



# Treasure Talk



The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

December 2012

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## Greetings From Club President Alan James

Over the past year, the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club really stepped up to the plate and made a difference in the lives of many.

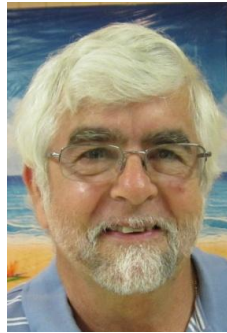
Starting in January, the CFMDC held its first annual "Member Appreciation Hunt" which started the ball rolling. February brought a request for help from the local police department. By June we were fortunate enough to get involved with Camp Challenge and the people there who are responsible for enriching the lives of hundreds of youthful campers each year. Also in June, Senator Alan Hays spoke to our club and expressed his support for our hobby. Our annual auction was held in August with great success as always. October granted us the opportunity as a club to search our new "secret hunt site".

Many, many additional events, activities, and outings helped to make this a great year. Club attendance is up, membership is up, and participation is up.

And now here we are..... December 2012.

Looking back, it makes me proud to be involved with one of the finest metal detecting clubs in the USA. Each and every member of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club helps to make us who we are.

But for me, I believe that this success, as always, is a group effort and the result of endless hours of hard work by a dedicated group of club members and volunteers and I can't end the year without offering a sincere "THANK YOU" to each of you.



For the record: This month is the CFMDC Christmas Party. There will be no finds table this month. Each member is asked to bring something to share for dinner. The gift exchange will take place after we eat and a \$10 limit has been placed on the gifts.

Also this meeting is the time for the changing of the guard so if you'd like to become a club officer, make sure your name gets thrown into the hat. We can always use some "new blood."

I'll see you at the next meeting.

*Alan*

## A Special Meeting This December!!!

Meeting Place: Sanford Garden Club

200 Fairmont Ave.

Sanford, FL 32773

Meeting Date: Friday, November 9, 2012

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

This month, the Central Florida Metal detecting Club will be having its annual Holiday Dinner. This event is open only the current CFMDC members and we hope to see you all there! We will not be having our usual get together at Colorado's Steak Place/Ichigo Ichie Buffet prior to the meeting.

Remember, if your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish, If you last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert.

The gift exchange will take place after dinner. Please remember the \$10.00 limit on gifts. Please come as close to \$10.00 without going over (ok, maybe you can go a little over).

Also, there will be no Finds Tables for this meeting. Anything you found for the December meeting, please hold and submit it in January, along with your December finds!

### Club Officers

President:	Alan James / 386-717-5775 / nonialan@earthlink.com
Vice President:	Bill Shackelford / 407-323-2954
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Bill Green
Treasurer:	Chuck Hosbein
Secretary:	Debra Green
Activities Director:	Lorrie Sprigg / Africanlor@aol.com
Newsletter Editor:	Scott Jackson / Afab67@hotmail.com

### Club Volunteers

Finds Of The Month Tables:	Rob Loucks
Webmaster:	Jerry Hitson
Half & Half:	George & Bea Case
Raffles:	Betty Shackelford & Janice James
Photographers:	Ralph Flippo, Jerry Hitson, Rob Loucks, Lorrie Sprigg

### November 2012 Median Prices On Precious Metals Per Ounce:

Silver: \$32.50

Gold: \$1718

Platinum: \$1583



## From The Editor's Desk...

**By Scott Jackson, CFMDC Newsletter Editor**

Well, it happened again. I was surfing around the metal detecting forum Findmall, when I saw a post from someone talking about metal detecting Volusia County parks. They had emailed the parks director to ask permission and clarification of the rules for metal detecting. You can guess the result. I am never a fan of asking permission for metal detecting public parks like this. Bureaucrats are more likely to say "no" because it's easier than saying "yes, but please be responsible". Someone felt the need to "poke the bear" and then paste the result on one of the busiest metal detecting forums, along with the director's email address.

I knew this parks director was going to get a flood of emails from all over the county. I had also found out that this same message was posted on our club Facebook page and he was chastised for not just letting sleeping dogs lie. So now Volusia County parks have been declared off limits to metal detecting by one bureaucrat, though I doubt the "rule" will be rigidly enforced. But you never know.

