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Treasure Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

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A Message From Club President Alan James

This month is going to be a very, very busy month for the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club so get ready to have some fun! To begin with, our monthly meeting will feature an assortment of 1920's outlaws, in-laws, women of the night, or just plain low life gangsters. You might see bank robbers, Tommy guns, cops, or anything your fellow members can dream up. This "roaring 20's themed event" will certainly give everyone the opportunity to design their own costume for the evening and promises to be a lot of fun so give your costume some thought and dress to impress! Also, it might be a good idea to bring along a snack to share at the break.

Our annual CFMDC picnic will be held on October 20th at 9:00 AM. The meeting place for this picnic will be at Sylvan Lake Park, 845 Lake Markham Road, Sanford, FL 32771. In addition to the picnic, we will be having a club hunt so don't forget your detectors. We will eat after the hunt and the club will provide hamburgers or hotdogs (I think) for the picnic but everyone is requested to bring a dish to share. Some will bring deserts, some will bring other stuff – you know the drill. More details will be provided at the meeting.

Just to make the month even busier we will be having a second hunt on October 27th and we will be meeting around 8:30 AM in the morning at a



location to be announced. This hunt will be for **MEMBERS ONLY**. If you want to attend this one you must have your dues paid up for the current year. At the owner's request, no guests will be permitted to hunt this site. This hunt can be compared to a park hunt covering several acres. You will be searching in lawn areas or lightly wooded areas so bring the proper tools for the job. This is private property and we want to be invited back so, as always, pick up everything and leave the site better than you found it.

Since I have not personally sampled this site, I have no idea what to expect we will find. This will not be a planted hunt. Whatever is currently in the ground is what you may find.

I can tell you that many people have crossed this land over the years and it has seen more than its share of activity dating back many, many, many decades. The potential for great finds is exciting -- but who knows??

At the meeting, I'd like some input as to how we can develop a youth hunt to encourage new hunters so give this some thought and we'll talk about it soon.

I hope to see you at the next meeting.

-Alan

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, October 12, 2012

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

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

Some members will eat at Colorado's Steak Place prior to the meeting. It is one block north of our meeting place. You can just park at the Sanford Garden Club and walk on over!

Other members will eat at the Ichigo Ichie Buffet prior to the meeting. It is located at 3611 South Orlando Drive (SR 17-92) at the Walmart shopping center located on the west side of the 417.

We eat at 5:30. If you would like to join us, we would be happy to see you! Don't forget, it's BYOM!

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



From The Editor's Desk...

By Scott Jackson, CFMDC Newsletter Editor

At our last meeting, club president Alan James made some brief remarks regarding the Finds Tables. More to the point, there is periodically some confusion as to what qualifies to be on the Finds Tables and what does not. I know that some folks, especially new club members, are often curious to see non-metallic items, such as pottery or even baseballs, showing up. We do show a little bit of flexibility on the Finds Tables, especially when it comes to the Artifacts and Odds & Ends sections.

The key to qualify an item to be on the Finds Tables is that you found it while you were metal detecting. Sometimes you will eyeball an item with we call our "visual detector". But there are some items that make it to the tables that don't seem to belong. So to end some of the confusion, I've created a little "Finds Table Quiz" at the end of the newsletter this month. The goal is never to lecture, but only to educate, and since we have so many new members, it seems like a good idea to go over the rules again, in a slightly tongue-in-cheek manner. So good luck and no peeking at other peoples answers!



A Message From Lorrie!

By Lorrie Sprigg, CFMDC Activities Director

Hi Folks,

A note of appreciation to all those who contributed to the auction at our last meeting. With your help we made over \$400 dollars. Thanks to Melody, Shirilly, Sally and Chuck for your help. A special note of thanks to Carrie and Hurlie for donating the speaker system to the club that was in our auction.

Don't forget the "Roaring Twenties" jig!"
There will be Boot-leg liquor, Gambling, Gangsters and Flapper Girls at "Lorrie's Speakeasy" So come dress for the part as a bootlegger, poker player, Mae West - "Why don't you come up and see me sometime!"
Come as a flapper girl, Charlie Chaplin, a Silent screen star, a jazz musician or casino gambler.

