

TREASURE TALK

CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB

JULY 2001

CLUB'S WEB SITE-----<http://www.geocities.com/g8r81/cfmdc.html>

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----386-428-3401

Presidents

Corner

Here it is again August in Florida. Still pretty warm for getting out in the sun. A lot of goodies are still being found on the beach and in the water. We have a great club web site put together by Jerry Hitson and Rob Loucks. You might even recognize some of the people in the pictures.

We have a lot of things going on in August. First there will be a New Smyrna City Commissioners meeting sometime in August. Probably around the middle of the month. I will let everyone know when. This will be a very important meeting and we all need to show up.

This will probably decide what a lot of other cities in Florida will do as far as banning metal detecting. I am sure that the opposition will have a good turn out and we will need to also show up in numbers. When I told the chairman of the Historical Society that they were infringing on our rights to enjoy the hobby of metal detecting he quoted, "we have a responsibility to control your right's". Sounds like big brother to me!!

We will have very busy August meeting. First there will be the judging of the scavengers hunt. **THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE ITEMS WILL NEED TO BRING IN THEIR ITEM SHEETS THAT THEY RECIVED IN THE JULY NEWSLETTER. THEN YOU WILL NEED TO CIRCLE THE ITEMS THAT**

YOU FOUND. On the back of the sheet count the coins that you will receive. This will save a lot of time. Remember that I will still have the final say on what items qualify.

ALSO REMEMBER that we will be testing different metal detectors at the meeting. Those people who will be bringing in their detectors are:

BOUNTY HUNTER- Steve Kirby and ??? if you have a Bounty Hunter bring it in.

COMPASS----Don Hickey and Don Hurtig

FISHER- Bill Ackerman and Roland Davis

GARRETT- Donald Vincent and Chuck

Pastore

MINELAB- Bill Shackelford and ?? If you have a Minelab bring it in.

NAUTILUS- Ralph Flipppo and Jack Dee

SHADOW- Don Hickey and Roland Davis

TOSORO- Deyton Peyton and George Allen

WHITES- Judy Barnett and Don Hurtig.

We will be testing various coins, jewelry and junk at different depths. For those that are thinking about a different detector then you can make notes on how these detectors perform.

We need to remember those on our do better list -, Sue Rainey, Peg Walker and Don Hurtig Peg Walker is really having a hard time of it so maybe some of you could send her a card or give her a call. Our list is getting shorter so maybe your thoughts and prayers are working. Try to remember these people. Give them a call or send them a card. Some day (we hope not soon) you may be on this list. 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 "bring a stranger".

President Ray Leist.

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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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Secretary's Report For July Meeting

Submitted by Chuck Hosbein

The July meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 7:40 pm by president Ray Leist. Ray's joke of the month was about a minister going around and meeting all of his new members. While visiting one member, he inquired why a condom was floating in the fish bowl and how it prevented sickness. Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and accepted. Lonna gave a recap for two months and the closing bank balance was \$861.96.

We had a few guests at the meeting tonight and they were recognized as well as everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of July.

Club hats are available for \$5.00 each. You can see Chuck or Lonna to get one.

Ray had a set of keys owned by Cash and Carry in Orlando. He asked Donald Watson to return them along with one of our club cards.

Ray opened a discussion on our bylaws and asked for volunteers to review and update them. If interested, you can contact Ray or Bill Ackerman.

Ray gave the club an update on what is going on in New Smyrna. The Historical Society wants to bring back to the City Commissioners the banning of metal detecting on a large part of New Smyrna. Ray had maps at the meeting showing the areas they want to ban metal detecting. Ray asked the club if we should join the ACLU to see if they would act in our behalf. A vote was taken and approved. Ray also indicated that everything seems to have come down to money. It was mentioned that the Historical Society could lose federal funding if metal detecting was not banned. They already have recieved

\$265,000 from the state.

Several club members have been asked to bring detectors from various manufacturers to do a metal detecting test at the August meeting. If you volunteered don't forget to bring in your detector.

Deyton Peyton mentioned that he had received information on a hunt in Russia. From what he had info on, the price was good. Additional information is on the web July's club hunt is the scavenger hunt and was in the July's newsletter. All those participating is to bring in their finds to the August meeting. We also will be having a club hunt in August. The club hunt will be held on Saturday, August 11th on the New Smyrna beach. The hunt will begin at 9:30 sharp and everyone is to meet at 27th street. The cost of the hunt will be \$5 per person and the prizes will be cash money.

We had four new members join and they are: Donald Vincent, Donald Watson, Harriet Herrin and Pat Nardozzi. Please make these people welcome.

JULY'S FINDS OF THE MONTH

SINGLE COIN- Deyton Peyton -
1911 Silver Half

GROUP COINS- Deyton Peyton
Large collection of silver coins.

SINGLE JEWELRY- Pete Sabantini
Gold and diamond horseshoe ring.

GROUP JEWELRY- Buddy Pride
Gold watch, rings and bracelets

SINGLE ARTIFACTS- Jim Mitchell
Chauffeurs' badge.

GROUP ARTIFACTS- No Entry

SINGLE ODDS/ENDS- Buddy Pride
Sheriff's badge

GROUP ODDS/ENDS- Buddy Pride
Toys and misc items.

THE REST OF THE STORY

We have all heard the haunting song, "Tap's". It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually creates tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be pleased to find out about it's humble beginnings. Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, Captain Ellicombe decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly he caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status.

