



Treasure Talk



The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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Note From the President:

A brand New Year! Bring on 2024, we are ready for it! I feel like I have done this before but it has been a little while...lol

A year, with a new board! The new board members have already met and have begun planning for the year. We are excited to make an announcement at Friday's meeting so you will want to be there!

Friday's meeting will be a busy one. We will announce our Hunter's of the year. Vote on the Finds of the Year and have our monthly Finds table voting. Remember to bring in

all of your finds from December and January.

I wanted to thank the former board members for their time and service to the club. Jim Tippett, Dave Syler, Bryan Mott and Vickie Chilla did a great job and we are sad to see them step down.

If you have found any items and returned them to the public, we appreciate you serving the community. Please let a board member know before each meeting so that we can recognize your actions.

Lastly, the snacks we are providing come from the members so it is always appreciated when you bring something to the meeting!

See ya at the meeting,

Carolyn



Secretary's Report

December Meeting Notes

By: Debbie Bishop

The meeting was an informal meeting this month. It was our Christmas party and a very fun one!

We started around 6:30 with elections. Carolyn Yohannes was voted in as president. Alan James was voted in as Vice President. Gary Flatt was voted in as 2nd Vice President, Debbie Bishop was voted in as secretary. Jim Fielding was voted in as treasurer.

Next Marc and Gail Hoover were thanked for representing E.S.T.H.E.R and members were encouraged to buy raffles tickets to raise money for E.S.T.H.E.R.

Cowboy Chicken catering the party and it was fantastic. Carolyn asked that members leave a review on their Google page (Kissimmee Cowboy Chicken) if they enjoyed the food.

Bryan Mott led the dinner with a prayer. Then the festivities began!



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 on the second Friday of every month.

Meeting Place:

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

Meeting Date: January 12, 2024
Meeting Time: 7:30pm

The Central Florida 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.

December 2024 Raffle Winners Silver Raffle Winners



Silver Raffle
N/A

50/50 Winner
N/A

Name Badge Winner
NA



By Jim Fielding

So it Begins Again - Welcome to Metal Detecting!

I was going to pen this in a slightly glib manner, but after a bit of re-thinking, I figured that was the easy way out. And I am not known for taking the easy way out, ever! Tomorrow, when 2024 surfaces like a damaged U-boat, it will mark my 60th anniversary in the metal detecting hobby. I built my own primitive, feeble, beat frequency oscillator detector (BFO) out of spare parts in 1964 when I was little more than 13-years old. It was the best machine for finding flattened beer cans ever made and I've been beeping ever since. So, I feel I have a little skin in the game, enough to offer advice and criticism thereof. Just to set

a baseline here, *"So it begins again..."* refers to the real fears long-time detectorists harbor as they realize thousands of metal detectors will soon be gifted to thousands of would-be hobbyists on December 25th. Their fears are usually borne out as the Social Media Metal Detecting Groups feel the surge immediately, as membership suddenly swells the day after Christmas and will keep on for several weeks after. Comments like "I always wanted to do this!" and "I'm NEW to the hobby and would like to learn more about it!" and hundreds of variations of this theme pour into the membership request slots for Administrators to ponder.

**understand detecting ethics
before touching the detector**



The really best comments that fill me with hope are from new users that want to learn more about the hobby, presumably and figuratively, and learn the *best* way to practice it. I salute those who are here on a mission of ethical and moral exploits in a hobby that has a dearth of both. The most important ethical point I can possibly make, from Matthew, in the Bible, *"All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto*

them" Basically treat everyone with respect, and respect is doing what is right. Metal detecting in itself has the potential, like anything else, to do great good (returning lost items for folks) or great evil (damaging property, leaving holes and dug garbage everywhere) and *you* are the deciding factor!

As far as your new hobby goes it can be as simple as hunting a beach or park or as complex as hunting for battlefield relics or lost treasure at sea; And, like Doc says in "Back to the Future," it's whatever *you* want to make of it! The technical specs, operating procedures, additional tools and best practices can be found most anywhere on the world-wide web, as well as the worst practices, like disturbing war graves, or digging up a cemetery! This brings me to the greatest benefit you could take advantage of as a new player in this awesome hobby which would be to join a local metal detecting club. There you will find fast friends who share your interests, can help you "learn the ropes" hands-on, and mentor you through a hobby that will bring you years of health and enjoyment. Just remember, ethics come first, detecting second!

Good luck and happy hunting to you all!

Finds Table Rules and Etiquette

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

Do not solicit votes.

ONLY bring finds that you found WHILE detecting.

Vote for the find you like the most!

Do Not share finds.

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!



Place	Member	Total Point
1	Gage Dover	145
2	Rob Hill	127
3	Bill Green	111
4	Gary Flatt	108
5	Danny Case	89
6	John Ayers	85
7	Rob Loucks	68
8	David Gascyone	63
9	Lee Neubauer	57
10	Bryan Mott	48
11	Rick Johnson	36
12	Todd James	35
13	Jim Tippitt	32
14	Debbie Bishop	29
15	Daniel Lewis	15
16	Deborah Prock	7
16	Sarah Richter	6
17	Ricky Jacobs	5
18	Jerry Hitson	4
18	Amy Raspa	4
18	Jim Fielding	4
19	Cheryl Fields	3
19	Ashley Plummer	3
19	Jocelyn Myers	3
20	Wayne Plummer	2
20	David Syler	2
20	Victor Cataraga	2
21	Walter Welch	1
21	Mike Vorhees	1

Club Officers



President - Carolyn Yohannes
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Vice President - Alan James



2nd Vice President - Gary Flatt



Treasurer- Jim Fielding



Secretary- Debbie Bishop

Club Volunteers

Monthly Finds Tables

Rob Loucks

Webmaster

Jerry Hitson

Half & Half

George Case

Silver Raffle

Bill & Betty Shackelford

Photographer

Bill Shackelford, Rob Loucks, Jerry Hitson

Refreshments

Joe Bishop

Newsletter Editor

Gary Flatt

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!

Please make sure that you are helping set up the meeting or closing the meeting down! The same members should not be doing this every month!

