



Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

February 2015



From The President's Desk By Alan James

A few weeks ago members of the Central Florida Metal

Detecting Club, at the request of the Deland Naval Air Museum, assisted in the search for clues which may help identify the pilot of a downed training aircraft. According to the information we have, this aircraft was most likely one of six that crashed during training between 1943 and 1944 after flying out of the Deland air base. If this information is correct, then we were searching for evidence which could identify a pilot who is still considered Missing-in-Action.

During this very brief search, the CFMDC search team recovered approximately 100+ parts from this aircraft, all of which were turned over to the museum to be placed on display.

Shortly after this search became public, the museum received a request from the Navy that we stop searching this site until they could decide how to handle things. We, of course agreed to stop our efforts until further notice.

Now we have received "**further notice.**" Because of the professionalism shown via our website videos, pictures, etc, (they did review all of our website) ... The Navy has asked that we again participate in an organized search effort for additional items related to this crash site. On Wednesday February 18, we have been asked to attend the Navy's orientation at 9:00AM which will be held at the Deland Naval Air Museum in Deland.

This orientation will allow Navy representatives the opportunity to lay out their game plan for searching the crash site. Wednesday will only be orientation...No detecting. On Thursday & Friday, we will begin searching under the direction of the Navy. Those of you who are able to attend on Wednesday morning are encouraged to do so to help represent the CFMDC. NOTE: If you do not attend the orientation, I am not certain the Navy will allow you to participate the following days.

On January 18, 2015 the CFMDC was called in to assist the Kissimmee Police Department in the search for a weapon which they believed may have been thrown into a retention pond shortly after a murder. As always, we accepted the challenge, however after several hours of searching, we came up empty handed. This was a very tough search and I'll post a letter which I received from the Chief of Police regarding this event at the next meeting.

The members of the CFMDC have stepped up to the plate many times over the past years and I am extremely proud to call myself a member of Central Florida Metal Detecting Club and each of you should be proud also.

On another note, it's time to start getting your registrations in for the Central Florida Sunshine Shootout & Relic hunt to be held April 11, 2015. The forms and additional information are available on the club website at www.thecfmdc.com

We will have a club hunt (Feb 21, 2015) the weekend after our normal meeting. More specific information will be announced at the meeting.

I'll see you at the next meeting.

Alan



CFMDC

January 2015

Meeting Notes

The January meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 7:30 pm by club president, Alan James. Everyone was welcomed and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Scott Jackson.

Secretary Report - Deb Green. Minutes accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report - Deferred to February meeting (treasurer not in attendance)

Alan James and Bill Green

January birthdays - Recognized

January anniversaries - Recognized

Guests - Five guests were called to the front of the room and welcomed to their first CFMDC meeting

New Members - None to report until Chuck Hosbein returns

Alan James

Tonight we have the 2014 finds of the year vote and the finds of the month for January vote. We will also award the hunters of the year based on the published points tally for 2014. These will be 3rd place, 2nd place and 1st place for the men's category and the women's category.

Bill Green - The January finds are at the tables under the windows and the round tables have the finds of the year.

Alan James - Everyone stand up. If you have been a member 5 years or less please sit down, 10 or less, 20 or less, 30 or less... Bill Shackelford, please come to the front of the room. Bill joined the club in 1981 and has been a member of the board for many years. Bill is our "2014 Outstanding Club Member of the Year".

Upcoming Hunts - "Member Appreciation Hunt" will be held at Wilson's Landing Park, 387 Malekean Trail, Sanford, Florida on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at

9:30 am. The club will furnish the hamburgers and hotdogs for the picnic. There will be more than one hunt and prizes for members only. If your last name begins with A through M bring a side dish and if your last name begins with N through Z bring a dessert to share.

Alan James - As the club president and representing the club, officially the finds that are planted at a hunt are not eligible for the finds tables. Anything physically put into the ground at a hunt is not to be included in the finds you submit at the meetings.

