

# TREASURE TALK

## CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB FEBRUARY 2000

*Central Florida Metal Detecting Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The club meetings are held at the Sanford Garden Club building. For directions and other information call Ray Leist—407-322-5509.*

### Presidents

### Corner

Well, one month of the new millennium is past and I hope everyone is doing fine. At the last meeting we had several guests and some new members joined our club. They are Steve Hinson, Kevin Finn, Kathy Hoel, Robert Dilley and Buddy Pride. Please make these people feel welcome and we wish them all the treasure they can find. At our annual town hunt last month we had 15 participants and they started out from downtown Sanford. After the rules and conditions of the hunt were explained they dispersed and had four hours to make their finds. At the end of the regulation time we all met back where we started. The finds were

1. oldest coin found— Tony Krapil
2. most coins found— Grady Cox
3. best artifact— Jerry Hitson
4. best jewelry— Frank Barnes
5. most unusual find— Ray Leist

Way to go and we thank everyone for participating. Each one of the winners received \$10.00.

We want to remember those on our do better

list— Bob and Faye Alaxender, Don Baldwin, Don Hurtig, Joan Kirby, Sue Rainey, Jeanne Sanders, Peg Walker and Peggy and Tony Krapil. If we haven't seen your face in a while, we have missed you. We will see you at the January meeting and don't forget to bring a stranger.

President Ray Leist

### PAY ATTENTION

**CLUB DUES ARE DUE. THE CLUB DEPENDS ON YOUR DUES SO THAT WE CAN OPERATE. IF YOUR DUES ARE NOT PAID BY FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP. SO PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

### MAKING MONEY

The Denver mint is totally funded by the mint itself through the sale of coins and most years sells enough to meet its budget which runs about 40 million a year. It is not reliable on taxpayers to fund their expenses. To mint a penny it cost about \$.006 while the quarter only costs 7 cents. When the new quarter program was introduced the demand for the quarters is such that the current projections call for 360 million to be produced for each state. The Denver mint also predicts great demand for the new Dollar. The Susan B. Anthony quarter was such a bust that it went from 288 million minted in 1979 to 3.25 million in 1981. This was like the what the Edsel was to the Ford Motor Co.

## *Treasures hunters code of ethics*

*I WILL not treasure hunt on private property without the permission of the owner.*

*I WILL not destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures*

*I WILL not tamper with signs, structures or equipment*

*I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources wildlife and private property*

*I WILL fill all my dug holes, remove and properly dispose all trash that I find*

*I WILL leave the property the same as I found it.*

*I WILL assist law enforcement, government agencies and private citizens as needed*

*I WILL not litter*

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## BUYING A METAL DETECTOR???

OK, so you are interested enough to think about getting into the hobby! Some people like to fish, build things of wood and do other hobbies. We metal detectorists are in the hobby of world minority. This is why, unless you know where to look, there is not many places in the retail world to ask about metal detecting. To many mainstream hobbyist, metal detecting is a hobby for old people or for those that are definitely different. Your first step is to find the detector that's going to be right for you. So welcome to the hobby of metal detecting.

### BRAND CHOICE

The most reliable brands are your name brands. The main brand names are WHITES, GARRETT, FISHER, TESORO AND MINELAB. These are the manufactures that you will hear the most about. There are several other manufacturers out there and as you get into the hobby you will hear more about them. Some brands are more sophisticated and there are others that are ready right away. Either way these are all quality machines. Most TH'ers (treasurer hunters) are loyal to the brand they are using so asking which detector is the best sometimes is not the best answer you can receive. If Whites, took a stick and put an extension cord on it and called it a metal detector and it pointed to a penny on the ground, it would be the best detector you could buy. At any rate, avoid buying a detector from a company not in the business of selling metal detectors. Some places like Radio Shack, Sears and Ace hardware might sell metal detectors. These places might know a lot about televisions, washers and dryers, and nuts and bolts but they don't know squat about metal detectors. You can also buy detectors at Flea Markets and yard sales but if you have problems later on who is going to help you. If you buy from a Web site make sure you know who you are dealing with. Some places sell out of their homes but make sure they are a manufacturers representative.

