



Treasure Talk



The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

October 2023

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Note From the President:

Wow, October here and the annual hunt is just around the corner! The deadline has past for early bird tickets at \$149 for our club's annual hunt as of October 1st, but you can still register until the day of the hunt. The price will be \$179, If possible, please try to register early. Remember the event kicks off with a "Meet and Greet" event and Minelab Hunt at the church field on Friday night Oct. 6th starting at 6 p.m. to kick off the weekend, so I hope to see you there.

And speaking of hunts, congratulations to Scott Van Sycle, Mark Hoover, and Christine Mirriam for winning the raffle for tickets to the Ka-Do-Ha Treasurefest Hunt in Arkansas.

We will have our regular monthly meeting on Friday, October 13th so please plan to be there as well.

At our November meeting, there will be nominations for club officers and the board for the CFMDC for 2024, so please be thinking about running or if you have someone in mind to nominate. We will also have a club hunt in November, details will be given at the meeting.

And as always, don't forget to bring those finds for the Finds Table.

See ya at the meeting.

Jim





Secretary's Report

September 2023 Meeting Notes (Taken by Dave Syler)

The meeting was called to order on September 8, 2023 at 7:30 PM by Jim.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian. Afterward, club membership was shared and reported CFMDC is now 324 members.

Rob Hill's ring recovery was recognized, and discussed.

The birthdays, anniversaries and guests were announced and recognized.

Jim and the others reminded members that time to get the Annual Silver and Relic hunt tickets at a reduced price of \$149 was coming to a close (end of October). There was also more discussion on the slow entries for the annual hunt, and how to get the word out on the event to get more people to enter earlier.

Discussion on the Minelab "Masters of Metal" competition on the day following our hunt. Reported it was not too late to form a team of 5 and get entered.

There was an explanation for the member on the "Silent Auction" items that were brought in to benefit the club's annual

hunt. Members were reminded to bid on the items during break and winning bids would be announced later after the break. There was discussion about skipping next year for the annual Silver and Relic hunt and postponing it until Spring 2025 because there are many hunts scheduled in October. There was also discussion about the "Copperhead Road Hunt, the Relic Field and Cowboys and Indians Hunt" plus the Silver and Kids Hunts, and some of the many prizes available.

Carolyn came up to the front to explain the entire weekend of events. There will be a Friday evening "Meet and Greet" along with a Minelab Pre-Hunt. Saturday is the CFMDC Annual Silver and Relic all day Hunt. On Sunday, competitors who are entered and interested observers will return for the Minelab "Masters of Metal" team competition. Top 3 teams will be given prizes and \$\$ to attend the semi-finals in Alabama.

There was one last mention for the Silent Auction and ice cream available, and entering the raffle for the free tickets.

Break was called around 8:00 and ended at 8:35. This was the ice cream social night so there was ice cream and cupcakes available for members.

After break, the Silent Auction winning bids were announced, followed by the Find of the Month winners (see photos) and then the Silver and Half-and-Half Raffles.

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: October 13, 2023

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.



September 2023 Raffle Winners Silver Raffle Winners



Winners not available, sorry.

50/50 Winner

Winner not available, sorry.

Name Badge Winner

Winner not available, sorry.

September Birthdays



Christine Merriam, Janet Mott, Daniel Lewis

September Anniversaries



Jim and Linda Tippitt, Carolyn and Phil Yohannes



METAL DETECTING SECURITY. DEFEND YOURSELF.



Our country is becoming more dangerous every day, and regardless of your politics, it probably affects you and your hobby more disproportionately (big word there) than most people. The reason being, of course, you are out and about a lot, and more exposed to those interested in doing you dirty, or doing you in. The common citizen's biggest security threat is themselves; head down and locked 85 to 95 percent of the time, head stuck in their little plastic screens. Situational awareness is out the window. A large gorilla with a ball bat could easily sneak up on them. Metal detectorists have a similar problem; head down and locked attentive to their VDI panel, their sweeping coil, or on their knees, head down and digging the target, and not paying attention to the world around them. This may be their last mistake.

As a treasure hunter you drag around thousands of dollars' worth of

expensive, high-tech equipment. And nobody notices anything "expensive" more than a criminal. And for some reason I have not been able to fathom, Florida recently invited every criminal, thug and Ne'er-do-well to join us here in paradise so chances are good this will get worse before it gets better. I can relate a true story from several years ago. A woman went for a late afternoon water hunt at a public beach that had been cleared after a sudden thunderstorm. Very few people anywhere, but she still waded out and was hip-deep metal detecting. She was water hunting intently, then suddenly noticed some guy pacing her on the beach. No one else for miles. He yelled a few things at her, but the waves drowned out his speech. She was getting nervous, and started wading back to her car, but the man kept pace with her, as she struggled against the current with her gear.



1.59-ounce pressurized pepper spray

She was getting desperate, and cold, and it was getting dark. The guy stood stock still and just stared at her. Her phone was back in the car, a quarter mile away, while the man just silently glared at her, glancing left and right once in a while. Suddenly a grumbling noise came bouncing up the deserted, darkening beach, the bright headlights illuminating the sand. The man quickly jogged away as the beach patrol pulled

up with two lifeguards aboard. They asked her if she was okay and loaded her and her gear aboard. They took her back to the parking lot and her car. She told them about the man, and they looked for him on the way back, but he must have raced up one of the beach access points, because he was nowhere to be seen. She was safe and sound and LUCKY because who knows what might have happened if the lifeguards had not arrived?

