

# TREASURE TALK

## CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB

MARCH 2002

CLUB'S WEB SITE-----<http://www.geocities.com/g8r81/cfmdc.html>

*Central Florida Metal Detecting Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The club meetings are held at the Sanford Garden Club building. For directions and other information call Ray Leist-----386-428-3401*

### Presidents

### Corner

Here it is March 2002. Where did 2001 go to. We have really had some great weather. Hope all you northern's haven't heard because you know that if too many people come to Florida, that we are going to sink. Our club just keeps growing. I would like for each of you older members, if you don't know someone at the club meeting to make a effort to go and introduce yourself and who knows, you may find a good hunting partner. I would like you to meet our newest member, Mike Rosendahl. Make him welcome. Well, I am still batching it. Lonna has been gone sense December 17<sup>th</sup> and I have not seen her sense January 6<sup>th</sup>. She wont be back to Florida until April 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am learning how to keep house by doing the laundry, cleaning the floors, making up the bed, taking care of the cats, ( I don't dirty many dishes), taking care of the bills, and talking to myself. Thank

goodness I haven't started answering myself, yet!!

The next camp out will be April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be real interesting. I have something different I am sure you are going to enjoy. This outing will be over toward the west coast of Florida. The cost for the two days and three meals and all the metal detecting you want to do is only \$45 per person. More details at the March and April club meeting's.

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We need to remember those on our do better list - Don Hurtig is still having leg trouble. Mark Condren, my nephew, is serving our country, Peg Walker is going for more surgery. Sue Rainey has had some health problems. Robert Alexandra has a tumor on his liver. I have been told our prayers really do help those that need it. If you know of someone who needs to be remembered let me know. I know that your thoughts and prayers help these people. Give them a call or send them a card. If we haven't seen your face in a while, we have missed you. We will see you at the next meeting and don't forget "bring a stranger".

President  
Ray Leist.

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### DONNA ROTHERY RECIPE FOR TOM THUMBS

Mix together: ½ cup of brown sugar, ½ cup butter(softened), 1 cup of flour. Press these ingredients into a 8 inch square pan and bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees.

Sift dry ingredients and add other ingredients:

2tbls. flour, 2 eggs, beaten, ½ tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. vanilla, ½ tsp salt, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 ½ cup coconut, 1 cup nuts. Mix together and pour over baked ingredients. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Page 1

*Treasure hunters code of ethic's*

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

*I Will not destroy historical sites, private or public property.*

*I Will not tamper with signs, structures or equipment.*

*I Will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources 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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## Secretary's Report For February Meeting

Submitted by Chuck Hosbein

The February meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 7:30 by club president Ray Leist. The meeting was opened this month with Bill Shackelford leading the club members with the Pledge of Allegiance.

This month's joke of the month was about a lady who needed her washing machine repaired. She warned the repairman not to talk to the parrot, he didn't listen.

We had several guests at the meeting tonight and they were recognized as well as everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of February. Ray informed the club that the current mailing list was in the February newsletter. If you did not get one, there were a few extras at the meeting.

Secretary's and Treasurer's report's were read and accepted. The closing bank balance for the month of January was \$1220.01.

Glen Hanson received a community service award from the club for returning a bracelet to it's owner.

We had a guest speaker at the February meeting and he was introduced by Ray. He was Mark Rutledge of the Metro Crime Prevention Organization. Mark gave the club a very good talk about crime prevention and how not to be a victim. Mark indicated that pepper spray is the #1 legal protection device in America. He had several personal sized pepper sprays for purchase at the meeting for \$10 each. Several of the club members purchased these.

There are several coin shows going on during the month of February and March. Most of them are local in Daytona and Orlando.

Frank Rothery is selling safari style hats for

\$20 each. If interested contact Frank.

Ray indicated that there will be an overnight hunt on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The site will be near Tampa and the club has not been on the site before. The price for the hunt is \$40 each.

Ray also told about a salvage hunt being planned by Captain Ron. This is a three month excursion and will cost \$1000 a week Ray introduced his plan for a challenge program. There will be several levels of challenges and as you complete a level, you receive an award and move on the next level.

Peg Walker brought in a metal detector and other items to be auctioned off. All items were sold as a package.

