



Treasure Talk



The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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Note From the President:

Spring is almost here and boy is it getting hot out! Make sure when you are out detecting you are drinking plenty of water!

The board has been busy working on many things for this year. We are revamping the club certification program. We want to make sure that all of the club members know the importance of digging a proper plug. This is a great refresher for even long-time detectorists. By implementing this program, we want to pick up where the last board left off and attempt to change local detecting laws in our area.

We will have a club hunt on March 10, 2023 at 9:00 am. It will be held at the church property. Be there or be square!

We have our Annual Member Appreciation Hunt coming up. This is a time that the board can really go BIG and let the members know they are valued. This will be a member only hunt and is a BBQ. The club will provide the hotdogs and hamburgers. We ask all members to bring a side dish or dessert. At the April meeting, we will have a sign-up sheet. This hunt will have some amazing prizes. We have a location lined up that will have bathrooms and a pavilion. This is truly a hunt you want to come to!

If you are interested in doing a Tech Talk or know of a guest that would like to speak to the club, please let a board member know so we can get it on the schedule.

Also, most importantly, I know many of you are returning lost items. This is a great example of an ambassador for the hobby. We want to know about this and we want to recognize your hard work! Please let us know!

See ya at the meeting!

Jim



Secretary's Report

February 2023 Meeting Notes By: Debbie Bishop

The meeting was called to order on February 10, 2023 at 7:38 PM by Bryan.

Bryan asked the members to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Debbie asked for adjustments to the newsletter. Vickie provided the member count of 322.

Vickie announced that Doug Prock was making laser engraved wooden member badges if anyone was interested.

Two new guests were welcomed to the front by Bryan. One new member joined the club.

George Case gave a very detailed tech talk on cleaning coins. He spoke about cleaning them in a rock tumbler and using a powder. He also spoke about cleaning them with baking soda and vinegar.

Jim Fielding gave a tech talk about using the proper swinging technique. He demonstrated the technique using his Nokta Makro.

Break was called at 8:00. Members voted and ate snacks and talked amongst each other. Break ended at 8:30.

Doug Prock said Badges will be available at the next meeting and hunt for \$7.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were called to the front.

Bryan and Vickie presented the finds of the month winners.

Bryan and Dave did the monthly raffles.

Bryan called the meeting to an end and asked the members to help clean up and return the tables and chairs.



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: March 10, 2023
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.



February 2023 Raffle Winners Silver Raffle Winners



Gary Flatt (2), Bill Green

50/50 Winner

Won \$72

Name Badge Winner

No Winner

February Birthdays



Debbie Prock, Gary Dover, Jack Warnke, Jerry Ofstedal, Don Hickey, Dave Syler

February Anniversaries



Deb and Doug Prock, Joe and Debbie Bishop



By Jim Fielding

Digging vs. Excavating - Unpleasant Aspects

I've enjoyed the metal detecting hobby now for almost 60-years. Getting the signal, deciding what your option is regarding the target, basing the decision on your instrument's VDI and sound indications. If the decision is to remove the target from the ground, my least favorite part of the hobby comes into play; digging, or in the Archaeologists parlance, excavating. Now, as embarrassing as it is for an old detectorist to admit, I don't like digging, and never have! It *is* a critical part of the hobby, and I feel the public's eyes boring into the back of my head. But I still follow the detectorists code of ethics, open the ground like I'm doing an appendectomy, carefully opening the ground and probing gently, as not to damage either the target or the matrix it resides in. And closing it up like you'd never been there.



Keep it clean and professional, Dirt Dog!

In order to keep from getting kicked out of wherever you are hunting, your excavating skills must be of the first order and *not* that of a dog *digging* a bone! Dirt everywhere, including your hair, and a messy, obvious soil-colored blotch on a park swale, or a manicured private lawn. And to make it even worse, sometimes not even filled back in, giving the dig the appearance of a small meteor crater. And to make it even worse, leaving a piece of trash *you* brought back into the world, laying abandoned next to the unfilled hole in the ground! Why ever would people frown on equipment-laden, clanking and beeping detectorists' marring the landscape everywhere they go?

