

April 2012

TREASURE TALK

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
THE CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB
FOUNDED IN 1972

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 7:30 PM

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A Message From Our Club President

I want to begin with a reminder that the April meeting has been moved to the third Friday of the month due to a scheduling conflict at the Sanford Garden Club. The April meeting will be held on Friday the 20th. **This is for the April 20th meeting only.** All other meetings will be held on the second Friday of the month as usual.

Club dues are now past due. If you haven't paid for the current year, please do so at the next meeting so that your name is not dropped from the club roster.

Last month Jerry Hitson requested that someone take over the duties of newsletter editor. Well, someone has stepped up. I'd like to welcome Scott Jackson as the new editor for the club newsletter. Without volunteers like Jerry and Scott and others, the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club would be in a world of hurt. Many thanks to both Jerry and Scott.

While I'm on the subject of volunteers, you may have noticed at the last meeting that one of our volunteers was missing. Without the behind-the-scenes efforts of our own Rob Loucks the finds table quickly turned to mush. Thanks to the five members who took over and made Rob's job **still** look hard (LOL)

In an effort to make the finds table a little quicker for everyone, please take the time to fill out your monthly entries form and your tally sheet prior to the meeting.

This will help each person get credit for all points earned and cut down on meeting night confusion. In order to limit distractions, the **finds table closes as soon as the meeting starts** so get your entries on the table well before the 7:30 start time.

For the new members: please enter only one entry in each "single" category and everything else can be entered into the respective "group" category. The total number of entries you can have is eight (four single entries & four group entries).

The club now has a library of books which can be borrowed by any member. Please check it out at the next meeting and take advantage of all the information available. The library has just started so if you have books to loan, please bring them to the next meeting. If you want something special added to the library, please let us know.

Don't forget about the upcoming Easter Seals Hunt. We are actively collecting items which can be buried as finds for this June/July hunt. Please keep in mind that these young hunters will be unearthing items for the first time and we want them to be excited with their new found treasures.

See you at the next meeting!

-Alan

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Come And Join Us!!

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

Meeting Date: Friday, April 20, 2012

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

The Club normally meets the 2nd Friday of each month, but this April, and this April only, we will meet the third Friday, April 20, 2012.

The Sanford Garden Club is located 2 blocks south of Lake Mary Blvd. on the east side of SR 17-92. For more information, contact Bill Shackelford at (407) 323-3401 or Alan James at (386) 717-5775.

We will eat at Colorado's Steak Place prior to the meeting. It is one block north of our meeting place. Park at the Sanford Garden Club and just walk on over! We eat at 5:30. If you would like to join us, we would be happy to see you. Oh yeah, don't forget it's BYOM!

From The Editor's Desk...

It's my pleasure to introduce you all to the new format for "Treasure Talk" our monthly newsletter. Learning to format and organize a newsletter after all this time has proven to be a real challenge. I hope you all like it.



If you have any comments or suggestions, if you find any errors, or heck, if you just plain hate the new format, please do not hesitate to email me at Afab67@hotmail.com. I will consider this newsletter to be a work in progress and I am always open to suggestions.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Jerry Hitson for juggling both the newsletter and our website and our Facebook account all at the same time. Jerry, I don't know how you did it all, but my hat goes off to you!

Let's have some fun out there and please, bring in your finds. We have a record setting 104 members, but less than 40 members with points on the monthly finds board! Happy hunting to you all!

Last Minute Notes and News

Be sure to check out the end of this newsletter.

It contains a sample for the Monthly Finds sheet that all entrants are asked to fill out and submit. Feel free to make as many copies as you like.

Also, you will find the flyer for an event taking place at Kellyco on Saturday, May 14, 2012, a Customer Appreciation event sponsored by Minelab to celebrate National Metal Detecting Day. All those who register will be entered for a drawing to win an E-Trac from Minelab!

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CFMDC Meeting Notes for March

By Debbie Green, CFMDC Secretary

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

Secretary Report – Debra Green. Change to the February newsletter, Doug Melvin was the \$35 name badge winner. Request for a show of hands for those that read the published minutes was a majority of the meeting attendees. Changes/deletions were requested from the floor and there were none. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer Report – Alan James. Postponed for this month's meeting only.

Club Birthdays and Anniversaries – Bill Shackelford. Members were called to the front and recognized.

First Time Guests – Five guests were called forward and welcomed.