The Sebastian club will be having their annual hunt March 16<sup>th</sup> at Grant, Fl.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30

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### Finds of the Month (January, 2002)

SINGLE COIN= Tom Dankowski  
1865 Indian cent

GROUP COIN'S= Tom Dankowski  
Collection of silver coins

SINGLE JEWELRY== Betty Shackelford  
Sapphire and Diamond gold ring

GROUP JEWELRY= George Allen  
Watch, earrings, and misc jewelry

SINGLE ARTIFACTS= Glen Hanson  
U.S. Belt buckle

GROUP ARTIFACTS= Dave Gascoyne  
Civil War artifacts

SINGLE ODDS/ENDS=Glen Hanson  
U.S. Navel station badge

GROUP ODDS/ENDS= Dave Gascoyne  
Variety of misc items

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Bank night drawing was for \$20 and Scott Youngs name was drawn. You have to be here to win.

If a red house is made out of red bricks, and a blue house is made out of blue bricks and a pink house is made out of pink bricks and a black house is made out of black bricks and a brown house is made out of brown bricks, then what is a green house made out of???

## HOW U.S. RARE COINS ARE GRADED

Official coin grading standards for U. S. rare coins were originally established by Dr. William Sheldon in 1948, and later adopted by the American Numismatic Association.

The grading system runs from 70 to 1. The ideal coin is defined as a Perfect Mint State MS-70 and the scale runs down to a 1 which is the basic state of a barely recognizable coin.

Every coin's value is determined by both its rarity and state of preservation known as its grade. The higher the grade the fewer coins are known to have survived in that condition. Hence their value to serious collectors and investors soars in higher grades. Only a handful of the 'creme' de la 'creme' of rare coins grades above MS-65 and they command the highest prices

**MS-60— Uncirculated---**Coins may not have a full mint luster; may be dull toned or spotted; may be the worst possible example, but will show no wear or damage from circulation.

Most will exhibit bag marks.

**MS-63— Choice Brilliant Uncirculated----** Coin should be brilliant and uncirculated; may exhibit some toning but should not be dark enough to hide any problems; will have minor bag marks but still an "Above Average" coin.

**MS-64---- Distinct Brilliant Uncirculated—** Coin will be better

than MS-63, yet not quite an MS-65; will have few contact marks in the field and only minor marks of the main devices; fully struck with eye appeal; attraction toning permissible.

**MS-65----- Gem Brilliant**

**Uncirculated----** Coin will be shiny and have no major distraction in the fields or on the main devices; attractive toning is permissible; a very small percentage of available BU coins make this grade.

**Highest Grades- Seen in Museums & Investor Collections**

**Perfect Uncirculated Mint State MS-70**

**Gem Uncirculated MS-69**

**Gem Uncirculated MS-68**

**Gem Uncirculated MS-67**

**Gem Uncirculated MS-66**

**Popular Collector & Investor Grades**

**Choice Uncirculated MS-65**

**Choice Uncirculated MS-64**

**Uncirculated MS-63**

**Uncirculated MS-62**

**Uncirculated MS-61**

**Uncirculated MS60**

**Choice About Uncirculated AU-58**

**About Uncirculated AU-55**

**About Uncirculated AU-50**

**Extra Fine/About Uncirculated XF-45**

**Extra Fine XF-40**

**Lowest Grades for Hobbyist**

**Choice Very Fine VF-30**

**Very Fine VF-20**

**Fine F-12**

**Very Good VG-8**

**Good G-4**

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Have you heard what's happening in the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club? COME AND FIND OUT!!

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MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> - CLUB MEETING. COME ON OUT AN MEET SOME OF OUR LONG TIME MEMBERS AND SOME OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS.

WE ALSO WILL HAVE A GUEST SPEAKER THAT WILL ENTERTAIN YOU.

MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> THE TREASURE COAST ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY WILL HAVE THEIR 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT AT GRANT FLORIDA. GRANT IS LOCATED BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND SEBASTIAN. SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD HUNT.

MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> WEARING OF THE GREEN. DON'T GET PINCHED.

MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> FIRST DAY OF SPRING. WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF WE COULD HAVE 77-80 DEGREE DAYS AND 65-70 DEGREE NIGHTS. THEN EVERYONE WOULD COME TO FLORIDA.

MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> EASTER SUNDAY

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The following were taken from student test papers across the nation.

