

TREASURE TALK

CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Central Florida Metal Detecting Club meets the 2nd 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 we had another suburb meeting in May. If you have not been making these meetings you have been missing out. We not only had great birthday cake, a lot of guests and a very interesting speaker. John Whitworth gave a very interesting talk and had three table's full of artifacts. Everything from buttons to gold. He gave a very interesting talk about treasure hunting in England. He is also going to hold hunts in Colorado this summer. If you would like to go on a tour to England or the hunt in Colorado, you need to see me to contact John.

We had four guests and they were Joe Powell, M/M Alan James and Geno Augustin. Geno is now a member of the club. Please welcome him to the club.

Lonna and myself will be heading for Jacksonville, Biloxi, Huston, San Antonio, Denver and then to western Kansas for the months of June and July. Plan to maybe check out some of those old places that I grew up around. Doug Melvin and Jerry Hitson will be in charge while I am gone and I know that they will have their hands full but will do a super job. They will be organizing the June hunt and you all need to come out and support these guys because I know they will put a lot of hard work into this hunt.

We will return the last of July and will start to prepare to sell our home and get ready to move to the Edgewater area. (Closer to the beach)

Don't forget the two day hunt down at the Sebring Race Track on May 27th and 28th.

We want to remember those on our do better list- Bob and Faye Alaxender, Don Baldwin, Don Hurtig, Joan Kirby, Sue Rainey, Peg Walker, Tony Krapil and Frank Barnes. Try to give these people a call or send them a card. If we

haven't seen your face in a while, we have missed you. We will see you at the next meeting and don't forget to bring a stranger.

President Ray Leist

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ELONGATED COINS

It is generally accepted that the rolling of elongated coins in the United States began at the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago, Illinois in 1892-1893. Elongated coins are coins rolled through hand cranked mill type machines consisting of reverse engraved dies cut in steel rollers, similar in concept to wringers on old fashioned washing machines. Regular coins are run between the rollers under tremendous pressure, (about 22 tons), which presses the coin into the die, and due to the pressure, simultaneously stretches the coin into an "Elongated" shape.

Elongated coins come in all denominations including tokens and foreign coins, with the one cent piece being by far the most common. With its start as a money making souvenir at Worlds Fairs and Expositions, the elongated coin has evolved into mementos for most any event, activity or topic. Many are used as promotional or personal cards.

Prices of elongated coins vary depending on the number rolled, age, denomination, popularity of topic or event, even the condition of the coin. There are four published books which catalog elongated coins. The latest and the most comprehensive was authored by Angelo A. Rosato, "Encyclopedia of the Modern Elongated's" 1990 (1700 pages-hard bound).

Modern elongates are rolled and sold at many events, fairs, shows, amusement parks and other activities or tourist attractions. The more common elongateds sell for between 50 cents and \$1.00, when not used as free hand outs or tokens. Older elongated coins can be found at coin shops and shows, flea markets, even at garage sales. Prices for older issues and even recent limited edition commemorative elongateds are generally higher. It is estimated that there are will over a thousand "serious" elongated coin collectors with large general collections and many thousands more who collect topical or specialty elongated, and TFC is a great place to meet these people, find out about elongated coins, and buy and sell or trade these items.

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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WHAT OLD GLORY SHOULD MEAN TO YOU

The American flag has been ridiculed, burned, stomped on and disgraced, but yet it still is the proudest flag flying in this old world. It superbly stands for freedom and yet some Americans let others desecrate the meaning of this wonderful flag of ours. It has survived the revolutions and all the wars that have besieged this great country of ours. They are still trying to remove it from our schools. They also say that children in the schools do not have to pledge allegiance, even though it stands all of the Americans who fought

and died for what the flag stands for. The American flag is one of the oldest flags of the world. Only Austria, Denmark, Great Britain, Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland are older. Many different flags flew over the United States until the evolution of the "Stars and Stripes".

The first flag to fly over North America may have been the Viking banner, a black raven on a white field, a symbol of good luck carried by Leif Ericsson as he visited Newfoundland. In January 1776, General George Washington proclaimed the organization of the Continental Army and raised the Continental Colors. This was the first red and white thirteen striped flag, with the British Union Jack in the canton. The most popular story of Betsy Ross sewing the first flag seems to be unlikely. The most likely candidate for designer of the Flag appears to have been Francis Hopkinson. He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a recognized designer. A record was found of Mr. Hopkinson submitting a bill of \$2,700 to Congress for "currency designs, design for the Great Seal of the U. S., a treasury seal and a design for the Flag. The color scheme and design of the Flag is symbolic of America. The white stripes represent the purity and serenity of the nation, the red stripes represent the blood spilled by Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. The white stars symbolize the purity, liberty, and freedom within the nation. The royal blue field stands for freedom and justice. The number of stars and stripes represented the first 13 states. The first official flag of the United States was created by Congress on June 14, 1777. It consisted of 13 alternate red and white stripes and 13 white stars in a field of blue, representing the 13 colonies that had declared their independence in 1776. Congress adopted a new flag of 15 stars and 15 stripes in 1795 recognizing two new states, Vermont and Kentucky. By 1817 there were 20 states in the Union and it became apparent that adding a stripe for each new state would destroy the shape of the flag. In 1818 Congress restored the original design of 13 stripes and provided that each state was to be represented by one star. In 1912 President Taft ordered that there be six even rows of eight stars each. Previously the arrangement was left up to the flag maker's fancy. After the admission of Hawaii into the Union in 1959, the flag was officially changed for the 26th time since its creation. Each star in the flag represents a certain state of the Union. The 27th is Florida.

