



# Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

November 2022

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## Note From the President:

Two hurricanes back-to-back have thrown us off a bit. I hope everyone is ok and did not have much damage from them.

The November meeting and hunt have been canceled due to the hurricanes and not being able to rebook a date at the church. We will have a meeting on December 9, 2022, at 7:30 pm. Please bring in your final finds for the year.

At the meeting, we will have nominations for the board. Please consider running for any position! It is a rewarding position to be in with the club and new ideas on the board are always welcome!

Our Christmas party will be on December 16, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the church. It is a member only party. Each member can bring a guest. The church will be catering the party. We ask that the members bring in a dessert. We will discuss the secret Santa at the meeting.

If we missed your birthday or anniversary in November, we will make sure to recognize those at the meeting as well.

I want to personally thank all of you for making this year a great year. I could not have gotten through my first year as president without all of your help.

See ya at the meeting!

Jim



# Secretary's Report

## October 2022 Meeting Notes

By: Debbie Bishop

Meeting was called to order on October 14, 2022 at 7:32 PM by Dave Syler.

Dave asked the members to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Debbie asked for adjustments to the newsletter.

Vickie provided the member count.

Break was called at 7:35

Voting commenced. Break ended at 8:00 PM

Dave called birthdays and anniversaries to the front.

Dave welcomed the new members to the club.

Dave informed the members that we typically have a club hunt every month. He encouraged all members to look for sites for all of us to hunt as a club.

Dave lead the raffles and announced the winners.

Finds of the month were presented by Rob Loucks and Vickie Chilla.

Dave called the meeting to order and asked for the members to assist with putting the chairs away.



**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: October 14, 2022

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

Rick Johnson, Matthew Fields, Rob Hill, Shane Anderson, Doug Prock, Jim Ayers, Joe Bishop

### FIFTY/FIFTY WINNER

Cheryl Fields

### BADGE DRAWING

Yamil Rodriguez

\$10 next month

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

**Vickie Chilla, Cheryl Fields**

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**SEPTEMBER**

**Debbie and George Guimond**

### **COIN VALUE OF THE MONTH**

1990 Lincoln Cent No Mint

Mintage: 2,000

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

Source: [www.usacoinbook.com](http://www.usacoinbook.com)

**Space Coast Newest Detecting Store!**



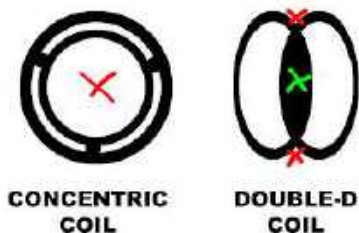


By Jim Fielding

### Pinpointing Targets - The million-mile stare

One of the most difficult skills to master in metal detecting is accurately targeting signals under the coil. Some of this is due more to the lousy targeting abilities of less costly detectors, than the operator, Now, with small, handheld pulse detectors, many just assume digging a 12" wide, pizza-sized hole will suffice. Then waving the small electronic magic wand over the area, it will quickly and easily locate the target. We quickly remove and marvel at the gold coin we just pinpointed, then head for home. It's Miller time! No, sorry, just no.

Pinpointing a target with a VLF metal detector is dependent on two things, well really one thing, the search coil, but in two flavors; concentric or the wide-scan (also known as a double-D) coil. When you find a likely target you would like to dig, with a concentric coil, you swing the coil back and forth above the target until the signal is either the loudest or the highest tone, or both, the detected target location will usually be, visually, at the center of the concentric coil. Usually I look for an item at the target point under the coil...a leaf, a small stone, twig...and stare at it as you swing the coil away ("The Million-Mile Stare") and you prepare to dig. When I first started out detecting, my technique after locating the target center in the concentric coil, I would do "the-million-mile-stare" at that location, swing the coil away, and push a coin-probe in the target center. It worked well as a visual-aid when digging, until I got the technique down pat.



concentric target center on the left is usually where the red x is indicated  
wide-scan (double-d) target center in green X is punching the "pinpoint control"  
Wide-scan (double-d) target locations red X front and back using "wiggle" method

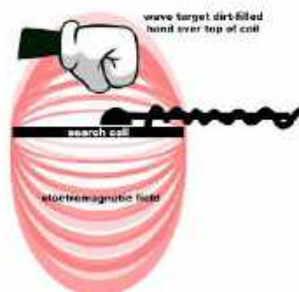
You will find more expensive detectors will come with a wide-scan or "double-d" coil that pinpoints somewhat differently, When I switched from a concentric coil to a wide-scan coil, I found it somewhat difficult to pinpoint very well with the double-d, and had a few choice words

with the %\$#!&%\$!& thing while out hunting the beach! Metal detector manufacturers, thanks to computerization, have electronically "forced" the circuits to simulate a pinpointed target physically at the center of the double-d coil. And there is nothing wrong with this, as machines using the double-d coil get more technically advanced, pinpointing gets more accurate. BUT, and its a big BUT, understanding and using this coil to best advantage means using it as it was designed. I don't want to launch into another explanation on coils and how they work, just how they pin-point.