### PRICE, VALUE AND PERFORMANCE

For anyone who is serious about metal detecting, a good new metal detector can start at \$250 and go up to \$1300 or more. Most people will probably let price decide but that shouldn't be the only consideration. You might think that a \$150 detector will do a good job but more than likely you will be disappointed and eventually throw your detector in the closet and never touch it again. Most of the time you will take up another hobby and spend more money on it than if you had purchased a good detector in the first place. Buying a more expensive machine doesn't mean you will find more stuff than someone with a less expensive machine. If you purchase a good machine and learn how to use it properly, you will find just as much as the guy with the expensive machine. If you use it and know what your machine is telling you, you will be successful. The best advice is to buy the best machine that you can afford and learn how to use it.

### TYPES OF DETECTORS

There is basically, two types of detectors, manual and automatic. This means that they will suppress signals from iron (ferrous metals) either manually or automatic. This is called ground balancing. Some detectors come from the factory with the ground balance already in a pre-set level. Others allow you to do the ground balancing. If you are going to hunt for coins and relics on land, beaches, parks and around old sites, then the automatic is fine. If you are going to hunt for gold or relics where there is a lot of ferrous oxide, you will need a detector with a manual ground balance. There is also those detectors that are made for water hunting or hunting on beaches with lots of mineralization. Sometimes wet sand will take on a conductive property and cause your detector to give off false signals. The machine is simply doing what its made to do, which is to detect items with conductive properties. The pull tab of an aluminum can is less conductive than a coin, but its more conductive than a small gold ring. This is where discrimination, the most important feature of any detector, comes into play. Discrimination lets you cancel out metallic trash like pull tabs, screw caps and iron objects when detecting for coins and jewelry. However if you cancel out some pull tabs you will cancel out rings and nickels. Some detectors use a notch system which relies on a dial or switch to accept or reject items.

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## **BELLS AND WHISTLES**

The less money you spend the fewer bells and whistles you get. The more expensive detectors use LCD target identification and depth meters. One of these days I hope someone makes a detector that will suck up the coin without digging for it. Target I.D. isn't fool proof, even with the most sophisticated machine. While most target I.D. machines are accurate to only about 5-6 inches, the depth readings are generally accurate. Do you really need all these features, nope, no more than a person needs that expensive car that has all the knobs and big engines. Once you get the hang of using a cheaper metal detector, you can always upgrade to one with all the bells and whistles.

## **WEIGHT**

This is probably a very important part of choosing a detector. Most detectors weigh about 2 to 4 pounds. Get the lightest model you can find for the money you plan to spend. Swinging a heavy detector for a length of time will certainly tire out your arms. The lighter machine will only wear out your arm more slowly.

## **NEW OR USED?**

Most TH'ers take good care of their machines. They also upgrade to the newest machine on the market. So, the probability of getting a bad used detector is statistically slimmer than buying a used car. Sometimes it is difficult to find someone with a used detector, that has the model or make that you want. Therefore, sometimes it is easier to buy a new machine. Most of the time the warranty will not be in effect on a used detector. If you have the time to hunt the classified ads and look on the Internet and read the treasure magazines you might find that detector that you want. For the time that you spend doing this you could be out detecting with your new detector.

## **WHOSE GOES DEEPEST?**

The answer to this question is!!!! NOBODY'S. But, there are a lot of detectorists out there that will disagree. A lot of Ther's are loyal to the brand of detector that they use. There are too many variables in metal detecting for any one brand to claim to be the **GREATEST DETECTOR EVER INVENTED**. Most of the major brands will find objects in the 5-8 inch range. This is about where you will find most of the targets that you dig. Most detectors in the \$200-\$300 range will find object in the 5-10 inch range. Most of the time anything deeper than 12-15 inches you become an excavator, and operate a backhoe. Most of the time if you get a signal deeper than 15 inches it most of the time is a piece of iron or a aluminum can. Sometimes there are good targets deeper than 16 inches but this is when you need to know what your machine is telling you.

