



OCTOBER: 1988

\*\*\*\*\*NEWSLETTER\*\*\*\*\*

The next meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club will be held on Friday, October 14th at the Goldenrod Civic Center at 8 PM. See you there!

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DISCOVER FAMILY FUN!



## NEWS

Roy Volkers exploration of the Spanish galleon: Nuestra Senora de la Regia will be suspended at the end of September until next Spring.

The Explorer I has recovered silver coins, two gold rings, silver boot buckles and other artifacts from this ship that sank with the 1715 fleet during a hurricane.

Volker hopes to try and locate the chest of gold bars and jewelry that appears on the manifest. Valued today at estimated \$300 million.

Sure beats playing the lottery .

EDITOR!

## SPECIAL REPORT

The minutes that are normally found on this page will be eliminated from the newsletter. The space can be put to better use in creating a better newsletter that will be interesting to the reader. If there is an outcry about the printing of the minutes then bring this out at the next club meeting. I discussed this at length with Claude Rainey and he agreed that this space could be better used. You'll also note a change in the format of the newsletter gradually taking on the look of a small newspaper. Computer software is wonderful and it'll make our newsletter pleasure to read.

EDITOR!

### Historical Society Column

The Lake County Historical Society has received a list naming 100 historical sites within the city of Mt. Dora. Membership with LCHS cost but \$5.00 per family. They have an extensive library pertaining to the history of Central Florida. Their address is : 101 Sinclair Ave., Tavares, FL 32778.

### Sad News:

The Osceola Historical Society informed me of a treasure site that was lost to bulldozers last month. A future Industrail Park contractor uncovered a Kissimmee dump site of the 1890's.

The historical society was notified but due to the shortage of experienced treasure hunters, they had to rely on museum staff who recovered many fine bottles and artifacts. Betty Metzger, President of the Osceola branch, stated that many hundreds of bottles were still in the ground but they were holding up progress and the excavation was terminated. Today there is only dirt covering the site with a building going up there soon. This was located on Central Avenue. This is why I strive to get club members involved with historical societies.

## Treasure Sites

The Florida Gold Rush occurred in Dunellon on May Day of 1889. A formation of hard rock phosphate was discovered by Albertus Vogt, a local native and businessman. The "Phosphate Boom" lasted until World War I. During that time, Dunellon and other mining communities (Floral City, Hernando, Holder and Inverness resembled an early gold mining town of the old West. Saloons and dance halls were everywhere and coroner's inquest followed each weekend. A payroll robbery took place near Hernando in which the paymaster was murdered. The robbers were lynched but no mention of the payroll was mentioned as recovered.

It may pay to investigate this further.

Over 10,00 men worked the phosphate mines at a dollar a day. I once found a broken Bitters bottle near a pit, north of Hernando. Several mines lie within the Withlacoochee State Forest. I asked the park rangers if bottle hunting was legal in the park boundaries. They stated that it's OK as they are only interested in Indian mounds. Article condensed from Hampton Dunn's "Back Home", History of Citrus Co.

The Laeshurg Public Library has a complete set of Civil War Rebellion Records in their reference section. The Old Burleigh house at 315 Disston, Tavares was destroyed by fire. Site dates early 1900, condo site soon.

## EXTRA

### ODDS & ENDS:

A new category will be added to the display table with the onset of the New Year.

It will be for items that are not man made, i.e. fossils, minerals, gold nuggets and sharks teeth. The category will be called "Odds & Ends" and Boyd Rodgers will be the expert to judge if the item can be displayed as such.

The club sent a live plant to Bob Castle who is now home recovering from gall bladder surgery. Give him a call and share your treasure hunting adventures with him.

His phone number is: 855-8468.

**AUCTION:** Remember to bring your unwanted items that you wish to have auctioned off. Any items sold, 15% will be donated to the club treasury. So bring in that old detector or toaster and have a good time.