Well, many times experienced, and not so experienced, detectorists have a tendency to aim barbs at the newbies in the hobby regarding this open hole issue. And why not? They have committed the ultimate crime of becoming a participant in *your* hobby, the dogs!!!! Of *course* they are leaving those holes!!!! But hold on just a

New York Minute, my friend! I am a club officer in the largest metal detecting club in the United States. We have many club hunts and private permission hunts, on occasion, where the club members get to hunt some literally undetected virgin property here in Central Florida. Our membership ranges from brand new detectorists, even children, to the middle-of-the-road detectorists, as well as the old men and women of the hobby, as they shine the golden light of experience and metal detecting street-smarts over the unwashed wannabes.

But what's this? A club hunt where a club member twists their leg after stepping in a freshly dug hole on the hunt-field? But no newbies in sight, only hardened veterans of the metal detecting hobby? Another hunt, this time on the beach, with another sprained leg after stepping into another deeply-dug, unfilled hole in the sand? Again, another member quietly reports seeing not a newcomer, but a veteran hunter dig and leave the gaping hole without even looking back! The good practice goalposts of the hobby are slowly moving back across the line, into the realm of unacceptable and irresponsible behavior, by even some of the best of us. I need not sound the alarm again about the danger to the continued health of our hobby this sort of negligence represents; the eventual outlawing of *any* metal detecting *anywhere!* So let's all agree to agree to do better, and to self-police our own pastime *before* police, city officials and land owners do it for us. Cheers!

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	Todd James	34
2	Gary Flatt	26
3	Gage Dover	25
4	David Gascyone	19
5	Bryan Mott	17
6	Lee Neubauer	16
7	Rob Loucks	14
8	Bill Green	11
9	Rob Hill	10
10	Jim Tippitt	9
10	Danny Case	9
11	John Ayers	8
12	Betty Harris	5
13	Jerry Hitson	4
14	Jim Fielding	3
14	Cheryl Fields	3
15	Deb Prock	2
16	David Syler	1
16	Walter Welch	1



Display of the Month
Roy Peters



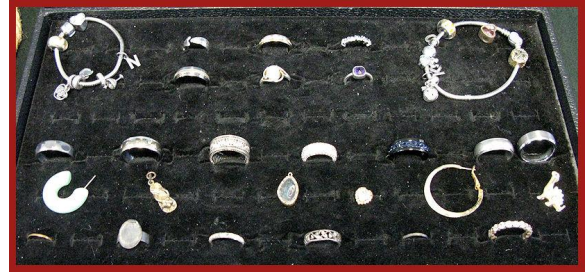
Coin Single
Gage Dover



Coin Group
Rob Loucks



Artifact Single
Gage Dover



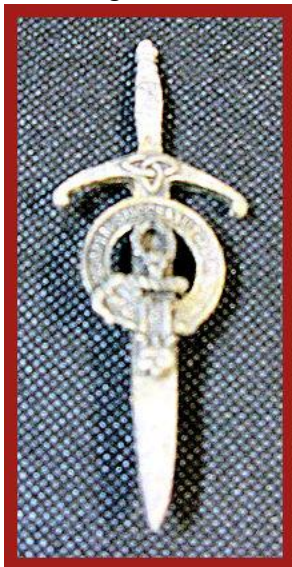
Jewelry Group
Todd James



Artifact Group
Gage Dover



Odds & Ends Single
Gage Dover



Jewelry Single
Bryan Mott



Odds & Ends Group
Gage Dover

Club Officers



President - Jim Tippitt
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2nd Vice President - Bryan Mott



Treasurer- Vickie Chilla



Secretary- Debbie Bishop

Club Volunteers

Monthly Finds Tables

Rob Loucks

Webmaster

Jerry Hitson

Half & Half

George & Deborah Guimond

Silver Raffle

Bill & Betty Shackelford

Photographer

Bill Shackelford, Rob Loucks, Jerry Hitson

Refreshments

Joe Bishop

Newsletter Editor

Carolyn Yohannes/Dave Syler

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!

