

TREASURE TALK

CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB

November 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

Another year has just about passed. One that some things we would like to never have happened. I have a nephew that is over there in one of those countries and if any of you have relatives or friends who are serving our country please let me know and I will put them on our prayer list. There will be several things going on at our November meeting. We will be discussing about the next election of officers for the club. If you would like to be a contributing part as an officer or committee person, step forward at the meeting and put you hat into the ring. Our annual club AUCTION will be this club meeting. Bring in some good items. We need to start thinking about our Christmas party. It will be the same night as our club meeting, December 14th. The club will furnish the turkey and dressing and the members should bring a covered dish. Also at the October meeting we discussed our support of a local charity. We decided on helping the local Women's shelter. If you could bring in some items that a woman could use and maybe a new toy of some sort. The club will be having a over night hunt and

camp out. This camp has cabins, which are divided into three sleeping areas. Each cabin has two bath rooms and should be plenty of privacy for you. They will serve the three meals, lunch Sat., dinner Sat. evening and breakfast Sun morning. You will only need to bring your sheets and pillows and toiletries. The cost will \$40 per person and that includes games and some surprises. There will some field experiments to see if people can find the treasure. There will be a SIGN UP SHEET at the November club meeting. We need 25 for this camp ground.

We need to remember those on our do better list - Don Hurtig is still having leg trouble. Mark Condren, my nephew, is serving our country. If you know of someone who needs to be remembered let me know. I know that your thoughts and prayers help these people. Give them 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 "bring a stranger".

President
Ray Leist.

IN MEMORY OF GRADY COX

THE CLUB WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO REMEMBER GRADY COX A LONG TIME MEMBER AND A TRUE METAL DETECTORISTS. GRADY WAS A GREAT ASSET TO THE CLUB. HE NOT ONLY GAVE OF HIMSELF BUT LIKED THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CLUB. GRADY WAS A VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB. HE ALSO LIKED THE JULY SCAVENGER HUNT. THE CLUB HAS MADE THIS HUNT A MEMORIAL YEARLY EVENT IN HONOR OF GRADY. WE WILL DEEPLY MISS YOU GRADY.

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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 October Meeting Submitted by Chuck Hosbein

The October meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by club president Ray Leist. The meeting was opened this month with Bill Shackelford leading the club members with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Al Mills notified the club that Grady Cox was very ill. Lonna had a card for Grady at the meeting and asked all club members to sign. Al also asked the club to remember Grady by naming the annual scavenger hunt after him. Every one at the meeting approved it. Al asked the club how they felt about starting a hall of fame for past members. If you have any feed back on this let Al or Ray know.

Ray next discussed a few pieces of information for club members including an Alaskan cruise coming up next year. If you would be interested contact Carol Taylor for the information.

Ray's joke of the month was about Stumpy and Martha who went to the fair and wanted to take a plane ride. They got the ride for free by saying a word during the flight. According to Stumpy, ten dollars is ten dollars.

Ray mentioned a problem with his Excaliber and the coil melting. He took it back to Kellyco and they contacted Minelab Ray received a new detector with Kellyco's help.

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 September and October. No secretary's report this time due to no September meeting.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Bank balance was \$500.24

Ray read an email he received concerning a new bill being proposed by the state. The new law proposes that state lands be opened for detecting. The number on this is FS267 and Ray asked that everyone email their senators and let them know they should voted for this. Send to Senator Rod Smith.

Our guest speaker for the month was Tom Dankowski. Tom has been a guest speaker in the past. He gave a very good demonstration using two Fisher detectors. One was a regular detector and the second was a prototype. Tom was asking for feedback on the changes he has added to the prototype. Everyone at the meeting was pretty impressed at the changes. He has added a 4th tone to the machine to identify all good targets. According to Tom, Fisher has incorporated this change into their new model CZ 70 Pro. Tom indicated the machine would be available shortly.

There was a sign up sheet for club shirts. The shirts are \$15 per shirt. Club hats are available at \$5 each.

Jerry Hitson has a screen saver for your computer. Contact Jerry or Ray for info. The annual club AUCTION will be held at the November meeting. Donated items will be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the club. We really need good items to build up the clubs treasury.