I prefer to let things blow over when I can, and I am sure most you do too, but in this case, it was too late. After all this, to sit and do nothing would be worse. It was for that reason I sent out an email last week asking club members to send their own email to the director, asking him to reconsider his position (and if he refused, we would go over his head). I felt emails from Central Florida metal detectorists would carry more weight than an email from someone living in Boise. We'll keep you posted on how this thing develops.



## A Message From Lorrie!

**By Lorrie Sprigg, CFMDC Activities Director**

Lorrie is having some computer problems at the moment, so she asked me to remind everybody to bring in a \$10 gift, wrapped, for the Dinner. Several people asked about bringing gift cards. This year, we're leaving that to the judgment of each member.

Also, if your last name begins with A-M, please bring a covered dish. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert.

George Case also wants to send a reminder to everyone that if you want to run for a club officer position, please see him before the start of the meeting on Friday. The positions are President, Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.



## **CFMDC Meeting Minutes For November, 2012**

### **By Debra Green, CFMDC Secretary**

The November meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 7:30pm by club president, Alan James and the finds table was officially closed. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Green.

**Secretary's Report** – Debra Green. No changes were submitted regarding the minutes published in the newsletter and the minutes were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Chuck Hosbein not present, report deferred until the December meeting.

**Club Member November Birthdays and Anniversaries** - Bill Shackelford.

**First Time Guests** – Alan James. One visitor was welcomed and given a dollar coin.

**Special Business** – A motion was put forward by Lonnie Lytle to award Ann Hartle a lifetime membership to the CFMDC for her donations and volunteerism. Motion was seconded, voted upon and passed. Thank you Ann for all you have done for the club.

**Guest Speaker** – Daniel Britt, Ph.D., Professor of Physics and Planetary Sciences, University of Central Florida presented a session on meteorites.

Jim Fielding introduced Dr. Britt.

Dr. Britt's lecture and visual presentation included worldwide, national and local meteorite information regarding strew fields, finds, value and what to do if you think you have found a meteorite. Included was a map of Florida finds and possible meteorite strikes that remain unfound within the State of Florida. He included specimens of several meteors that included cross-sections. Members could examine the items with gloves. Questions were accepted from the attendees, and we thank Dr. Britt for speaking to the club.

Special thanks to Jim Fielding for coordinating our special guest speaker, and for his work supporting the visual presentation set-up.

**Break** – Vote for the finds and refreshments.

**Lorrie Sprigg** – The Garden Club had its annual plant sale today. There are plants on sale, bromeliads for \$3 and orchids for \$8 on a table at the back.

For the next meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a gift exchange and potluck. For those who would like to participate please bring a \$10 gift or a \$10 gift card. We are asking that folks not bring a dollar store gift, please find something that others would like to receive. If your last name begins with A

through M, bring a side dish to share. If your last name begins with N through Z, bring a dessert to share.

**Alan James** – Regarding the December meeting:

- We need volunteers to cook a turkey, a ham and gravy for the potluck dinner. Please volunteer directly to Alan or Janice James.
- There will be no finds table at the December meeting. Bring all of your Nov/Dec monthly finds to the January meeting and any 2012 first-place finds you would like to enter into the 2012 Finds of the Year competition.
- The E-Track, metal detector drawing will take place as the only drawing of the evening.
- Club board elections will be completed at the December meeting. Please contact Bill Shackelford with nominations for the board election.

**Upcoming Hunt Events** – Alan James.

- On 11/17/12 the club will hold a beach hunt at Sunsplash Park beginning at 10:00 am. The fee will be \$5 per hunter.
- The Daytona Beach metal detecting club will hold a key hunt at the KOA Park. Please check their website for additional location and fee information.
- On 02/16/13 our club will be hosting a one day, Shoot-Out at Moss Park. The entry fee is \$99.00 for early registration, \$125 after the early registration date expires and \$150 registration fee the day of the Shoot-Out. The registration fee includes a catered mid-day meal and multiple hunts. The Shoot-Out will be advertised nationwide and four park pavilions have been reserved. The hunt will include silver prizes. KellyCo will be a vendor and we are currently working with other vendors from around the country. Included will be a family hunt for a small fee. We need many club volunteers for this event, and have a timeline in place to prepare and set-up for this “First Time Event”. This Shoot-out is being created to bring new members into our club, and invite attendees from other states to Florida. We want this to become a yearly event.
- I will turn the floor over to Jim Burdick, who will let us know about the October Ranch Hunt.

