



Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

April 2022

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Note From the President:

We are having a great start to 2022 and are all getting adjusted to our new roles. As the year continues, you will see that we are working hard to make the 50-year anniversary the best yet!

We really want our annual event to be the best yet, so we are changing some of the hunts. As you heard at the club hunt, the penny hunt will be retired! The tentative date for the Sunshine Silver and Relic Hunt is October 8, 2022.

We plan to have more silver, more prizes, caches of coins, and even gold at this year's hunt. Many of the manufacturers are already on board!

To make this the best hunt ever, we are offering the by-back program and we already bought back a bunch of silver!

Buy Back Program:

Silver Dime \$1.00, Silver Quarter \$3.00, Silver Half \$12.00, Silver Dollar \$18.00, Silver Round \$20.00, War Nickel \$.50, Buffalo Nickel \$.15,

V Nickel \$.25, Indian Head Penny \$.50, Civil War Button \$.75, Civil War Bullet \$1.00.

Prices are subject to change based on the fair market value. Other coins and relic prices are to be determined by the CFMDC board.

We are planning of having some fundraising at a few of the events this year including an ice cream social, pizza party, and a silent auction. Start thinking about any donations you may have for the silent auction and stay tuned for the details.

As always, we thank all the members that spend their time helping the community. We are a service club, and this is what we do best. Please let us know if you make an attempt at recovery so that we can award you for representing the club.

See you at the meeting.

Jim

REMINDER: Club dues are \$25 for the year and there is a one-time membership fee of \$15. If you are paying by check, please make it out to "The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club"



Secretary's Report

March 2022 Meeting Notes

By: Debbie Bishop

The meeting was called to order on March 11, 2022 at 7:30 PM by club president Jim Tippitt.

Jim asked the members to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Debbie Bishop asked the member if there were any changes to the newsletter. There were several mix-ups on the pictures and names for the February finds table. Also, Dave Syler's phone number needed to be changed. Vickie Chilla reminded the members that the club dues were due and to see her to pay.

Jim handed out the placards for January and February that were missing.

New guests were called to the front and we had 4 new guests attend the meeting. Approximately 50 club members were in attendance.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the month were called to the front.

Bryan Mott explained the Finds Tables Points, best display, and the new procedure for finds table wins.

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be called up front to receive their silver. All the first place winners will stay up front so that we can get a group photo.
- You must write your name or badge number on the back of your finds slip in order to receive points.

Jim went over the buyback program with the club members.

Break was announced at 7:45.

Voting commenced. Break ended at 8:15 PM

Marc Hoover came to the front of spoke about Florida Hunt 8. \$32,000 was raised for Camp Freedom! He also spoke about the TCAS Annual hunt which was to be held on March 12, 2022. Marc also spoke of the upcoming Treasure Fest 4 and offered applications to both events. Bryan Mott gave his feedback from attending Treasure Fest 3.

Dave Syler announced our 50-year anniversary and requested that members let him know if they know anyone who would like to be a guest speaker. He also said we would not announce our guest speakers ahead of time since they have had the tendency to cancel.

George Case requested business cards and Debbie let him know to see her for cards.

Raffles were done.

Finds of the month were presented by Rob Loucks and Bryan Mott.

The 50/50 winner was awarded \$81!

Jim called the meeting to an end and asked the members to help put the tables and chairs by where we found them.



Come And Join Us!!!

We meet on the second Friday of every month.

Meeting Place:

Community United Methodist Church
41 West Highbanks Rd.
Debary, FL 32713

Meeting Date: January 10, 2020

Meeting Time: 7:30pm

OUR CLUB'S METAL DETECTING CODE OF ETHICS

1. Fill all holes. Leave the land and vegetation as it was.
2. Remove all trash and litter when you leave.
3. Respect the rights and property of others.
4. Observe all laws, whether national, state or local.
5. Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
6. Never destroy priceless historical/archeological treasures.
7. All metal detectorists may be judged by the example you set. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration for others.

Club patches available for \$8 each and to non-members at \$10 each. See Rob Hill at the meeting to purchase.