Alan James – There is a State of Florida bill in Tallahassee regarding treasure hunting and metal detecting. State Senator, Alan Hayes has been invited to an upcoming club meeting to promote an understanding of our Central Florida club and what we do within the community. There could be media interest in this bill. Please collect your trash finds instead of throwing them away, so that we can present a partial representation of what we clean out of our local parks, schools and beach areas.

Bob Gabler – All are welcome to visit the Gold Prospectors Association of America website <http://www.goldprospectors.org> We meet once a month on the second Saturday at Warren Park in Orlando. We have meetings, functions and post local club news at <http://www.orlandoogpaa.org> There is a flyer at the front desk if anyone is interested in more information about the club.

Alan James – The Orange City Commission meeting is scheduled for this coming Tuesday evening. For any members that would like to attend and submit comments regarding metal detecting within Orange City, please come and speak at the commission meeting. Each speaker will be given one to two minutes.

Volunteers Needed - As Jerry Hitson is already managing the website and the Facebook account, we are looking for a volunteer to take over the monthly newsletter.

Janice James – We have some books available in the club library. They are on the side table for members to checkout.

CFMDC Meeting Notes For March (continued)

Alan James – We have a new summary form for members to declare their finds for the month. Please include the description of your finds in each category.

Break - Refreshments and voting for the monthly finds.

Search – We have received a request from a local attorney to search for evidence in Astor, Florida on Sunday, March 18th. The search will be along the side of a highway. Let us know if you are interested in participating.

Beach Hunt – Special thanks to Steve Meeks, Lorrie Sprigg, George Case and Bill Green for managing the beach hunt while Janice and I were out of state. Items Hunt Winners: 1st Place Jim Burdick, 2nd Place Gary Flack, and 3rd Place Greg Watson.

Partners Hunt Winners: 1st Place Doug & Craig, 2nd Place Ralph & Nannette, 3rd Place Don & Dave and 4th Place Bill & Jerry.

Upcoming Hunts – There will be a “Poker Hunt” at Greenwood Lakes Park in Lake Mary on Saturday, March 17 at 10:00am. The entry fee is \$5.

Bill Shackelford – We are using the same hunt model as last year. The hunters will be divided into teams, the field will be planted with cards and the teams with the best poker hands win. We will not be having a planned lunch, so bring plan accordingly.

Special Awards – Alan James

Assisting Police award presented to Jim Lemonakis and Roland Davis

Find/Return award presented to Roland Davis

Raffles – Bill Shackelford

Nametag Drawing – No winner

Half & Half Drawing – Winner Ron Riggs, \$45

Meeting closed by Alan James



A Shout Out From Lorrie!!

By Lorrie Sprigg, CFMDC Activities Director

Hi folks, hope everyone had a good Easter. I had originally scheduled an Easter Egg Decorating Contest and has asked everyone to bring a dish to share. Well, due to the Garden Club event that put us behind a week and the lack of interest, and Easter is behind us – this activity has been cancelled. If you had already designed an egg by all means bring it and please bring in a dessert dish to share or snacks. Any questions, please give me a call at 407-463-4587.

Website Of The Month

This month, let's look at one of the most popular forums for metal detectorists on the web. Forums are a meeting place for detectorists from around the world to ask for advice, share ideas, and sometimes, argue the fine points of our hobby.

One of the best known is www.treasurenet.com. This forum is free to join, though Charter Members who pay a small annual fee (about \$20.00) get extra benefits, such as an enhanced search option. This website recently underwent an upgrade and is more graphic intensive than the previous version.

One of its obvious strong points are the pictures and videos of finds posted by the forum members. Some of them are a good source of inspiration.

Treasure In The News!

In February, the AJ Hackett Bungy crew stuck gold without even trying. Gabe Reid and James Marshall were working in the Kawaru River in New Zealand when they spotted what they described as “a sparkle in the water”. What they pulled out was a gold nugget. The alluvial gold registered at 1.44 kg, making it second largest nugget ever found in New Zealand (the first was a 3 kg nugget found in 1909).

The nugget was put on display, but not being satisfied with that, they made a fateful decision. To celebrate the find, they performed a bungy jump with the stone in Reid's hands. After being dunked in the river with the nugget, Reid came back up empty handed. He had dropped the gold.

