



Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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Note From the President:

We have done it! We have successfully pulled off the 9th Annual Sunshine Silver and Relic Hunt! What a busy year it has been planning this event that drew in participants and sponsors from all over the country!

I would like to thank Minelab for being our platinum sponsor. Our other sponsors that I would like to thank are: Garrett, Nokta Makro, First Texas Products, Paul's Coins, Jimmy Crossbones, Relic Chic, RTG, the Mel Fisher family, Gary Penta from mydetecting.com, Marc Hoover with Adventures in History, Terry Shannon, Digging It Detectors, Kellyco, Doug Prock, Reesie's Weenies, Barn Yard Country Kitchen and Smoke House, Relic Chic, Michael Mott, Janet Mott, and Scuba Wize. I hope I did not forget anyone.

Without the sponsors and our volunteers, we could not have pulled off an epic event like we did.

Shout out to all of our volunteers: Debbie Green, George Case, Janet Mott, Bryan Mott, Debbie Bishop, Joe Bishop, Vickie Chilla, Dave

Syler, Linda Tippitt, Rob Loucks, Carolyn Yohannes, Gary Flatt, Alan James, Jim Fielding, Patti Fielding, George Guimond, Gail Hoover, Zack Harwick and Solo! If I missed someone, I apologize in advance.

Next we are preparing for the Christmas party and it is going to be a big party this year.

In November, we will have nominations for the board. Please consider running for any position! It is a rewarding position to be in with the club and new ideas on the board are always welcome!

See ya at the meeting!

Jim



Secretary's Report

September 2022 Meeting Notes

By: Debbie Bishop

Meeting was called to order on September 9, 2022 at 7:32 PM by Jim Tippitt.

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

Jim informed the members that the meeting was going to move fast because we had a lot to cover: Silent Auction, Ice Cream Social, Raffles, and Finds Table.

Jim called birthdays and anniversaries to the front.

Jim welcomed the new members to the club.

Jim called Bryan Mott, Alan James, George Guimond, and Dave Syler to the front to award them with a silver round for the clean up efforts at the church.

Bryan explained to the members how the silent auction works.

Break was called at 7:45

Voting commenced. Break ended at 8:30 PM

Silent auction winners were awarded their purchases.

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

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





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: October 14, 2022

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

Don Hickey, Shane Anderson, Jerry Hitson,
Janey Mott, Angela Dardini

FIFTY/FIFTY WINNER

Gail Hoover

BADGE DRAWING

No Winner
\$45 next month

September Birthdays

Christine Merriam, Janet Mott, Daniel Lewis,
Richard Ketchum, Brad Simmons and Pete
Ritcher

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

Jim and Linda Tippitt, Carolyn and Phil
Yohannes, Richard and Kathleen Morarick

COIN VALUE OF THE MONTH

1990 Lincoln Cent No Mint

Mintage: 2,000

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Value</u>
PR	\$4509

Source: www.usacoinbook.com

Space Coast Newest Detecting Store!





By Jim Fielding

Whatcha' Doing? - Handling The Watchers

It is a fact that metal detecting in public places, and even sometimes on private permissions, tends to attract what I've always called "The Watchers," although other detectorists and treasure hunters have other names for them, mostly unprintable, but all-in-all they are members of the public, mostly bored, who have become interested in what you are doing. Some just innately curious, and others with trouble-making in mind.



Usually the first order of business is to try and ignore them. Wearing a pair of headphones is usually a great idea, and your body-language and motions should imply "I'm Workin' He-ah!!" with your head down, gazing at that moving coil...and sometimes, just for show, press a few benign buttons, and make a bit of a deal of checking the control panel, and pretending you can't hear them. Above all, if you can help it, according to my friend *Rob Hill*, "DON'T MAKE EYE CONTACT!"

Now to be fair, here in Central Florida, we have visitors literally from all over the world. And it appears that metal detecting along a public beach is not very common in some countries, and they genuinely want to know what you are doing, and why you are doing it? Many people stop me and ask "*What are you looking for?*" You can usually tell by their tone and body-language if they are really interested or just trying to distract you as they toss cut pennies or fake treasure coins behind your back. One middle-aged guy did that to my wife while we were hunting a park...I stay reasonably close to her most of the time, cause you never know, and she can get distracted during the hunt, so I keep my eyes scanning all the time. He was asking her questions, and while she was answering, I see the jerk tossing stuff in the grass behind her...usually these morons throw zinc pennies that they have cut in half or into quarters. That did not end well for him, as the Park Ranger I called over offered him

one of two options; either pay a \$200 fine for littering, or he could get down on his hands and knees and recover all those tiny bits of copper. I bet he wished he knew how to use a metal detector.

Usually, my beach hunting takes place on Cocoa Beach here in Central Florida, and just north of it, The City of Cape Canaveral Beach. These beaches are just south (about 3 or 4 miles) of Space-X's launch facility and draws people to watch space shots, so they are good to hunt after a launch. And I never know when they are going to launch...many times I'll be startled from a deep rumble then a bright lance of flame, as a Space-X Falcon 9 flares above the shoreline and vanishes into the sky. And I've been know to go back to metal detecting, forgetting that Space-X rocket boosters usually come home for a landing a few minutes later. More than once I've had to return to my car for clean underwear after the twin sonic booms of returning spacecraft have scared me half to death.



