



Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

December 2014



From The President's Desk By Alan James

The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club has grown & grown until now we are one of the largest clubs in the country and certainly one of the most active. For our club to be successful year after year, it takes a lot of hard work on the part of a great many volunteers. Without everyone working together month after month, it just would not be possible. It has been my pleasure to have served the as your president for another year and I want to say thank you to everyone one of you.

One of the most important activities of the year will take place at the December meeting. This month the CFMDC holds elections for club officers. If you are interested in stepping up to the plate and volunteering your help for the next calendar year, please make sure your name is added to the extensive candidate list for 2015.

Please remember that there will be **NO FINDS TABLE THIS MONTH** because meeting time will not permit. This meeting will be dedicated largely to the Christmas party event. The finds table will be **re-activated in January**. Everything found between the November meeting and the January 2015 meeting will be on the tables

in January. So bring your finds in January, **NOT** in December!! This includes all of your winning entries for find of the year.

The **January meeting** will allow time for presenting awards such as "Hunter of the Year" and "Find of the Year". Bring your 2014 first place winners to the January meeting only.

The December meeting time will largely be committed to simply enjoying the evening with good friends and great hunting partners. Oh yea, **and eating!!**

As always, the club will provide turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and drinks. All of the desserts and side dishes are provided by the membership so bring in whatever food items you wish to share.

Because we are planning on having as much fun as possible at the Christmas Party, please try to get there a little bit early. We will try to get some of the club busy work out of the way beginning at approximately 7:15 PM.

I'll see you at the Christmas Party!

Alan



CFMDC Meeting Minutes November 2014 By Debra Green, CFMDC Secretary

Call to Order - Bill Shackelford, Vice-president

Pledge of Allegiance - Bill Green, Second Vice-president

Secretary Report - Deb Green, October meeting minutes accepted as published in the November newsletter. Published November newsletter accepted.

Treasurer Report - Chuck Hosbein, read & accepted.

Bill Green - Thank you to Bill & Betty Shackelford for serving as Hunt Master for the October "Member Appreciation Hunt and Picnic" at Sylvan Park.

Bill Shackelford

Guests - Seven

New members - Patricia Chin, Mark Fitzpatrick, Matt Fitzpatrick and Russ Hauser

November birthdays - Six birthdays recognized

November anniversaries - Bill & Deb Green

Scott Jackson - Proposals - I have been listening to member comments for the last several months, called other clubs to ask questions, and put the information into a written proposal format. As a club, we can decide to change a few things or we can decide to not change anything. It is up to the club to consider the proposals and vote.

Bill Shackelford - The submitted proposals will be brought up at the December meeting by Alan James, Club President. The board has decided to post any club changes in a special newsletter notification. This will notify all club members of

changes decided upon by the club members attending the monthly meetings.

Meeting Break - Vote at the finds tables and enjoy refreshments

Bill Shackelford

Special Awards - Gary Flatt, Level IV Challenge

Board Nominations - We are opening the meeting up to board position nominations from the floor. Nominations verbally put forward and seconded are: President, Alan James; First Vice President, Bill Shackelford, Bill Green; Second Vice President; Scott Jackson, Jim Fielding, Rob Hill (declined nomination); Secretary, Deb Green; Treasurer, Chuck Hosbein. The club board is also accepting nominations in writing. There is a green folder here at the board table. If you would like to anonymously nominate a member of the club for a board position, please write their name on the paper provided and place the nomination in the green folder.

Hunt Master - Alan James is considering volunteer hunt masters for the 2015 club hunts. He will talk about club volunteer opportunities at a future meeting.

Club Hunt - The club has an upcoming CFMDC hunt on Saturday, November 22, 9:00 am at Sun Splash Park in Daytona Beach. The key hunt will take place rain or shine. Bring extra chairs, your own beverages, etc.

December Holiday Party - The December meeting will be our annual holiday potluck, gift exchange and board election. We are looking for volunteers to cook two hams and two turkeys. The club will reimburse you for the cost of the meat. Janice and Alan are cooking a third ham. Thanks to Christine Merriam and Joanne Jolin for volunteering to help cook the meat. We had a great turnout last year for this potluck and want to make sure we have enough meat for everyone that attends this year. We ask that if your last

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name begins with the letter A through M bring a side dish, and if your last name begins with the letter N through Z bring a dessert. We have a sign-in sheet at the board table for you to sign in and let everyone know what you plan to bring. If you would like to participate, bring a gift worth \$10 for a Chinese-Gift-Exchange. This year the gifts can only be stolen once and then will be out-of-circulation. We are making this change to help the evening schedule that includes the election of new board members by written vote.