## **ANALYSIS PARALYSIS**

Finally, figure out what kind of detecting you want to do, how much you can comfortably spend, and which model from which manufacturer will do the best job for you. After you have decided then go out and buy the machine of your choice.

If you only have \$300 to spend, don't waste your time looking at a manufacturer's higher line models. If you can't afford it then don't look at it. Putting more on your credit card or digging into the cookie jar might make you regret that purchase latter on. Don't look at the cheaper models either, because they just will not do the job that you expect of them. If you have \$300-\$400 dollars to spend then you are specially interested in devoting some serious time and effort toward getting good at finding coins and relics in the most trying of conditions. A cheaper detector will just discourage you and you will give up the hobby. One last word, if you buy a name brand detector, don't worry about whether you paid too much. This all depends on what you find with your detector. Sometimes one or two good finds will pay for that detector. Don't worry about what other people tell you what they bought their detectors for because sometimes people just like to rub others the wrong way. **BUY YOUR DETECTOR-ENJOY IT-AND HAPPY HUNTING.**

**FEBRUARY AND MARCH TIDE CHART**

DATE	LOW 1	LOW 2	HIGH 1	HIGH 2
13th	7.55 am	8.03 pm	1.36 am	1.42 pm
14th	9.03 am	9.07 pm	2.33 am	2.52 pm
15th	10.08 am	10.10 pm	3.42 am	4.03pm
16th	11.09 am	11.12 pm	4.48 am	5.09 pm
17th	12.06 am	12.09 pm	5.49 am	6.09 pm
18th	1.00 am	1.05 pm	6.44 am	7.04 pm
19th	1.50 am	1.59 pm	7.35 am	7.56 pm
20th	2.38 am	2.50 pm	8.23 am	8.45 pm
21st	3.24 am	3.41 pm	9.10 am	9.32 pm
22nd	4.09 am	4.32 pm	9.55 am	10.19 pm
23rd	4.54 am	5.24 pm	10.39 am	11.06 pm
24th	5.40 am	6.18 pm	11.23 am	11.53 pm
25th	6.28 am	7.13 pm	12.09 am	12.44 pm
26th	7.19 am	8.11 pm	12.59 am	1.40 pm
27th	8.23 am	8.42 pm	1.55 am	2.12 pm
28th	9.08 am	9.48 pm	2.20 am	2.56 pm
29th	10.01 am	10.15 pm	3.39 am	3.56 pm
1 st	10.46 am	10.50 pm	4.33 am	4.50 pm
2 nd	11.32 am	11.35 pm	5.21 am	5.37 pm
3 rd	12.15 am	12.15 pm	6.05 am	6.20 pm
4 th	12.54 am	12.56 pm	6.45 am	7.00 pm
5 th	1.31 am	1.48 pm	7.23 am	7.48 pm
6 th	1.37 am	2.07 pm	8.00 am	8:12 pm
7 th	2.19 am	2.43 pm	8.38 am	8.54 pm
8 th	3.02 am	3.21 pm	9.16 am	9.42 pm
9th	3.48 am	4.03 pm	9.57 am	10.19 pm
10th	4.38 am	4.49 pm	10.41 am	11.15 pm
7th	5.34 am	5.41 pm	11.30 am	11.52 pm

**PERMISSION LETTER**

The following is a permission letter that you can use to gain access to private property. You may copy this and carry it with you when you seek permission. You will notice that there is no mention of sharing finds. It is up to you if this is mentioned.

Mr-----

This may sound like a strange request, so let me introduce myself. My name is (your name) and I have lived in (name of town) for (length of time). I am (age) years old, married and have ( number of children). Normally I would prefer to approach you in person, however I feel that a letter before hand is a better emissary than just knocking on your door at an inconvenient time and invading your privacy.

