



Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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Note From the President:

It is January 2023! How the heck did that happen? A new year means that the finds table and working towards Hunter of the year has started. We ask that all new or old members participate in the finds table. Let's see some new names and more winners this year.

The first club hunt of the year went off without any issues. Thank you Bryan for helping me organize it. Our next club hunt will be at the church property on 2/18/23 at 9:00. Be there or be square!

We planned to have our member appreciation hunt in March but there was a problem with our reservation, so we are working hard to have it in April. This will be a cookout and members will bring sides and desserts. Only members will be allowed to participate.

Thank you for all the help from all of our volunteers. I may not say it enough, but the club appreciates all you do. Without the volunteers and board members, I do not know what we would do!

If you are coming to the meeting on Friday, please feel free to bring snacks for breaktime. We all look forward to seeing what is there at break time.

Our sister club, the Treasure Coast Archeological Society is having its 35th Annual Hunt on March 11, 2023. This is a fun hunt in Sebastian and many members attend this event. The registration form is included in the newsletter or you can visit tcas.us for more information.

See ya at the meeting!

Jim



Secretary's Report

January 2023 Meeting Notes

By: Debbie Bishop

The meeting was called to order on January 13, 2023 at 7:30 PM by Jim.

Bryan asked the members to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Debbie asked for adjustments to the newsletter. Vickie provided the member count of 313.

Bryan talked to the members about getting back into presenting tech talks at the meeting. Next month, George Case will talk about cleaning coins. Bryan encouraged the members to make new members and guests feel welcome at the meeting and hunts. He also explained the finds of the year. He also gave a tip to encourage members to put their group finds in a labeled bag with the month when they win first place so that it is easier to find when the end of the year comes. No finds from seeded hunts are allowed to be entered in the finds table. You cannot give your finds to another member to enter on the finds table. You can only vote 1 time and must be a member.

Bryan informed the members of that we are trying to do more hunts outside of our regular properties and more permissions this year. He reminded members if they find a property big enough for members to hunt then the property owner and club member will receive \$50.

Next Bryan gave a the talk on recoveries to the members. He explained how much of a reward it is to help others. He said to always ask questions so you know the right equipment to bring and gave examples of when he was not prepared. Last but not least he said to be persistent.

Vickie explained to the members how the membership fee works. Payment made between January and June covers you for the year. If you join after June, then your payment will be good for the next year.

Breal was called at 8:00 pm and ended at 8:30 pm.

Jim presented the door prizes. Many of the items were donated by members of the club and Jim thanked the members.

Finds of the year were presented. Finds of the month.

Hunter of theYear

1st Danny Case & Lee Neubauer
2nd Gage Dover & Vickie Chilla
3rd Bill Green and Debbie Bishop

New members and guests were called to the front.

Birthdays and anniversaries were called to the front.

Raffles were d done.

Jim called the meeting to an end and asked for help cleaning up.

REMINDER: Club dues are \$25 for the year and there is a one-time membership fee of \$15. If you are paying by check, please make it out to "The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club"

Come And Join Us!!!

We meet the second Friday of every month.

Meeting Place:

Community United Methodist Church

41 West Highbanks Rd.
Debary, FL 32713
Meeting Date: February 10, 2023
Meeting Time: 7:30pm

OUR CLUB'S METAL DETECTING CODE OF ETHICS

1. Fill all holes. Leave the land and vegetation as it was.
2. Remove all trash and litter when you leave.
3. Respect the rights and property of others.
4. Observe all laws, whether national, state or local.
5. Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
6. Never destroy priceless historical/archeological treasures.
7. All metal detectorists may be judged by the example you set. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration for others.

Club patches available for \$8 each and to non-members at \$10 each. See Rob Hill at the meeting to purchase.



SILVER RAFFLE WINNERS

Dave Syler, Cheryl Fields, Bill Green, Bryan Mott, Linda Tippitt, Jack Ingle, Mason Porter

FIFTY/FIFTY WINNER

Kathy Moravsik

BADGE DRAWING

Gage Dover
\$10 next month

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY

Scott Jackson, Lee Neubauer, Jim Fielding,
Rob Hill, Doug Melvin, Wayne Plummer

ANNIVERSARIES JANUARY

Wayne & Ashley Plummer, Carl Birch

COIN VALUE OF THE MONTH

1990 Lincoln Cent No Mint

Mintage: 2,000

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>PR</u>	<u>\$4509</u>

Source: www.usacoinbook.com

Space Coast Newest Detecting Store!





By Jim Fielding

[Cleaning Coins - Are You Insane?](#)

One side of the metal detecting hobby that has almost become a hobby in its own right, is the cleaning of clad coins. I'm not talking about touching up valuable silver collectors' coins, oh no! I'm talking about everyday dirty money. Coins you dig up, find baking in the sun, or laying on or in sand, soil and muck. Filthy little metal disks...discolored, (and if zinc, half-rotted) unloved and as pitiful as a token of exchange can get. Now I know detectorists that LOVE to fill things with all the coins they have found. Big, clear, plastic 5-gallon water dispenser bottles, glass mason jars, aquarium fish tanks, a casket (you can TRY to take it with you!), milk jugs, thermos bottles, and on and on.



Your Second Hobby - It's Complicated

Eventually, though, a new metal detector with some new amazingly advanced technical abilities makes the scene (daddy-oh) and you slowly become aware of all that metallic cash littering your seaside party barge. You need to either bank it by cleaning and rolling them or rinsing them off in hot water and tossing them in a Coinstar machine that counts it and takes anywhere from 8% to 10% of the total for services rendered, the result being you get handfuls of cash money ready for spending or banking.

