



# Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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## From The President's Corner...

Well, another year has come and gone and we will have an entirely new set of circumstances to deal with in 2014!

The Christmas season is a time for hope and joy. This year should be no different. As 2013 ends, we can trust the new year will open new doors and bring many good things for everyone. Count your blessings, not your problems, it's more fun!

Since this will be the last meeting of the year, elections will be held at the December meeting. It's not too late to throw your hat into the ring. Everyone is welcome to step up and try your hand as a club officer. You never know until you try and the club can always use some new ideas.

Please remember that there will be **NO FINDS TABLE THIS MONTH** because meeting time will not permit. This

meeting will only be the Christmas party event.

The finds table will be re-activated in January. Everything found between the November meeting and the January 2014 meeting will be on the tables in January. So bring your finds in January not December!!

In addition, the **January meeting** will allow time for presenting awards such as "Hunter of the Year" and "Find of the Year".

The December meeting time will largely be committed to simply enjoying the evening with good friends and great hunting partners. Oh yea, **and eating!!**

As always, the club will provide turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and drinks have been donated by John Ayers. All of the desserts and side dishes are provided by the membership so bring in whatever food items you wish to share.

I'll see you at the **next meeting Christmas party!!**

*Alan*

## Club Officers

**President: Alan James**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
**Bill Green**

**Treasurer**  
**Chuck Hosbein**

**Secretary**  
**Debra Green**

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## 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**

**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.

## **A Special Month**

### *Holiday Dinner For Club Members Only*

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

**Meeting Date: Friday, December 13, 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.

The club meeting will start promptly at 7:30 and last about 15 minutes, tops! Then the dinner begins!

Members please remember a side dish!

### **Precious Metals Price Averages (Per Ounce) For November 2013:**

**Silver: \$ 20.25**

**Gold: \$1280.00**

**Platinum: \$1415.00**



**CFMDC Meeting  
Minutes For  
November, 2013  
By Debra Green,  
CFMDC Secretary**

The November meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 7:30 pm by club president, Alan James. Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Green.

Secretary Report –Debra Green. September minutes accepted

Treasurer Report – Chuck Hosbein. Report read and accepted

**Special Guest** – Ray Walker, Kellyco.

- Coupons available to save \$30 on a \$200 purchase. Cards are numbered, be sure and put your name and club on the back of the cards before you hand them out. They will be collected at the Kellyco Super Store. There are four clubs in competition, and the drawing ends on February 8, 2014.
- New Whites MX5, Beach Detector
- Robinson Family Detector, “*Duck Dynasty Collection*”
  - TC1X
  - TC2X
  - TC3X
- Metal Detecting Machine Kit (cardboard), list price \$14. Learning tool that children can put together to understand how metal detecting machines works.
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**Alan James**

**Club Hunt** - Saturday, 11/16/13, 9:30 AM at Sun Splash Park, 611 South Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118. The fee is \$5.00 per hunter, and a special invitation has been sent out the TCAS and D&F club members. This hunt is open to everyone.

**Club Election** – During the December meeting we will be holding the annual club board member elections. If you are interested in serving on the board, please let Bill Shackelford know.

**Bill Green** – Our next two club meetings will be very busy evenings.

- There will no finds table at the December 2013 meeting.
- After tonight, please combine all of your new December/January metal detecting finds and enter them at the January 2014 club meeting.
- Also, the January meeting we will have the “Find of the Year” competition. These entries will be in a separate set of competition tables. Bring in any of your first place wins, won between January 2013 and November 2013. The club will be voting on the finds you enter and will select a “Find of the Year” winner in each of the eight categories.

**Rob Keith** – Altamonte Kiddie College has been in business for 60 years, and it could be a possible hunt site for the club.

**Break** – Refreshments and voting.

**Alan James & Bill Shackelford – Special Awards**

Kimberly Lytle – Completion of Level I

Rob Hill – Completion of Level II

Gary Blanton – Certificate for Assisting in the Search Team

Congratulations everyone!

**Alan James**

- Holiday Dinner in December - Members are asked to contribute a dish to pass (food item to share) for the buffet style dinner. The club will provide the turkey and ham. John Ayers has volunteered to bring refreshments. If you would like to volunteer to cook the meat please let a board member know (remember *the club is buying the meat*). We estimate that there will be 70 attendees.

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- Gift Exchange game - If you would like to participate, bring a gift worth \$10, and no store gift cards please. Numbered tickets will be given out. When your number is drawn, you can take a gift away from someone that has already opened a gift or you can choose a new unopened gift from the table. Once a gift is opened and taken away twice---it is officially retired and no longer available.
- Remember, there will be no finds table at the December meeting and no raffles.