Scott Jackson - We may be able to increase participation by changing the categories, i.e., divide coins by date, limit group finds to a specific number or specify a display tray size. From January through April each year we have lots of finds put onto the tables, then the participation falls to 10-18 members bringing in finds for the remainder of the year.

Alan James - We would like to open the meeting for discussion and comment from the floor:

Open Discussion from the floor

Proposal - The club will purchase 1st, 2nd and 3rd place plates for the finds table winners. Proposed, seconded and passed by club vote.

Proposal - The club will have no limitations regarding group finds for 2015. Proposed, seconded and passed by club vote.

Alan James - These two proposals will be posted in the upcoming newsletter to announce the club's decision to the members not in attendance tonight.

Special Awards - None

Break - Refreshments and voting

Alan James - Update. The DeLand Naval Air Museum is working with the Federal Government regarding the museum's local effort.

2014 Finds of the Year - Alan James & Bill Green

Single Coin - Jim Tippitt

Group Coins - Jim Tippitt

Single Jewelry - Danny Case

Group Jewelry - Jim Tippitt

Single Artifact - Nanette Burdick

Group Artifact - Jim Tippitt

Single Odds/Ends - Ralph Flippo

Group Odds and Ends - Jeanne Cygan

**Hello! Your NEW newsletter
editor is Michael McClure
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2014 Hunter of the Year Awards - Alan James &

Bill Green

Women

Third Place - Kathy Waters

Second Place - Jeanne Cygan

First Place - Christine Merriam

Men

Third Place - Steve Meeks

Second Place - Ron Caiazza

First Place - Jim Tippitt

Alan James - As a hunter of the year prize, Christine Merriam and Jim Tippitt will have their 2015 CFMDC dues paid by the club.

Monthly Finds Awards - Rob Loucks & Scott Jackson

Raffles - Bill Green

Silver Raffle - None

Finds Table Drawing - Winner Matt Fitzpatrick

50/50 Raffle - Winner, Robert Jolin, \$72

Nametag Raffle - No winner. (Number drawn, #110, Dee Younker not in attendance. Number drawn, #106, Gerd Schwarzenberg not in attendance.)

Alan James - There is a new U-Tube video on the CFMDC website. Dave Roberts mentioned we need to check it out!

Meeting closed by club president, Alan James.

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ATTENTION, PLEASE**

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**FINDS TABLES
POINT WINNERS
FOR 2014**

Men

1ST PLACE
JIM TIPPITT
188 POINTS

2ND PLACE
RON CAIAZZA
131 POINTS

3RD PLACE
STEVE MEEKS
126 POINTS

Women

1ST PLACE
CHRISTINE MERRIAM
131 POINTS

2ND PLACE
JEANNE CYGAN
96 POINTS

3RD PLACE
KATHY WATERS
37 POINTS

**PRECIOUS METALS PRICE
PERFORMANCE FOR JANUARY**

2015:

	LOW	HIGH	CLOSE (1-31)
Silver:	\$15.69	\$18.42	\$17.22
Gold:	\$1182.90	\$1302.10	\$1283.80
Platinum:	\$1200.00	\$1281.00	\$1238.00

RANDOM GOLD FACTS

The first recorded gold ever discovered in the United States was a 17-pound nugget found in Cabarrus, North Carolina. When more gold was discovered in Little Meadow Creek, North Carolina, in 1803, the first U.S. gold rush began.

