



# Newsletter

**FEBRUARY 1997**

In an effort to liven up the newsletter I've made a slight format change. I hope to add a little more later on, but that will have to wait.

I'm glad to announce that several people have found tokens in the clue hunt. I will award prizes at the February meeting. The individuals that have notified me of finding a token are guaranteed at least one prize and probably more. I have enough prizes to give a few other people a shot. Here's one last clue: Beside the pine in the hills you need to use your sixth sense. Anyone who finds a token between now and the February meeting can bring it in for a chance at a prize.

The 1997 dues are a real value, especially with the plans the club has for future outings. We already have several items planned for the upcoming months. If you haven't already paid your \$20.00 you may miss out on some of the best outings we'll have. The March newsletter will be the last mailed out to unpaid members. So don't delay.

I've talked to Jerry and we'd like to

have more cartoons in future newsletters. The only problem is coming up with original ideas that can be put down on paper. If anyone has any ideas please pass them on to Jerry.

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.....don't miss out,  
attend the meetings.....

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February should be thought of as a preparation month. If you haven't done much hunting during the winter months now would be a good time to check your machine out. Make sure your batteries are ok. Check the headphones for loose wires. Tighten any fasteners that might have worked loose. If you have a water machine don't forget to clean the O-ring.

Keep your eye out for upcoming Lost Treasure issues. I sent information to a writer for their magazine who plans to include our club in an article. If anyone sees it please tell me.

**GOOD HUNTING**

**THE EDITOR**

## February Program:

A special presentation has been lined up for the February club meeting. Dave and Glorinda Burnell of New Smyrna Beach have one of the largest "whatsit" collections in Florida. They will be sharing a display of items from their collection at our meeting. Also one table of items will be a challenge for us. It will be your job to try and guess the name and use of the items on that table. The person(s) who guess the most number of items correctly will be awarded a prize. If you ever recover something with your detector or come across something at a yard sale or flea market that you can't determine what it is or its use, Dave and Glorinda could most certainly help you out. This should be a very interesting program. Don't miss it.

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## New Members:

For the last few months we've had new members and last month was no different. At the January meeting Harold Eten of Orlando joined and Brent Petherick of Maitland rejoined after taking a couple years off. As usual I'm sure everyone will make them feel at home.

## 1997 OFFICERS

President.....Randy Settle

Vice-President.....Jerry Hitson

Second Vice-President.....Chuck Hosbein

Secretary.....Madeline Corder

Treasurer.....Lonna Leist

Newsletter Editor.....Ted Smith

Refreshments.....Ron & Gerry West

Find Table.....Milton & Lorine Raw

Prizes.....Fred & Nancy Schimmel

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. Meetings start at 7:30. Next meeting: Feb. 14th, Mar. 14th, Apr. 11th.

### Newsnotes:

The January 1997 meeting of the CFMDC was called to order by re-elected President Randy Settle, at about 7:40. We had several visitors, birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. Madeline was running a little late so I filled in with the minutes. Lonna reported a club treasury balance of \$1186.46 as of December. We have currently reached 45 paid members for 1997.

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### .....45 paid members for 1997.....

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**Federation Update:** The new President of the Southeast Council is Sue Dubiel. I believe they plan to have a meeting sometime this month, but I don't have the exact date.

George Livingston brought in current issues of Coinage and Talking Tokens for the

members. Thanks George.

There was a brief discussion about the upcoming re-enactment in Narcoosee and the FUN coin show in Orlando.

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### .....Pensacola city council votes not to ban metal detecting.....

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A little bit of news has come down from Pensacola. From what I understand the city council has voted not to ban all metal detecting. If you do decide to detect in that area I would double check with the officials to make sure.

Randy read an article about the National Forest Service. The article confirmed everyone's belief that they are confused and give everyone a lot of double talk.

Randy thanked Doug for his work finding sites. Doug then gave a site report. The Geneva

Wilderness area gave up some silver and other interesting items. It might be worth another trip. Doug also handed out a flyer for the January hunt. A combination beach hunt / museum trip. Doug submitted a report on the trip which you'll find further in this issue.

We received another thank you from Park Lake Nursing and Rehab. It's February, there aren't any holidays for awhile, but I hope that won't stop everyone from bringing in a little something to each meeting. We need to make a commitment on an individual level to support our club's efforts to be contributing members of the community.

Ron West and Jim Ingram each won silver dollars in raffles.

Lorine Raw won \$16.50 in the half and half drawing.

#6 Wenona Baldwin won \$25.00 in the Bank Night.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT DEPARTMENT

The classified section is a free service for the members of the CFMDC. Anyone wishing to place an ad must contact the Editor, Ted Smith, in person at the monthly meeting or by phone @ 291-3442. When the ad is no longer required please inform me so I can remove it.

### \*WANTED: Buy or Trade\*

The Florida Yankee wants your Civil War and Seminole War Collectibles, especially buttons. Call Dave at (407) 767-0530.

