



CENTRAL FLORIDA TREASURE TALES

CFMDC NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS EVERYONE,

I hope everyone has been doing OK. It seems like I've been away a long time. I went on vacation in August and wasn't able to put out a newsletter. Sorry. Then I couldn't make it to the September meeting because I was working a lot of overtime. I don't have much info on the September meeting and the August meeting seems like ancient history, but I will hit a couple items from the August meeting. The club voted to make Boyd Rodgers a lifetime member and had a plaque made up to give him. **Gene Hitchew** and **John Higgins** put on an excellent display and talk on Civil War artifacts and history.

The National Convention and

hunt are over now, I hope we can get a first hand account from someone in our club at the next meeting. Speaking of the October meeting, I believe we have a speaker scheduled on Spanish Shipwrecks. If you have treasure items of this type you might want to bring them in. You might be able to learn more about them.

Ray sent me info on the October camp hunt, which is in this newsletter. Unfortunately he was unable to write an article because he had to go out of town. I believe his step-father passed away and he went to be with his mother.

Just a couple more reminders. We are always collecting items for Park Lake Nursing home. We have all heard first hand

how much a simple little item like a can of pop means. Also save your pull-tabs and bring them in.

I'd like to also thank **Lance Detotto** for his article.

GOOD HUNTING

THE EDITOR

NEW MEMBERS:

We have been doing fantastic on getting new members all year long. As of the September meeting we are 70 strong. Joining in August were **Edgar Barnett** and **Bill & Betty Shackelford**. Joining in September were **Pete Sabatini**, **Ralph All**, **Ron DeVary** and **Richard Kodeleski**. I also need to apologize to **Pete & Ginny Buccola** who joined a couple months ago, but I lost their information. As **Ray** keeps saying "Bring A Stranger", and it looks like its working.

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Prize Table.....**Fred & Nancy Schimmel**

The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club meets the second Friday of each month. Meetings are held at the Automations Dealership at 4911 Wayside Drive, near the intersection of I-4 and SR-46. Meetings start at 7:30pm. Next meetings: Oct. 9th., Nov. 13th & Dec. 11th.

October Camp Hunt

You are invited to attend a fantastic over night camp outing sponsored by the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club. This outing will be October 10th and 11th. Over 3500 adults and kids use this camp each year. There is a lake that used to be for swimming. This has been a campground since 1946. This outing will include sleeping arrangements in cabins bring your own bedding and bathroom commodious. Also includes three delicious meals (lunch, dinner and breakfast) plus some goodies for you to find. We will also play some games and give away some great prizes. The cost for all of this is only \$30.00 per person. If you are interested please make your check to C.F.M.D.C. and send to Lonna Leist, PO Box 308, Osteen, FL 32764.

From Orlando area: Take Hwy 436, Turnpike, I-4, 441 or any other road to Apopka Fl. Approximately 4 miles north of Apopka you will see a winn dixie on the east side of the road. We will meet in the winn dixie parking lot and leave for the camp ground at 9:00am Sat. Oct. 10th. If you are late there will be signs in the parking lot giving directions to the camp ground. If you have any questions and can not make the October club meeting then give me a call at 407-322-5509. The original dates were Oct. 24th and 25th but due to over booking at the camp ground this date was changed. **Ray Leist**

The following poem was sent to me by **Boyd Rodgers** awhile back. It was written by Dale Freeman.

Turn on the machine and check out the beep.

Adjust the discrim, cause you have to go deep.

You pocket your probe, put your headset on tight.

The batteries are fresh, It's an un hunted site.

Your mind is alive with excitement and pleasure.

Knowing the ground is bursting with treasure.

Coins and rings, silver and gold.

More than your pouch can possibly hold.

Today is the day, You feel it will be.

Perhaps an old cache buried under an old tree.

Then suddenly you hear it---that deep mellow sound.

You're sure it's gold, Hidden down in the ground.

Probing and digging, cautious, alert.

Careful not to scratch, while digging the dirt.

Exposed and revealing, in all of its glory.

Another pull tab, the same old damn story???

FIND OF THE MONTH for August

Single Coin.....SCOTT YOUNG

Group Coin.....STEVE KIRBY

Single Jewelry.....MIKE MYERS

Group Jewelry.....TED SMITH

Single Artifact.....DAVE GASCOYNE

Group Artifact.....DAVE GASCOYNE

Single Odds-N-Ends.....GEORGE LIVINGSTON

Group Odds-N-Ends.....STEVE KIRBY

LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE CROSSING THE BEACH !!

by Lance P. Detotto

Having just moved to Florida from New Mexico I decided to get into beach hunting. I used to live in Southern California and did some beach hunting there for a couple of years. Then I moved to Arizona and New Mexico, so the only beach hunting I did was during vacation visits to Cape Cod or the West Coast of Florida visiting my parents.

I live in Orlando which is approximately midway between the two coasts of Florida. The East Coast is a little closer than the west so I decided to try my luck there.

Cocoa Beach near NASA is only an hour away so I went there first. Access was easy and the sand was easy to sift but the \$5.00 in round trip tolls was a little steeper than I was willing to pay on a regular basis.