There will be no hunt for Oct. Ray has set up an overnight camp out for Nov. It will be held on the 17th and 18th. The cost will be \$40 each and will include three meals. We need at least 25 people for the hunt and Ray has invited some other club's.

The club has voted to stop the Door Prize drawings. We will continue with the Silver drawing.

The annual Christmas party will be held at the December meeting.

The club will provide the turkey and dressing and has asked the members to bring a covered dish to share. We may do a charity donation at that time. More information will be available at the November meeting.

We had five new members join this month and they are:

David Humphrey Sr., David Humphrey Jr. Bernie Cote, Cynthia Cote, and Tom Dankowski. Welcome to the club.

The October meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Finds of the Month (September)

SINGLE COIN= DAVE GASCOYNE
Flying Eagle Cent

GROUP COIN= LORI BORDERS
Large collection of silver coins

SINGLE JEWELRY= RICH KORDELSKI
18 k Gold and Platinum Ring

GROUP JEWELRY= LORI BORDERS
Gold and Silver Rings, and Medallions

SINGLE ARTIFACTS= RON DEVARY
Silver Sugar Spoon

GROUP ARTIFACTS= DAVE GASCOYNE- Civil War Relics

SINGLE ODDS/ENDS= LORI BORDERS
Old Bayer Aspirin Cap

GROUP ODDS/ENDS= LORI BORDERS
Misc Keys, and Other Objects

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Finds of the Month (October)

SINGLE COIN= STEVE KIRBY
1864 2-Cent Piece

GROUP COINS= STEVE KIRBY
1900 Barber Half, Silver Dimes/ Quarters

SINGLE JEWELRY= RALPH FLIPPO
14 k Gold and Diamond Ring

GROUP JEWELRY= STEVE KIRBY
Silver Rings, and Charms

SINGLE ARTIFACTS= STEVE KIRBY
1700's Teapot Lid

GROUP ARTIFACTS= STEVE KIRBY
Civil War Dress Buttons

SINGLE ODDS/ENDS- HARRIET HERRIN- Bank Token

GROUP ODDS/ ENDS= STEVE KIRBY
Misc. Toy Cars, ect
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I usually don't participate in rumors like this, but I got this information from a reliable source. It came from a friend of a friend whose cousin is dating this girl whose brother knows this guy whose wife knows this lady whose husband buys hot dogs from this guy who knows a shoeshine guy who works in the Government building downtown. He apparently overheard two guys talking in the bathroom about alligators and came to the conclusion that there is a major plot that alligators will come up into the sewer system and bite people on the butt on the 28th of November. Reports indicate that organized groups of alligators are planning this sneak attack on unsuspecting American's toilet bowls. So don't go to the bathroom on the 28th of November. And if you say that I said this everything will be denied and this information will be destroyed in 8 seconds.

"BECHTLER'S MINT"

During 1790 and 1840 most of the gold being mined in the United States came from Georgia, northwest North Carolina and the northern part of South Carolina. Thousands came to this Appalachian territory to gain their fortune. The tons of gold bullion that came from this area had to be shipped to Philadelphia for processing into gold coins. Because of this there was a vast shortage of coined money. Raw gold was used for exchange for goods. To help alleviate this problem several mints sprang up in this area.

The first and most important was the Bechtlers Mint which was located in Rutherfordton, North Carolina. It was in operation from 1830 to 1852. Christopher Bechtler and his son August moved from Germany and decided they could make a lot of money in the gold fields of America. Both men were highly skilled metallurgists. By 1831 they minted coins with a crude stamp press, and mined gold on their own property. They converted more than \$2.2 million in raw gold to coins. All of the coins were in \$1, \$2.50, and \$5 coins. They didn't mint any \$10 or \$20 coins.

The law of Jan. 18, 1837 completely revised and standardized the mint and coinage law. Legal standards, mint charges, legal tender, accounting methods and other procedures caused these small mints to fold. The Bechtlers booming business began to fall by 1840. However they had already accumulated a vast fortune.