1. Ben Franklin produced electricity by rubbing two cats together.
2. Three kinds of blood vessels are: arteries, veins and caterpillars.
3. The Dodo is a bird that is nearly decent now.
4. The process of turning steam into water is called conversation.

IF YOU HAVE A BUSINESS AND WOULD LIKE TO PUT YOUR BUSINESS CARD IN THE NEWSLETTER, GIVE ME YOUR CARD AND I WILL PUT IT IN

THE CLASSIFIED SECTION IS A FREE SERVICE FOR THE MEMBERS OF CFMDC. IF THE ADD IS NO LONGER REQUIRED PLEASE TELL RAY LEIST OR CALL 386-428-3401

**FOR SALE**

18 inch Big Foot coil. Will fit Whites Eagle and Pro. Good buy at just \$90. Garrett Treasure Ace 300 with target ID. Great competition or back up detector. See or call Frank Hass @ 386-677-7272

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Whites Surfmaster PI - Retailer for \$599 Sell for \$350. See Deyton Peyton or call 386-238-0007 or 386-255 4659

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**WANTED TO BUY**

WILL BUY- Pre 1990 animal licence tags. See or call George Livingston. 407-896-3495

Florida Yankee wants to buy your Civil War and Seminole War collectibles. See Dave Gascoyne or call 407-767-0530

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METAL DETECTORS AND ACCESSORIES

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Melbourne, FL 32934  
321-254-5513

Turn Items Lost to Items Found  
Hidden Treasure to  
Recovered Treasure  
Be An Affluent Beach Bum

THE MORE YOU SEARCH THE MORE YOU FIND

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Ray's Joke of the Month has become an interesting tradition at our club meetings. I think everyone looks forward to it. We all enjoy a good chuckle or two. For our March meeting Ray will be getting a break. A special presentation has been lined up that will really tickle your funny bone. Well known humorist Buddy Raines of Deland and an assistant will be putting on a presentation for us. Buddy is really funny. Be sure to attend our March club meeting and feel free to invite a family member or friend. This is the first for CFMDC so we will see how it goes.

Submitted by Doug Melvin

## **Five Keys to Collecting Rare Coins**

### **1. Coins Should Look Great**

The artistic merit and eye appeal of a coin's design should be exceptionally high. The craftsmanship and quality must be impeccable. Rare coins are works of art, miniature sculptures treasured for their beauty and appeal to the senses as well as their historic value and rarity.

### **2. Coins Must Be Well Preserved.**

The current state of a coin's preservation must clearly demonstrate the design features without the unnecessary distractions of wear and scratches. The state of preservation is measured by a coin's grade. The official grading scale ranges from a completely worn out coin grading 1 to a absolutely perfect coin grading a 70. Coins in the MS-60 to 66 range are said to in mint condition and should have original mint luster with no signs of wear on the surfaces.

### **3. Gold and Silver Coins**

The best investment coins are minted in precious metals of gold and silver. These coins will exhibit a high appeal with collectors and have lasting intrinsic value. Rare coins minted in gold and silver have a double profit opportunity. They can go up in value both as collectibles and with the precious metal markets.

### **4. Insist on Official Legal Tender Coins.**

Many small, inexpensive coins are sold

as collectibles. They are often overpriced and have little resale value.

It is recommend that anyone investing in the Rare Coin Market stay away from coins minted in unknown places like the Marshall Islands. It is recommend that you stay primarily with US rare coins that were designed and minted by the US Mint's. These are designed as "Official Legal Tender" coins and are well known by both collectors and investors.

### **5. Rarity Pay's Off--**

Collectors always love to own what other people can't have. For that reason, they are the most likely to bid up prices in a hot coins market to obtain the rarest and hardest to find coins.

In conclusion look for pretty coins with nice interesting designs. Search out those minted in gold and silver that are well preserved and have a high appeal with collectors.

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### **A rare Coin- The Buffalo Nickel**

The Buffalo Nickel is one of the last classic looking coins released by the US mint. They were minted from 1913 to 1938 and were used as circulating coins of the day. The bison was modeled after "Black Diamond" a famous buffalo exhibited in his day at the New York Zoo. The Indian features 'Chief White-Calf' of the Blackfeet tribe in Montana .

In 1989, the 1938 coin was considered quite rare and traded for over \$300. Today you can acquire a Mint State Uncirculated MS-66 for around \$60. This coin has always been a collector favorite and hard to come by. People love both the Indian and Buffalo designs.