## FORTS, CAMPS & BATTERIES: FLORIDA

Fort Alabama is located on the south bank of the Hillsborough River near the state park. It was built in 1836 by Alabama volunteers. Shortly after leaving about 40 soldiers behind, the fort was attacked by about 400 Indians. The resisted attacks for 25 days when reinforcements arrived. Fort was booby-trapped with two kegs of powder. Osceola lost 4 scouts when they entered the fort and set off the trap. Fort should be on the south side of the H. River and north side of the Blackwater Creek near their junction. Some reports say that Ft. Foster sits on the site but according to Gray's "Florida Forts", 1972. They are separated by two miles.

Fort Andrews is located on the west bank of the Fennahallawa River, 6 miles above its entrance in the Appalachee Bay. Built in Dec. 1838 by the 6th US Infantry and occupied until 1840.

Camp Brisbane is located on a plantation site called St. Joseph in St. Johns Co. It was on the Matanzas River and belonged to a General Joseph W. Hernandez. Occupied by US troops and fortified. \*Report of Congress #58, 28th Congress, 1st Session, Book 426. Write to National Archives for this in Washington, DC

Camp Center was located in Manatee County in 1839. See: Niles Register, volumn 56, pg 386. Either National Archives or Library of Congress in Washington, DC will have it.

Charles Ferry: Niles Register, vol. 55, pg 102.

Camp Charley O'Mathla was located on St. Johns River. Army & Navy Chronicles, vol. 2, pg 87.

Fort Crum was located two miles north of Micanopy near the Withlacoochee River. See: Army/Navy Chron., vol 5, pg 386 & 391.

continued next month!

For you the relic hunters, did you know that the Leesburg Public Library has the complete 120 volumn set of the Civil War Rebellion Records in their reference section? Library is located across the street from City Hall.



## FOR SALE:

Club members may place ads by calling or writing Harry Rainey at 239-0962; 9100 Meadow Creek Dr., apt 148, Orlando, 32821. Please give a brief description of items, prices, phone number or address. Thank you.

1. C&G Wildcat w/11.5" coil. Good condition. \$150.00. Edna Liberatore, 678-2190.

2. Garrett ADS 3 w/7.5" coil, hip-mount. \$100.00 George Livingston 425-2570/896-3585.

3. Deiss 35mm reel to reel microfilm reader + extra bulb. good condition. Micro-film not included. \$150.00. Call the editor.

4. Garrett Groundhog ADS hip mount + new carrying case. \$125.00. & a Huffy 10 speed bicycle, it needs new tires. \$45.00. Call Bill Ackerman at 671-0214.

5. Garrett ADS 3 with 7.5" & 12" coils + rechargeable batteries. Call Jim Ingram at 933-1308.

6. Usika Brave, \$75.00. John Walters, 1416 Smith Drive in Titusville, 32780.

7. White's Treasuremaster Amphibian \$250.00. W's Surfmaster Amphibian \$100.00. Garrett XL 500 pulse with 7.5 & 15" coils + waterproof headphones \$250.00. Call Charlie Peterson at (904) 423-2213 or write to 2203 Royal Palm, Edgewater, FL 32032.

8. A ten inch coil that fits a White's 6000 series, 5 pin. \$30.00. 407-783-2081 or write to Claire Meyers, POB 244, Cape Canaveral 32920.

9. Garrett ADS 6, hip mount with 7.5" & 12" coils + carrying case. Excellent condition. \$275.00. (904) 427-7996.

## WANTED

1. Military buttons from Seminole Indian and Civil War campaigns. Fair prices paid. 767-0530 for David Gascoyne of Longwood.

2. Will pay high prices or trade silver for old trade tokens particularly Florida tokens. Call Robert Waters, 11818 NW Highway 27, Ocala, 32675.

## LAST MINUTE BULLENTINE:

On September 24th, at 6 pm, Harry Rainey and Jean McIntyre were united in marriage. They'll be residing in Lake Buena Vista.

Remember to keep your membership updated or you'll be dropped from the mailing list.

Due to insurance problems, there is no planned hunt for the month of October. Claude and I tried to find a location in Williston but it wasn't big enough. I've obtained a book that lists several potential spots for future hunts. There will be a hunt in November. Editor.