



# Treasure Talk

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB



## November

Meeting Friday November 11, 2011

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A Great BIG thanks to all these people!

### Come Join Us!

We will be eating at the Colorado's Steak Place. It is just north of the meeting place. Park at the meeting building and walk over. We eat at 5:30. If you would like to join us, we would be happy to see you. BYOM!

The club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at the Sanford Garden Club. It is located about 2 blocks south of Lake Mary Blvd. on the east side of 17-92. For more information contact Bill Shackelford at (407) 323-3401 or Alan James at (386) 717-5775

Club web site: [www.thecfmdc.com](http://www.thecfmdc.com)

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**REMINDER:** The club due's are \$25 for the year and a membership fee of \$15. If you are paying by check please make it out to the CFMDC

### CFMDC Meeting Notes

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

Secretary report - Read and accepted

Treasurer report - Read and accepted

Birthdays and Anniversaries - recognized and awarded

Guests - Four guests welcomed and introduced

New members welcomed and introduced: Ingrid Watson, Patrick Huff, Eric Lamoray and Mary Lamoray

#### Special Awards

Lonnie Lytle - Return of a gold and diamond ring

Jerry Hitson - Member of the month

Alan James - Congratulations to our two award winners.

Bill Shackelford will tell us about the upcoming club hunt.

#### Bill Shackelford - Sylvan Picnic and Hunt

The club will provide hotdogs and hamburgers for the picnic. If your name begins with A-M bring a dish to pass and if your name begins with N-Z bring a dessert. The hunt will begin at 9:00 a.m. The park has increased its rental fees and I was able to reserve the pavilion for half a day. We need to vacate the area at 1:00 p.m. It is the same park we used for the picnic last year. Directions - From Interstate 4, take SR 46 West, go 3 miles to Lake Markham Road. Turn left and the park entrance will be  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile on the left. The hunt fee this year is \$10 payable to Chuck Hosbein tonight or you can pay the morning of the hunt.

#### Alan James

May we have a show of hands for those members who are interested in attending? (22 members expressed an interest.) Special thanks to Bill Shackelford for arranging this hunt, and managing the picnic and hunt on-site.

David Gray is going to give us an overview of the recent club member cruise.

David Gray - We had a great time on the cruise in September. Twelve members attended and we hunted on four different beaches. Many of the finds from the trip are submitted on our finds table tonight, so please check them out. We are going to try and plan another cruise for next year. Talk to one of the people that went, or I will answer any questions you might have about this trip or an upcoming trip.

Alan James - David, thanks for arranging the cruise and all that you did to make it a success.

I'd like to call Lorrie Sprigg up to the front to talk to us about tonight's festivities.

Lorrie Sprigg - We will have a competition tonight in several categories for the costumes. Thanks to those who brought refreshments and wore a costume this evening. There will be prizes!!!

Break for refreshments and October finds of the month voting.

Alan James - Lorrie is going to present her winners.

Lorrie Sprigg - OK, this has been a very hard choice this evening and we have prizes for: Pirate, Wench, Most Creative and the Scariest Pirate.

Alan James - Thanks Lorrie.

We have two special guests here tonight from England who need to go and pick up their wives who have been shopping. It is a pleasure to introduce Peter and Mick. They found out about the club from our website.

We need to thank these gentlemen---they not only took time out of their vacation to come to the club meeting, but they have given us a donation of a Henry III, Longcross Penny from the 13<sup>th</sup> Century, and an Edward I Penny, Longcross, cut  $\frac{1}{2}$  from the 1200s.

Everyone, let's thank Mick and Peter for coming tonight and for their generous gift to the club.

If Rob is ready, I'll turn it over to Bill for our finds of the month.

