY REMEMBER TOM FROM THE JANUARY 1999 MEETING WHEN HE SPOKE OF SEVERAL METAL DETECTING TIPS AS WELL AS TOLD OF THE MINELAB 2200. THIS MONTH'S TOPIC WAS "MASKING". MASKING OCCURS WHEN A BAD OBJECT SUCH AS IRON OR A PULL TAB MASKS A GOOD TARGET. HE GAVE SEVERAL DEMONSTRATIONS USING COMMON JUNK ITEMS, THAT WE DIG, TO SHOW WHAT CAN MASK OUT A GOOD TARGET. HE SHOWED HOW A SMALL STAPLE CAN MASK COINS AND FOOL THE DETECTOR INTO INDICATING JUNK. JUST LIKE HIS PREVIOUS TALK IN 1999 TOM GAVE US A LOT OF GOOD INFORMATION AND HINTS TO HELP LOCATE THE GOOD TARGETS.

THE NEW MEMBER SHIP LIST WAS PASSED OUT AT THE APRIL MEETING. RAY REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THE FEDERATION HUNT WILL BE HELD IN CLEARWATER ON SEPTEMBER 15 THRU 17. THE BIG HUNT WILL BE ON SUNDAY THE 17th. AN ENTRY FORM WAS IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON GOING YOU NEED TO SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ENTRY FEES GO UP AFTER MAY 31st.

THE APRIL HUNT WILL BE IN THE LAKE WALES AREA AND WILL BE AN OVERNIGHT HUNT. THE COST IS \$35 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES THREE MEALS. DIRECTIONS WERE IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER. RAY WILL BE PLANTING ITEMS FOR PRIZES. THE NEXT CLUB HUNT WILL BE ON THE 27th OF MAY. THIS IS NOT A OVERNIGHT HUNT. THE HUNT SITE WILL BE ON THE INFIELD OF THE SEBRING RACE TRACK. THE SITE HAS NEVER BEEN HUNTED BUT THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TRASH BUT ALSO SOME GREAT TARGETS. MORE INFO WILL BE AT THE MAY MEETING.

APRIL FINDS OF THE MONTH

SINGLE COIN---- 1936 DIME--DOUG MELVIN

GROUP COINS--- SILVER COINS--ROLAND DAVIS

SINGLE JEWELRY-- 24K WATCH-- ROLAND DAVIS

GROUP JEWELRY--WATCH,DIAMOND RING. MISC

JEWELRY--ROLAND DAVIS

SINGLE ARTIFACTS-- HORSE SHOE--DOUG MELVIN

GROUP ARTIFACTS--CIVIL WAR FINDS--STEVE HINSON

SINGLE ODDS/ENDS--ZIPPO WATCH--STEVE SABANTINI

GROUP ODDS/ENDS-- RAZOR,ECT--GLEN HANSON

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO PEG WALKER IN THE PASSING OF HER DAUGHTER PEGGY. I KNOW IT IS VERY HARD LOSING A PARENT BUT IT IS MORE DIFFICULT IN LOSING A CHILD. OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO YOU PEG AND IF YOU NEED ANYTHING AT ALL JUST LET US KNOW.

