



# Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

March 2022

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## Note From the President:

So far, everything seems to be falling into place for the Central Florida Metal Detecting club for 2022. The new board has two meetings under our belt and everything is running smoothly.

We will have a members only hunt on March 19, 2022 at 9:30 am. It will be a members appreciation hunt. The club will provide hotdogs and hamburgers with all of the fixings for the members. We will ask the members to bring some side dishes and desserts. There will be a signup sheet at the meeting. Please make sure to bring what you sign up to bring.

We rolled out the club buy back program last month and encourage members to bring in coins and relics through out the year so that we can have plenty of targets for the Sunshine Silver and Relic Hunt in October.

### Buy Back Program:

Silver Dime \$1.00, Silver Quarter \$3.00, Silver Half \$12.00, Silver Dollar \$18.00, Silver Round \$20.00, War Nickel \$.50, Buffalo Nickel \$.15,

V Nickel \$.25, Indian Head Penny \$.50, Civil War Button \$.75, Civil War Bullet \$1.00.

Prices are subject to change based on the fair market value. Other coins and relic prices are to be determined by the CFMDC board.

Our sister club, the Treasure Coast Archaeological Society will be hosting their Annual Hunt on March 12, 2022. It is their 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunt. You can see more details here: <http://www.tcas.us/tcashunt.htm>

At the meeting on Friday March 11, 2022, we will have a special guest. Carl Fisser will be attending the meeting. He will arrive early and be there for a meet and greet at 7 pm. Stop by early to speak to him before the meeting starts!

See you at the meeting.

Jim

**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"



## Secretary's Report

# January 2022 Meeting Notes

By: Debbie Bishop

Meeting was called to order on February 11, 2022 at 7:30 PM by club president Jim Tippitt.

Jim asked the members to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Debbie Bishop asked the member if there were any changes for the newsletter and Jim Fielding said his name was spelled incorrectly. Also, Debbie apologized for not capturing the Silver Raffle winners from January.

Vickie Chilla reminded the members that the club dues were due and to see her to pay.

New guests were called to the front and we had 1 new guest attend the meeting. Approximately 50 club members were in attendance.

Bryan Mott explained the Finds Tables Points, best display and the new procedure for finds table wins.

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be called up front to receive their silver. All the first place winners will stay up front so that we can get a group photo.
- New members can bring in previous finds to their first meeting. Finds should only be brought in from the last meeting to the night of the current meeting, unless for some reason you miss a meeting, then you can bring it to the next meeting you attend.
- You must write your name or badge number on the back of your finds slip in order to receive points.

Jim went over the buyback program with the club members.

Jim told the members that the Sunshine Silver and Relic Hunt would be in October this year so that we have more time to prepare for it.

A motion was made by Jim Tippitt to eliminate Hunter of the year to be awarded consecutively to the same person for first place. A vote was taken, and the majority voted to not allow Hunter of the year to be award consecutively.

Break was announced at 7:50.

Voting commenced. Break ended at 8:20 PM

Birthdays and Anniversaries for December and January were called to the front.

Mark Holshoe and Vickie Chilla were presented awards for searching for and returning lost rings.

Raffles were done.

Finds of the month were presented by Rob Loucks and Bryan Mott.

50/50 winner was awarded \$89!

Jim called the meeting to an end and asked the members to help put the tables and chairs by where we found them.



## Come And Join Us!!!

*We meet the second Friday of every month.*

Meeting Place:

Community United Methodist Church

41 West Highbanks Rd.

Debary, FL 32713

Meeting Date: January 10, 2020

Meeting Time: 7:30pm

## OUR CLUB'S 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 may be judged by the example you set. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration for others.

Club patches available for \$8 each and to non-members at \$10 each. See Rob Hill at the meeting to purchase.



### SILVER RAFFLE WINNERS

Lee Neubauer (2), George Case, Cheryl Fields  
(2), Jack Warnke, Walter Welsh

### FIFTY/FIFTY WINNER

Gene Hitchew

### BADGE DRAWING

No Winner

\$30 next month

## BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Deb Prock, Dave Sayler, Don Hickey,  
Matthew Fields, Jack Warnke

## ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Bryan and Janet Mott, Doug and Deb  
Prock

## COIN VALUE OF THE MONTH

1877 P Indian Head Cent

Mintage: 852,500

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Value</u>
Good	\$1,028
Fine	\$1,765
Extremely Fine	\$2,812

Source: [www.usacoinbook.com](http://www.usacoinbook.com)

# CFMDC Member Spotlight March 2022

## Vickie Chilla

Let me tell you a little about myself. My day-to-day job is a hair stylist, nail artist and Salon Owner for 23 yr. My accomplishments over the years have been, an award-winning nail, photography and paint artist.

Kathy Waters, who I meet through the Eustis Art League has always talked about her metal detecting, all her finds and adventures. Little did I know that I would be doing the same. Even purchased my first detector from her, a Bounty Hunter Sharp Shooter II. Within the first week, I was able to help recover a lost wedding ring for a friend of mine. From then on, I was hooked. Joined the CFMDC shortly after in 2017, two years later I became your treasurer.

Since then, I have upgraded my detecting equipment to the Garrett AT Pro, Nokta Macro Pulse Dive and several magnets for magnet fishing. Received my dive certification so I can now find all those underwater treasures as well.

Michael McClure a fellow CFMDC club member approached me about a class ring he found in the same town I lived in. He asked if I could help him attempt to locate the owner. Found the owner in a couple days and was able to return the class ring in time for her Fiftieth-class reunion. Since then, I have become a pretty good investigator finding the rings owners to help reunite them with their lost class rings from other detectorist across the country. Have helped reunite sixteen in all.