**TODAYS APPROX VALUE OF THAT
NUGGET: \$340,000**

COIN VALUE OF THE MONTH

1931 – S Buffalo Nickel

Mintage: 1,200,000

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Value</u>
Good	\$ 14
Very Fine	\$ 18
Extremely Fine	\$ 28
About Uncirc.	\$ 42

Source: NumisMedia Price Guides

NEW MEMBERS

**No New Members
For January**

SILVER RAFFLE WINNERS

No Silver Raffle

FIFTY/FIFTY Winner

\$72.00 – Robert Jolin

Badge Drawing

\$20.00 – No Winner

The prize in February will be

\$25.00

FINDS TABLE RAFFLE WINNER

Matt Fitzpatrick

BIRTHDAYS

Carrie Gashaw 3rd Jim Fielding 14th
Sally Korns 18th Scott Jackson 20th
Frank Rothery 20th

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Cheri Cole

FINDS TABLES

	Name	Points
1	Jim Tippitt	16
2	Adam Feldstein	14
T3	Brent Petherick	13
T3	Ralph Flippo	13
5	Danny Case	11
T6	Nanette Burdick	10
T6	Jeanne Cygan	10
T8	Kathy Waters	8
T8	Scott Jackson	8
10	Jerry Hitson	6
11	Dave Roberts	5
T12	Elliot Schumacker	3
T12	Patricia Chin	3
T14	Matt Fitzpatrick	2
T14	Patti Fielding	2
T16	Jim Fielding	1
T16	Mark Fitzpatrick	1
T16	Deborah Prock	1
T16	Doug Prock	1
T16	Bill Green	1

JANUARY 2015

	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

JANUARY 2015 FINDS TABLES WINNERS

COINS



1st Place - Jim Tippitt- Spanish Cut Reale

2nd Place - Dave Roberts

3rd Place - Nanette Burdick



1st Place - JimTippitt

2nd Place - Danny Case

3rd Place - Ralph Flippo

JEWELRY



1st Place - Brent Petherick-10K Jesus pendant w/CZ

2nd Place - Elliot Schumacker

3rd Place - Ralph Flippo

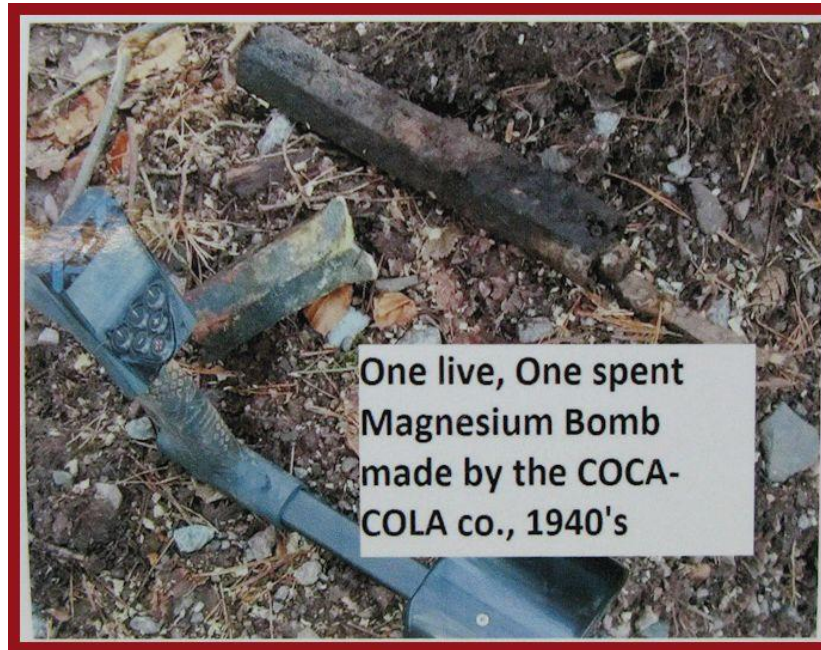


1st Place - Danny Case

2nd Place - Ralph Flippo

3rd Place - Jeanne Cygan

ARTIFACTS



1st Place - Adam Feldstein-Live Magnesium Bomb

2nd Place - Nanette Burdick

3rd Place - Ralph Flippo



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ODDS & ENDS



1st Place - Scott Jackson - Monopoly Dog

2nd Place - Jeanne Cygan

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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.

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, Feb. 13th, 2015

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Two blocks South of Lake Mary Blvd. on
the East side of SR 17-92.