



Treasure Talk



The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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Greetings From Club President Alan James

The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club is well on the way to becoming the leading club in the Southeastern part of the country thanks to the efforts of many club volunteers.

Each month first time guests and new members are introduced to the hobby of metal detecting by accessing the club website at www.thecfmdc.com and following the leads which direct them to our meetings and other events. The combination of an active website and an informative newsletter has been a major factor in helping to maintain the growth of the club.

In addition, the club volunteers who contribute their time and effort every month help assure that everyone enjoys participation in the CFMDC. We are now very fortunate in that we have approximately 120 members and are still growing!!

I want to thank everyone who helps to make the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club successful and to invite others to step up and join in as an active volunteer. As we continue to grow, we can always use the help.

On February 16th, we will once again be hunting at our "secret place." This hunt is for members only, however special exceptions may be permitted on a case by case basis. We have been invited back because the owner was duly

impressed with the responsible way everyone conducted themselves. Please remember that this is private property. In addition, if you will, consider eating lunch at the onsite facility.

This hunt is set to begin at 9:30AM and continue throughout the day. There is no cost for this hunt. Additional information will be discussed at the next meeting.



The CFMDC has organized a major event open to everyone which will be held at Moss Park in Orlando. We have chosen the name "Central Florida Sunshine Shootout" for the event to help create a specific identity for this annual hunt. This is a pay to play hunt. On May 4th, setup will start at 8:00 AM, registration will begin at 8:30 AM and events will continue until approx 5:00PM. Registration is now open and complete details are available on the club website.

Please get your plans made to attend this hunt as either a participant or as a volunteer. This will take a lot of work so any help you can offer will be welcomed.

I'll see you at the next meeting!

- *Alan*

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, February 8, 2013

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

The Sanford Garden Club is located 2 blocks south of Lake Mary Blvd. on the east side of SR 17-92. For information, contact Bill Shackelford at (407) 323-3401 or Alan James at (386) 717-5775.

Some members will eat at Colorado's Steak Place prior to the meeting. It is one block north of our meeting place. You can just park at the Sanford Garden Club and walk on over!

Other members will eat at the Ichigo Ichie Buffet prior to the meeting. It is located at 3611 South Orlando Drive (SR 17-92) at the Wal-Mart shopping center located on the west side of the 417.

We eat at 5:30. If you would like to join us, we would be happy to see you! Don't forget, it's BYOM!

Club Officers

President:	Alan James / 386-717-5775 / nonialan@earthlink.com
Vice President:	Bill Shackelford / 407-323-2954
2nd Vice President:	Bill Green
Treasurer:	Chuck Hosbein
Secretary:	Debra Green
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Club Volunteers

Finds Of The Month Tables:	Rob Loucks
Webmaster:	Jerry Hitson
Half & Half:	George & Bea Case
Raffles:	Betty Shackelford & Janice James
Photographers:	Ralph Flippo, Jerry Hitson, Rob Loucks, Lorrie Sprig

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Scott Jackson, CFMDC Newsletter Editor

News From The Industry

Minelab has discontinued the manufacture of the Sovereign GT and the Explorer SE. These detectors have been retired and no more will be made, but all warranties will be honored, according to the company.

Tesoro has temporarily halted the production of the Golden MicroMax due to a "programming error" in production. No word on when the detector will be made again (Tesoro hopes it will be soon).

There will be a "Members Only" Hunt at our top secret location on Saturday, February 16. We will meet at the parking lot of a certain Wal-Mart somewhere in Central Florida (those at the last hunt know the one). Be sure to attend the February meeting for more details and meeting time!

The Sunshine Shootout has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Moss Park in south Orange County. Early registration is \$99.00. After April 15, the cost rises to \$125.00. Meal-only tickets will be available at a price to be determined. Details and registration forms are on the club website.