Bill Shackelford

Silver Raffle

Half and Half Raffle

Finds Table Drawing

Bank Night Drawing

Monthly Finds Awards - Rob Loucks, Bill Green & Christine Merriam

Meeting closed by club Vice-president, Bill Shackelford.

A SPECIAL REQUEST

First, the good news: Carrie and Hurley Gashaw welcomed their new grandson on November 10. His name is Easton Le Merel!

Now the "not-so-good" news: Easton was born 3 ½ months prematurely and entered this world weighing only two pounds.

Easton's mother, Nikki, worked as an RN but her salary stopped when she entered Winnie Palmer Hospital as they tried to keep the baby from being born until it was at least 34 weeks into development. But the birth could only prevented for 8 days.

Needless to say, the bills have piled up, on top of everything else that Easton and his parents have to deal with already.

A benefit sale has been set for Saturday, December 20th, 2014, at the Wells Fargo Bank located at 350 Burleigh Blvd (a.k.a. Highway 441) in Tavares.

We are asking anyone who can to please bring an item to the meeting this Friday to donate to Hurley and Carrie for the sale. It will be sincerely appreciated!

They are also asking that anyone interested in coming to sale to please come! The sale will take place from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**THERE WILL
NOT BE A CLUB
HUNT FOR THE
MONTH OF
DECEMBER.**

**Precious Metals Price Averages
(Per Ounce)**

November 2014:

Silver: \$ 16.10
Gold: \$1173.00
Platinum: \$1209.00

CFMDC HOLIDAY DINNER

DATE & TIME

Friday, December 12, 2014
Please try to arrive by 7:00 PM

Food

The Club will provide the turkey and ham!

If your last name starts with **A-L**, please bring a side dish.

If your last name starts with **M-Z**, please bring a dessert.

The Gift Exchange

Please limit the value of each gift to \$10.00.

Please bring a new, unused item.

To let the gift exchange run more smoothly, each gift can only be "stolen" one time!

RANDOM GOLD FACTS

During the Fourteenth Century, drinking molten gold and crushed emeralds was used as a treatment for bubonic plague.

Alchemy, trying to turn base metals into gold, started around 300 B.C.E. and reached its peak during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

COIN VALUE OF THE MONTH

1913 - S Barber Quarter

Mintage: 40,000

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Value</u>
Fine	\$ 5,200
Very Fine	\$ 7,950
Extremely Fine	\$ 10,550
About Uncirc. (50)	\$ 13,750

Source: Coins Magazine, January 2015

**SILVER RAFFLE
WINNERS**

Ralph Flippo (TWICE!)

Dave Roberts

Ben Torres

Roland Davis

Jim Tippitt

Michael McClure

**FIFTY/FIFTY
WINNER**

\$71.00 - Don Cole

BADGE DRAWING

\$20.00 - No Winner

**The prize in January will be
\$25.00**

**FINDS TABLE
RAFFLE WINNER**

Winner: Christine Merriam

BIRTHDAYS

Adam Feldstein - 5th

Jerry Hitson - 6th

Robert Jolin - 13th

Russ Hauser - 16th

Ralph Flippo - 27th

Ron Caizza - 30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Deborah Green - 26 years

NEW MEMBERS

Patricia Chin

Mark Fitzpatrick

Matt Fitzpatrick

Russ Hauser

FINDS TABLES

	Name	Points
1.	Jim Tippitt	188
2.	Ron Caizza	131
2.	Christine Merriam	131
3.	Steve Meeks	126
4.	Brent Petherick	100
5.	Jeanne Cygan	96
6.	Danny Case	76
7.	Chuck Hosbein	53
8.	Rob Hill	51
9.	Jerry Hitson	47
10.	Ralph Flippo	43
11.	Dave Gascoyne	40
12.	Kathy Waters	37
13.	Adam Feldstein	29
14.	Lonnie Lytle	28
15.	Matt Kochis	24
16.	John Ayers	23
16.	Hurley Gashaw	23
17.	Dave Roberts	22
18.	Bill Green	21
19.	Nanette Burdick	18
20.	Bill Bergdoll	14
20.	Tom Bates	14
21.	Deborah Prock	13
22.	Joanne Jolin	12
22.	Sally Kornis	12
23.	David Gray	11
24.	Don Fitzgerald	9
25.	Michael McClure	8
25.	Douglas Oyler	8
26.	George Case	7
26.	Linda Fitzgerald	7
27.	Jim Fielding	6
27.	Patti Fielding	6
28.	Melody Parks	5

2014 TOTALS

	Name	Points
28.	Bill Shackelford	5
29.	Jim Hooks	4
29.	Robert Jolin	4
29.	Betty Shackelford	4
30.	Doug Prock	3
31.	Chris Brooks	2
31.	Robert Keith	2
32.	Ann Hartle	1
32.	Jerry Humiec	1
32.	David Stone	1

Each 1st Place entry gets 4 points.
 Each 2nd place entry gets 3 points.
 Each 3rd place entry gets 2 points.
 All other entries on the Finds Tables get 1 point just for entering!



