

# CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES

CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB  
APRIL 1996

Things start to get pretty busy around this time of year. Spring cleaning, gardening and treasure hunts. For those of you who thought about going to the Grant hunt but didn't, you missed it! I'll give a more detailed report later in the newsletter. By the time you get this month's newsletter the deadline to enter the Weeki Wachee hunt will have passed. If you've been to any of their previous hunts you know they put on a good one. I hope to see some of you there on the 13th. The club will have an overnite hunt April 20th and 21st. Don't forget the Federation hunt in October. The earlier you sign up the better, "cheaper". I'll try to get a flyer for the Federation hunt in the next newsletter. I hope everyone takes advantage of the excellent weather and brings in lots of finds for the table.

GOOD HUNTING

THE EDITOR

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The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club meets the second Friday of each month. Meetings are held at the Goldenrod Civic center, close to the intersection of Aloma Ave. and Palmetto Ave., and start at 8:00 PM.

Next meeting: Apr. 12th  
May 10th  
Jun. 14th

## March Newsnotes

The March meeting of the CFMDC opened at 7:30 to a packed house. I'd guess there was over 40 people in attendance. The meeting started as usual. The Treasurer reported a February ending balance of \$1308.82.

It was brought to the attention of the club that if you belong to more than one Federation club you only need to pay the Federation dues once. All you need to do is get a receipt from the first club you pay and take that to any other clubs to avoid paying more than once.

The situation in Pensacola took a positive turn. Due to the number of phone calls and fax's alot of attention is being turned toward resolving this problem. The local clubs are looking at publishing an ad in the local paper concerning their rights and the discrimination towards them and tourists by the city.

Boynton Beach has closed beaches to metal detecting. Similar things are happening in Alaska concerning restrictions on public lands. News has come down the grapevine that two defectorists from another Florida club have been caught on State land that is off limits to detecting. It doesn't sound like they were very smart. They parked in a restricted area, which probably tipped the officials off. When caught they used the excuse that others had hunted it before.

We have an overnite hunt coming in April. It is going to be held at a camp that dates to 1960. As far as the people at the camp know no one has ever detected there before. The hunt will be held the 20th and 21st. The cost will be \$10.00. The camp has dormitory type buildings, you'll need to bring your own bedding. RV's are ok, but I'm not sure if they have any kind of hookups. NO SMOKING!!

Half and half was won by Lonna Leist. \$16.00.

Rosa Wagner won \$35.00 for bank night and decided to use part of her winnings for her 1996 dues.

## FIND OF THE MONTH

Single Coin.....GEORGE LIVINGSTON

Group Coins.....TED SMITH

Single Jewelry.....JERRY HITSON

Group Jewelry.....ALDEN MITCHELL

Single Artifact.....JERRY HITSON

Group Artifact.....JERRY HITSON

Single Odds-N-Ends.....DOUG MELVIN

Group Odds-N-Ends.....TED SMITH

### The Middletons



## GRANT HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archaeological Society held their 9th annual hunt March 23rd in Grant. There were 66 people entered in the hunts. The CFMDC was represented by Joe Walton, Noel Hoglund, Doug Melvin, Jerry Hitson, Bill Bergdoll and myself, Ted Smith. I also saw several other familiar faces and I apologize if I missed anyone.

The day started off with the competition hunt. Everyone was searching for painted pennies, but a few people found coins left from previous hunts. After the competition hunt they started running what they called shoot-out hunts. One was a timed runway hunt. The other was a pin-point hunt. Everyone took turns participating in these hunts.

The runway hunt was to see how many pennies a person could find, out of 50, in 2 1/2 minutes. After everyone had gone through the course once they found that a large number of people were tied. So they ran everyone through again, but for 3 1/2 minutes. This narrowed the field considerably, but a couple tie breaker runs had to be made.

The pin-point hunt entailed marking the exact position of a penny on a paper. The penny was under a piece of plywood and they did an excellent job of keeping its position hidden while still marking each paper with the penny location.

Next came lunch, and an excellent lunch it was. Bar-B-Q chicken, and plenty of it, with all the trimmings.

After lunch was the token hunt. The field was planted with pennies, foreign coins and 94 prize tokens.

Shortly after the Token Hunt the awards presentation began. First was the competition hunt awards. 1st won a Kellyco trophy and a Garrett Freedom Ace detector. I took second place and won a 1715 4-reale coin. 3rd won a 1-reale coin. Next was the runway awards. 1st won a 1715 8-reale coin, 2nd won a 1-reale coin and 3rd, which I was lucky enough to win in a tie-breaker got a two coin clump off a 1715 wreck. The two coins are both probably 1/2 reale. The second shoot-out was for pin-pointing. 1st won a beautiful full date 1793 8-reale, 2nd won a large metal scoop and 3rd won a set of headphones. In each of these 3 events prizes didn't stop at third place. Hats, maps, books and artifacts were awarded all the way to 10th places.

Some of the major prizes for the token hunt were; two nights at Disney's Vero Beach Resort, Fisher 1212 detector, several 1715 1/2 reale coins and passes to Mel Fishers Museum.

For the modest price of \$25.00 it would be hard to knock this hunt. Sure I'd like to see some silver buried in the hunt fields, but they made sure everyone got something so I guess it works out in the end. I can't wait till next year.

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Thank you.

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**For Sale: Tesoro Stingray, like new, very little use. asking \$400.00 call Carol 298-2852.**

**For Sale: Whites coils- 12" hot head \$50., contact Aiden Mitchell, 3313 N. Citrus Cir., Zellwood, FL. 32796 407-886-0708**

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