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REPORT ON THE APRIL OUTING

LONNA AND I LEFT FOR LAKE WALES FRIDAY IN OUR NEWLY PURCHASED MOTOR HOME. WE GOT TO THE CAMP GROUND FRIDAY EVENING AND PROCEEDED TO SEED SOME TARGETS INTO THE GROUND FOR EVERYONE TO FIND. THEN WE SETTLED DOWN FOR THE EVENING. THE NEXT MORNING WE MEET THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE WAL-MART PARKING LOT. WE HAD 42 PEOPLE SHOW UP REPRESENTING 3 CLUBS. THE ACCOMMODATIONS WERE GREAT AND THE FOOD WAS EVEN GREATER. THE CAMP WAS FOUNDED IN 1947. THE CAMP HAD ABOUT 100 ACRES FOR US TO HUNT. THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT AND WE HAD NO!! BUGS. RAY PLANTED ABOUT 250 TARGETS. SOME OLD COINS AND SOME TOKENS FOR SILVER DIMES AND GOLD NICKELS FOR NEW GOLD DOLLARS. ONLY ABOUT 3/4 OF THE PENNIES WERE TURNED IN FOR SILVER DIMES. THIS DEMONSTRATES THAT NO SITE IS EVER HUNTED OUT BECAUSE THIS MAKES THE THIRD TIME OUR CLUB HAS HUNTED THIS CAMP AND THERE WAS STILL SILVER FOUND THAT RAY DID NOT PLANT. BY SUNDAY AFTERNOON THERE HAD BEEN FOUND APPROXIMATELY 2600 COINS, 24 RINGS, 8 OTHER PIECES OF JEWELRY AND 12 SILVER COINS. THE CLAD COINS FOUND TOTALED ABOUT \$125.00 AS SOON AS EVERYONE ARRIVED THEY DISPERSED TO THEIR CABINS AND THEN BEGIN DETECTING. AT NOON WE BROKE FOR LUNCH. THEY SERVED TOCOS, SALAD, DESERT, DRINKS AND POTATO SALAD. FOR DINNER THEY HAD FRIED CHICKEN, SALAD BAR, HOME MADE ROLLS, POTATOES, APPLE COBBLER AND DRINKS. AT 7 PM RAY CALLED EVERYONE TOGETHER AND GAVE OUT SILVER ROUNDS FOR THE 6 BEST FINDS. AT THIS TIME THE PAINTED PENNIES AND THE PAINTED NICKELS WERE EXCHANGED FOR SILVER DIMES AND THE NEW SACAGAWEA DOLLAR'S. TWO QUARTERS WERE WRAPPED IN TINFOIL AND THEY WERE GOOD FOR "GHOST TOWN LOCATIONS IN FLORIDA" BOOK WRITTEN BY JIM WARNKE WHO AUTOGRAPHED THE BOOK FOR THE FINDERS. AFTER A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS RAY BEGAN THE BINGO GAMES. THESE GAMES WERE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF BINGO. SOME WERE CRAZY L, CRAZY T, B AND O RAILROAD, AND OTHERS. WE PLAYED FOR ONE FULL HOUR AND THERE WERE MANY WINNERS. THE PRIZES RANGED FROM \$5 TO \$20 FOR THE COVER ALL. AT 9 PM EVERYONE WAS POOPED AND HEADED FOR THEIR CABINS (EXCEPT FOR SOME DIE HARDS). THE NEXT MORNING PEOPLE WERE UP BRIGHT AND EARLY AND AT 8 AM WE WERE SERVED BREAKFAST. THEY HAD SCRAMBLED EGGS, BACON, BISCUITS, GRAVY, GRITS, OATMEAL, CEREAL, SQUEEZE YOUR OWN ORANGE JUICE, MILK, & COFFEE. AFTER BREAKFAST SOME STARTED PACKING FOR THE TRIP HOME. SOME STAYED UNTIL ABOUT 2 PM. THIS WAS A VERY ENJOYABLE WEEKEND OUTING. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ONE IN SEPTEMBER SO DONT MISS OUT. ON THE WAY HOME RAY AND LONNAS MOTOR HOME CAUGHT ON FIRE AND BURNED TO THE GROUND. THEY GOT OUT WITH SOME MINOR BURNS BUT ALL THE MONEY FROM THE CAMP, THE CLUB RECORDS, AND LONNAS JEWELRY AND PURSE WERE BURNED. THEY WERE STRANDED ON I-4 AND THANKS TO FRANK BARNES WHO CAME TO GET THEM AND TAKE THEM TO WHERE THEY WERE TOWING WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE MOTOR HOME AND THEN HE TOOK THEM HOME. THANKS FRANK.

COMPILED BY DOUG MELVIN

DON'T MISS THE MAY MEETING GUEST SPEAKER!!!!

OUR GUEST SPEAKER FOR MAY MEETING WILL BE JOHN WHITWORTH. JOHN IS AN AVID COLLECTOR OF FOSSILS, ARROWHEADS AND ARTIFACTS. HE HAS SPENT A PERIOD OF TIME GOLD MINING IN ALASKA AND SAID IT DID NOT TAKE LONG FOR HIM TO REALIZE HE STILL NEEDED A REGULAR JOB. ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO HE BOUGHT HIS FIRST METAL DETECTOR AND HAS PUT IT TO GREAT USE. HE HAS SPENT THE LAST 8 YEARS PROMOTING AND ORGANIZING DETECTING TRIPS TO ENGLAND. HE HAS DEVELOPED A PASSION FOR COINS AND ARTIFACTS OF THE BRITISH ISLES. HE LOVES BRINGING HIS EXPERTISE TO DETECTORISTS ALL OVER THE WORLD. LAST YEAR HE ORGANIZED THE FIRST ALL ENGLISH STYLE RALLY EVER HELD IN AMERICA. THIS WAS HELD IN COLORADO. HE WILL BE REPEATING THIS AGAIN IN 2000 AND HAS BEEN INVITED TO PUT SMALL VERSIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. HE PLANS TO BRING A LARGE NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT HE HAS FOUND AS WELL AS MANY ITEMS THAT HE HAS ACQUIRED. HE WILL BRING DISPLAYS OF BUTTONS, ARTIFACTS ECT. HE ENCOURAGES ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS. **DON'T MISS THIS**