Lesson one, don't hunt a deserted beach alone, especially at night. Unless you have a buddy with you. And carry your cellphone in a waterproof case on a lanyard. And even with a buddy, have lethal or non-lethal defensive weapons with you for protection if you feel you may need them. Unlike most of the states in the Union, who do their level best to make it illegal to defend yourself, Florida allows citizens to legally carry, concealed or unconcealed, a pepper spray or pepper jell as long it does not exceed 2 oz. You can pick one up for around \$14 or so. Learn how to use it online, many videos show you how. And PRACTICE using it on a target, as most will shoot 15 to 20 feet.

My ex-policeman friend says draw a face on a paper plate, stick on a post or a fence and practice spraying a chemical-loaded figure 8 across the eyes, nose and mouth. Do it again, if necessary, especially in the mouth! Another handy deterrent is an eight-ounce portable air horn. It fits in your pocket and will actually hurt your ears when you press the button! And that's with it pointing AWAY from you! Imagine the effect in FRONT of the horn? And it will get quick attention. You can pick one of these little noisemakers for about \$7 at any sporting goods store.

Recently, Florida passed a law allowing anyone (with certain exceptions) to carry a concealed firearm without a permit. Of course, it's a good idea to get a CCW permit anyway, take firearm training, go to a range to practice and know what you are doing and what the law is.



An air horn will blow the ears off of an attacker and get attention real quick.

Last but not least is to set up a routine while you are hunting, by making it a habit to keep your situational awareness updated frequently by keeping you head on a swivel. If a situation seems to be developing, or you see something sketchy, LEAVE IMMEDIATELY! It would be, in my opinion, in your best interest to remove yourself from any situation that may force you to use deterrents of any kind. Being thrown in jail for unprovoked assault is not going to be pleasant. These same practices will work also in parks and fields unless there is a posted sign restricting these types of deterrents. You must comply with all laws and regulations when using these devices, and this is simply information on devices useful for defending yourself in metal detecting situations. I am not a lawyer, and it is your responsibility to use this information legally and responsibly! Stay safe and stay aware!

Finds Table Rules and Etiquette

ONLY bring finds that you found WHILE detecting since last meeting.

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

Do not solicit votes.

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!



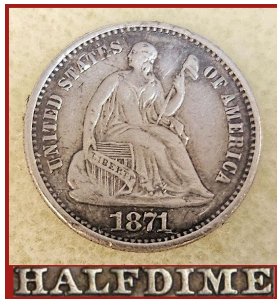
Place	Member	Total Point
1	Gage Dover	102
2	Gary Flatt	89
2	Rob Hill	89
3	Bill Green	76
4	John Ayers	72
5	Danny Case	66
6	Rob Loucks	60
7	David Gascyone	59
8	Lee Neubauer	48
9	Bryan Mott	40
10	Todd James	35
11	Rick Johnson	33
12	Jim Tippitt	30
13	Debbie Bishop	23
14	Daniel Lewis	15
15	Sarah Richter	6
15	Deborah Prock	6
16	Ricky Jacobs	5
17	Jerry Hitson	4
17	Amy Raspa	4
18	Jim Fielding	3
18	Cheryl Fields	3
18	Ashley Plummer	3
18	Jocelyn Myers	3
19	Wayne Plummer	2
19	David Syler	2
19	Victor Cataraga	2
20	Walter Welch	1
20	Mike Vorhees	1



Display of the Month
(Rob Hill)



Artifact Group
(Dave Gascoyne)



Coin Single
(Bill Green)



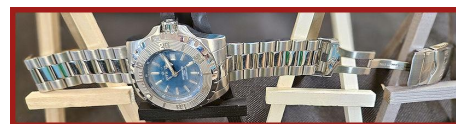
Jewelry Single
(Gary Flatt)



Coin Group
(Dave Gascoyne)



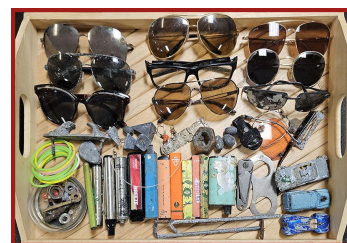
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Odds & Ends Single
(Rob Hill)



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(Dave Gascoyne)



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(John Ayers)

Club Officers



President - Jim Tippitt
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2nd Vice President - Bryan Mott



Treasurer- Vickie Chilla



Secretary- Debbie Bishop

Club Volunteers

Monthly Finds Tables

Rob Loucks

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Half & Half

George Case & Deborah Guimond

Silver Raffle

Bill & Betty Shackelford

Photographers

Bill Shackelford, Rob Loucks, Jerry Hitson

Refreshments

Joe Bishop

Newsletter Editor

Gary Flatt

Any time you show up for a club meeting or hunt, please 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 to set up the meeting or close the meeting down. The same members should not be doing this every month!