November 2014 Single Coin Find of the Month

1st Place – Jim Tippitt – Spanish 4 maravedis 1454-1504

2nd Place – Chuck Hosbein

3rd Place – Christine Merriam



November 2014 Group Coins Find of the Month

1st Place – Jim Tippitt

2nd Place – Christine Merriam

3rd Place – Brent Petherick



November 2014 Single Jewelry Find of the Month

1st Place – Ron Caizza – 10k gold men's cross

2nd Place – Jim Tippitt

3rd Place – Dave Roberts



November 2014 Group Jewelry Find of the Month

1st Place – Ron Caizza

2nd Place – Kathy Waters

3rd Place – Danny Case

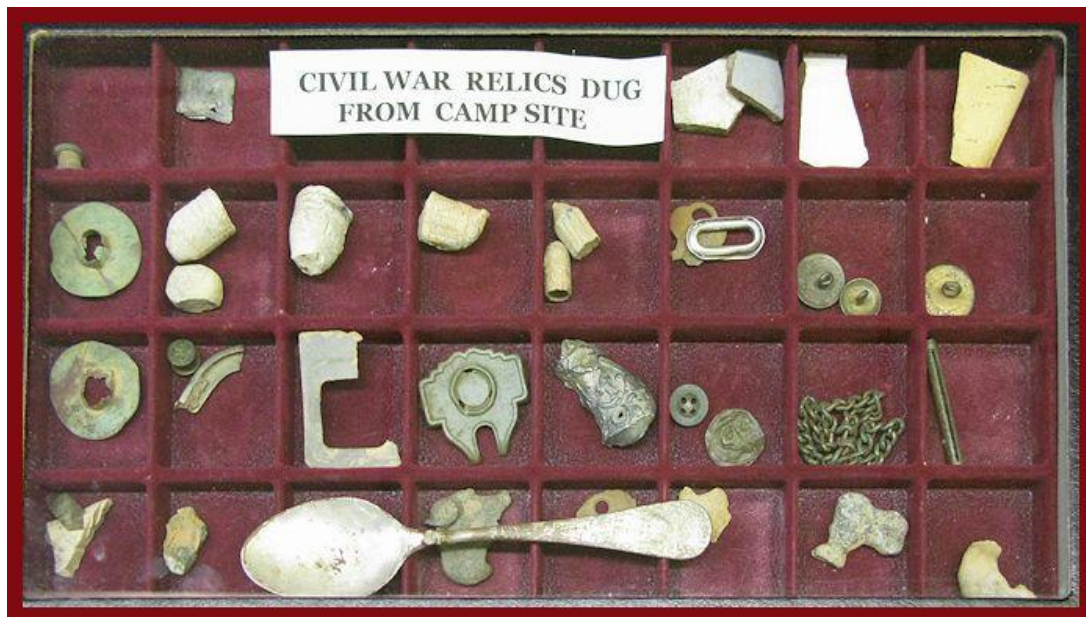


November 2014 Single Artifact Find of the Month

1st Place – Rob Hill – Civil War breast plate

2nd Place – Christine Merriam

3rd Place – Dave Gascoyne



November 2014 Group Artifacts Find of the Month

1st Place – David Gascoyne

2nd Place – Jeanne Cygan

3rd Place – Christine Merriam



November 2014 Single Odds & Ends Find of the Month

1st Place – Ralph Flippo – 32nd degree Scottish Rite buckle

2nd Place – Jeanne Cygan

3rd Place – Christine Merriam



November 2014 Group Odds & Ends Find of the Month

1st Place – Christine Merriam

2nd Place – Ron Caizza

3rd Place – Brent Petherick

Club Officers

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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". All members have until April to pay their dues.

Club Volunteers

Monthly Finds Tables
Rob Loucks

Webmaster
Jerry Hitson

Half & Half
George & Bea Case

Silver Raffles
Betty Shackelford & Janice James

Photographers
Ralph Flippo, Jerry Hitson,
Rob Loucks, Lorrie Sprigg

Come And Join Us!!!

We meet the second Friday of every month.

Meeting Place: Sanford Garden Club
200 Fairmont Ave.
Sanford, FL 32773

Meeting Date: **Friday, Dec. 12, 2014**

Meeting Time: **7:00 PM**

Two blocks South of Lake Mary Blvd. on
the East side of SR 17-92.