Display and use of the United States Flag : 1. The flag should be flown only from sunrise to sunset. 2. The flag should be displayed on national, state holidays and on historic and

special occasions when weather permits. 3. The flag should be displayed at every polling place on election days. 4. The flag should be displayed in or near every schoolhouse. 5. The flag should always be hoisted briskly and lowered slowly. 6. When the flag is carried in a ceremony it should always be on the right of any other flag. 7. When displayed it should be on the right and its staff in front of all other flags. 8. When displayed with other flags it should be at the highest point. 9. When displayed with other flags on a halyard it should be on top. 10. No other flag, when displayed with the American flag, should be larger. 11. If it is to be hoisted out in a horizontal position it should have the union first, away from the building. 12. If it is not being flown from a mast or rope then it should be displayed in a flat position. 13. If suspended over a street it should have the union to the north on a east and west street or to the east in a north and south street. 14. If on a speaker's platform it should never be draped over the front of the platform. 15. The flag can be used at an unveiling but should never be used as a covering. 16. When flown at half mast the flag is hoisted to the top before being lowered. On Memorial Day the flag is displayed at half-staff until noon and at full staff from noon until sunset. Half-staff honors the heroic dead and full staff shows that the nation lives. 17. Only by the order of the President may crape streamers be affixed to flagstaves or spearheads in a parade. 18. When used to cover a casket the union should be at the head and over the left shoulder. It should never touch the ground or be placed in a grave. 19. In a church the flag should be on the congregations right. 20. When a flag is no longer fit for display it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

July 4th, 1818— the stars and stripes began to assume its present appearance.

July 4th, 1861— the 34 star flag became official.

July 4th, 1908— the 46 star flag became official.

1912-1959— the flag was designed to have 48 stars.

July 4th 1959— the flag was designed to have 49 stars with the addition of Alaska.

July 4th 1960— the flag was designed to have 50 stars with the addition of Hawaii.

No one knows for sure how the stars and stripes were given to these earlier flags but one theory is that it came from the coat of arms of the Washington family.

In 1989-1990 the U.S. Supreme Court struck down laws declaring flag burning to be desecration, and instead reaffirmed First Amendment right of self expression. These ruling caused a great deal of anger among patriotic groups, which have in turn called for a Constitutional Amendment to protect the U.S. Flag as a symbol of our Nation.

So on this Independence Day lets all remember what our great Flag stands for and remember what all Americans went through to have "Old Glory" stand tall over all Nations. If you hear someone talk about our Nation, let them know that we are the BEST in the world and if they don't like it, tell them they can go some where else and live. Its time, we as Americans, stood up and be counted for what we believe in. Do you fly the Flag on Holidays? Do you stand when the colors are presented? Do you have an American Flag in your home? LET'S STAND UP FOR AMERICA AND RECOGNIZE THE FLAG ON THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY.

THANKS



IF YOU HAVE A BUSINESS AND WOULD LIKE TO PUT YOUR BUSINESS CARD IN THE NEWSLETTER, GIVE ME YOUR CARD AND I WILL TRY TO PUT IT IN.

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

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

JUNE- National Cat & Kitten Month

JUNE 9TH — Club Meeting—Come on out and enjoy this meeting. You will find out about the Club Hunt!!!!

JUNE 10TH— Club hunt— This will be a suburb hunt at Lake Mary Park behind the library. There will tokens for silver coins, and cash prizes. Doug & Jerry will probably have a lot of surprises for you. Bring your own drinks and food and really enjoy.

JUNE 14TH — FLAG DAY

JUNE 16TH — Full Moon

JUNE 18TH — Fathers Day—Don't forget good Ol dad.

JUNE 20th — First Day of Summer

JULY 4TH — INDEPENDENCE DAY— Fly your American Flag with pride and remember those who died for our country

JULY— Don't forget that the Scavenger Hunt will be mailed out in the July Newsletter.

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