



Treasure Talk



The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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Note From the President:

The deadline for purchasing tickets for our club's annual hunt at the lowest price is getting closer. The ticket cost goes up each month. Tickets on the day are full price, so buying your tickets early can save you some money. Tickets will be on sale all the way to the day of the hunt.

Remember, there is also a raffle for tickets to attend the Kadoha Treasure Fest 2023 hunt in Arkansas, held the weekend after our annual hunt.

Don't forget to bring your donations for the SILENT AUCTION at this month's meeting. The money we raise is going toward prizes and extras for the Sunshine Silver and Relic Hunt. Please arrive at 6:45 pm to set up your donation(s)s. We will start bids at 7:00 pm.

We will also have an ICE CREAM SOCIAL during our break at this meeting. We are accepting donations for the ice-cream, which will also go toward our Sunshine Silver and Relic Hunt.

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

See ya at the meeting. Jim





Secretary's Report

August 2023 Meeting Notes

By: Debbie Bishop

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:30 and led the audience in a pledge of allegiance. Debbie asked for corrections to the newsletter. Vickie gave an updated member count.

George Case asked for prayers for Bill and Debbie Green while they recovered from Covid.

The birthdays and anniversaries for the month of August were called to the front.

Guests in attendance and new members were asked to come to the front.

Dave handed out a few more lost item recovery certificates to Daniel Lewis & Rob Hill. Billy Jo, Jim Tippet & Todd James also had a ring recovery, but weren't in attendance at the club meeting, but their recovery was recognized.

Ring recoveries are one of many deserving moments for rewarding

members for service. Brian expressed his feelings on the subject and asked the audience for personal experiences of that kind, for those attending the August 11th meeting. Several stories were told. Some expressed emotions for their recovery. Also, safety while hunting was discussed with all who attended, spearheaded by Rob Hill & Daniel Lewis, and others including member Lorrie Sprigg - a previous club Huntmaster, absent from recent monthly meetings. Well spoken by all, indeed!

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

The finds table winners were called to the front.

Brian awarded the winners of the raffles.

The meeting was adjourned and Brian asked for help putting the chairs and tables back to where they belong.

August Birthdays

Carolyn Yohannes, Eilan Hawkins & Brian Mott

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: August 11, 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 will be judged by the example you set. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration for others.



Be sure to stop by and visit Leilani and Yamil for all your metal detecting equipment at digging it detectors. They are located at 3815 US-1 Suite 13 Cocoa, FL 32926.



By Jim Fielding

I Lost It Over There - I Think...

One of the best things we do as metal detectorists is return property, and usually very valuable property at that. Although sometimes the value is not monetary, but sentimental. One of the first questions a member of the *Detecting Guild* almost always asks, mentally if not verbally, is *why* you would take such a rare and precious piece of your soul into harm's way? There is never any real answer to this question, other than the obvious. Where else would you keep such an important reminder of lost love, loved people or long-gone technicolor memories? Right there on your finger or on a precious metal chain looped protectively around your neck.

What we face, as detectorists, though, that the realities of human memory and perception are not always accurate, especially when clouded with emotion from the loss. I have been in the metal detecting hobby since 1965, yes, a bit over 60 years, and I have seen some things, as Hans Solo used to say.



I think it may have slipped off my finger about here...

People sometimes don't even know when they lost it, let alone where they lost it. Recently talking with a good friend of mine, Bryan, he was telling me of a person who was seeking a lost ring in their yard. They just noticed it gone one day. He and several other detectorists made a valiant effort in Florida's knock-down-drag-out summer heat to find the piece without success. A short time later it was found at the bottom of the homeowner's pool.

For years my wife and I have recovered a good deal of lost jewelry and possessions for folks and have faced a good many obstacles they unknowingly placed in our way. Usually it's the old "It's NOT over there, it's got to be around here someplace!!" When you are not finding anything, and this is the continued response from the homeowner excuse yourself from the recovery and drive away. Don't forget in most cases you are DONATING your

valuable time to this project and more than once during our work, the homeowner somehow got the impression we were her employees. Put an end to that sort of thing quickly.

Number one in recovering lost items, especially small jewelry, you need to understand your machine and the tools, (i.e. search coils) it uses. Shallow recently lost small jewelry in a grassy yard (especially gold chains) need a small (6" to 4") concentric coil as the search tool, (your sensitivity turned way down to prevent sub-surface trash interference), as it is the most sensitive coil you can get. Sometimes jewelry is so small, even a pin-pointer won't pick it up. If you know your search technology, you'll realize a pin-pointer uses pulse tech, but you need VLF tech to get the goods in cases like this! Heavy gold rings and pendants can be recovered easily using 6" to 11" DD coils with little loss of sensitivity.

It is always good to have a "physiology officer" along (in my case, my wife, as she is much easier to talk to, and more understanding than myself) Patti: "Let's take a walk around the area you think you lost it...we have a very high recovery rate if we get some good clues!" Me: "Why on earth would you take a 300-year-old, one-of-a-kind, rare gold pendent on a trampoline in the middle of an alligator infested pond...are you daft!?!?!"

Use your judgment, and know the capability of your recovery tools, when determining if a project is worth your time and the chance of recovery is possible within your own limitations. Never put yourself in danger (trying to scuba dive a toxic lake, detecting near a snake-infested area, detecting in a closed pasture where a "friendly" bull resides, hunting in extreme heat or cold) for any reason at all. Nothing is worth your ruining your good health or risking your life!

And thanks to all those who do take the time to research and make a great effort to return someone's sentimental piece of the past, you bring immense good will to the hobby and boy do we need it now more than ever! Cheers!

Finds Table Rules and Etiquette

ONLY bring finds that you found WHILE detecting in the past month.

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

Do not solicit votes.

Vote for the find you feel is the best in each category!

Do Not share finds with others.

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

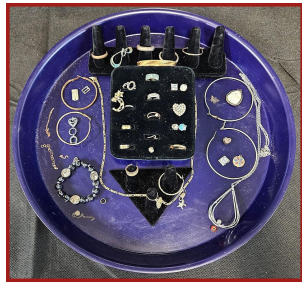
Only vote 1 time!

Voting is for active members only.

Remember this is a friendly competition. Have fun with it!

Place	Member	Total Points
1	Gage Dover	88
2	Gary Flatt	79
3	Rob Hill	74
4	Danny Case	66
5	Bill Green	58
6	John Ayers	57

7	Rob Loucks	54
8	David Gascyone	48
8	Lee Neubauer	48
9	Bryan Mott	40
10	Todd James	35
11	Jim Tippitt	30
12	Rick Johnson	29
13	Debbie Bishop	23
14	Daniel Lewis	11
15	Sarah Richter	6
16	Ricky Jacobs	5
17	Jerry Hitson	4
17	Deborah Prock	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
20	Walter Welch	1



Display of the Month
John Ayers



Jewelry Single
Danny Case



Coin Single
Gage Dover



Jewelry Group
Daniel Lewis



Coin Group
Rick Johnson



Odds & Ends Single
Rob Hill



Artifact Single
Gage Dover



Odds & Ends Group
Gary Flatt



Artifact Group
Dave Gascoyne

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Monthly Finds Tables

Rob Loucks

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50 / 50

George Case

Silver Raffle

Bill & Betty Shackelford

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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!

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

