



Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

April 2014



From The President's Corner...

It is April 2014 and the 2nd Central Florida Sunshine Shootout & Relic Hunt is now in the history books!

This year the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club hosted an event which was second to none. We had participants from all over the country including New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, and many, many other locations. Florida was also well represented by hunters from Miami to Jacksonville and across the state.

As dawn broke, registration tents were placed, raffle tables were set, banners were hoisted, volunteers helped plant thousands of metal targets, tokens were buried and everyone did what they could to help make this enormous undertaking come together. Since this was our second attempt to pull off a major nationwide event, it was no surprise that the members of the CFMDC were able to handle this feat flawlessly.

Our two major sponsors Kellyco and Minelab each took turns expressing their thoughts about the day's events.

Those of us on hand were treated to a rare appearance by the owner of Kellyco and a founding member of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club, Stu Auerbach. Stu smiled as he told how proud he was that the club he helped to create back in 1972 has grown

to such a dynamic force in the metal detecting community. When Minelab's CEO stepped forward it was obvious that he was impressed with the way the CFMDC was able to put on one of the best metal detecting events in the country. Gary Shaffer, CEO Minelab, brought with him Ena from California who is in charge of worldwide sales promotion and Miguel who is Minelab's premier equipment trainer worldwide. All three of these Minelab representatives spoke very highly of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club.

The 3rd annual Central Florida Sunshine Shootout & Relic Hunt promises to be even bigger & better! Plans are being set in place even now.

The members of the CFMDC should be proud of what our club has become, I think Ray Leist would be.

There is not enough space in the newsletter to detail everything the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club has done over the past few weeks but there certainly is enough space for me to let all of you know how honored and humbled I have been to be associated with such a great group.

Without each your efforts, none this would take place. I'd like to express my appreciation to all of you for helping to make the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club great. The best way I know how is simply this.... "Thank You."

See you at the next meeting. - Alan



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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". All members have until April to pay their dues.

Club Volunteers

Monthly Finds Tables
Rob Loucks

Webmaster
Jerry Hitson

Half & Half
George & Bea Case

Silver Raffles
Betty Shackelford & Janice James

Photographers
Ralph Flippo, Jerry Hitson,
Rob Loucks, Lorrie Sprigg

Come And Join Us!!!

We meet the second Friday of every month.

Meeting Place: Sanford Garden Club
200 Fairmont Ave.
Sanford, FL 32773

Meeting Date: Friday, April 11, 2013

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

The Sanford Garden Club is located 2 blocks south of Lake Mary Blvd. on the east side of SR 17-92.



**CFMDC Meeting
Minutes
March 2014
By Debra Green,
CFMDC Secretary**

Call to Order – Alan James, President

Pledge of Allegiance – Bill Green

Secretary Report – Deb Green

Correction to the March Finds Points List published in the March 2014 Newsletter:

Page 6, Column 1, Name #15 spelling correction from Joanne Jolson to Joanne Jolin Minutes published in the March Newsletter, including the verbally declared correction, accepted.

Treasurer Report – Chuck Hosbein, read & accepted

Alan James and Bill Shackelford

Guests – Seven guests were called to the front of the room and welcomed to their first CFMDC meeting

February birthdays – Recognized

February anniversaries - Recognized

New Members – Reggie Hall, Matthew Kochis, Mary Lou Mahan, Michael McClure, Brad Self and Michael Truttner

Alan James – Upcoming Hunts

Sunshine Shootout – Early Bird rate is still available. President of MineLab USA and President of MineLab Ireland plan to attend.

President of the Sebastian Club

The Wabasso Hunt had 69 attendees this year.

Guest Speaker

Canceled.

Break - Refreshments and voting

Open Discussion - Old business

Alan James – Handout, “CFMDC PROPOSED MONTHLY FINDS TABLE RULES 2014” discussion.

Motion to form a committee to review the table rules, seconded, voted upon by 11 and not passed. Motion to accept the rules as written, seconded, voted upon by 35 and passed.

Special Awards – Bill Shackelford

Donald Cole – Level One

Jim Tippitt – Level Four

Monthly Finds Awards – Rob Loucks, Bill Green, Sally Korn & Pam Gray

Raffles – Bill Shackelford

Silver Raffle

50/50 Raffle

Name Badge/Bank Night Raffle

Monthly Finds Entry Drawing

Alan James

April 4 – KellyCo will have a hunt and function at their office in Winter Springs.

April 5 – Sunshine Shootout at Moss Park in Osceola County.

Secret Site Members Only Hunt

Members only, meet at Home Depot 1670 West OBT, Apopka, Florida on Saturday, March 22, 8:30 am. Free and bring a packed lunch, water and chairs. There are a few picnic tables.

Meeting closed by club president, Alan James.

TREASURE IN THE NEWS

FROM: WORLDNEWSDAILYREPORT.COM

PIRATE TREASURE DISCOVERED!

Montego Bay: A team of American treasure hunters searching the Jamaican waters for ancient shipwrecks, has uncovered the greatest stash of precious metals even found in the modern era. The amazing hoard, certainly linked to a group of pirates operating in the area in the 17th century, was discovered in the remains of a badly damaged English ship named *The Manticore*, near the limit of Jamaican national waters.

“It was just the most amazing experience” explains Rick Miller, one of the divers who found the treasure. “We were swimming around this old, completely rotten, English sloop. We saw something shine in there and decided to have a look. There was gold and silver everywhere! A treasure like the ones I had always dreamed of... I couldn't believe it!”