### Upcoming Events:

This month I have lots to pass on:  
#1) We have a special program for the February meeting, so special I've got a bigger write-up on it in this issue. #2) We have another program scheduled for March. George Livingston will deliver a presentation titled "Elderhostel - Adventureous spirits you'll like it". #3) The TCAS will hold their tenth annual hunt March 15 at the Grant community center. #4) Weeki Wachee will hold their annual hunt April 12th. #5) The club has several camp sites lined up. Campground #1 is 2 1/2 to 3 hours drive from Orlando. In use since 1955 it has cabins that hold eight per side with their own bathrooms, hotel rooms are also available and it has RV parking. It has a beautiful lake with swimming and a diving area, plus great fishing. There are about 10 acres of land for hunting. No alcohol or smoking in buildings. There is a kitchen for campers to use to prepare their own food. The campground is used by about 4 to 5 thousand people per year. The available dates are the third

weekend of March and the first weekend of May.

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.....sites don't get any better than this.....

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Campground #2 is about 3 hours drive from Orlando. It is about nine years old, but activity has been there for about 18 years. It is a beautiful campground and has fantastic scenery. The cabins are swiss chalet type all overlooking one of the best trophy bass lakes in the state. The cabins sleep approximately 18 people each, but you can put 4 - 5 people per side or two couples per side. There is also a fantastic motel available. If you want to tent it there is a site with a bathhouse also the RV sites are at the tenting area. The food is prepared for you by two chefs and are served either buffet or cafeteria style. They also have a 24 hour no cost coffee, tea service. This is a rare occasion where they do allow you to bring beer if you would like but no smoking in the buildings. They have 500 acres with ballfields, nature trails, fishing, golf, tennis and the local

babe ruth league uses their fields. There is also about 70 acres when you enter the grounds that was an old indian village. About 20 thousand people use this camp each year. Dates available Aug. 16-17, Sept. 20-21 and Nov. 22-23.

Campground #3 is about 2 1/2 hours from Orlando. This campground is fantastic. It offers horseback riding, go-carts, mini-golf, ballfields, horseshoes, shuffleboard, one of north Floridas largest zoos and a fresh water 72 degree spring with snorkeling. There are 30 tent sites, 20 RV sites, 20 cabins sleeping 10 per side, 5 guest cabins with queen beds, 9 mini lodges sleeps 4 families and 30 family chalets sleeping 11 - 30. About 40,000 people use this camp per year. The camp is 40 years old.

The upcoming meetings will be very important if you want to get all the information as it becomes available. If you come to all the meetings you will have more time to make plans then if you wait to read about it in the newsletter.

## FIND OF THE MONTH

Single Coin.....	No Entry
Group Coin.....	Bill Bergdoll
Single Jewelry.....	Doug Melvin
Group Jewelry.....	George Livingston
Single Artifact.....	George Livingston
Group Artifact.....	Dave Gascoyne
Single Odds-N-Ends.....	Jerry Hitson
Group Odds-N-Ends.....	Jerry Hitson

### Field Trip Report:

This was one of the most interesting field trips that I have ever been on. After breakfast I headed over to the Ora Street Park in Daytona Beach. The first order of business was to use my metal detector on the "Detector Test Strip". I took a twenty foot piece of two inch wide nylon strap and attached by tape various metallic targets to it. The targets were coins, jewelry and trash items. You are not using your detector to it's fullest potential unless you have taken the time to educate yourself by use of a test strip or practice garden to determine how your detector reacts to various targets and to targets located near trash items. This test strip was a real educator. As people trying their luck on the test strip quickly discovered many items are passed over on the beach because their discrimination is set too high, a good item is "disguised" by near-by trash and some items may read as iron. Do you know the response that a five dollar gold piece would give with your detector? a gold chain? a ring?

The strip was put away and the beach hunt began. It was a little chilly and windy on the beach but if you dressed warmly it really wasn't a problem. It also warmed up as the day progressed. There were quite a few people on the beach and a number of locals or tourists were using detectors on the beach. I got a few hot tips about where some rings were lost on the beach from a fellow detectorist. One of the rings is

**.....cold  
weather doesn't  
stop club  
outing.....**

worth over.....! After the beach hunt it was time for lunch. After lunch the Museum of Arts and Sciences of Daytona Beach was on the schedule. People who attended were treated to a free lecture and slide show concerning the famous "fossil pit" located in Daytona Beach.

Information was given concerning the famous ground sloth skeleton that is mounted in the museum. The lecturer was Dr. Gordon Edmondof of the Royal Ontario Museum of Canada. He is a world famous expert on the ground sloth and other mammals of that era. Also on hand was Don Serbousek the man who actually discovered the ground sloth skeleton and many other fossils. Both persons were very involved in getting the community involved in recovering fossils from the pit and getting everything preserved and on display. That was a real treat. Also viewing all of the items on display in the museum was most interesting. The museum has fourteen different galleries to view. If you missed the field trip let me recommend that you do your own beach museum trip. The lecture and slide show will be going on for the next month or so. Saturday is a free admission day to the museum. Saturday hours are from 12pm to 5pm. from the site chairman Doug Melvin.

## FIND OF THE YEAR WINNERS

Single Coin.....	ROB LOUCKS
Group Coin.....	ALDEN MITCHELL
Single Jewelry.....	JERRY HITSON
Group Jewelry.....	TED SMITH
Single Artifact.....	DAVE GASCOYNE
Group Artifact.....	DAVE GASCOYNE
Single Odds-N-Ends.....	JERRY HITSON
Group Odds-N-Ends.....	ALDEN MITCHELL