SILVER RAFFLE WINNERS

Walter Welsh, Bill Green, Doug Prock, Gene Hitchew (x3), Mason Porter

FIFTY/FIFTY WINNER

Janet Mott

BADGE DRAWING

No Winner
\$35 next month

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

Gene Hitchew and Chuck Hosbein

ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Chuck Hosbein

COIN VALUE OF THE MONTH

1913 P Indian Head Nickel

Mintage: 30,993,520

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Value</u>
Good	\$13
Fine	\$18
Extremely Fine	\$28

Source: www.usacoinbook.com

CFMDC Member Spotlight April 2022

William "Bryan" Mott

I first started metal detecting back in the '70s. I couldn't even tell you what my first detector was but it got me started. My second detector was a Fisher 1260x M-scope that I purchased 30+ years ago. I still have it and it works great. In fact, I use it often on recoveries because it doesn't go as deep as the newer models we have today. I guess I have always been interested in treasure hunting. In school, I hate going to history classes but now I cannot get enough. I had an uncle who had a detector, and we had some great times detecting together. I remember the first pre-1900 coin I found with him was an 1892 V-nickel and I still have it today.

I got married at 18 and my bride Janet was 16. We raised two boys together and now 48+ years later, we are enjoying my retirement and six grandchildren. I continued metal detecting throughout our marriage but since retirement, it has taken on a whole new adventure. I joined the CFMDC a few years ago, made some awesome friendships, and now average about two to three times a week, detecting around Central Florida and the miles of coast we have around us. I also got certified in scuba a couple of years ago and am looking forward to more underwater detecting.

This year I was voted into the CFMDC board, and I am excited to be a part of such a great club. I've met some amazing people along the way and the vast amount of knowledge and resources our group brings to this hobby is overwhelming. Everyone has their passion in this hobby and mine is recoveries. The feeling I get returning someone's lost heirloom is amazing. Every one of them is a memory. I have pictures of recoveries I've done and I could tell you each of the stories behind them. The one thing they all have in common is the utter joy and thankfulness they have in getting their item returned. The smiles, yeah the smiles, you do not forget. I personally don't charge people for recoveries. I look at it as my way of giving back to a hobby that I love. I am a blessed man being retired, enjoying life with my soulmate, our sons, grandchildren, and a little hobby called metal detecting.



CFMDC Member Appreciation Hunt March 2022

This month's hunt was our annual member appreciation hunt. About 60 members attended the hunt. There were 3 hunts throughout the morning. The first hunt was a token hunt. Once you found a token with a number on it, you had to leave the hunt field. If you left with more than one numbered token, then you were disqualified. The second hunt was a colored penny hunt. All members put all their pennies in a bag after the hunt and wrote their names on the bag. A different member was in charge of counting pennies and prizes were awarded for most and least total pennies and certain colors. The last hunt had about \$200 in clad coins with an additional 20 tokens for prizes. Prizes awarded included a lot of silver coins, old American coins, proof sets, and metal detecting gear. Alan and Ron cooked hamburgers and hotdogs while everyone participated in the hunts. Lots of great side dishes and desserts were brought in for a pot-luck-style lunch. We also had Terry Shannon attend the hunt as a special guest!







By Jim Fielding

[Metal Detecting Smarts - Reading the Manual](#)

You have one of the new, *everybody's-talking-about-it* metal detectors; so new you could swear the electronic engineer's fingerprints are still visible, faintly, on the plastic covered VDI screen! Shaking with anticipation, you roar off to the nearest field a few miles away, switch it ON and...and...nothing happens...nothing at all, What the? You shake the machine, check the batteries are inserted, wiggle the coil cable...nothing! "This machine is the #@\$#@#@&!!! pits...it's junk!!!" you furiously type in the 47 social groups you belong to.



Angrily you stuff it back in the box, drive 67 miles one-way to the shop you bought it from, slam it on the counter and tell the proprietor what you think of him for selling you a piece of expensive junk! The shop owner pulls the detector out of the box, and switches it on. Nothing. "There, you seeeeee!!!" you growl, vindicated in your righteousness. The shop owner dumps the rest of the boxes contents onto the counter; a charger, blue-tooth headphones, a screen protector, and an owner's manual, still sealed, factory fresh, inside it's plastic bag!