### **Lorrie On Our Holiday Dinner**

Hi folks, Our Holiday Christmas dinner is here once more. Each is asked to bring a covered food dish or dessert. I will be bringing three pies which I have kept on ice from our Thanksgiving gathering. So try not to bring many desserts. Potatoes with gravy, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, etc. you get the picture. Yummy, this is making me hungry. Thanks to the many of you who participated and brought pies for our last meeting.

**DON'T FORGET** to bring a **\$10.00 gift for our gift exchange** if you want to participate. Please bring something other than a gift cards, it makes it more fun. Ideas can be bottles of wine, containers of nuts, cookies, chocolate you know all the fattening stuff! And of course anything to do with Metal Detecting, like batteries, display cases, diggers, you get the idea!

When you bring in a gift, see me for a ticket for the gift drawing.

Hope to see you there, dress festive.  
Thanks Lorri

## A Message From Lorrie!

By Lorrie Sprigg,  
Activities Director



Hi there, Jerry and I just got back from Arkansas where we went crystal prospecting. We are always hunting for some kind of treasure. This time it was crystals! What an experience.

The one thing I forgot to take into consideration was the weather. Big mistake! When we arrive in was in the 40's and raining! We immediately went out to the mines even if it was for only 4 hours. It was cold! That night the weather was bad, it poured! The next day NO RAIN ( a blessing)! It is now in the 30's! AND the crystals were poking out of the ground! We were the only ones there, until a younger gentleman showed up. I asked him if we were the only fools out here, yep was the answer. We were dressed like we were in Alaska! But hunted we did! AND found beautiful crystals!

The next night same thing, it rained. We really dodged the bullet because it was suppose to be 90% rain. It still was in the 30's! We were only there for three days. We went out to the mine and was graced with the first sunshine of the trip. I gasped at all the sparkles - there were crystals everywhere. Now they were broken pieces that sparkled but I did find some with points.

It was very wet and muddy where we were, like good ol' Georgia clay. BUT Jerry found the one, he was pawing through a fresh pile of dirt that was brought in - - - AND found the one that gave him the bragging rights to the trip. A 14 pound cluster of crystals. Pictures to follow.

I think I'm going back, it's like metal detecting and hunting for GOLD when you find that one that grabs you, gotta go back to see if you can top it!! BUT when it's a wee bit warmer!!!

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**Rob Keith**

## **SILVER RAFFLE WINNERS**

**Ralph Flippo**

**David Gray**

**Ann Hartle**

**Nanette Burdick (TWICE!)**

**Lonnie Lytle**

**Hurley Gashaw**

## **FIFTY/FIFTY WINNER**

**\$56.00 - Lorrie Sprigg**

## **BADGE DRAWING**

**\$30.00 - Orville Powers**

**Orville was not present, so there  
was no winner for November.**

**The prize in November will be  
\$35.00**

## **FINDS TABLE RAFFLE**

**Winner: Rob Hill**

## **PLEASE NOTE**

**There is no club hunt scheduled for  
the month of December**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**Robert John - 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Jim - 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Ralph Flippo - 27<sup>th</sup>**

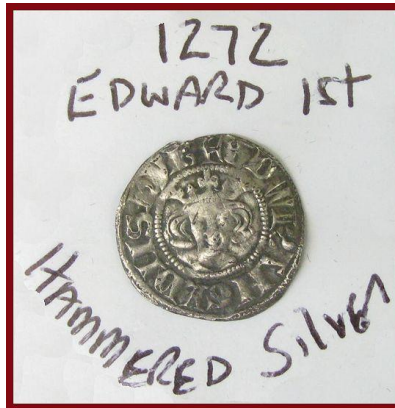
**Ron Caizza - 30<sup>th</sup>**

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Bill & Betty Green - 25 years**

**Tom & Alana Bates - 32 years**





**November 2013 Single Coin Find of the Month**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Rob Hill – 1272 Edward I hammered silver**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Brent Petherick**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ron Caizza**



**November 2013 Group Coins Find of the Month**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Rob Hill**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Bill Green**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ralph Flipppo**



**November 2013 Single Jewelry Find of the Month**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jeanne Cygan - .925 silver peridot ring**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Brent Petherick**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Lonnie Lytle**



**November 2013 Group Jewelry Find of the Month**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bill Green**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Brent Petherick**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Danny Case**





## November 2013 Single Artifact Find of the Month

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rob Hill – Medieval trade weight**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lonnie Lytle**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Bill Green**



## November 2013 Group Artifacts Find of the Month

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rob Hill**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Dave Roberts**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Bill Green**



**November 2013 Single Odds & Ends Find of the Month**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lonnie Lytle – jack knife**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Rob Hill**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Danny Case**



**November 2013 Group Odds & Ends Find of the Month**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bill Green**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jeanne Cygan**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jim Burdick**