



Treasure Talk



The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

June 2024

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Note From the President:

Hot! Hot! Hot! Welcome to summer and hurricane season. Because it is so hot out, we will not be having a club hunt for the month of June. We will have the Annual Ray Leist Memorial July 13th. This is a night hunt and we will arrive around 7:30 pm at Frank Rendon Park. The hunt for July is scheduled a week early because Mel Fisher Days is taking place the same day as our normal hunt.

This month's meeting is scheduled for Friday June 7th due to a conflict at the church. Please make sure that you let everyone know that may not see this, facebook or the website.

I know it is hot outside but many of you are still out there hunting. Please bring your finds in to display for others to see. We love seeing what others find. Remember you still get a point per category for entering on the finds table. There is still time for some friendly

competition on the finds table. Anyone could still win hunter of the year! We really would like to see more of our lady hunters bring in their finds!

Thank you to everyone who is out finding and returning lost items. You are ambassadors for the hobby and represent the club in a positive light. Please let us know if you have attempted a recovery, even if you have not been successful. We like to recognize all attempts.

Christine Merriam has asked that I let members know that she has an Equinox 600 bundle and an Equinox 800 bundle for sale and will have them at the meeting. Both are brand new and have never been out of the box. If you are interested, please let her know!

If you want to bring snacks to the meeting, please feel free to! Remember to bring home the left overs so that they are not left in the kitchen.

See you all Friday (June 7th)!

Carolyn

Secretary's Report

May Meeting Notes

By: Gary Flatt (Filling in for Debbie)

Carolyn and Leo called the meeting to order at 7:30. Carolyn reported that Jim Fielding had been in the hospital and he wasn't doing all that well, and said he thought it best to resign from the Treasurer's position. She asked the group to keep him in their thoughts and prayers. The Board accepted his resignation and appointed Randy Settle to replace Jim for the remainder of the year. Carolyn said Jim would continue the Tech Talk session at the meetings and write columns from time to time.

Reported that American Digger magazine would be interested in a feature about Jim and the Tech Talk sessions, and someone will try to see if AD is interested in the feature. They are also collecting information about clubs around the country and this would fall right in the same category of a feature.

Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

It was reported that Danny finally beat Bill at number of pennies found for the month.

The group discussed Best Finds that each person had in their detecting career, and many cool, rare and valuable finds were reported by the members. Doug came forward to show the group his new Minelab coil stiffener and showed it was almost impervious to

breakage (can be broke but took an enormous amount of stress)

Rob Hill was awarded a certificate for recovery of a really cool dog tag. He tracked the girl down and found her after a year of hunting and arranging to get the dog tag to her.

Break 8:10 (give or take) Meeting restarted around 8:30.

Carolyn reported that there would be a club hunt at the church ground the coming weekend. It's considered a 'clean up' hunt since there was several tokens not found and it's likely there was still silver and other relics and odds and ends in the ground.

There was open discussion on the Silver and Relic Hunt and the members were asked how they thought everything went. Everything enjoyed the hunt and thought it went great, with very few gripes about anything. The one exception mentioned was the leftover Minelab tokens found by members which were not redeemable for anything. Everyone like the start used in the silver hunt where everyone was allowed to find a target before the hunt started.

Brian told an interesting story about how he found a pair of sopping wet jeans in a lake they were hunting, and it turned out having a lot of cash in the pockets. Then he found another pair of soaked jeans and found even more money and some change.

Door Raffles prizes were given out.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00

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 on the second Friday of every month.

Meeting Place:

Community United Methodist Church
41 West Highbanks Rd.
Debary, FL 32713

Meeting Date: June 14, 2024

Meeting Time: 7:30pm

The Central Florida 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.

May 2024 Raffle Winners Silver Raffle Winners



Silver Raffle

Gene (3), Alan, Ed, Gary, Ed.

50/50 Winner

Karen

Name Badge Winner

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May Birthdays



Betty Shackelford, and Ron West

May Anniversaries



Rick and Lisa Johnson



By Jim Fielding

Video Advice - Detecting Opinions

I was surfing the net the other day when I decided to go tubing amid the video rapids of YouTube. Now, this is the usual place recommended on social media metal detecting groups when someone has taken possession of a new or used metal detector and is just starting out in the hobby. It is an established fact, that humans find watching a video a lot less taxing than reading bland, boring operating instructions and even harder to park it in memory. And metal detectors, being a bit technical in nature, can have a big learning curve if you bought a top-grade machine. And again, usually one does not start out in this rather expensive pursuit with the purchase of an expensive top-of-the-line detector. But some do and then dump the hobby as too difficult, too complicated or become a mud-covered treasure wizard! Absorbing a bit of the knowledge required to operate these advanced 21st Century top-of-the-line devices is not particularly easy and can require quite a bit of reading; going over manuals as well as reviewing factory updates to its little computer brain to endow it with more and more varied functions and abilities. All this being said leads me to an issue hiding behind even the clearest 4k screen. ANYONE can put out a YouTube video. So be very careful what you base your decisions on after viewing.