The shop owner stares at you, pulls the manual out, opens it to page one, and turns it toward you. "Please note, the plastic battery terminal covers inside the compartment must be removed before inserting the batteries." A quick look in the battery compartment reveals the plastic protectors are still there, preventing the battery from making contact. The shop owner pulls the plastic device out from beneath the battery terminals and the detector powers up fine. Reading the owners manual is your very best guide to learning the mysteries and idiosyncrasies of your detecting gear. Of course the *turn-it-on-and-run* urge is very strong, young Skywalker, you must learn the basics, if you are to utilize the force, the electrodynamic force, that is, which will eventually unlock some of the secrets of history. And when searching for history, out in the field, let your conscience, and your operating manual, be your guide!

2022 FINDS TABLES SCORES

FINDS TABLES scores through January 2022

Place	Name	Points
1	John Ayers	40
2	Danny Case	38
3	Lee Neubauer	34
4	Vickie Chilla	25
5	Pete Richter	24
6	Jim Tippitt	16
7	Bill Green	15
8T	Richard Balkham	14
8T	Alan James	14
8T	Doug Prock	14
9T	Debbie Bishop	12
9T	Marc Hoover	12
10T	Mike Grace	11
10T	Gage Dover	11
10T	Mason Porter	11
11	Jerry Burbaugh	8
12	Bill Bergdoll	7
13	Roy Peters	6
14	Bryan Mott	5
15T	Jerry Hitson	4
15T	Amy Raspa	4
15T	Deborah Prock	4
15T	Gene Hitechew	4
16	Jim Fielding	3
17T	David Syler	2
17T	Debbie Edwards	2
17T	Joe Marsh	2

Finds Table Rules and Etiquette

Do not pick up other members' finds without their consent.

Please do not cheat.

Do not solicit votes.

ONLY bring finds in that you found WHILE detecting.

Vote for the find you like the most!

Do not look at the name or number on the back of the voting slip to determine your vote.

Only vote 1 time!

Voting is for active members only.

Remember this is a friendly competition. Have fun with it!



Artifact Group 1st
Alan James



Artifact Single 1st
Alan James



Coin Group 1st
Jim Tippitt



Coin Single 1st
Gage Dover



Jewelry Group 1st
Danny Case



Jewelry Single 1st
Gene Hitchew



Odds & Ends Group 1st
Mason Porter



Odds & Ends Single 1st
Lee Neubauer



Best Display
Marc Hoover

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Application For Membership

Please Print Application

Membership Fees: _____ **Single (\$15)**
(Membership Fee may incur after one year lapse of dues)

Membership Dues: \$25.00 Per year/ Per Member

Make all checks out to C.F.M.D.C.

Meetings: Second Friday of Each Month at 7:30 pm

Location: Community United Methodist Church

41 West Highbanks Rd.

Debary, FL 32713

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

When are you available for Metal Detecting? Weekdays-- Weekends--

I agree to abide to all club rules and obey the treasure hunters code of ethics.

Signature: _____

Introduced by: _____

**Applications and fees may be presented at the meeting or mailed to:
CFMDC Members**

P.O. Box 1563, Eustis, FL. 32727

Or online at: <http://www.thecfmdc.com/join.html>

Club Officers

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Club Volunteers

Monthly Finds Tables

Rob Loucks

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Jerry Hitson

Half & Half

George & Deborah Guimond

Silver Raffle

Bill & Betty Shackelford

Photographers

Bill Shackelford, Rob Loucks, Jerry Hitson

Refreshments

Joe Bishop

Newsletter Editor

Carolyn Yohannes

**ANY TIME YOU SHOW UP
FOR A CLUB MEETING OR
HUNT, DON'T FORGET TO
SIGN THE REGISTER.**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING
A SNACK FOR THE MONTHLY
MEETING!**