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MAY HUNT-- SEE ATTACHED FLYER--**

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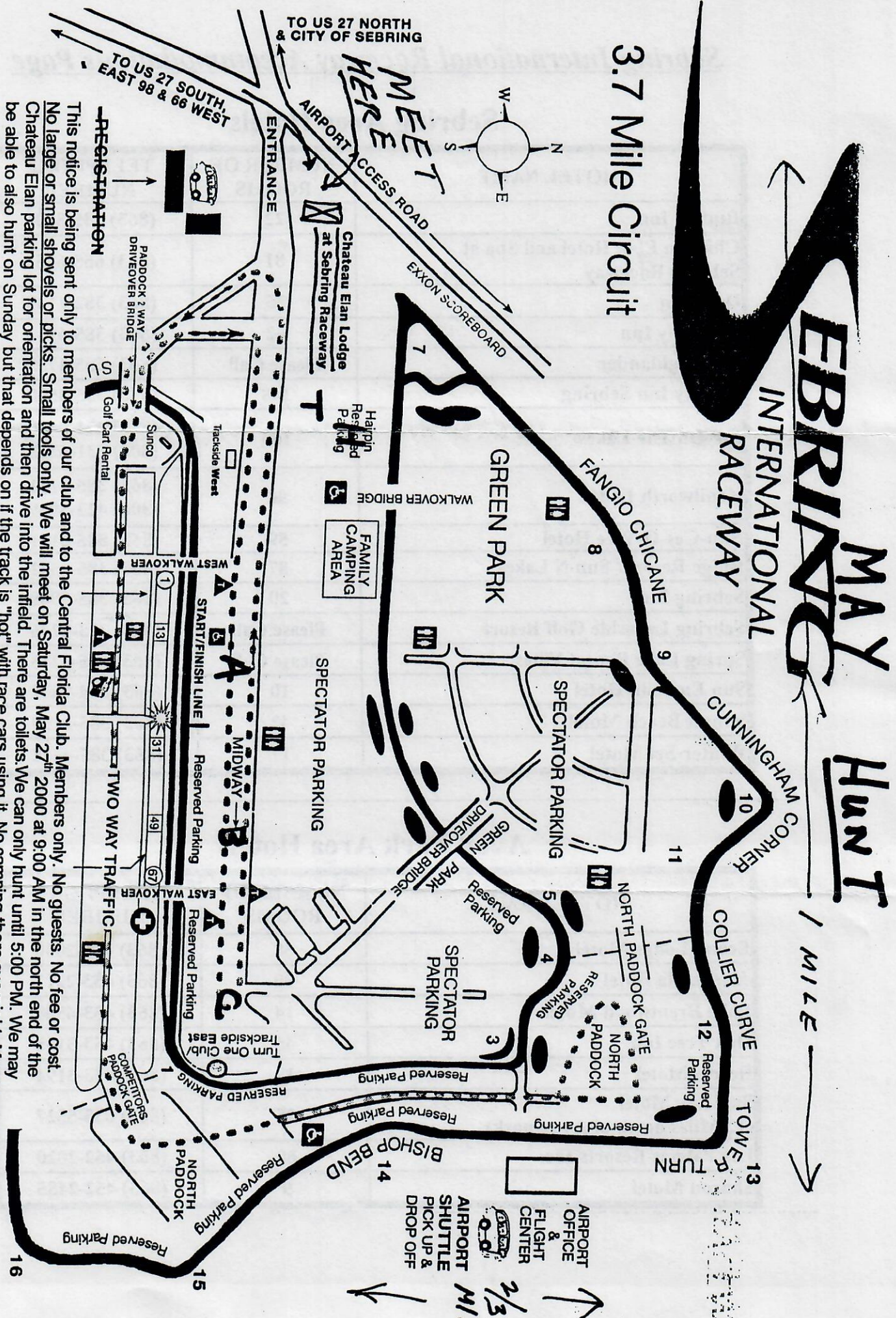
JUNE HUNT-- DOUG MELVIN AND JERRY HITSON WILL BE PUTTING ON A PLANTED HUNT AT THE LAKE MARY PARK. THIS WILL BE ON SATURDAY JUNE 10TH AND WILL START AT 10 AM. THE COST OF THE HUNT WILL BE ONLY \$5.00 PER PERSON AND ALL THE HUNT FEES WILL BE PUT BACK INTO THE HUNT. THERE WILL BE 100 SILVER DIMES, FIFTY SILVER QUARTERS, TWENTY FIVE SILVER HALFS AND TOKENS WORTH CASH PRIZES. LETS ALL TURN OUT AND HAVE A GREAT TIME. ALSO BRING YOUR OWN SNACK OR LUNCH AND DRINKS. YOU NEED TO SIGN UP FOR THIS HUNT AT THE MAY MEETING SO WE CAN BUY SILVER AND GET PRIZES.

