



# Treasure Talk



The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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## Note From the President:

Hello May! It is really warming up out there and many of you are out hunting. Make sure you stay safe and drink plenty of fluids. Also remember, hurricane season is right around the corner!

Our 11th Annual Sunshine Silver and Relic Hunt was last month and it was a great event! We could not have pulled off such a great hunt if it wasn't for the awesome board, our volunteers, the sponsors and vendors! Thank you to everyone who helped out.

We will have a club hunt at the church pavilion on Saturday May 18th at 9 am. This will be an open hunt to recover what was left behind from the annual hunt. I am sure silver was left behind!

Our June meeting will be moved to June 7th because the church has something going on on the 14th. Please spread the word that the June meeting will be the first Friday of the month!

As always, please feel free to bring snacks to the meeting. We appreciate the snacks. Drinks are also welcome as well. At the end of the night, just be sure to bring the leftovers home with you.

See ya at the meeting,

Carolyn



## Secretary's Report

### December Meeting Notes

By: Debbie Bishop

The meeting was called to order on April 12 2024 at 7:30 PM by Carolyn.

Gary asked the members to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Debbie asked for any amendments to the newsletter.

Carolyn spoke about the upcoming Sunshine Silver and Relic Hunt the following day. Over \$13,000 in silver was plated in the field.

Carolyn offered our current kids detectors to those who may have a child in need of a detector. We will be getting new updated kids detectors donated to the club from Minelab to use in future hunts.

Alan provided details about the Silver and Relic hunt with special instructions for the Silver Hunt.

Carolyn called the birthdays, anniversaries, first time visitors and new members to the front.

Brandon Nichals was our special guest for the evening. Garrett sent him to the hunt on their behalf. He spoke about bottle hunting. He spoke highly of Russ from First Texas. He also teased about a new multi frequency machine coming out from Garrett. The storm is a brewing!

Rob L. explained the finds table and the rules on voting.

Carolyn called break at 8:15.

John Ayers spoke about a recovery that he did on the beach.

Daniel Lewis spoke about the help that was provided to his school to put on a kids hunt and thanked the club for the support.

Randy Settle explained the search and rescue teams.

Raffle were done by Carolyn, Alan and Gary.

The finds table was done by Alan, Carolyn and Rob L.

Carolyn called the meeting to an end and asked for help putting the chairs back.

**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: May 10, 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.

### April 2024 Raffle Winners Silver Raffle Winners



#### Silver Raffle

Bill Jacobs x2, Rick Jacobs, Randy Settle, Alan James, Mary Mahan x2

#### 50/50 Winner

Linda Tippett

### April Birthdays



Doug Prock, John Ayers, Gage Dover,  
Danny Case, Bill Shackleford

### April Anniversaries



Bill and Betty Shackleford, Ed Deck,  
Rob and Susan Hill



By Jim Fielding

## Video Advice - Detecting Opinions

I was surfing the net the other day when I decided to go tubing amid the video rapids of YouTube. Now, this is the usual place recommended on social media metal detecting groups when someone has taken possession of a new or used metal detector and is just starting out in the hobby. It is an established fact, that humans find watching a video a lot less taxing than reading bland, boring operating instructions and even harder to park it in memory. And metal detectors, being a bit technical in nature, can have a big learning curve if you bought a top-grade machine. And again, usually one does not start out in this rather expensive pursuit with the purchase of an expensive top-of-the-line detector. But some do and then



dump the hobby as too difficult, too complicated or become a mud-covered treasure wizard! Absorbing a bit of the knowledge required to operate these advanced 21st Century top-of-the-line devices is not particularly easy and can require quite a bit of reading; going over manuals as well as reviewing factory updates to its little computer brain to endow it with more and more varied functions and abilities. All this being said leads me to an issue hiding behind even the clearest 4k screen. ANYONE can put out a YouTube video. So be very careful what you base your decisions on after viewing.

This topic was pretty much brought on after watching a YouTube channel with the detectorist comparing two closely matched, high-end detectors. Problem was the host didn't really know what he was doing, and he kept making errors in the comparison with the other

equipment that he obviously had more experience with. He never once ground-balanced the competing machine, complaining how unstable it was, and did not select the correct operating mode for the conditions. I have seen similar YouTube detector scenarios with numerous variations on this theme. Just because you have flashy intro graphics and music, does not mean you are an expert in anything. I once saw a post on a Facebook Metal Detecting group belittling a particular brand of metal detector as "worthless" and poor operating functions. I happened to know this person personally, and that they had an accumulated time of about 4-hours on this equipment and had owned it for 3-weeks and had NOT read the manual or received any assistance from a more experienced hunter.

Someone looking to purchase a detector would recoil in horror and

cross off a very, very capable and reasonably priced piece of gear!

This is almost always the response to someone asking a valid question about a detector they either own or planning to purchase "Watch YouTube!!" There actually ARE quite a few excellent and well-seasoned detectorists running YouTube channels, with good information with well stocked facts about detector operations and other aspects of the hobby. My advice is to READ the manuals carefully and SELECT metal detecting channels on the Tube carefully and just be aware that video advice is not always good advice. Happy Hunting and Good Luck in the field!

## Finds Table Rules and Etiquette

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

Only one item per category.

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	Rob Hill	77
2	Gary Flatt	48
3	Bryan Mott	46
4	John Ayers	45
5	Lee Neubauer	43
6	Danny Case	36
7	Bill Green	30
8	Randy Settle	22
9	Dave Gascoyne	16
10	Sarah Richter	15
11	Gary Dover	14
12	Deborah Prock	12
13	Rob Loucks	10
14	Jim Tippitt	7
15	Rick Johnson	6
16	Gage Dover	4
17	David Syler	3
18	Daniel Lewis	3
19	Kayla Gray	3
20	Stephanie Falstreau	3
27	Rachel Storey	3
21	Victor Cataraga	2
23	Michael McClure	2
24	Doug Prock	1
25	Ron Falstreau II	1
26	Dorothy Child	1



**Coin Single**  
Rick Johnson



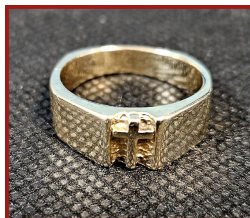
**Coin Group**  
Gary Flatt



**Artifact Single**  
Rob Hill



**Artifact Group**  
John Ayres



**Jewelry Single**  
Rob Hill



**Jewelry Group**  
Rob Hill



**Odds & Ends Single**  
Danny Case



**Odds & Ends Group**  
Danny Case



**Display of the Month**  
Rob Hill

The Finds table drawing winner was ??

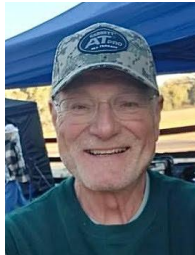
## Club Officers



**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!

