

Treasure hunters code of ethic's

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

I Will not destroy historical sites, private or public property.

I Will not tamper with signs, structures or equipment.

I Will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources 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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**- SECRETARIES REPORT FOR
MARCH MEETING
SUBMITTED BY CHUCK HOSBEIN**

The March meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by president Ray Leist. Ray opened the meeting with his joke of the month. This month's joke was about a couple sitting in a restaurant. They had a discussion with the waiter about the efficiency of carrying a spoon in his pocket and a string in the fly of his pants. We had a few guests at the meeting who were recognized as well as those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of March. Secretaries and treasurers reports were read and accepted. The bank balance was \$1429.31. Ray had several items of interest available for anyone who wanted to see them. These included the current issue of Wester/Eastern magazine and information on a group who puts together metal detecting hunts in England. Ray also had information a couple of web sites about metal detecting. At the Miners Mall web site, our web site will be mentioned. Our guest speaker for the month was Karen Livingood. Karen is a crime scene technician with the Orlando Police Department. She talked about what a crime scene tech does during a crime investigation. She also talked about some of the crimes she has investigated in the past. Karen left copies of various search patterns used by the OPD when searching crime scenes. These handouts were available to anyone who wanted copies. Ray thanked everyone who sent cards and condolences on the death of his mother. These were very much appreciated. Roland Davis and Richard Kordeleski were given awards for returning lost items to their owners. Roland returned a gold medallion and a ring. Richard returned a class ring. The annual Grant Hunt is scheduled to take place on March 10th. When Ray checked there were only 17 people signed up. Anyone who wants to go to the hunt can show yup and sign up at the hunt. Our club will be having an overnight hunt the weekend of March 17th and 18th. The cost of the hunt is \$35 and this was due at the March meeting. We will be meeting at the K-Mart on 441 as you leave Leesburg. Ray had a map with directions at the meeting. We had a drawing for a nice coin display that included two silver quarters. Ray gave tickets to everyone for the drawing which was won by Al Mills. Ray discussed an article that appeared in the local newspaper in

New Smyrna. It discussed how people with metal detectors were thieves because they were stealing what they found and not leaving the finds for whoever lost them. Ray will be interviewed by the newspaper on Monday for a rebuttal. Ray will address the Historical Society and has asked for as many people as possible to show up. He will keep us posted on when he get on the docket. Ray auctioned off some books. They brought \$22 for the club. Jerry Hitson has some CD's for the Gold Digger program. The April meeting has been moved to April 6th. Be sure to mark you calenders. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

MARCH FINDS OF THE MONTH.

SINGLE COINS— Steve Kirby— 1894 Indian Head
GROUP COINS— John Faiello— Silver coins
SINGLE JEWELRY— Glen Hanson— Gold and Ruby Necklace
GROUP JEWELRY— Fred O'neal— 14 k chain, rings.
SINGLE ARTIFACTS— Grady Cox — Civil War ram/rod extractor.
GROUP ARTIFACTS— John Faiello— Locks, tags, misc.
SINGLE ODDS/ENDS— Ralph All— Saint in a box.
GROUP ODDS/ENDS— Roland Davis— Keys, buckles, bullets, misc.
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THE FOLLOWING ARE QUOTES FROM NEW SMYRNA CITY OFFICIALS AND SELF APPOINTED ARCHAEOLOGIST. ALSO FOLLOWING IS OUR PROPOSAL TO STOP THE BANNING OF METAL DETECTING IN NEW SMYRNA.

“ Every item that is in the soil should be left there until the owner comes back and finds it.”
“ Any thing that is found on public property should be turned into the police department.”
“ All items found should be sent to the State of Florida Historical Committee for proper cataloging. “
“ Metal detectorist are stealing from the public when they find something and keep it.”