Debbie Green

## Point Standings

Bill Green	161	Jerry Humiec	11
George Case	115	Paul Swaney	8
Rob Hill	114	Carrie Gashaw	8
Ralph Flippo	96	Bob Cannizzaro	8
Dave Gascoyne	63	Jerry Hitson	8
Steve Meeks	60	Tony Krapil	6
Jim Burdick	53	David Stone	6
Gene Jenkins	53	Mike McColley	6
Hurley Gashaw	52	Brent Petherick	5
Lorrie Sprigg	52	Eric Lamoray	5
Jim Tippitt	42	Ann Hartle	4
Nanette Burdick	40	Doug Melvin	2
Chuck Hosbein	38	David Gray	2
Bill Preston	29	Bill Bergdoll	1
Roland Davis	29	Rob Loucks	1
Diana Swaney	27	Marlene Smith	1
Greg Watson	31	John Ayers	1
Lonnie Lytle	30	Pat Huff	1
Scott Jackson	19		
Jerry Sprigg	13		

**PUT SOME POINTS ON THE SCORE BOARD AND  
HAVE FUN**

## Finds of the Month

### Single Coin

1.	Ralph Flippo	1894 Guatemala half reale
2.	Bill Green	1866 Three cent USA
3.	Steve Meeks	1942 WWII German coin

### Group Coins

1.	Bill Green	3 Dollars, 4 JFK half dollars, 331 quarters, 123 nickels, 457 dimes, 2,177 pennies
2.	Steve Meeks	Lots of coins (520)
3.	Chuck Hosbein	Cruise coins

### Single Jewelry

1.	Lonnie Lytle	14k White gold with diamonds
2.	Bill Green	14k Gold ring with 5 diamonds & 12 sapphires
3.	Steve Meeks	Silver cross with 5 diamonds

### Group Jewelry

1.	Chuck Hosbein	Beach & cruise finds
2.	Bill Green	Gold, silver rings, jewelry
3.	Steve Meeks	Assorted Items

### Single Artifact

1.	Dave Gascoyne	1830 Dragoon sword hanger
2.	Greg Watson	Brass bell
3.	Bill Green	7 lb. iron inside a wooden box

### Group Artifacts

1.	David Gascoyne	Seminole War relics
2.	Greg Watson	Brass lock, dog tag, button, school bus fare token
3.	Gene Jenkins	Scout lapel pin, 3 pocket knives,

### Single Odds/Ends

1.	Steve Meeks	Old brass pocket ashtray
2.	Gene Jenkins	Elephant man
3.	George Case	Old knife

### Group Odds/Ends

1.	George Case	45 Cal. blank shell casings, keys
2.	Steve Meeks	Assorted items
3.	Bill Green	49 keys, Hotwheels, lead sinkers, bullets, knives & odd items

### Finds of the Month

Photos Courtesy of Rob Loucks

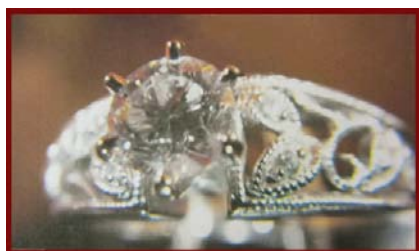
#### Single Coin - Ralph Flippo



#### Group Coin - Bill Green



#### Single Jewelry - Lonnie Lytle



#### Group Jewelry - Chuck Hosbein



#### Single Artifact - Dave Gascoyne



#### Group Artifacts - Dave Gascoyne



Single Odds/Ends - Steve Meeks



Group Odds/Ends - George Case



**If you have items that you want to buy or sell, go to our “Classified” section of the CFMDC page here:**

**[CFMDC Classifieds](#)**

**"Don't Forget"**

**To bring a Pie for pie night!**

All pies not taken home will be donated for our "PIE WALK"

The shelter I normally take the pies to has closed down.

So the donation will go to the club's fund.

There will be a **charge of \$3.00** for the pie walk.

**Please bring a pie to share and don't forget the whip-cream!**

For any that have never been to a cake-walk, prepare to have fun! Thanks, see you there Lorrie

Any questions give me a call: 407-463-4587

What a great gathering we had at our **Pirate event** at the club.

There were a lot of pirates **"Bad to the Bone"**! Some of you I didn't recognize. All who attended and dressed up, Good job!

I hope all had a good time. I wish I had prizes for all of you!

Prizes were given out to the Best Pirate, Wench, Most creative and the Scariest! There was a great amount of grub, thanks to all who brought something, and who ever made that wonderful bean dish, I'd like the recipe.