I have been engaged in the hobby of metal detecting for (number of years) and find it a healthful, enjoyable pastime that allows me to meet many interesting people. The thrill of finding old coins, buttons, relics is very exciting to me.

Recently, I have researched information that your property and the area surrounding it goes back many years. I would like to obtain permission for myself and a friend to detect your property.

I want you to understand that I always respect the property that I search and try to leave it in the same condition that I found it. Normally the targets that we find are no deeper than 4-5 inches and I retrieve them so as it appears that the ground is not disturbed.

In addition, I would like to offer my services to you. Perhaps you or someone you know has lost something of value or maybe you need a survey marker located. I would be will to assist in finding anything that you might want located.

I have enclosed a self addressed envelope for your convenience and would like to talk to you concerning this letter.

Thank you for your time and consideration and hope I will be hearing from you soon.

Sincerely

(Your Name)

(Telephone Number)

Follow up with a phone call if you haven't heard in a week. When you call let them know it was you that sent the letter and ask if they have any questions.



**ATTENTION— THE FOLLOWING IS  
THE CLUB'S WEB-SITE**

[HTTP://hometown.AOL.com/urgtrb8/club/index.htm](http://hometown.AOL.com/urgtrb8/club/index.htm)

The classified section is a free service for the members of CFMDC. If the add is no longer required see Ray Leist or call 322-5509.

Have you heard what's going on in the club?

**FEBRUARY— 11--** Come to the meeting to see what is going on in the club You might miss out on what all the good finds that are being found and where.

\*\*\*\*Also we will have a speaker. He will have a very interesting presentation on recovered shipwreck treasures. He is a long time marine treasure salvager who has worked many shipwrecks. **DO NOT MISS THIS SPEAKER.**

Also at the club meeting we will be collecting eyeglasses for the Lyons Club. Please bring in any old unwanted, but in good condition, eyeglasses.

As another service to our club members we will start having an official "Items for Sale" table at the club meetings. Any items should be hobby related and be tagged with your name and asking price of the item. All sales should be conducted before the meeting, during the break or after the meeting. The club will not be responsible for any transactions.

**FEBRUARY-14** Hey guys, this is probably one of the most important days you had better not forget. **VALENTINES DAY.**

**FEBRUARY-19** Full Moon

**FEBRUARY-21** Presidents Day

**SEPTEMBER 15,16 AND 17— FMDAC  
BIG CONVENTION AND HUNT. ST.  
PETERSBURG, FLORIDA. MORE  
LATTER**

**GRANT TREASURE HUNT-MARCH  
11<sup>TH</sup> --CALL 561-589-4500-- FOR INFO.**



**SOLD OUT**



**WILL BUY—** Pre 1990 dog or any animal licence tags. See or call George Livingston-407-896-3495

Florida Yankee wants your Civil War and Seminole War collectibles. See Dave Gascoyne or call— 407-767-0530

**SECRETARIES REPORT FOR  
JANUARY MEETING  
SUBMITTED BY CHUCK HOSBIEN**

The January meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 7:50 p.m. Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized and Ray told his joke of the month. Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. The December bank balance was \$1515.78. Club dues must be paid by the February meeting. Ray discussed the Federation hunt which will be held in the St Petersburg Florida area in September. This hunt will be a three day affair with two big hunts on Sunday. Ray discussed how much metal detecting people do such as locating lost items and returning them to their owners. He also talked about how many of the state parks are now being opened up to metal detecting. Ray had several fliers about other hunts and treasure hunting tools available. He has the information if anyone is interested. One of the next big hunts is the Texas Treasure Show 2000 coming up on March 18-19. The club hunt for January will be a local hunt. Everyone should meet at the Chamber of Commerce in Sanford at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday following the meeting. Ray will have a list of categories for finds and will have money prizes. The hunt is scheduled to last for 4 hours. New club members are Robert Dilley, Kevin Finn, Steve Hinson, Kathy Hoel and Buddy Pride. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