This is just a few of the obnoxious comments that were in the Newspaper. We had about 30 metal detecting club members from CFMDC AND D& F show up for the Historical Society meeting on March 14th and stated our case against banning metal detecting on all public property. I believe that we made an impression. Page 3

**THIS IS A PROPOSAL FROM THE METAL DETECTING COMMUNITY TO
THE CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH.**

1. It has been stated that metal detecting hobbyist are destroying public land, that is thought by local archaeologist, to be historical sites. We dispute assertions against our hobby that has been published in the newspaper. We as metal detectorist do not excavate, but we dig into the ground to retrieve coins. Most dropped coins are only about 2 to 6 inches deep. Therefore we feel like we are being classified as people who go out and dig large trenches and holes. Metal detecting is a hobby that is accessible to anyone who wished to purchase a detector. We have members who are millionaires. Some of our members are in their 80's and do this for their exercise. Then we have young children 5 and 6 years old who enjoy finding coins. In the vast majority of cases the items they are removing have virtually no historic, or cultural value. A blanket prohibition of this activity is unwarranted.

2. There are those that disregard the law and will go on sites that the Historical Society are trying to preserve. We as a metal detecting hobbyist are dead set against this kind of action and will report these acts to the authorities. Also there are tourists that come to New Smyrna and use metal detectors. Some times they go into the wrong areas and if a legitimate metal detecting hobbyist sees this kind of action they will try to correct the situation. Therefore we feel it would be only fair that we be allowed to metal detect on public areas that are not posted as a historical site.

3. Also bear in mind is the fact that a historic site (a place where a historic event occurred) is not necessarily an archaeological site. In other words, a place where a famous person gave a famous speech is a historic site, but not an archaeological site in the sense that the

ground there would not likely contain artifacts able to illuminate our understanding of that event. In contrast, the site of the first Colonial trading post in town might be an archaeological as well as a historic site, unless it has suffered so much disturbance that its artifacts are no longer in context or have been removed. If the ground is being disturbed by heavy construction machinery, then after the machinery is not being used so that it would cause a safety problem we as metal detectorists should be allowed to explore that site to look for coins. .

4. The original proposal, by a local archaeologist, is trying to assert that any object in the ground has the potential to speak volumes about past material culture and is, therefore, worthy of protection. The idea that most archaeologist's have is that every piece of dirt is a historical site. The fallacy of this argument is that it treats every object in the ground the same, not making any distinction between items of archaeological significance and insignificance. That is why the (federal) Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA) makes such a point of defining archaeological interest, resource, site and context. We agree that significant archaeological sites should be identified and preserved. The proposed metal detecting prohibition in New Smyrna Beach however, fails to make a distinction between those sites and all other areas of public land which contain the widely scattered detritus of human occupation that does not satisfy the definition of archaeological significance and is, therefore, of negligible scientific value. We assert that these widely scattered bits and pieces of metal, buttons, corroded coins, ect; are of such little scientific or monetary value that there is no compelling reason for the government to afford them any more protection than mushrooms in the woods or seashells on the beach. If any man-

made object that falls to the ground is to be considered an artifact, by the self proclaimed archaeologist in New Smyrna Beach, then the grounds keepers should be instructed to stop picking up beer cans and McDonald's wrappers.

5. We as a metal detecting community are not here to destroy a historical site. We have adopted as our code of ethics that we always regard the preservation of all historical sites.

And also that we leave the area as we found it.

6. We as a metal detecting community also get permission before hunting on private property. We also offer to the property or land owner a written agreement on any thing that is found to give them their pick of what is found.

7. If we obtain permission to hunt on public property, that has been disturbed, we will forfeit any so claimed artifact that is found excluding coins.

8. We as a metal detecting community believe that any artifact that is of significant value should belong to the city of New Smyrna and be displayed in a historical section of the city museum for the enjoyment of the surrounding community.

9. There have been and are being artifacts that are being kept for large collections of the very people that are trying to ban metal detecting. This is what is disturbing to the metal detectorists. We only ask that what is fair to some be fair to all.

