



Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

January 2015



From The President's Desk By Alan James

I want to wish everyone at the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club and very Happy New Year for 2015!

Here at the CFMDC, We have old friends, some old habits to break, and a few more aches & pains to deal with but we also have new ideas, new plans and new members which will hopefully help us through another fantastic year.

At the January meeting we will begin the New Year by bringing in your metal detecting finds from December since there was no finds table in December. These finds will be placed on the table the same as at every other meeting. In addition, please bring in those items which captured a "first place" award at any meeting during 2014. These 2014 items will be displayed at a special area and will be voted on to determine the find of the year. Also at the January meeting, we will be awarding trophies for the "2014 Hunter of the Year."

Included on the schedule for this year are several club hunts starting right off with January and the club appreciation hunt. This event is designed to be a fun hunt to show our appreciation to each and every active club member. The actual

hunt is open to CFMDC members only. Prizes will be awarded. The cost to participate in this hunt is \$0.00 (FREE). Along with the hunt, we will have a "picnic" which is open to all member and their families. The club will provide the burgers, hot dogs, & drinks. Feel free to bring along any other food item you'd like to share. We'll have more details at the meeting in January.

During the year, we may ask members to participate in helping to put together one of the monthly hunts. New Year, new members, new ideas. It should be fun.

Some of you know that a couple of weeks ago, the CFMDC was asked to participate in the search for US Navy plane parts at a 1943 crash site in Osteen. This was a limited search and was designed to get a feel for the scope of the search area. This request came from the Deland Naval Air Museum and the land owner. The Navy was in the loop and did provide some limited information but declined to get involved beyond that. HOWEVER....shortly after the hunt was completed, the Navy contacted the museum and asked that we discontinue this search effort so that they could get more deeply involved.

The reason this search was undertaken was to help identify the specific plane which crashed and thereby possibly help to identify a MIA pilot from WWII. Now this is back on hold. To be continued.....

I'll try to have more on this at the next meeting so I guess

I'll see you at the next meeting. - *Alan*



CFMDC Meeting Minutes December 2014 By Debra Green, CFMDC Secretary

The December 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.

Alan James and Bill Shackelford

December birthdays - Recognized, Bea Case, Patty Fielding, Don Fitzgerald, David Gray, Bill Green, and Rob Loucks.

December anniversaries - Recognized, Randy Brummett.

Guests - Two guests, Tom and Rita Bartlett were welcomed to their first CFMDC meeting.

Awards - None

Alan James - Meeting was opened up for nominations for board positions from the attending club members. A list of nominees was posted at the board table and member votes were submitted by paper ballot to Alan James.

Alan James - The 2015 January meeting will have a two voting opportunities. The "2014 finds of the year competition" will be on one set of tables, and the "January 2015 finds of the month" will be on a separate set of tables. It will be a busy meeting.

Lorrie Sprigg - We have our Christmas party tonight.

Alan James - The club volunteers for our local communities with evidence searches, and helping folks search for lost personal property. We have one drawing this evening, and the club is volunteering to help one of our own. Hurley and Carrie Gashaw have a great-grandchild, born early on November 10th at 34 weeks development. Baby Easton will be in the hospital for the next few months. This drawing will be for one silver coin, and the proceeds of the ticket sales will go to the Gashaw family at the end of this evening.

Holiday Dinner Break

Gift Exchange - Gifts can be taken only once and then are retired.

Alan James - The ballots were counted (by Alan James, President). The election results were:

Electected 2015 Board Members

- President - Alan James
- First Vice President - Bill Green
- Second Vice President - Scott Jackson
- Treasurer - Chuck Hosbein
- Secretary - Deb Green
- Activities Director - Lorrie Sprigg

Drawing - Winner of the drawing is Hurley Gashaw. The club would like to increase the gift to the Gashaw family by matching the winning amount. Thanks to all who brought food this evening and let's thank Lorrie Sprigg for coordinating the dinner. Please help her by putting the chairs and tables away. Do not toss out any decorations. The decorations are saved. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Our meeting is closed.

FINDS TABLES POINT WINNERS FOR 2014

MEN

1ST PLACE
JIM TIPPITT
188 POINTS

2ND PLACE
RON CAIZZA
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 Averages (Per Ounce) December 2014:

Silver:	\$ 16.10
Gold:	\$1173.00
Platinum:	\$1209.00

RANDOM GOLD FACTS

Venice introduced the gold ducat in 1284 and it became the most popular gold coin for the next 500 years.

Gold and copper were the first metals to be discovered by humans around 5000 BCE and are the only two non-white colored metals.

NEW MEMBERS

None for December

COIN VALUE OF THE MONTH

1917 - D Lincoln Cent

Mintage: 55,120,000

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Value</u>
Fine	\$ 2.85
Very Fine	\$ 5.00
Extremely Fine	\$ 36.50
About Uncirc. (50)	\$ 44.00

Source: Coins Magazine, January 2015

ANNIVERSARIES

Randy Brummett

BIRTHDAYS

Bea Case

Patty Fielding

Don Fitzgerald

David Grey

Bill Green

Rob Loucks

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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, Jan. 9, 2015**

Meeting Time: **7:00 PM**

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