**JANUARY FIND'S OF  
THE MONTH**

**SINGLE COIN—1828 Bust ½ cent  
Scott Young**

**GROUP COINS—Large Cent, 1885 V  
nickel, other coins—Steve Hinson**

**SINGLE JEWELRY—1948 Class ring  
Jim Mitchell**

**GROUP JEWELRY—No entries**

**SINGLE ARTIFACT—1812 Riflemans  
hat ornament—Dave Gascoyne**

**GROUP ARTIFACT—Seminole and  
Civil War artifacts—Dave Gascoyne**

**SINGLE ODDS AND ENDS—Coca  
Cola pen knife—Alden Mitchell**

**GROUP ODDS AND ENDS—Book,  
fishing weights tokens—Doug Melvin**

**FINDS OF THE YEAR**

**SINGLE COIN—1831 BUST DIME  
DAVE GASCOYNE**

**GROUP COIN—V NICKEL AND SUZIE  
DOLLAR—RON DEVARY**

**SINGLE JEWELRY—GOLD  
DIAMON/TOPAZ RING—DON HICKEY**

**GROUP JEWELRY—BRACELETS,  
SILVER ETC.—ALDEN MITCHELL**

**SINGLE ARTIFACTS—RIFLEMAN'S  
BADGE—SCOTT YOUNG**

**GROUP ARTIFACTS—SEMINOLE  
WAR BUTTONS—DAVE GASCOYNE**

**SINGLE ODDS/ENDS—TELEGRAPH  
KEY—JERRY HITSON**

**GROUP ODDS/ENDS—U.S. MARSHAL  
BADGE, PALADIN BADGE**

**DO NOT WALK BEHIND ME, FOR I MAY NOT LEAD. DO NOT WALK AHEAD OF ME, FOR I MAY NOT FOLLOW. DO NOT WALK BESIDE ME EITHER. JUST LEAVE ME ALONE. (EVER HAD ONE OF THOSE DAYS)**

**THE JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH A BROKEN FAN BELT AND A LEAKY TIRE.**

**ITS ALWAYS DARKEST BEFORE THE DAWN. SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO STEAL THE NEIGHBOR'S NEWSPAPER, THAT'S THE TIME TO DO IT.**

**IT'S A SMALL WORLD, SO YOU HAVE TO USE YOUR ELBOWS A LOT.**

**WE WERE BORN NAKED, WET AND HUNGRY, THEN THINGS GOT WORSE.**

**IF YOU THINK NOBODY CARES IF YOU'RE ALIVE, TRY MISSING A FEW CAR PAYMENTS.**

**IF YOU LEND SOMEONE \$20 AND NEVER SEE THAT PERSON AGAIN IT WAS PROBABLY WORTH IT.**

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE MUCH EDUCATION YOU NEED TO USE YOUR BRAIN.**

**GIVE A MAN A FISH AND HE WILL EAT FOR A DAY. TEACH HIM HOW TO FISH, AND HE WILL**

**SIT IN A BOAT AND DRINK BEER ALL DAY.**

**SOME DAYS YOU ARE THE BUG, SOME DAYS YOU ARE THE WINDSHIELD.**

**DON'T WORRY, IF ONLY SEEMS KINKY THE FIRST TIME.**

**IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEEDED, SKY DIVING IS NOT FOR YOU.**

**DON'T SQUAT WITH YOUR SPURS ON.**

**NEVER MISS A CHANCE TO SHUT UP.**

**GENERALLY SPEAKING, YOU ARE NOT LEARNING MUCH WHEN YOUR MOUTH IS MOVING.**

**ANYTHING WORTH TAKING SERIOUSLY IS WORTH MAKING FUN OF.**

**I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS YOUR FAULT- I SAID I WAS GOING TO BLAME YOU.**

**THERE ARE TWO THEORIES TO ARGUING WITH WOMEN, NEITHER ONE WORKS.**

**BEFORE YOU CRITICIZE SOMEONE, YOU SHOULD WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES. THAT WAY, WHEN YOU CRITICIZE THEM, YOU'RE A MILE AWAY AND YOU HAVE THEIR SHOES.**