10. Here is our club's position regarding metal detecting in New Smyrna Beach.

A. Only significant marked archaeological sites on town owned land should be off limits to recreational metal detecting.

B. Those sites, should be protected from all other forms of subsurface disturbance as well.

C. Any subsurface disturbance of those sites should be done under the supervision of a licenced professional archaeologist.

D. Any archaeological investigations that are conducted on those sites should have reports

written and published and the artifact's found should be properly conserved, stored and be available for study. These artifacts should not be sent to the State of Florida Historical Resources to be lost in the shuffle of bureaucratic paper work but be cataloged and conserved for local enjoyment.

E. The remaining town owned public land that is available for other types of recreation should remain open to recreation metal detecting as it has in the past without permits or further restrictions. The argument that a permit system would allow metal detecting in a controlled manner is entirely specious. Since no one would pay money for the privilege of extracting a few coins, corroded buttons and bottle caps from the ground, it would have the same effect as a ban.

D. Almost all of the sites of historical value around the city of New Smyrna were originally found by the use of a metal detector. If these metal detecting hobbyists were initially banned from use there would be less historical sites for the archeologist and the city to have. Ray Goodrich was the first metal detectorist to locate some of these sites that now belong to the historical society of New Smyrna Beach Preservation Commission. If Ray had not pioneered his expertise into the history of New Smyrna, we as the metal detecting community would not be having this ridiculous discussion of banning metal detecting in New Smyrna. We feel as a metal detecting community that we are being discriminated against and that our rights are being violated. We strongly urge you not to ban metal detecting in New Smyrna to the law abiding metal detecting hobbyist.

Thank you

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

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APRIL 1ST — APRIL FOOLS DAY

APRIL 6TH — CLUB MEETING. DON'T FORGET.

APRIL 8TH — PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 15TH — EASTER SUNDAY
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HISTORICAL DATES IN APRIL

APRIL 2ND 1978 — VELCRO PUT ON THE MARKET

APRIL 3RD 1882— JESSE JAMES KILLED BY ??

APRIL 8TH 1513— PONCE de LEON LANDS IN ST AUGUSTINE CLAIMS LAND FOR SPAIN.

APRIL 9TH 1865— GEN. ROBERT E. LEE SURRENDERS TO GRANT AT APPOMATTOX, VA

APRIL 10TH 1849— SAFETY PIN PATENTED

APRIL 12TH 1877 — CATCHERS MASK FIRST USED IN BASEBALL GAME.

APRIL 15TH 1452— LEONARDO da VINCI IS BORN

APRIL 16TH 1922— ANNIE OAKLEY SETS RECORD BY SHOOTING 100 CLAY TARGETS IN A ROW.

APRIL 18TH 1906 — SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE.

APRIL 20TH 1889- HITLER WAS BORN.

APRIL 21ST 1948 — FIRST POLAROID CAMERA SOLD

APRIL 23RD 1564 — WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE BORN AND DIES ON SAME DATE 1616

APRIL 24TH 1981— IBM INTRODUCES FIRST P.C.

APRIL 29TH 1913— ZIPPER IS PATENTED

APRIL 30TH 1803 — U.S. PURCHASES LOUISIANA TERR.

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.

The classified section is a free service for the members of CFMDC. If the add is no longer required see Ray Leist or call . 386-428-3401

FOR SALE

Sierra Battery station. Discharges nicad batteries before recharging. Use with Whites Pro and Eagle detectors. Retail \$49.95 Sell \$20 plus S/H of \$3 total \$23. Alden Mitchell —box 194 West Farmington, Ma 04992 207-778-2178

WANTED TO BUY

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

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

Ok, so what's the speed of dark??

When everything is coming your way you are probably in the wrong lane.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have any film.

I intend to live forever— so far so good.

When I'm not in my right mind, my left mind gets pretty crowded.

So you couldn't fix your brakes so you made your horn louder?

Why to psychics have to ask you for your name?

Two wrongs are only the beginning.

You never really learn to swear until you start to drive.

Borrow money from pessimists— they don't expect it back.

99 per/cent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

I've learned— that never say no to a gift from a child.