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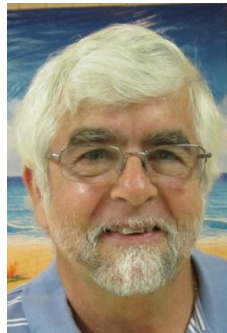
The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

March 2013

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## Greetings From Club President Alan James

In February the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was proud to welcome a record number of first time guests to our meeting. As always, the guests were asked to come forward and everyone present could feel the excitement as 14 new hobbyists lined up from side to side all the way across the front of the room.



Before the end of the meeting, seven of these guests filled out applications and joined our ranks. This helped to push the total membership in the CFMDC to over 130. Wow!!

Each club member should feel a sense of pride for being a contributing part of what makes our club great.

If you have been looking at the club website you will see that Jerry Hitson is doing an outstanding job. Our website, under his management, has helped to bring a number of first time guests from as far away as Colorado, Ohio and Illinois in addition to the many locals that show up monthly. This is a work in progress and changing it often helps keep it fresh and interesting for everyone. Check it out at [www.thecfmdc.com](http://www.thecfmdc.com)

Our "Secret Place" hunt was well attended and some great finds came out of the ground. I was shown several very interesting items including Indian Head pennies, silver

Barber dimes and various collectable tokens along with a wide assortment of other trophies. Thanks again go out to Doug Melvin for obtaining special permission for CFMDC members to hunt this site!

This month we will hold our annual Poker Hunt. This event has become a favorite and this time around should be even better.

For a day of fun, you should plan on attending this hunt on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. More details will be discussed at the monthly meeting.

Now is the time to get your registration filled out and your plans made to attend what may be the biggest and "bestest" hunt the ever put on by the CFMDC (at least in the past few years). The Central Florida Sunshine Shootout & Relic Hunt promises to be a turning point in the hobby by offering a type of hunt which has never been done before. In addition to silver and other items, real relics will be in the ground and what you find you keep.

Club membership dues should be paid for the year at this meeting. In order to maintain your active status dues must be paid ASAP.

See you at the next meeting.

- Alan

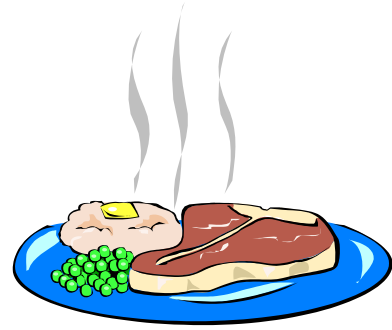
# Come And Join Us!!!

We meet the second Friday of every month.

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

Meeting Date: Friday, March 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
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

Garrett has apparently discontinued production of most of their GTI and GTP series of detectors. While some retailers, like Kellyco, still have units for sale, Garrett has dropped these lines from their website, with the exception of the GTI 2500, which is still a part of their lineup. No word if a new generation is being planned or not.

Minelab: Coiltek is now manufacturing a 6", 3 kHz coil, called the "Digger," for their 505 and 705 X-Terra series. The price for the coil runs about \$200.00.

There will be a "Members Only" Hunt Poker Hunt at Greenwood Lakes Park, located at 660 Green Way Blvd., Lake Mary, FL 32746. The hunt will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2013 and it starts at 8:30 AM.

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. Prizes will now include, donated by Minelab, a CTX 3030, an Excalibur II, and a 705 X-Terra Dual Pack.

Last month, an amateur prospector was using his Minelab GPX metal detector just outside Ballarat, Australia, an area popular among gold prospectors since 1850. Some dedicated prospectors in that area find an average of 5 ounces in gold a year. This lucky hunter nailed a single 177 ounce gold nugget (that's over 11 pounds!) which is expected to fetch over \$300,000.00.

**Precious Metal Price Averages (Per Ounce) For February 2013:**

Silver: \$30.50

Gold: \$16730

Platinum: \$1670



## **CFMDC Meeting Minutes For February, 2013**

**By Debra Green, CFMDC Secretary**

The February meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 7:30 pm by club president, Alan James. Everyone was welcomed, 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. Accepted as read.

### **Alan James and Bill Shackelford**

February birthdays – Recognized

February anniversaries - Recognized

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

New Members –Seven members joined at the meeting and one member mailed in their application.

### **Alan James**

Upcoming Hunts

Spring Garden Ranch – “Members Only Hunt” will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013. Meet at 9:30 am at the Wal-Mart in DeLand on Woodland Boulevard. Thanks to Doug Melvin for finding this site. Hunters must fill in their holes at the request of the property owner. Please purchase your breakfast or lunch at the ranch restaurant.

Email From MineLab – I am pleased to let you know that MineLab contacted us to confirm they will contribute products for the upcoming shootout. We will let you know more details later in this meeting.

### **Lorrie Sprigg**

Sanford Garden Club - Word of mouth advertising. Rob Hill is helping us with a new sign. We would like to rent to more clubs that meet on a regular basis (including evenings). Please let others know about this location.

Request for Volunteers – Please volunteer for beverages and refreshments for the CFMDC meetings. There are two sheets going around the room for you to select a month.

### **Alan James**

Summary Sheets – In addition to your finds table slips that you fill out, please also fill out one summary sheet that includes all the finds you submitted and leave it with Deb at the front table. It helps identify finds, winners and your points for the month. Sometimes a description is left off a finds table slip.