I went to Cocoa a few times and found some coins and junk jewelry. Nothing too great but I met another detectorist who knows about the TREASURE BEACHS and some good sites to hit after a major storm like a NorEaster or a Hurricane. (Treasure Beachs are one of my main reasons for taking up beach hunting again and moving to Florida.) (But that will be another story)

I joined a local club called the CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB (CFMDC)

and heard that Daytona Beach is only an hour from here and the road has no tolls!

What is unique to me about Daytona is you can drive right on to the beach. I couldn't believe it! So I had to try it! I paid the fee and the attendant said to park and drive anywhere there is not a sign prohibiting it. Apparently the sand is so firm that even passenger cars can drive with no problem. Well I have to admit that I did a "typical" tourist mistake. I drove a little too high and the sand is not as firm higher on the beach and I got stuck!

Thank goodness I had plenty of digging tools, muscle power and a local with some know how (experience?) to help me out of that predicament.

Once unstuck and parked, I couldn't wait to get started. I was all decked out in my gear and was going to detect. However I couldn't quite get started as soon as I wanted.

The drive area on the beach was bumper to bumper traffic going both ways. Not only cars and trucks, but ATV's, Dune Buggys, Bikes and Motorcycles! I had to play "dodge-em" to get to the main beach area to hunt.

Not only can you rent Dune Buggys and ATVs you can also buy your lunch, get umbrellas, surf boards etc. All from vendors who drove their stores onto the beach. I had never seen anything like it. Cars, trucks, stores, people and the items they lose were everywhere.

I wish I could tell you I found a Gold Ring or Emerald Broach on my first visit. I didn't - at least not yet! I did find plenty of coins and a beautiful pair of sterling marqasite earrings with a 1/2 Caret Cubic Zirconia stone in each one.

Driving on the beach was great as I could wander back to my car at any time to get a drink, change detectors, digging tools etc. Many people simply park and put their towels or blankets right next to their cars. This way they have music and access both. Others want to be right by the water. Because of this the whole beach has the possibility of lost items. Also due to this close proximity to their vehicle the people make more trips across the beach for snacks, towels etc. and thus may lose more items.

I found scattered coins everywhere. I have yet to determine the best spots, but will go as often as possible. I have also discovered FREE off beach parking with easy beach access, so for the time being this will be my new favorite beach.

I encourage everyone to try detecting these drive on beaches, but remember, Safety First and look both ways before crossing the beach!!

FIND OF THE MONTH for September

Single Coin.....	RALPH FLIPPO
Group Coin.....	RALPH FLIPPO
Single Jewelry.....	GRADY COX
Group Jewelry.....	GEORGE LIVINGSTON
Single Artifact.....	DAVE GASCOYNE
Group Artifact.....	RALPH FLIPPO
Single Odds-N-Ends.....	DAVE GASCOYNE
Group Odds-N-Ends.....	STEVE KIRBY

Field Trip Report

Septembet 12th field trip: We had a very good turnout for our one day campground trip, about thirty people participated! We met at our normal meeting place and at 9:am we formed a caravan to the near-by camp. I was a little disconcerted at first as everything seemed to be just recently built! Looks can be deceiving though, prior to the new owners the property was a Boy Scout Camp! Most people did just recover some modern coins but a few good finds were made, the ones that I observed were assorted re-inactor buttons, a broach, a wallet with seven dollars and ten cents in it (the detector sounded off on the dime!), an arrow from the archery range and perhaps the best find, a Boy Scout bandana clip. The clip is of an older

style and is quite collectable. The camp served us a good lunch, at least I didn't hear any complaints about it, maybe because we've all had worse! The weather was perfect, warm but not miserably hot. Was the outing a success? I think so. The finds could have been better and more numerous but I believe that everyone enjoyed pursuing our hobby together as a group. Some of our newest club members went with us and that gave them an opportunity to get to know us better and for everyone to do some socializing. It was a pleasant way to spend a Saturday: with friends and enjoying our hobby!

The club owes Ray a special thanks for lining up this camp for us. It's not necessary to go into any great detail but our use of the camp was touch and go

for awhile due to the camps stringant rules. Ray was able to negotiate with the camp so that we could be there. One of the concerns of the camp was that our digging activity would leave "golpher holes", trash and dead grass on the grounds. From what I could observe everyone did a good job of retrieving targets neatly, leaving no holes or trash. If we plan on returning to camps and sites this is absolutly necessary, everyone needs to follow the "Code of Ethics". Camps and property owners have long memories, just one person not picking up his or her trash and not neatly filling in any holes made in the ground can ruin it for everyone else!

From the Vice-President

Doug Melvin

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT DEPARTMENT

The classified section is a free service for the members of the CFMDC. Anyone wishing to place an 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.

FOR SALE: Whites Spectrum XLT, BRAND NEW, NEVER USED. First \$625.00 takes it. For info call Ted Smith, 291-3442.

FOR SALE: Whites XLT spectrum, 9 1/2" coil, 6" coil, 12" hothead coil and new 15" coil. Asking \$500.00 for all. (over \$500.00 in coils alone). Also Whites Goldmaster III, includes extra 11" coil. 6 months old. Asking \$500.00. Contact Herb Phillips, 407-880-3495.

WANTED: Buy or Trade

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

George Livingston is interested in buying dog, or any other animal, tags. Will pay 50 cents for any tag in reasonable condition. Bring you tags to the meeting for George's official appraisal.