**Jim Burdick** – Lots of old coins were found. The hunt was at an old betting track and it was a great day of hunting. Everyone had a good time, we had a good turnout, and there was a restaurant nearby for lunch. I hope we can hunt there again, if the owner gives us permission.

**New Members** – Hunter Shaw was welcomed by the club.

**Chances to Win** – Silver Raffle. Half & Half - \$43.50 winner, Mike Rainone.

**Finds Awards for October** – Rob Loucks, Bill Green and Pam Gray.

**Meeting closed by Alan James.**

## FIND TABLES FINAL POINT RESULTS FOR 2012

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Name	Points	Name	Points
1. Bill Green	193	24. Doug Prock	13
2. Steve Meeks	165	25. Kim Lytle	12
3. Jim Burdick	122	26. Diana Swaney	11
4. George Case	98	27. John Ayers	10
5. Hurley Gashaw	91	28. Jim Fielding	10
6. Ralph Flippo	84	29. Rob Loucks	10
7. Nanette Burdick	81	30. Roland Davis	9
8. Brent Petherick	81	31. Carol Taylor	9
9. Gene Jenkins	76	32. Sally Kornis	8
10. Carrie Gashaw	74	33. Don Fitzgerald	7
11. Christine Merriam	62	34. Brian Comer	6
12. Shirley DeVary	56	35. Lester Morgan	5
13. Lonnie Lytle	52	36. George Aylsworth	4
14. Dave Gascoyne	49	37. Bill Bergdoll	4
15. Jim Tippit	41	38. Linda Fitzgerald	4
16. Chuck Hosbein	40	39. Richard Harris	4
17. Eric Lamoray	39	40. Janice James	4
18. Jerry Hitson	32	41. Jerry Sprigg	4
19. Scott Jackson	30	42. Elliot Schumacher	3
20. Lorrie Sprigg	21	43. Jason Pfister	2
21. Mike Rainone	20	44. Tony Krapil	1
22. Melody Parks	18	45. Frank Rothery	1
23. Deborah Prock	13	46. Paul Swaney	1

Each 1<sup>st</sup> place entry gets 4 points.

Each 2<sup>nd</sup> place entry gets 3 points.

Each 3<sup>rd</sup> place entry gets 2 points.

All other entries on the Finds Tables get 1 point just for entering!

# Monthly Finds Table Winners for November, 2012

## Single Coin



1 <sup>st</sup>	Janice James	Spanish $\frac{1}{2}$ Reale
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill Green	1985 Barber Half Dollar
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Fielding	1892 Barber Dime

## Group Coins



1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Burdick	Coins from water, park & farm hunting
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill Green	1,392 pennies, 121 quarters, etc.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve Meeks	156 quarters, 121 dimes, etc.

## Single Jewelry



1 <sup>st</sup>	Lonnie Lytle	14k gold ring w/10 diamonds
2 <sup>nd</sup>	George Case	Ring with diamond chips
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nanette Burdick	18k gold chain

## Group Jewelry



1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Meeks	Asst. silver and gold items
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill Green	6 rings, ear rings, charms, etc.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nanette Burdick	Fish ring, sapphire ring, bracelet, etc.

# Continued - Monthly Finds Table Winners For November

## Single Artifact



1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Burdick	Mini musket ball
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lonnie Lytle	.50 caliber bullet
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scott Jackson	Fisher body plate

## Group Artifacts



1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Burdick	Early buckle, spoon & square nails
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Meeks	WWI & WW II Buttons
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bill Green	2 horseshoes, buckles, & misc.

## Single Odds & Ends



1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Meeks	Vintage AA medallion
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brent Petherick	Sacred Heart medallion from auto league
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hurley Gashaw	Silver guitar pick

## Group Odds & Ends



1 <sup>st</sup>	Bill Green	42 keys, 8 hot wheels, etc.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Meeks	Asst. items from park and 1800s houses
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nanette Burdick	Bottles, balls, pottery & statues