The Stack's Bowers Galleries in California held a coin auction in January. Open bidding took place on a 1794 "Flowing Hair" Silver Dollar graded as "Specimen 66," the finest known surviving example of this coin. The winning bid: **\$10,016,875.00**. The buyer was Legend Numismatics, a rare coin firm based in New Jersey. This has set a record for the highest price paid for a single coin. The previous record was set in 2002 by the sale of a 1933 Double Eagle Gold Dollar, sold by Sotheby's for \$7,590,020.00.

Precious Metal Price Averages (Per Ounce) For January 2013:

Silver: \$30.85

Platinum: \$1628

Gold: \$1670



CFMDC Meeting Minutes For January, 2013

By Debra Green, CFMDC Secretary

The January meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 7:30 pm by club president, Alan James. Everyone was welcomed, Happy New Year greetings were extended and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Green.

Secretary Report – Deb Green. Minutes accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report – Chuck Hosbein. Tonight is the deadline for paying the 2013 dues. Current member renewal fee is \$25, and new member fee is \$25 plus an additional one-time-only fee of \$15. Club is purchasing silver coins at 20 times face value, if you pay your dues in silver.

Alan James and Bill Shackelford

January birthdays – Recognized

January anniversaries - Recognized

Guests - Eight guests were called to the front of the room and welcomed to their first CFMDC meeting.

New Members – We have four new club members. Welcome Jeanne, Ron, David and Danny.

Alan James

Tonight we have the finds of the year vote and the finds of the month vote

Upcoming Hunts

TSA Club – March 9th. Look on line for the Wabasso Hunt. \$85 On-site, \$75 Early Bird Registration

CFMDC – May 4, 2013. New date for the Central Florida Sunshine Shootout. Hope to make it a yearly event. Thanks to Rob Hill for creating a logo for the shootout.

Renningers Twin Markets Hunt – Bill Green. Wednesday, January 23 there will be hunt at Renningers in Mount Dora. Please arrive at 8:00am.

Rob Hill

New Club Challenges - Chuck Hosbein and I were talking about ideas for challenges and we have two new challenge boards. There is a form to fill out if you are contributing a coin for one of the slots. All entries must be found with a metal detector and there is a limit of five entries per club member. The challenges will last one year, and at the end we will have a drawing and the winners will receive the boards of coins. The first challenge is for commemorative 1909-1958 pennies and the second challenge is for state 1999-2009 quarters. The blacker the coin the better, no finds from the past, the quarters must be found with a metal detector, and the challenge begins at the February meeting and is on the honor-system. Please let as many people contribute as possible. This will increase the number of participants in the drawing at the end of the year. If the challenges are a success the club will consider doing it again next year.

Break - Refreshments and voting

Alan James

Awards

Lorrie & Jerry Sprigg – Return of a 14k gold wedding ring

Jerry Humiec – New Year’s Eve, returned a wedding ring

Membership Appreciation Hunt – Wilson Landing Park. Free, no fee to participate, not a competition hunt and attendees will end up in groups.

Secret Hunting Spot - Spring Garden Ranch, February 16, 2013. Owner has asked that attendees eat breakfast and/or lunch at the track restaurant. Participants are to meet at 9:30 am at the Deland, Wal-Mart on SR 17-92 and we will drive together to the ranch site.

Membership - We now have 119 members in the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club.

Shoot Out

\$99 Early Bird registration fee for payments received before the April 15, 2013 deadline.

\$125 Registration fee for payments received April 16 through the day of the hunt.

Shootout will include a relic hunt with a first prize similar to a US Military Buckle, estimated worth \$200. Want this to be a high quality hunt, advertised nationwide. Raffles will be available and the club is requesting volunteers.