Raffles

Microscope – Mike Rainone has set up a computer and digital microscope/camera with a 50 to 500 magnification. This system can take pictures or videos. Be sure and see Mike during the

break to check out what he brought this evening. Special thanks for bringing the set-up in for everyone to see.

### Break for Refreshments

### Alan James

#### Shoot Out Update

The estimated \$6,700 MineLab donations now bring the estimated budget for the Shoot Out to \$10,000. We are very glad to receive their support and e-mail confirmation. There will be three hunts: competition hunt, silver hunt with tokens/silver and a relic hunt with planted artifacts. KellyCo will be donating items for the Shoot Out that are not yet specified. One of the prizes will be a Civil War Belt buckle (we are currently searching for one). The park expenses and catering will be paid first and the rest of the funds will go to the prize field. If you are not hunting, please volunteer for the full day. Meal tickets will be available for those attending and not hunting. The meal price will be \$8 to \$10 each (subject to change). The date is confirmed for May 4, 2013.

#### Special Awards

Finding & Returning – Bill Green. Award for helping a Mount Dora resident recover 20 pieces of stolen jewelry thrown into the bushes outside their home.

### Bill Shackelford

Half & Half Drawing – \$78.50, winner Kenneth Parker.

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

### Alan James

Newest Member – Larry Everett

Published - Three of our club members are pictured in Lost Treasure Magazine. Congratulations Brent Pethorick, Ann Hartle and George Case.

Meeting closed by club president, Alan James.





## A Message From Lorrie!

By Lorrie Sprigg, CFMDC Activities Director

Thanks to all for the refreshments in February and the cleaning up afterwards. It is appreciated! Lorrie

A Reminder about our April's meeting! It will be held the first Friday of the month APRIL 5 because of a conflict.

### Refreshments this month are:

Carrie (Cake), Christine (Cookies), Alana & Tom (Ice Tea) and Scott (juice)

### Happy St. Patrick's Day - Do you know why Green is worn on this day?

There are two versions of why green is the color of St. Patrick's Day, the first being that the color represents the Emerald Isle (Ireland), spring and shamrocks.

The second is that the wearing of the green traces back to when Ireland was separated and the Catholics lived on the "green side" and the Protestants lived on the "orange side." The Irish flag is green, orange and white. Green represents the catholic side of Ireland, orange the Protestants and white represents those where were neutral and were composed of the descendants of the Celts. Because the term "saint" is more a Catholic term than a Protestant one, the green of the Irish flag represents the Catholics.

So why do everything up green on St. Patrick's Day? Because Ireland is called the Emerald Isle, because of shamrocks, or because everyone's Irish on this day, take your pick as to why, but be sure to wear green on St. Patrick's Day!





## FINDS TABLES POINT STANDINGS FOR FEBRUARY, 2013

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Bill Green	29	Lonnie Lytle	8
Brent Petherick	25	Shirley DeVary	7
Jim Burdick	22	Ralph Flippo	7
Christine Merriam	22	Jim Tippit	7
George Case	20	Carrie Gashaw	6
Nanette Burdick	16	Jerry Hitson	6
Danny Case	16	Jerry Humiec	5
Scott Jackson	14	Deborah Prock	4
Hurley Gashaw	10	Hunter Shaw	3
Dave Gascoyne	9	Jim Fielding	1
Rob Hill	9	Rob Loucks	1
Chuck Hosbein	9		
Steve Meeks	9		
David Morganstern	9		



Each 1<sup>st</sup> place entry gets 4 points.

Each 2<sup>nd</sup> place entry gets 3 points.

Each 3<sup>rd</sup> place entry gets 2 points.

All other entries on the Finds Tables get 1 point just for entering!

# Monthly Finds Table Winners for February, 2013

## SINGLE COIN

1.	Rob Hill	1882 Seated Liberty Dime
2.	Hurley Gashaw	1951 Wheatie w/offset mint mark
3.	Nanette Burdick	Chinese coin



## GROUP COINS

1.	Bill Green	1,334 pennies, 188 quarters, 298 dimes, 112 nickels, + others
2.	Christine Merriam	502 pennies, 118 quarters, + others
3.	Brent Petherick	275 U.S. Coins (\$24.28) + others





## SINGLE JEWELRY

1.	Brent Petherick	Mens 1967 high school class ring
2.	Hurley Gashaw	10k gold ring w/tourmaline stones
3.	Bill Green	Platinum ring - Spanish topaz center



## GROUP JEWELRY

1.	Bill Green	Diamond pin, locket, silver sleigh, bracelets, 7 rings, + others
2.	Scott Jackson	Assorted jewelry pieces
3.	Danny Case	Rings, earrings, crosses, pins



## SINGLE ARTIFACT

1.	Danny Case	Jew's Harp
2.	Scott Jackson	Betty Page Miniature
3.	Brent Petherick	1910 racing watch fob



## GROUP ARTIFACTS

1.	Jim Burdick	Shield w/crest, luggage tag & military button
2.	George Case	Military buttons
3.	Bill Green	Iron, razor, key, + others



## SINGLE ODDS & ENDS

1.	Danny Case	Lamp globe
2.	Brent Petherick	Inscribed Medallion
3.	David Morganstern	Vintage brass air cleaner cover



## GROUP ODDS & ENDS

1.	Scott Jackson	1945 Draft Card & Assorted Bits
2.	Danny Case	Keys, fish lures, shell casings, etc.
3.	Christine Merriam	Glasses, bangles, clamp, dial, etc.