Considering the weight of the precious metals alone, the treasure is evaluated to an incredible 187 million American dollars, making it the most valuable hoard ever discovered. Many semi-precious and precious stones like amethyst, opal and jade were also present in great quantities, and have been recovered. The total value could possibly reach 500 million dollars if sold at auction.

Miami Treasure Co., the American contractor who made the discovery, finds itself obligated to pay 8% of the value of the discovery to the Kingston government, but the profit of the operation should remain very important. A formal evaluation of the hoard should be completed in the next weeks by the famous British auction house, Christie's, to determine the actual value of the discovery

April Club Hunt

Because we are having the Central Florida Sunshine Shootout & Relic Hunt on April 5, there will be no club hunt this month.

Random Gold Facts

If you took all the gold ever found and gathered it together, it could fill two Olympic sized swimming pools.

China has now surpassed South Africa as the world's leading gold producer.

The world's gold reserves are now at 1.3 billion ounces, while silver reserves are at 200 million ounces.

The value of gold to silver has historically had an average ratio of 20:1.

Precious Metals Price Averages (Per Ounce) For March 2014:

Silver:	\$ 20.65
Gold:	\$1336.00
Platinum:	\$1443.00

SILVER RAFFLE WINNERS

**Mike Keyser
Bill Green
Rob Hill
Betty Shackelford
Joanne Jolin
Brad Self
Bob Jolin**

FIFTY/FIFTY WINNER

\$62.50 - Betty Shackelford

BADGE DRAWING

**\$20.00 - The Winner was Ron
Caizza!**

The prize in March will be \$20.00

FINDS TABLE RAFFLE WINNER

Winner: Jim Fielding

BIRTHDAYS

**Debra Green- 13th
Steve Meeks - 13th
Chuck Hosbein - 29th**

ANNIVERSARIES

**Dave & Jay Roberts - 31 years
Chuck & Lay Hosbein - 40 years**

NEW MEMBERS

**Matthew Kochis
Brad Self
Michael Trattner
Mary Lou Mahan
Michael McClure
Janie Eldred**

FINDS TABLES

	Name	Points
1.	Jim Tippitt	49
2.	Steve Meeks	39
3.	Christine Merriam	35
4.	Brent Petherick	33
5.	Ron Caizza	26
6.	Danny Case	23
6.	Rob Hill	23
7.	Chuck Hosbein	20
8.	Lonnie Lytle	18
9.	Bill Green	17
10.	Hurley Gashaw	15
10.	Jerry Hitson	15
11.	Jeanne Cygan	14
12.	John Ayers	13
12.	Ralph Flippo	13
13.	Dave Gascoyne	10
13.	Dave Roberts	10
14.	Tom Bates	8
14.	Bill Bergdoll	8
14.	Sally Kornis	8
15.	George Case	7
16.	Scott Jackson	6
17.	Don Fitzgerald	4
17.	Matt Kochis	4
18.	Patti Fielding	3
18.	David Grey	3
18.	Debbie Prock	3
18.	Bill Shackelford	3
19.	Jim Fielding	1
19.	Joanne Jolson	1

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	Name	Points

Each 1st Place entry gets 4 points.
Each 2nd place entry gets 3 points.
Each 3rd place entry gets 2 points.
All other entries on the Finds Tables get 1 point just for entering



March 2014 Single Coin Find of the Month

1st Place – Chuck Hosbein – 151 BC Roman Republic Coin

2nd Place – Rob Hill

3rd Place – Jim Tippitt



March 2014 Group Coins Find of the Month

1st Place: Rob Hill

2nd Place – Jim Tippitt

3rd Place – Tom Bates



March 2014 Single Jewelry Find of the Month

1st Place – Christine Merriam – 14K Ring w/ Sapphire & Diamonds

2nd Place – Brent Petherick

3rd Place – John Ayers



March 2014 Group Jewelry Find of the Month

1st Place – Ron Caizza

2nd Place – Brent Petherick

3rd Place – Steve Meeks



March 2014 Single Artifact Find of the Month

1st Place – Rob Hill – Medieval harness pendant

2nd Place – Brent Petherick

3rd Place – Jim Tippitt

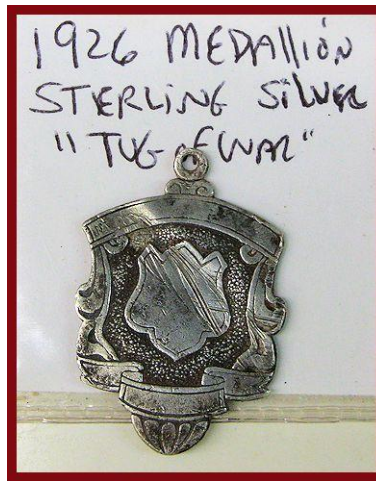


March 2014 Group Artifacts Find of the Month

1st Place – Jim Tippitt

2nd Place – Rob Hill

3rd Place – Christine Merriam



March 2014 Single Odds & Ends Find of the Month

1st Place – Rob Hill – 1926 Silver medallion

2nd Place – Sally Korns

3rd Place – Jim Tippitt



March 2014 Group Odds & Ends Find of the Month

1st Place – Ron Caizza

2nd Place – Debbie Prock

3rd Place – Christine Merriam