After the death of Christopher Sr. August closed the business and moved it into Rutherford where he and his son continued to mint gold coins. When August died Christopher Jr. continued for a while then closed and moved away from

the area.

The Bechtlers had been in operation from 1830 to 1852 and had the distinction of producing the first gold dollar in America. The U.S. Mint's first release was in 1849. Of course there are many lost gold and treasure stories associated with the Bechtlers. Some that are true and some just wishful thinking.

During the Civil War, North Carolina joined the Confederacy. As troops moved through the area, many families hastily buried caches of jewelry and gold coins before leaving the area. Most of the coins were from the Bechtlers Mint.

During the early 1970's an old home was torn down and several hundred Bechtler gold coins were found. The old Bechtler mine is still in the area.

A local man, in 1940, and his father went down into the mine and saw chairs, tables and other items in the mine all worth a pretty price at to days antique prices.

If you would go out on highway 221 and make a right turn where old highway cuts across. That's about a 1/4 mile past the old furniture factory. After that you will come upon a s-curve and at the end of the curve will be a small bridge. Walk down the railroad track 100 yards, turn right then you will see the mines opening.

The Bechtlers \$1 gold coin is worth \$1500 in fine condition to \$6000 uncirculated.

The \$2.50 gold piece is worth \$2000 in fine condition and \$5500 in uncirculated.

The \$5 coin is worth \$2500 in fine condition and \$3300 in extra fine and \$7000 in uncirculated condition.

Hundreds of these Bechtler gold coins are unaccounted for and could be anywhere in the country.

The Bechtlers were very successful and they led the way for the introduction of Americas own gold coins.

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

NOVEMBER 9TH – DON'T FORGET?? CLUB MEETING. COMES EARLY?? AT THE CLUB MEETING WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL CLUB AUCTION. PLEASE BRING IN SOME GOOD ITEMS THAT WE CAN AUCTION AND BUILD UP OUR CLUBS BANK TREASURY. IT COSTS FROM \$90 TO \$120 PER MONTH FOR US TO OPERATE.

NOVEMBER 12TH – VETERANS DAY. NOW MORE THAN IN THE PAST EVERY AMERICAN KNOWS WHAT FREEDOM MEANS. IF YOU KNOW A VETERAN, THAT FOUGHT IN A WAR FOR THE UNITED STATES, TELL THEM THANKS.

NOVEMBER 17TH AND 18TH – CLUB OVERNIGHT CAMP OUT AND HUNT. COME OUT AND ENJOY AN EXCITING WEEKEND OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP. WE WILL HAVE A WELL KNOWN AUTHOR AND PIONEER OF METAL DETECTING THAT WILL PUT ON A VERY INTERESTING PRESENTATION AT THE OUTING. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS. ALSO THERE WILL BE SOME "VERRRY INTERESTING" ENTERTAINMENT BY A "VERRRY ENTERTAINING GUY. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OUTING.

NOVEMBER 23RD. THANKSGIVING. ANOTHER IMPORTANT DAY TO REMEMBER FOR OUR COUNTRY.

"HAPPY THANKSGIVING"

INTERESTING HISTORY DATES IN OCTOBER

- November 9th 1906– Teddy Roosevelt is first President to visit foreign countries. Panama and Puerto Rico.
- November 11th 1939– "God Bless America" was publicly sung for the first time by Kate Smith.
- November 13th 1927– Holland Tunnel (N.Y.- N.J.) Opens. First twin tube auto tunnel.
- November 14th 1910– First airplane takes off from the deck of a ship, Norfolk , Va.
- November 17th 1868- Suez Cannel opens linking the Mediterranean and Red Seas.
- November 18th 1928– Mickey Mouse makes his debut in animated carton "Steamboat Willie"
- November 21st 1620– The Mayflower Compact is signed
- November 22nd 1963– President John F. Kennedy assassinated.
- November 24th 1963– Lee Harvey Oswald killed by Jack Ruby on televised networks.
- November 26th 1767 A Lion is first exhibited in America
- November 29th 1929- Commander Richard E. Byrd flies over the South Pole.
- November 30th 1993- President Clinton signs the Brady Gun Bill.

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