My current and most interesting find is a steamboat anchor located in a lake. We are working with the State of Florida in trying to recover. Their marine archeologist has estimated it to be from the 1890's and to be of historical value.

But the best find of all are all the friends and adventure I have had with this great club. This is only the beginning...



(Master Hair Stylist!)



(First Ring Recovery)



(Nail Art By Vickie!)

(Painting By Vickie)



# Detecting An Attitude

By Jim Fielding

## Making a Living Metal Detecting

This happens a lot lately, thinking metal detecting would be a great job, which is ironic, because at this point in time the hordes of detectorists that consider this, have made this life-choice well nigh impossible by their very existence. I'm talking about making enough *revenue* from your finds to eke out enough *profit* from that revenue to support yourself. Let me be clear here...that's not gonna happen. In the last 56-years I've been in this hobby I've seen this tiny light go on once in a while in either a newbie's head, or a casual detector operator's head, and it pains me to see it. Because it's pie-in-the-sky baloney. Now there are a few hardy souls who have managed to make a living, nay, even a good living, out of *treasure hunting* per say, and you notice I did not mention *metal detecting*? And those that have, usually have a side gig or two to help keep their income afloat. Like writing a book, hosting a TV program, or paid speaking engagements while hawking t-shirts and mugs with your logo or face on it...need I go on?



As far as metal detecting goes as a job, it is right up there with being unemployed, with unemployed being at the top, at least bringing in some meager government benefits. Now I know people who have spent a year or more unemployed, putting themselves out there metal detecting every day. Occasionally they may hit the jackpot, more or less, by finding expensive jewelry. A few thousand dollars for a few months of metal detecting, once you subtract your fixed costs for your vehicle, fuel, insurance, maintenance, and your metal detecting gear and batteries costs, and the actual hours spent scanning the sand, you'll find a gig taking lunch orders at McDonald's a better all-around deal; air conditioning and \$15 an hour beat the uncertainty and downright overheated plodding existence of scavenging a beach. The most I've ever seen anyone ever make from metal detecting on an average day is about \$17 for the *entire* day...and I mean about 12 to 14-hours in the searing sun and elements. And that's a *good* day!

Of course, the vision shared by most who think this may be a viable option see themselves spending an enjoyable few hours at the beach...warm breezes, shady palm trees and downing a cold lemonade at the snack-bar afterward, with a pouch filled with a few thousand bucks worth of gold and silver jewelry. The cold, hard truth is you probably won't have found enough to even afford that lemonade and not even remotely your visit to the ER for dehydration and dizziness!

Now, it is possible for retirees to supplement their income by finding gold and silver occasionally, and enjoy a rare movie and maybe something other than cat food to eat for that month, but as a full-time job, probably not an option. And even if you can somehow manage to find enough month to month to afford to live in your car, you will never look at the hobby as an enjoyable pastime ever again. And *that* is not worth it! My opinion for what it is worth...which ain't much. Happy hunting and good luck and don't quit your day job!

# 2022 FINDS TABLES SCORES

FINDS TABLES scores through January 2022

Place	Name	Points
1	John Ayers	30
2T	Pete Richter	24
2T	Danny Case	24
3	Lee Neubauer	23
4	Vickie Chilla	18
5T	Mike Grace	14
5T	Richard Balkham	14
6	Jim Tippitt	10
7	Doug Prock	8
8T	Marc Hoover	7
8T	Bill Bergdoll	7
8T	Debbie Bishop	7
8T	Jerry Burbaugh	7
9T	Roy Peters	6
9T	Bill Green	6
10T	Alan James	4
10T	Jerry Hitson	4
10T	Bryan Mott	4
11T	Mason Porter	3
11T	Jim Fielding	3
11T	Amy Raspa	3
11T	Deborah Prock	3
12	David Syler	2

## **Finds Table Rules and Etiquette**

Do not pick up other members finds without their consent.

Please do not cheat.

Do not solicit votes.

ONLY bring finds in that you found WHILE detecting.

Vote for the find you like the most!

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!





**Artifact Group 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Mike Grace



**Artifact Single 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Jim Tippitt



**Coin Group 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Jim Tippitt



**Coin Single 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Richard Balkham



**Jewelry Group 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Danny Case



**Jewelry Single 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Danny Case



**Odds & Ends Group 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Danny Case



**Odds & Ends Single 1<sup>st</sup>**  
John Ayers



**Best Display**  
Jim Tippitt



First Place Winners March 2022

# The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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## Application For Membership

**Please Print Application**

**Membership Fees:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Single (\$15)**  
(Membership Fee may incur after one year lapse of dues)

**Membership Dues: \$25.00 Per year/ Per Member**

**Make all checks out to C.F.M.D.C.**

**Meetings: Second Friday of Each Month at 7:30 pm**

**Location: Community United Methodist Church**

**41 West Highbanks Rd.**

**Debary, FL 32713**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**When are you available for Metal Detecting? Weekdays-- Weekends--**

**I agree to abide to all club rules and obey the treasure hunters code of ethics.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Introduced by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications and fees may be presented at meeting or mailed to:  
CFMDC Members**

**P.O. Box 1563, Eustis, FL. 32727**

**Or online at: <http://www.thecfmdc.com/join.html>**

## **Club Officers**

### **President**

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### **Vice President**

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### **Treasurer**

Vickie Chilla

### **Secretary**

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## **Club Volunteers**

### **Monthly Finds Tables**

Rob Loucks

### **Webmaster**

Jerry Hitson

### **Half & Half**

George & Deborah Guimond

### **Silver Raffle**

Bill & Betty Shackelford

### **Photographers**

Bill Shackelford, Rob Loucks, Jerry Hitson

### **Refreshments**

Joe Bishop

### **Newsletter Editor**

Carolyn Yohannes

**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!**