Buddy Jerry Hitson asking me if I hear a rumbling sound on Canaveral Beach

On occasion though, someone you might view as a "...watcher" or a heckler may *not* be what they seem. Case in point, in the middle of one week I was having a bad day and headed for the beach for a few hours of solitude metal detecting. I was having very little tolerance for "The Watchers" and descended into my curmudgeon mode; I ignore *everyone*, no questions asked or accepted. While detecting along Cape Canaveral Beach, a man followed me along, parallel to the beach as I scanned the wet ocean sand. I reversed course and headed south, and the guy did the same, walking at my speed, watching me as I detected. Finally, exasperated, I kind of snapped at the guy. *"Is SOMETHING wrong Sir???"*

He was a bit startled and said *"Oh no, no, nothing is wrong. I'm on my lunch hour. I work for the City of Cape Canaveral and I just noticed you were metal detecting along the beach."* I looked at him, somewhat annoyed, still wondering what his angle was...I soon found out. He pointed to a certain stretch of beach I had passed and he said *"I grew up here in the late-1950's and early 60's and that part used to be called 'Family Beach' back in the day. Hundreds of people would park their cars in that vacant lot over there and absolutely packed the beach until long after dark. They built bonfires, sang songs, cooked hot dogs and they left happy! "*

He smiled then and said "*Those were the days!*" After talking with him a bit more he had to get back to work and I back to metal detecting. I can say, his advice was on the money, literally, and I enjoyed a lot of very nice finds there until that stretch of beach was "reclaimed" with 7-feet of sand dumped on it, then the adjacent vacant lot was bulldozed into oblivion just in time for a brand new sterile high-rise to be constructed over it, entombing any further artifacts from the past forever...well, *my* forever anyway. Listening to what the "watcher" had to say was gold, and he unselfishly gave that information to me, hoping I would rescue some of those lost items and bring them back into the light of the 21st Century. I learned then it is better to pause and listen for a few minutes...there may be important things to be said.

Me, my metal detector and associated gear been in a lot of photographs taken with Norwegian families, badly-sunburned English families, Japanese tourists, German and French folks on holiday, as well as Korean and Chinese tourists alike. I was as polite and informative I could possibly be and they moved on, having had an enjoyable experience that they may remember for a long time. Then again, maybe not. My point is, when you absolutely cannot avoid a conversation with the watchers on the beach, be polite, informative and friendly. I've donate fishing lures and handfuls of lead weights to beach fishermen along the shore. I can't use them and they are somewhat expensive to purchase and the fishermen are glad to get them. Several folks from out of state stopped to ask questions one day, they were very polite and friendly, and I ended up handing them a NASA medallion (costume jewelry...I'm not *crazy*, mind you!) I'd found as a souvenir of their visit to the Space Coast. Remember, no matter where they are from, they are still THE PUBLIC and treating the sincere ones with respect will garner respect for those of us in the hobby and the hobby in general.

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

2022 FINDS TABLES SCORES

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Place	Name	Points
1	Danny Case	113
2	John Ayers	98
3	Bill Green	92
4	Gage Dover	85
5	Lee Neubauer	81
6	Alan James	63
7	Jim Tippitt	62
8	Bryan Mott	59
9	Pete Richter	53
10	Gary Flatt	39
11	Vickie Chilla	30
12	Debbie Bishop	27
13	Richard Balkham	22
13	Mason Porter	22
14	Marc Hoover	20
15	Rob Hill	18
15	Jerry Hitson	18
16	Doug Prock	15
17	Bill Bergdoll	12
18	Mike Grace	11
18	Yamil Rodriguez	11
19	Jerry Burbaugh	7
19	Amy Raspa	7
19	Gary Dover	7
19	Jim Fielding	7
20	Roy Peters	6
20	Ricky Jacobs	6
20	Deborah Prock	6
21	David Syler	5
22	Gene Hitechew	4
22	Daniel Lewis	4
23	Metthew Fields	3
23	Shane Bryant	3
23	Dawn Taylor	3
23	Jim Sippel	3
24	Debbie Edwards	2
24	Joe Marsh	2
25	Cherly Fields	1
25	Tyler Clausen	1
25	Walter Welch	1
25	William Yates	1



Artifact Group 1st

Bill Green



Artifact Single 1st

Bill Green



Coin Group 1st

Lee Neubauer



Coin Single 1st

Jerry Hitson



Jewelry Group 1st

Lee Neubauer



Jewelry Single 1st

John Ayers



Odds & Ends Group 1st
Danny Case



Odds & Ends Single 1st
Bill Green



Best Display
Dave Gascoyne



2022 Christmas Party

12/2/2022

Members Only Christmas Party (1 guest per member)

Location: Church Time: 7 pm

Cost: Free

Special Activity: Annual Christmas Party (Club meeting)



The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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Secretary: Debbie Bishop

386-878-6929

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>

Club Officers

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Club Volunteers

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Rob Loucks

Webmaster

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!**