Club Level Competition Award

Completion of Level One Award – Michael Cavender

Half & Half Drawing – \$54.50, winner Paul Swaney

2012 Finds of the Year

Single Coin – Jim Burdick

Group Coins – Chuck Hosbein

Single Jewelry – Brent Petherick

Group Jewelry – Bill Green

Single Artifact – Ralph Flippo

Group Artifact – Ralph Flippo

Single Odds/Ends – Ralph Flippo

Group Odds and Ends – Steve Meeks

2012 Hunter of the Year Awards

Ladies

Third Place – Christine Merriam

Second Place – Carrie Gashaw

First Place – Nanette Burdick

Mens

Third Place – Jim Burdick

Second Place – Steve Meeks

First Place – Bill Green

Thanks to our award sponsor, the prizes for hunter of the year were provided by Kellyco. As a hunter of the year prize, Nanette Burdick and Bill Green will have their CFMDC dues paid by the club.

Name Badge Drawing – No winner (member not present).

Meeting closed by club president, Alan James.



A Message From Lorrie!

By Lorrie Sprigg, CFMDC Activities Director

Hi folks, Happy Valentine's Day! Can you believe it's February already? We can't complain about the weather that's for sure. Great hunting weather. When you come to this meeting you will notice a big change in the hall. With the help of Jerry we completely gave the hall a change for the better. A new paint job hired out from Melody and Sally and the rest we did. This hall is also for rent for any special event if you need a place for the activity. This Friday I ask that everyone chip in with refreshments. We need tea or juice and cookies or cake. Make it a special red and white Valentine goody. Oh, and chocolate is good too!

Chocolate is always GOOD!!!!

See you there. - Lorrie

FINDS TABLES POINT STANDINGS FOR JANUARY, 2013

Name	Points	Name	Points
1. Bill Green	13	14. X	
2. Jim Burdick	12	15. X	
2. Christine Merriam	12	16. X	
3. George Case	11	17. X	
3. Brent Petherick	11	18. X	
4. Dave Gascoyne	9	19. X	
4. Chuck Hosbein	9	20. X	
4. Steve Meeks	9	21. X	
5. Nanette Burdick	8	22. X	
6. Shirley DeVary	7	23. X	
6. Ralph Flippo	7	24. X	
6. Jim Tippit	7	25. X	
7. Rob Hill	4	26. X	
7. Lonnie Lytle	4	27. X	
8. Jerry Humiec	3	28. X	
8. Hunter Shaw	3	29. X	
9. Jerry Hitson	2	30. X	
10. Scott Jackson	1	31. X	
10. Rob Loucks	1	32. X	
11. X		33. X	
12. X		34. X	
13. X		35. X	

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!

SINGLE JEWELRY

1.	Steve Meeks	14k gold ring
2.	Brent Petherick	.950 platinum ring w/12 diamonds
3.	Lonnie Lytle	21 kt. Gold ring



GROUP JEWELRY

1.	Bill Green	24 kt wedding band, 3 gold chains, 12 rings, 3 gold chains, etc.
2.	George Case	4 necklaces, rings, ear rings, bracelets and chains.
3.	Christine Merriam	No description provided.



SINGLE ARTIFACT

1.	Rob Hill	Confederate Belt Buckle
2.	Jim Burdick	Token: EREA World Fair; Ford 1903-1933, Thirty Years of Progress
3.	Dave Gascoyne	Civil War Masonic cuff link



GROUP ARTIFACTS

1.	Dave Gascoyne	Civil War relics
2.	Christine Merriam	Antique shovel; Amish metal, railroad spike, creamer lid, door knocker, etc.
3.	Chuck Hosbein	Virginia Civil War finds



SINGLE ODDS & ENDS

1.	Steve Meeks	Toy Wells Fargo stage coach
2.	Jim Burdick	Flattened out buggy
3.	Dave Gascoyne	1800's Jamaican bottle



GROUP ODDS & ENDS

1.	George Case	Shell casings, keys, cars, spoons, etc.
2.	Christine Merriam	25 keys, glasses, silverware, etc.
3.	Brent Petherick	2 axes, stove burner, & other parts

