



Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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Note From the President:

We made it to 2023! My first year on the board as President was fun and a learning experience for sure. I want to thank all of you for your support and participation in 2022. This year we will have an even better year.

At the Christmas party, we held elections, and the same board was nominated and elected. Thank you for allowing all of us another year!

This month's meeting will be a busy one. We will have our hunter of the year presentations. Please bring in any of your first-place wins from 2022 because we will be voting on the finds of the year at the meeting on Friday.

Also, bring in any finds that you have since the last meeting. We will start the 2023 and finds table points at the meeting. I personally want to challenge each member to bring in 1 find a month. Let's see your finds this year. Remember, last January we voted that a member cannot receive hunter of the year two years in a row. You can still participate and share your finds with the members.

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"

Come And Join Us!!!

We meet the second Friday of every month.

Meeting Place:

Community United Methodist Church

41 West Highbanks Rd.

Debary, FL 32713

Meeting Date: January 13, 2021

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



Space Coast Newest Detecting Store!



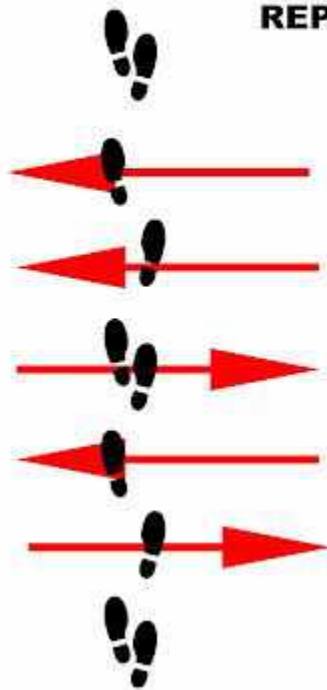
Sweep and Pattern Failure - Missing the point and everything else

I was casually watching a YouTube video the other day on my shiny new computer tablet, following a big-name treasure media guy. You know, guys with names like *Pirate Rick*, or *Backhoe Bosco*, *Silver Sherry*...you know the drill. Internet "stars" (with a small s) chasing the spotlight. His GoPro was recording the hi-speed passage of the beach below with his huge tramping feet, in and out of frame, as he talked, rapid-fire, a lot smack; *we are gonna' find silver!* and "*The adventure begins!*" as the color graphics swell with "*GOLD! GOLD! GOLD! GOLD!*" and music *fades* for commercial.

We are back!! Once again, the treasure dance continues along the sandy shore, coil sweeping, incessant talking, and an occasional jerk to a stop as we DIG A COIN; and a clad one at that! Exciting stuff indeed! But wait...something is wrong. I stare at the 4K screen and try to figure out what. Something very basic, even primal, is going off the rails here. Suddenly I realize what's wrong, and it's because *he's missing every other sweep by stepping forward instead of doing a reverse sweep before he moves!* This is equivalent to metal detecting a football stadium and literally missing half the field with your scans! What's going on here? Why is he *in a big hurry?* This guys a media *treasure star*, a YouTube darling in metal detecting circles! And here lies the problem: A person new to the hobby watches these channels, examines the detectorists' every move, then clones the same techniques when they are out in the field themselves. And missing half the targets.

Social media metal detecting and real world metal detecting occasionally diverge due to the fact that *anyone* can start a media channel and call themselves a treasure hunter . And many times they really don't know any more about the hobby than the tyro's watching the show. However, that YouTube money is sweet, one of the reasons this happens more than anyone realizes; mistaking entertainment as expertise. Maybe this was just one instance, but no. Time and again I watch videos where the detectorist is practically running up the beach or across the park...and missing targets by the barge-load!

**STAND, SWEEP LEFT, SWEEP RIGHT
WALK AHEAD ONE STEP
REPEAT**



**'Its not how much
ground you cover, it's
how you cover the
ground!'**

-Gary Drayton

This technique is called out by Gary Drayton, one guy who really knows his stuff, as low and slow, move ahead one step, sweep, coil level, to the right (or left) then, one coil width forward, sweep in the opposite direction. Step forward again and do the same. This assures your search pattern covers ALL the ground. Continual walking forward while swinging the coil almost assures you only cover half the ground you are scanning! Paraphrasing *Mr. Drayton*, "It's not how much ground you cover, it's how you cover the ground!" This technique along with stable coil control (keep it level!) will assure your targets, as *Jim Fielding* says, "...will be found, if they are in the ground!" There are only so many slices of metal detecting pie left, and with more and more people entering the hobby, those slices are getting slimmer by the day. Get your slice, using good technique, before someone else does!

Finds Table Rules and Etiquette

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

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

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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 meeting or mailed to:

CFMDC Members

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

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

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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!**