Reid has since declined to comment publicly. They are sending in divers to look for the nugget, but given the swift current of the Kawaru River, the chances of it being found are slim. (*From the Otago Daily Times, 02/04/2012*)

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Finds Table Point Standings For April 2012

Name	Points	Name	Points
1. Bill Green	55	18. Shirley DeVary	11
2. Hurley Gashaw	33	19. Brent Pethorick	10
3. Eric Lamoray	33	20. Christine Merriam	9
4. Gene Jenkins	31	21. Don Fitzgerald	7
5. Steve Meeks	31	22. Kim Lytle	7
6. Jim Burdick	30	23. Brian Comer	6
7. George Case	29	24. Sally Korn	8
8. Dave Gascoyne	28	25. Lorrie Sprigg	5
9. Ralph Flippo	21	26. Diana Swaney	5
10. Scott Jackson	20	27. Jim Tippitt	5
11. Nanette Burdick	17	28. Linda Fitzgerald	4
12. Jerry Hitson	17	29. Jerry Sprigg	4
13. Lonnie Lytle	17	30. Chuck Hosbein	2
14. Carrie Gashaw	15	31. John Ayers	1
15. Melody Parks	15	32. Richard Harris	1
16. Doug Prouck	13	33. Paul Swaney	1
17. Deborah Prouck	12	34. Carol Taylor	1

EACH ENTRY YOU MAKE GETS AWARDED AT LEAST ONE POINT.

EACH THIRD PLACE ENTRY GETS TWO POINTS.

EACH SECOND PLACE ENTRY GETS THREE POINTS.

EACH FIRST PLACE ENTRY GETS FOUR POINTS.



MONTHLY FINDS TABLE WINNERS

SINGLE COIN

1.	Bill Green	1817 USA one cent piece
2.	Steve Meeks	1957 Peru 20 centavo
3.	Don Fitzgerald	German one cent piece



GROUP COINS

1.	Bill Green	1,100 pennies, JFK half dollar, gold dollar, 13 tokens
2.	Steve Meeks	Assorted coins
3.	Don Fitzgerald	1944 Canadian penny, Cayman Island 5 cent piece



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SINGLE JEWELRY

1.	Bill Green	20kt Gold bracelet
2.	Eric Lamoray	Mid-1800s woman's sash buckle
3.	Linda Fitzgerald	Silver necklace



GROUP JEWELRY

1.	Bill Green	Silver chain, sword & broach
2.	Steve Meeks	Assorted items
3.	George Case	Rings, watch, necklace, bracelets, ear rings & stuff



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SINGLE ARTIFACT

1.	Dave Gascoyne	Eagle button
2.	Hurley Gashaw	Tintype photograph from late 1800s
3.	Bill Green	Civil War cannon ball



GROUP ARTIFACTS

1.	Gene Jenkins	Silver spoon, old percolator lid
2.	Bill Green	Old keys, Hoover campaign button
3.	Hurley Gashaw	Lamp, dog, button, nail & pencil



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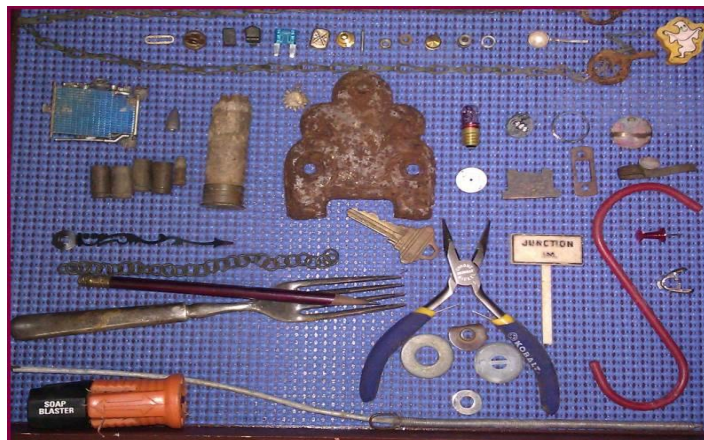
SINGLE ODDS & ENDS