Now, if you are like a good deal of detectorists, you will go and spend \$75 on a motorized tumbler; spinning rubber drums filled with chemicals, tumbling media (small gravel) and coins to be cleaned. And the *TIME* it takes to get all the coins through the process. Remember *TIME*, we will come back to it.

I clean coins myself by throwing them all in a perforated drum (a spaghetti colander will work) rinsing the dirt off with hot water, or hot water and a little dish soap, drying them off, then tossing them in a Coinstar. I readily collect the cash, sans Coinstar's 10 percent, and that's it. And the Coinstar Organization is more than welcome to their percentage. The other process, the hobby-within-a-hobby, is a small industry in itself. Now some people with a lot of *time* on their hands *do* like to complicate things sometimes, and if there are more gadgets and devices involved, well, all the better!

Banks are notorious for complicating things, and you cannot just deposit dirty coins, oh no! They must be clean, shiny even, and they must be carefully counted and be rolled in separate little denomination tubes, sometimes also printed with your account number. And of course, *you* need to travel to said bank, stand in line, have the bank rep count the little tubes. But this all comes *after* you have mixed dishwashing detergent, salt, vinegar, gravel, and other stuff into a slurry filling only *half* the tumbler. Then wait at least 30 or 40 minutes to tumble a few handfuls of coins, which you then dump into a colander to separate the coins from the gravel, then rinse them, then dry them, then counting and rolling, etc. Also remember you *cannot* just dump all the coins in together, oh no! Dimes, nickels, quarters, half-dollars, and on up, must be separated from the pennies or they will turn pink during the process. And we cannot have that!

Finally, after half-a day, you have made a dent in your clad coins and spend some more *time* cleaning up after the process. Meanwhile I have long finished rinsing and cashing in *all* my coins and am at the beach with my detector looking for more. And when all your labor, which is worth something in itself, is added up, you have probably spent more in time and materials than your coins were ever worth. That's my opinion, of course, but then again, it is entirely your preference how you want to clean your treasure. Just food for thought. Good luck and happy hunting!

Congratulations to The Hunters of the Year!

1st Place

Men's

Danny Case

Women's

Lee Neubauer

2nd Place

Gage Dover

Vickie Chilla

3rd Place

Bill Green

Debbie Bishop

Congratulations to the Finds of the Year!

Coin Single

Bryan Mott

Coin Group

Jim Tippitt

Artifact Single

Bill Green

Artifact Group

Bill Green

Jewelry Single

Rob Hill

Jewelry Group

Jim Tippitt

Odds and Ends Single

Gage Dover

Odds and Ends Group

Mason Porter

Finds Table Rules and Etiquette

Do not pick up other members' finds without their consent.

Do not solicit votes.

ONLY bring finds in that you found WHILE detecting.

Vote for the find you like the most!

Do not look at the name or number on the back of the voting slip to determine your vote.

Only vote 1 time!

Voting is for active members only.

Remember this is a friendly competition. Have fun with it

2023 FINDS TABLES SCORES

FINDS TABLES SCORES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2022

Place	Name	Points
1	Todd James	21
2	Gary Flatt	19
3	David Gascoyne	13
4	Rob Hill	10
5	Jim Tippitt	9
5	Lee Neubauer	9
6	John Ayers	8
7	Bryan Mott	6
8	Rob Loucks	5
9	Jim Fielding	3
10	Betty Harris	3
10	Deborah Prock	1
11	Danny Case	1



Coin Single
Gary Flatt



Coin Group
Gary Flatt



Artifact Single
Gary Flatt



Artifact Group
David Gascoyne



Jewelry Single
Gary Flatt



Jewelry Group
Todd James



Odds & Ends Single
Todd James



Odds & Ends Group
Danny Case



Best Display
Rick Johnson



Treasure Coast Archaeological Society

HUNT FORM

Print this and send with payment

35th Annual Benefit Hunt Saturday, March 11, 2023

Entries received before February 1, 2023, the cost is only \$125 per hunter (1 lunch included).

After Feb 12 and walk ins the day of the hunt the price will be \$145 per hunter

The youth hunt is FREE!!! (but does not include a lunch)

Lunch is available for \$8 for those not participating in the hunts. All hunts rain or shine.

You will be given a badge at sign in, you must wear it during all hunts.

Headphones required. And please, NO pulse machines or pulse type devices, large shovels, sand scoops or picks!

You must dig and retrieve your own targets.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Address: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

Extra Lunches: _____ @ \$8 each Total enclosed: _____

Personal checks, money orders ok. Make payable to T.C.A.S. Print this form and send with payment to:

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Application For Membership

Please Print Application

Membership Fees: _____ Single (\$15)
(Membership Fee may incur after one year lapse of dues)

Membership Dues: \$25.00 Per year/ Per Member

Make all checks out to C.F.M.D.C.

Meetings: Second Friday of Each Month at 7:30 pm

Location: Community United Methodist Church

41 West Highbanks Rd.

Debary, FL 32713

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ -- _____ -- _____ E-mail _____

When are you available for Metal Detecting? Weekdays-- Weekends--

I agree to abide to all club rules and obey the treasure hunters code of ethics.

Signature: _____

Introduced by: _____

Applications and fees may be presented at meeting or mailed to:

CFMDC Members

P.O. Box 1563, Eustis, FL. 32727

Or online at: <http://www.thecfmdc.com/join.html>

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Bill & Betty Shackelford

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Bill Shackelford, Rob Loucks, Jerry Hitson

Refreshments

Joe Bishop

Newsletter Editor

Carolyn Yohannes

**ANY TIME YOU SHOW UP
FOR A CLUB MEETING OR
HUNT, DON'T FORGET TO
SIGN THE REGISTER.**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING
A SNACK FOR THE MONTHLY
MEETING!**