

TREASURE TALK

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the New Year, 2002. May this be a year of peace and prosperity to all. May we remember those that we lost last year, and that we can move on to a better and more prosperous New Year. As you can probably tell, I am not at my computer for the writing of this newsletter. I am in Oklahoma and will not be at my desk to do the January newsletter. This writing will be some what simplified and not have the regular format that I usually have. I will return for the club meeting but this mailing will be sent from Kansas.

We started off last year with our Old Town Hunt and we will do the same for this year. The hunt this year will be in Deland. We will meet at the Burger King on north Woodland Blvd. This is also Hwy 92. We will meet and go over the guidelines and disperse at 9 am. Sunday January 13th. You will be given 4 hours to hunt in the area and then meet back at the Burger King for awarding of the prizes. The categories for this hunt will be Oldest Coin, Most Coins Dug, Best Jewelry, Most Unusual Find, and The Prettiest Assortment of Junk. We will have the Mayor and his entourage of City Commissioners to award the prizes. If nothing else you will not want to miss this spectacle of Men and Women groveling in the dirt to find these treasure's.

Do not forget that January is the month that we have the judging for the FIND OF THE YEAR. Bring in those finds that you won first place in each category for the year of 2001.

Lets all come out to the January meeting and enjoy the beginning of the New Year. PARTY, PARTY, PARTY. If you missed the Christmas party you missed out on some fine cuisine, a lot of fine food and very good company at the party. We had about 42 people there but we missed you.

To do a little reminisce about the year 2001. We had 83 members in our club for this past year. We lost some of our good members last year. Grady Cox, and Gerry West. We will remember these fine people and how they made their contribution's to the club.

The club is still growing, with the interest of several people that have approached and said that they would like to join this coming year.

We always need more input from the members in sharing their ideas as to what can be done to make Central Florida Metal Detecting Club the kind of club you would like it to be. I would like to see more activities and different programs introduced into the club. I want to praise the people that have stepped forward and taken on responsibilities for making my job a lot easier.

We had about nine activities, including 2 overnight campouts, last year. In July we had our scavenger hunt which will now be The Grady Cox memorial hunt.

The club members have found and returned several rings to their owners this past year. The club has also agreed to be available to the Orange County Sheriffs, Winter Park police, Mount Dora police, Orlando Police Department, and Winter Park Police Department for recovering items used in crimes in these police departments jurisdiction. Many rings and items of value have been found by our

members and returned to their owners. One of our members recovered a car that was buried at a construction site. One of our members found a gun that was used in a crime. People approach our club members to find lost items and we are always happy to do so. Many valuable items have been found, \$6,000 watch, \$2,500 ring, \$3,500 ring and many class rings and other items that have been found and returned to their owners.

We had a great time and really put on the feed bag at the annual Club Christmas party. We had about 42 present and after dinner we had a Chinese auction exchange of gifts. After a while some people, who did not want to give up their gifts, started hiding what they had. Over all a lot of fun was had and it was a very enjoyable evening.

We will continue to have our 2 over night campout's and also our annual Grady Cox scavenger hunt.

I hope you have had a very good year as members of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club and we look forward to a greater and prosperous year in 2002.

Happy New Year Everyone.