



Treasure Talk



The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

August 2023

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Note From the President:

We will not have a club hunt this month because it is way too hot out there! Please make sure you are drinking plenty of fluids when you are out in this heat!

We are continuing to work on the upcoming Silver and Relic Hunt. We are going to have a meet and greet on Friday night October 6th at the church property. Minelab has agreed to put on a night hunt on Friday night. There is not a cost for this hunt. Minelab is also running the Master of Metal Contest on Sunday at the Church property, October 8th. Our Silver and Relic Hunt will be on the 7th.

We will discuss the silver by back program for members at the next meeting. So if you are interested in

selling silver back to the club, let us know at the meeting.

We will have an ice cream social at the September meeting and a silent auction. Think about what you want to bring. If you are donating to the silent auction, we ask that you bring your donations in at 6:45 pm on September 8, 2023. If you plan on bidding on items, we are starting the bidding at 7 pm so come early! The meeting will start at 7:30 and last minute bids can be made on break. We do not want to be at the meeting until midnight so we are encouraging you to come early! The money from the auction will help with the silver and relic hunt.

Lastly, we want to ask that any club member that knows a business owner, please ask if they would like to make a donation to our club. The more donations the more we can spend on other items, like silver! Please help us by asking.

See ya at the meeting!

Jim



Secretary's Report

July 2023 Meeting Notes By: Debbie Bishop

The meeting was called to order on July 14, 2023 at 7:30 PM by Jim.

Bryan asked the members to stand for the pledge. Debbie asked for changes to the newsletter. Vickie gave the updated member count.

Birthdays and anniversaries were called to the front.

Marc Hoover gave a presentation about a new metal detecting book. It is by Ken Cuniliff of Pennsylvania titled *Beneath our feet*. It features metal detectorists from around the world including Marc Hoover, Jim Tippet and Terry Shannon.

Dave presented an award to Gary Flatt for a ring recovery. Jim told a story about an apple watch recovery. Bryan told a story about a diamond earring recovery.

Jim spoke about July's hunt and offered to buy back the coins that were given out to the members.

Rick Johnson told the story of the bayonet that he found and placed on the finds table.

Break was called at 8 pm.

Break ended at 8:30 pm.

New members and guests were called to the front.

Raffle winners were drawn.

The finds table winners were announced.

Jim called the meeting to an end and asked for help cleaning up the room.



July Anniversaries



Debbie and Joe Bishop, Gary Dover

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: August 11, 2023

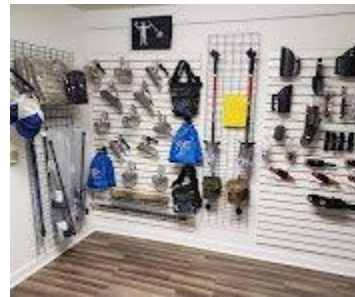
Meeting Time: 7:30pm

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.



Be sure to stop by and visit Leilani and Yamil for all your metal detecting equipment at digging it detectors. They are located at 3815 US-1 Suite 13 Cocoa, FL 32926.

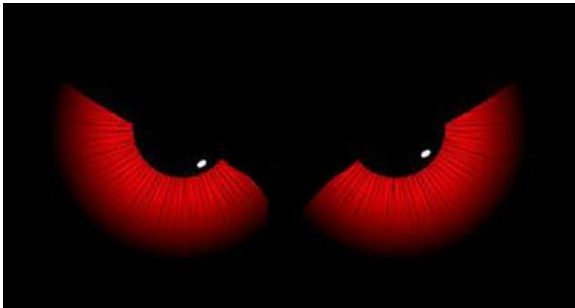




By Jim Fielding

Detecting Dishonor - An Ill Wind A 'blowing

As usual, I gotta get something off my chest about this expanding, but morally declining, hobby. There is a *saying* that postulates "Man carries the seeds of his own destruction" which is not dissimilar in the way the metal detecting hobby also carries the same seeds of its own destruction. Worst of all in my book, is the out and out *theft* of jewelry that is reported missing, usually in desperation, by an individual who put too much faith, I'm sorry to say, in the honor of a *certain class of detectorists*.