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FOR SALE--MINELAB EXCALIBUR-- \$590.00 SEE OR CALL GEORGE LIVINGSTON--
407-896-3585
WANTED--PRE 1990 PET LICENCE TAGS. SEE OR CALL GEORGE LIVINGSTON
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GASCOYNE--407-767-0503**

SEBRING MAY HUNT

INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

3.7 Mile Circuit



REGISTRATION

This notice is being sent only to members of our club and to the Central Florida Club. Members only. No guests. No fee or cost. No large or small shovels or picks. Small tools only. We will meet on Saturday, May 27th 2000 at 9:00 AM in the north end of the Chateau Elan parking lot for orientation and then drive into the infield. There are toilets. We can only hunt until 5:00 PM. We may be able to also hunt on Sunday but that depends on if the track is "hot" with trace cars using it. No camping there overnight. Many campgrounds and motels nearby. (over). Café at the airport nearby and lots of eating places 3 miles north on US27 in Sebring. Bring your own eats if you wish. It will be HOT with very little shade so judge accordingly. If the weather is good there will be a story in *Lost Treasure Magazine*, possibly in the October issue, about this hunt. The date may change if the raceway is chartered for use at the last minute so be sure to sign up at the meeting with your tel. number or call Linda so we can call you if the hunt is postponed. This infield has been used by hundreds of thousands of spectators over a 45 years period with very little detecting and it has lots of pulltabs and bottle caps so practice your discrimination. It was also a bomber base in WW21 A hundred detectorists could hunt this place for a month and not find all the goodies! IF YOU I FAVE HUI ES WFE PANT CARP BAV...

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Sebring Area Hotels

HOTEL NAME	NUMBER OF ROOMS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Budget Inn	22	(863) 385-8901
Château Élan Hotel and Spa at Sebring Raceway	81	(863) 655-6252
Days Inn	35	(863) 382-1148
Economy Inn	42	(863) 385-6111
The Highlander	Please Call	(863) 655-1735
Quality Inn Sebring	148	(863) 385-4500
Inn On The Lakes	160	(863) 471-9400 (800) 531-5253
Kenilworth Lodge	90	(863) 385-0111 (800) 423-5939
Nan-Ces-O-Wee Hotel	59	(863) 385-0131
Ridge Resort / Sun N Lakes	87	(863) 385-2561
Sebring Inn	20	(863) 385-7049
Sebring Lakeside Golf Resort	Please Call	(888) 273-2746
Spring Lake Rental Villas	Please Call	(863) 655-6215
Sun En Sand Hotel	10	(863) 385-7841
Sunset Beach Motel	42	(863) 385-6129
Winter-Set Motel	17	(863) 385-4448

Avon Park Area Hotels

HOTEL NAME	NUMBER OF ROOMS	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Econo Lodge Motel	58	(863) 453-2000
Jacaranda Hotel	90	(863) 453-2211
Lake Brentwood Motel	14	(863) 453-4358
Oak Tree Inn	45	(863) 453-3165
Reed's Motel	19	(863) 453-3194
Sun Ray Motel (12 Miles north of Avon park)	25	(863) 635-5527
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