# Pirates!

The following are the winners:

**Best Pirate wench: Nannett - 1815 Spanish 2 Real**

2nd runner-up: Engred - 1898 1/4 Real

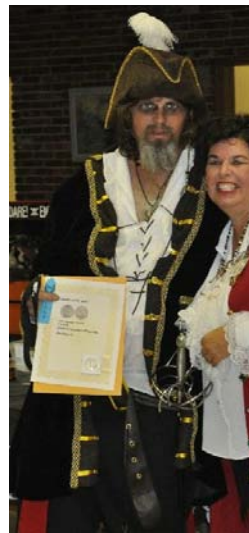
3rd runner-up: Harriett - Wine B



**Best Pirate : Hurley- 1736 Spanish 2 Real**

2nd runner-up : Jim - 1898 1/4 Real

3rd runner-up: John- Wine Bottle



**Scariest: Mike -1833 Spanish 1 Real**

2nd runner-up: Jerry- Crystal Skull

3rd runner-up: Ann - Bottle of Sparkling Cider



**Most creative: Greg -1781 Spanish 1 Real**

2nd runner-up: Dave -Crystal Skull

3rd runner-up: Sally- Bottle of Sparkling Cider



Congratulations go out to Patrick Huff, one of our newest members, for finding the lost ring in Daytona!

I found the ring for Jack Hattenbach, Daytona Beach Shores. It was right where he thought it was- in the bushes in front of his house.  
Patrick Huff, CFMDC member

The CFMDC is always looking for members who want to volunteer to help out the club. We are currently seeking someone to take over the newsletter. If you are interested, talk to Jerry at the next meeting or email [G8r81@cfl.rr.com](mailto:G8r81@cfl.rr.com)

# Treasure hunt targets Palm Beach County Park

## From Sun Sentinel

*Local man thinks he can find pirate gold at DuBois Park*

November 03, 2011|By Andy Reid, Sun Sentinel  
Pirate gold or buried beer cans?

A modern-day treasure hunt is in the works to find out what set off a local man's metal detector at DuBois Park in Jupiter.

Longtime [Palm Beach County](#) resident William Mooney says he knows where X marks the spot at the waterfront park near the Jupiter Inlet.

Mooney suspects his treasure hunting equipment has detected a chest of riches, possibly buried hundreds of years ago by shipwreck survivors or even by pirates making a stop along the [Palm Beach County](#) coast. County officials are skeptical, but still curious enough to be working on a proceeds-sharing deal.

Making a deal with Mooney also ensures that the county supervises the dig, which otherwise is not allowed in county parks. State regulators also must sign off before the dig can proceed.

"Maybe there is something significant, some old Spanish coins. ... Who knows?" said Eric Call, county parks and recreation director.

While Call jokes about finding a Jack Sparrow-style solution to county budget problems, he acknowledges that the proposed dig is more likely to come up empty.

Mooney could not be reached for comment, despite several attempts by phone and email.

After 30 years of archaeological digging at DuBois — which includes an American Indian mound and the DuBois Pioneer Home — "you would have thought somebody would have found something by now," Call said.

County Archaeologist Christian Davenport called the likelihood of Mooney finding anything of value "very low," but that "every once [in] a while hunters do find a cache of goodies."

Mooney proposes keeping 25 percent of the value of whatever he unearths. County attorneys are working on

terms, but they envision offering something closer to 10 percent if they allow the dig.

This isn't [Palm Beach County](#)'s first attempt to cash in on buried treasure. In 1992, the county struck a deal with a Fort Lauderdale treasure hunter looking for Blackbeard's loot and the cargo of sunken Spanish ship. The hunt, along the coastline from Highland Beach to Jupiter, failed to strike gold or any other treasure.

Mooney's plan isn't nearly as involved as the county's past treasure hunt experience with a professional salvor.

A "strong metal reading" on Mooney's metal detectors indicates a 2-by-11/2-foot item, which he believes to be a chest, just three feet below ground, according to his proposal to the county.

But why does he think it may be a pirate's chest? Mooney's dowsing instruments — also known as diving rods — "indicate precious metal," according to his proposal.

The history of local shipwrecks and pirates passing by Florida's East Coast also factor into why Mooney thinks this is more than buried junk.

Proximity of the find to the Jupiter Inlet and the DuBois Park Indian mound makes sense, according to Mooney.

The inlet is a natural spot to come ashore, and the mound would have made an easy marker for someone looking to bury loot 200 years ago, according to Mooney.

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