Social Media's involvement in this enterprise is a double-edged sword. One side offering hope and assistance to the owner, while the other has turned to sabotaging the same, using the location knowledge as an advantage to thrust the criminal agenda of thieves, and crooks forward. A sweet song of easy money, metal detecting predators are always hiding in the digital shadows, looking for a quick, easy score of gold in any form. Once the Social Media word is out, they are already in motion, even while the would-be recovery team is still

discussing among themselves, online, plans for recovery. Detecting predators love this kind of advanced intel which sometimes will dictate their own plans for a quick dust-off and departure with the goods. According to my good friend and detectorist *John Howland* in sunny England, it is *illegal* to dig and keep a piece of jewelry, rings and whatnot. They *must* be turned in to the police who holds the item for 30 days, and if no one claims it, it is relinquished to the finder. Keeping a jewelry find is considered *theft* in England, and there have been many cases of detectorists failing to properly notify the authorities and have landed in jail charged with theft!

On the other side, many detectorists promote the hobby of metal detecting by unselfishly spending a good deal of their own time, using their own expensive high-tech gear while drawing on years of experience in the field, all the while making a herculean effort at doing good. And asking for *nothing* in return. And others follow their lead, because doing good and helping those that need our expertise feels good and shows the world most of us are *not* modern-day pirates or lowly thieves. And in a world where many things are so far out of our personal control, it's a privilege to wield the power to set things right once in a while. To bend the probabilities, if for only a second, toward the slim chance of returning it to its rightful owner. Just one look in their eyes when you hand them that gold ring inscribed with their grandfather's initials they thought was lost forever is enough compensation. Those who knowingly recover, then privately profit from a ring they found with information provided by the true owner, well, we are all in this together...except for you.

Place	Member	Total Points
1	Gage Dover	72
2	Gary Flatt	65
3	Rob Hill	60
4	Bill Green	58
5	Danny Case	53
6	Rob Loucks	48
7	David Gascyone	44
7	John Ayers	44
8	Lee Neubauer	40
8	Bryan Mott	40
9	Todd James	35
10	Jim Tippitt	30
11	Rick Johnson	25
12	Debbie Bishop	12
13	Ricky Jacobs	5
14	Jerry Hitson	4
14	Sarah Richter	4
14	Deborah Prock	4
14	Amy Raspa	4

15	Jim Fielding	3
15	Cheryl Fields	3
15	Ashley Plummer	3
15	Jocelyn Myers	3
15	Daniel Lewis	3
16	Wayne Plummer	2
16	David Syler	2
17	Walter Welch	1

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



Display of the Month
Rick Johnson



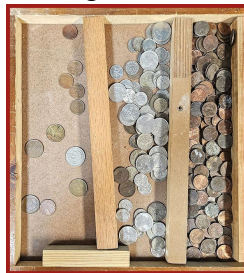
Jewelry Single
Bryan Mott



Coin Single
Gage Dover



Jewelry Group
Gary Flatt



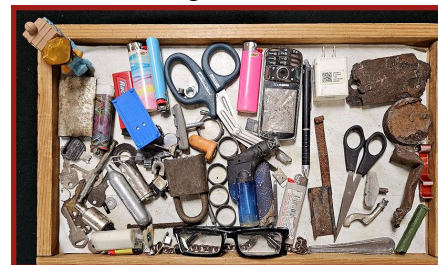
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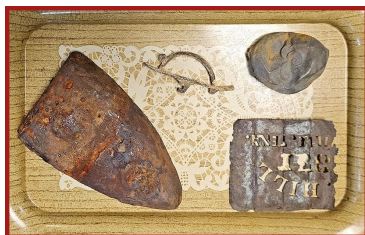
Odds & Ends Single
Gage Dover



Artifact Single
Rick Johnson



Odds & Ends Group
Danny Case



Artifact Group
Gage Dover

Club Officers



President - Jim Tippitt
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Vice President - Dave Syler



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!