The solid strip down the center of the coil is called "the hot-shoe" on a double-d. When you are pinpointing a target, you don't have to use (although you can) the "pinpoint" button, but use a technique called the "wiggle" method. Upon gaining a target, in any mode you choose, you narrowly wiggle the coil back and forth while moving forward slowly, maintaining the target signal. When the target signal suddenly drops off, the target is *directly* behind the back edge of the coil. And this ability is what make water hunting possible with this type coil. Hunting in chest-deep muddy water? Can't see the coil? Use this technique, and once target is pinpointed, put your toe touching the back of the coil, swing the coil away, then move your toe back a few inches, put the long-handled beach scoop at a 45 degree angle just in front of your toe and dig, Chances are good you will dig the target on the first try, and you never even saw the bottom, you did it all by practice and feel. Don't try this with a concentric coil, though.

Another method in detector pinpointing techniques, using either type coil, is called "de-tuning," which increases the physical accuracy of the coil. As you swing over the target, as soon as you swing slightly away from the target center, punch the pinpoint button *off* and then punch it back *on*, and keep swinging, narrowing your sweep each time you de-tune. It takes some practice, but you will be making surgical recoveries of targets as your skills improve.

Still another technique we used back in the day, before electronic hand-held pinpointing devices were available, and still useful today if you cannot yet afford a pin-pointer, we called *poor man's pinpointing*. The fact was we were not poor, we were just underequipped. You managed to isolate the target using the detector's pinpointing feature, but the target is small, and hard to see or feel in dirt of the hole you dug, especially if you were wearing gloves. Frustrating though it is, the fact that a search coil, no matter what the type, will detect on both sides of the coil saves the day! Grab a handful of dirt from the dig and wave it over the top of your search coil until one handful sounds off, then poke carefully through the dirt in your palm until the target is located. It's Miller Time!



The really important aspect of all this, to you, and the hobby in general, is to master pinpointing, so you can excavate detected targets with surgical precision, and leave the 12" wide digs to the prairie dogs, keeping our hobby safe for coming generations.



## **2022 Christmas Party**

12/16/2022

Members Only Christmas Party (1 guest per member)

Location: Church Time: 7 pm

Cost: Free

Special Activity: Annual Christmas Party

Please bring a dessert to share with members.

The meal will be catered by the church.

Secret Santa details will be announced at the meeting.



## **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

# 2022 FINDS TABLES SCORES

## FINDS TABLES SCORES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2022

Place	Name	Points
1	Danny Case	121
2	John Ayers	114
3	Bill Green	111
4	Gage Dover	108
5	Lee Neubauer	92
6	Alan James	63
7	Jim Tippitt	62
8	Bryan Mott	59
9	Pete Richter	53
10	Gary Flatt	39
11	Rob Hill	33
12	Vickie Chilla	30
13	Debbie Bishop	27
14	Richard Balkham	22
14	Mason Porter	22
15	Marc Hoover	20
16	Jerry Hitson	18
17	Doug Prock	15
18	Bill Bergdoll	12
19	Mike Grace	11
19	Yamil Rodriguez	11
20	Amy Raspa	9
21	Jerry Burbaugh	7
21	Gary Dover	7
21	Jim Fielding	7
21	Deborah Prock	7
22	Roy Peters	6
22	Ricky Jacobs	6
23	David Syler	5
24	Gene Hitechew	4
24	Daniel Lewis	4
25	Metthew Fields	3
25	Shane Bryant	3
25	Dawn Taylor	3
25	Jim Sippel	3
25	Rob Loucks	3
26	Debbie Edwards	2
26	Joe Marsh	2
27	Cheryl Fields	1
27	Tyler Clausen	1
27	Walter Welch	1
27	William Yates	1



**Artifact Group 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Gage Dover



**Artifact Single 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Rob Hill



**Coin Group 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Lee Neubauer



**Coin Single 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Gage Dover



**Jewelry Group 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Gage Dover



**Jewelry Single 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Bill Green

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**Odds & Ends Group 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Rob Hill

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**Odds & Ends Single 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Bill Green





**Best Display**

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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.  
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**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>

## **Club Officers**

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## **Club Volunteers**

### **Monthly Finds Tables**

Rob Loucks

### **Webmaster**

Jerry Hitson

### **Half & Half**

George & Deborah Guimond

### **Silver Raffle**

Bill & Betty Shackelford

### **Photographers**

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!**