His request was only partially granted. Captain Ellicombe had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody we now know as "Tap's" used at military funerals, and at the end of each

day on military bases was born.

The following is the words to this song:
Day is done Gone the sun From the lakes
From the hills From the sky All is well
Safely rest God is nigh

Fading light Dims the sight And a star
Gems the sky Gleaming bright From afar
Drawing nigh Falls the night

Thanks and praise For our days
Neath the sun Neath the stars
Neath the sky As we go This we know
God is nigh.

We have felt the chill while listening to "Taps" but have never seen all the words until now. We didn't even know the story behind the song but NOW YOU KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY.

The following is a short quiz and consists of four questions. This test was given to Professional's and also to Pre-school children. About 90% of the Professionals got all questions wrong. The Pre-school children got most of the questions right.

First question:

How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator? *open it*

Second question:

How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Third question:

The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All of the animals attend except one. Which animal does not attend?

Fourth question:

There is a river you must cross. But it is inhabited by crocodiles. How do you get across the river?

If you bring the correct answers to all four questions to the August meeting you will receive a silver coin.

DETECTING TIPS

Here is a site that is giving away a new Whites DFX detector:

<http://www.losttreasure.com/>

When detecting in cold damp weather get a pair of dishwashing rubber latex gloves. This will still let you feel what you find as well as keeping your hands clean

You can also try this for detecting gloves. Get a decent pair of leather gloves that fit fairly snug. Then treat them with a baseball glove conditioner that you can buy from a sports store. Good for detecting where you might encounter broken glass or old pieces of metal.

When detecting on the beach, periodically remove your coil cover and wash out the sand. This build up of sand can affect your ground balance and depth.

Do not let your coil wire bounce around near the coil. This will give off false signals. Pull the coil wire up about 4-6 inches and secure with tape or a piece of velcro.

Try going over to your favorite spot and use a smaller coil. A 5-6 inch coil will let you get in between the trash and pick up those good targets. You can then increase your sensitivity and get better depth.

When you want to cover the most area that is possible use this method. Make a couple of picks, something that you can insert into the ground easy. Tie them together with about 25-30- of twine. Set these two stakes apart in a line. Then start sweeping the ground while walking on the right side of the twine. When you get to the end, then move that stake over 2 feet and start sweeping on the right side again. Continue this moving the stake 2 feet at a time. This will let you cover all the ground thoroughly.

A good spot to check is where they have fishing and boat rentals. Check where they pull the boats out and flip them over for the night. Every night things get dumped into the sand or mud.

When you get those throw away shower caps at motels or purchase them, use them to cover your detector's meter. They are clear and make the perfect raincoat for your detector.

If you live in a town where the storm drains empty into a lake or stream, then when the water gets low, check these drains out for lost items.

A good thing to keep handy for cleanup after MD is those Fast Orange Wipes that you can buy at auto parts stores.

A good storage container for those long nosed pin pointers is to take a cash and trash apron and cut a slit in the bottom of one of the pockets. Then put the pin pointer into the slit and mark where the side of the pointer is and sew a small pocket for the pin pointer.

While out metal detecting try to take along a disposable camera. Never know when it will come in handy.

When metal detecting carry along some different colored golf tees to mark spots where you get a signal. After several spots have been marked then go back and dig. Make a note as to how deep and what kind of signal it made.

The most important tip is to PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE. Get to know your detector by what kind of sounds you get and where your machine is telling you to dig.

Have you heard what's happening in the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club? COME AND FIND OUT!!

AUGUST 10TH – CLUB MEETING. MAKE SURE YOU BRING IN YOUR SCAVENGER LISTS.

AUGUST 10TH – AT THE MEETING WE WILL BE TESTING DIFFERENT METAL DETECTORS. THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED BRING IN YOUR DETECTORS. A LIST IS ON THE FRONT PAGE.

INTERESTING HISTORY DATES IN AUGUST

- August 1st 1291– Oldest government established in Switzerland
- August 2nd 1990– Iraq invades Kuwait.
- August 3rd 1492– Columbus sails for the New World
- August 4th 1914– England declares war on Germany
- August 5th 1936– Jesse Owens wins his third metal at Berlin Olympics
- August 7th 1942– Battle of Guadalcanal. First U.S. offensive in WW11
- August 9th 1930– Betty Boop makes debut
- August 14th 1935– Social Security Law is established
- August 16th 1969– Woodstock begins in NY
- August 17th 1807 Robert Fulton steamboat Clermont first trip up Hudson River
- August 19th 1960– U-2 incident of spy plane
- August 23rd 1926– Rudolf Valentino film idol dies at age 31
- August 26th 1920– US constitution ratified giving women right to vote
- August 27th 1859– First oil well dug by Edwin Drake in Pennsylvania
- August 29th 1896– Chop Suey invented by visiting Chinese Ambassadors chief

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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

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Recovered Treasure
Be An Affluent Beach Bum

THE MORE YOU SEARCH THE MORE YOU FIND
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SOME TIPS THAT WORK:

- Blood stains on clothing– Use a little peroxide on a cloth and blot off the blood stains
- To make the house smell better– spray a little perfume on a light bulb then turn it on.
- Candles will last longer – place them in the freezer then use them as needed
- Celery will last longer- if wrapped in aluminum foil and then put in refrigerator
- Cure for headaches– rub forehead with slice of lime
- When trying to get a splinter out of your hand or finger, put scotch tape over the splinter then pull off the tape.