1.	Dave Gascoyne	Liniment bottle
2.	Hurley Gashaw	Red mustang
3.	Scott Jackson	Lead soldier



GROUP ODDS & ENDS

1.	Scott Jackson	Fork, odds & ends
2.	Eric Lamoray	Misc metal components
3.	Jim Burdick	Crock pot & metal stuff



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CFMDC FIND SHEET

Today's Date _____

Name _____

Club badge number _____

Item Description

Coin Single _____

Coin Group _____

Jewelry Single _____

Jewelry Group _____

Artifact Single _____

Artifact Group _____

Odds & Ends Single _____

Odds & Ends Group _____

Today's Date _____

Name _____

Club badge number _____

Item Description

Coin Single _____

Coin Group _____

Jewelry Single _____

Jewelry Group _____

Artifact Single _____

Artifact Group _____

Odds & Ends Single _____

Odds & Ends Group _____



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Minelab Fun Day Event at Kellyco



Minelab in conjunction with Kellyco are excited to invite you and your members to attend a Minelab event on 19th May at Kellyco World Headquarters in Winter Springs.

It will be a fun day starting at 10:00 am lasting until 4:00 pm with several speakers, food drink and a chance to win a Minelab E-TRAC metal detector – please see the flyer attached.

In addition, we would encourage metal detecting clubs to participate by co-sponsoring an event in your area leading to prize awards at the May 19th Minelab Fun Day Event.

The objectives are to encourage both club members' and new people to participate in a metal detecting type treasure hunting event in addition to attending the Minelab Fun Day at Kellyco on the 19th May.

Minelab will provide some freebies for your event, and an additional raffle will be held at the main event on the 19th with a range of prizes including Minelab metal detectors. The number of raffle prizes will be increased based on numbers registering for club co-sponsored events.

Kellyco will provide on-line (internet based) registration for all club events.

Both raffles will be drawn at the Minelab / Kellyco event on the 19th, with prizes awarded by Rob Freeman, the Director of Sales, Minelab Americas. (Must be present to win)

There will two separate raffle pools.

- a. Raffle Pool 1, open to all registered attendees of the Kellyco Minelab event on the 19th May.
- b. Raffle Pool 2, open to eligible participants of Club events where the number of individual club registered attendees exceeds 30 participants.

Prize winners in the Club raffle (pool 2) will be ineligible to participate in the main event raffle (pool 1).

Registered attendees must be present to receive a prize.

Should your club conduct an event and you attract more than 30 registered attendees, then your registered participants will be entered into both pool 1 AND pool 2 raffles.

If your club event attracts less than 30 registered attendees, they will still be eligible to participate in the main event raffle (pool 1). Of course we expect you to attract lots of participants as this will increase the number of Minelab Metal Detector prizes into the Clubs raffle pool!

If your club wishes to join the other club participants, please contact Ray Walker at Kellyco for more details on 407-699-8700 Ext 175 before April 20th, or email rwalker@kellycodetectors.com.

Be sure to register for the main event at: <http://events.kellycodetectors.com>
Registration is smartphone friendly.

Kellyco Metal Detector SuperStore
1085 Belle Ave. Winter Springs, Florida 32708

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Minelab's Metal Detecting Fun Day at KellyCo Detectors



When Saturday May 19, 2012, 10 am – 4 pm.

Where KellyCo Detectors Headquarters

1085 Belle Ave.
Winter Springs, Florida 32708

Just 25 minutes North of Orlando, Florida

What **Kellyco and Minelab are proud to sponsor our first ever customer appreciate event!**

Hear from experienced treasure hunters, authors, and experts in the metal detecting hobby! Learn FREE tips from the pros to help you find your own treasures. Guest speakers for the event will start at 10am on Saturday, May 19th. Below is a list of guest speakers and factory representative Minelab Americas "Rob Freeman" Director of Sales.

- Andy Sabisch : The Minelab Explorer & E-Trac Handbook **WIN a Minelab E-TRAC! Metal Detector**
- Gary Drayton : Searching for Spanish Treasure with Minelab **Retail price \$1,895.00**
- Tony Diana : Basic Ear Training for Excalibur
- Dave Spencer : MD Tuning, Care, & Maintenance
- Rob Freeman : Minelab products, new trends and tricks of the trade.

Complimentary food and beverages will be catered at the event.

- Door prizes.
- Tours of the World's Largest Metal Detector Warehouse and operations.
- Visit the museum.
- Raffle for Minelab's most technologically advanced detector **The E-TRAC & accessories.***

** Must be present to win*

Come and learn about this exciting hobby with demos of the Minelab metal detectors. Find out why there is so much excitement about using these technologies for Gold mining and the recovery of historical artifacts and coins.

Enjoy a day of fun and excitement!

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