This topic was pretty much brought on after watching a YouTube channel with

the detectorist comparing two closely matched, high-end detectors. Problem was the host didn't really know what he was doing, and he kept making errors in the comparison with the other equipment that he obviously had more experience with. He never once ground-balanced the competing machine, complaining how unstable it was, and did not select the correct operating mode for the conditions. I have seen similar YouTube detector scenarios with numerous variations on this theme. Just because you have flashy intro graphics and music, does not mean you are an expert in anything. I once saw a post on a Facebook Metal Detecting group belittling a particular brand of metal detector as "worthless" and poor operating functions. I happened to know this person personally, and that they had an accumulated time of about 4-hours on this equipment and had owned it for 3-weeks and had NOT read the manual or received any assistance from a more experienced hunter. Someone looking to purchase a detector would recoil in horror and cross off a very, very capable and reasonably priced piece of gear! This is almost always the response to someone asking a valid question about a detector they either own or planning to purchase "Watch YouTube!!!" There actually ARE quite a few excellent and well-seasoned detectorists running YouTube channels, with good information with well stocked facts about detector operations and other aspects of the hobby. My advice is to READ the manuals carefully and SELECT metal detecting channels on the Tube carefully and just be aware that video advice is not always good advice. Happy Hunting and Good Luck in the field!

Finds Table Rules and Etiquette

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

Do not solicit votes.

ONLY bring finds that you found WHILE detecting.

Vote for the find you like the most!

Do Not share finds.

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!



| Place | Member | Total Point |
|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Rob Hill | 104 |
| 4 | John Ayers | 62 |
| 2 | Gary Flatt | 57 |
| 3 | Bryan Mott | 56 |
| 6 | Danny Case | 49 |
| 5 | Lee Neubauer | 43 |
| 7 | Bill Green | 42 |
| 8 | Randy Settle | 27 |
| 9 | Dave Gascoyne | 19 |
| 10 | Sarah Richter | 18 |
| 11 | Gary Dover | 14 |
| 12 | Deborah Prock | 12 |
| 14 | Jim Tippitt | 12 |
| 13 | Rob Loucks | 10 |
| 15 | Rick Johnson | 6 |
| 16 | Gage Dover | 4 |
| 17 | David Syler | 3 |
| 18 | Daniel Lewis | 3 |
| 19 | Kayla Gray | 3 |
| 20 | Stephanie Falstreu | 3 |
| 21 | Rachel Storey | 3 |
| 22 | Wayne | 3 |
| 23 | Ed Duffy | 3 |
| 24 | Victor Cataraga | 2 |
| 25 | Michael McClure | 2 |
| 26 | Doug Prock | 1 |
| 27 | Ron Falstreu II | 1 |
| 28 | Dorothy Child | 1 |



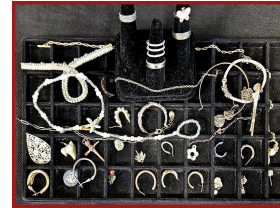
Coin Single
Rob Hill



Jewelry Single
Rob Hill



Coin Group
Rob Hill



Jewelry Group
Rob Hill



Artifact Single
Jim Tippett



Odds & Ends Single
Danny Case



Artifact Group
Rob Hill



Odds & Ends Group
Brian Mott



Display of the Month
Rob Hill

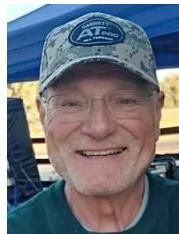
Club Officers



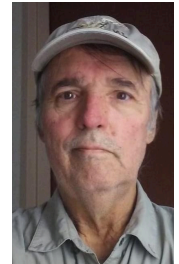
President - Carolyn Yohannes
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Vice President - Alan James



2nd Vice President - Gary Flatt



Treasurer- Jim Fielding



Secretary- Debbie Bishop

Club Volunteers

Monthly Finds Tables

Rob Loucks

Webmaster

Jerry Hitson

Half & Half

George Case

Silver Raffle

Bill & Betty Shackelford

Photographer

Bill Shackelford, Rob Loucks, Jerry Hitson

Refreshments

Joe Bishop

Newsletter Editor

Gary Flatt

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!

Please make sure that you are helping set up the meeting or closing the meeting down! The same members should not be doing this every month!