Do please bring finger food to share.

Food - Fun - Prizes

P.S. I made two flapper girl outfits if anyone wants to barrow one.

Call me at 407-463-4587.



CFMDC Meeting Minutes For September, 2012

By Debra Green, CFMDC Secretary

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

Secretary Report – Debra Green. Corrections to the August meeting minutes published in the September Club Newsletter are: 1) In the “Charity Request for the Breast Cancer Walk” the member was Richard Harris, not Richard Gill, 2) The \$40 name badge drawing winner was Ann Hartle, and 3) Within the “Points List” there is a name spelling correction for Doug Prock and Deborah Prock.

Request for comments from any members who read the August minutes and have changes or deletions to the published September club newsletter. No additional changes were requested from the floor, and the minutes for the month of August were accepted.

Treasurer’s Report – Chuck Hosbein. Read and accepted

Club Member August Birthdays and Anniversaries - Bill Shackelford.

First Time Guests – Alan James. Four guests were called to the front of the room, welcomed to their first CFMDC meeting and received a dollar coin for attending.

Upcoming Hunt Events – Alan James.

09/22/12 - Night Hunt, Sun Splash Park, Daytona Beach, 8:00pm to 10:00pm

10/20/12 - Annual Picnic, Sylvan Park, Seminole County

10/27/12 - Private Property Hunt. Many acres of grass and sand that will be similar to a park hunt. This hunt is for CFMDC members only, so if you are interested join the club this evening.

Upcoming Meeting Events – Lorrie Sprigg. Our October meeting will be the annual costume party and this year’s theme is “The Roaring Twenties”.

Break – Alan James. Vote for the finds, we have refreshments for everyone and the auction will start in just a few minutes.

Club Auction – Lorrie Sprigg and Sally Korns. Fund raiser for future club functions and events.

Raffles - Bill Shackelford.

Silver Raffle

Half & Half – Tara Wade won \$62.00. Congratulations Tara!

Nametag – No winner. (The member drawn was not present at the meeting.)

Finds Awards for June – Rob Loucks and Bill Green

Alan James – Thanks to all who volunteered and brought items to the auction. Please remember to take any remaining items with you, and return your chair to the back of the room. Thanks to Lorrie, Sally and those who provided the refreshments.

Meeting closed by Alan James.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Walter Samasko, Jr., 69, died as the result of a heart condition in his home in Carson City, Nevada in May of this year. A recluse, his body remained in his home over a month before neighbors called the police complaining of a foul odor. Samasko was unmarried, and had lived in the house since the 1970s. He had not worked since 1968 and lived off of stock accounts of \$165,000.00.

When he died, he had less than \$200 in his bank account. But the real surprise came when county officials began cleaning out the home to prepare it for sale. Stored in boxes around the house, they found in excess of **\$7,000,000.00** in gold bars and coins, bearing the hallmarks of mints from around the world, including Mexico, Austria, England and South Africa.

The finds were so numerous they had to be hauled out in wheelbarrows. Apparently something of a hoarder, Samasko stashed the coins and bars in boxes labeled “books” around the house and garage.

Samasko was apparently strongly “anti-government” and opposed to vaccines, fearing he would contract a disease, according to his neighbors.

So who gets all that money? Federal estate taxes are going to take a chunk. The balance will be going to a first cousin living in California who works as a substitute teacher.



NEWS AND NOTES



Precious Metal Median Prices Per Ounce for September 2012:

Silver: \$33.25

Gold: \$1728

Platinum: \$1620

The Annual Club Picnic will be held Saturday, October 20th. The picnic will be held at Sylvan Lake Park starting at 9:00 A.M.

The Super Secret, Members-Only hunt is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th. The gathering place will be announced soon, so check your email often!

Sales reps for Minelab announced on the metal detecting forums that effective December 31, 2012, Minelab will no longer produce the Sovereign GT or the Explorer SE Pro.

DIDJA KNOW??? The Ruby ranges in color from pink to blood-red. It gets its color from the presence of the element chromium and is considered one of the four precious stones (the other three being sapphires, emeralds, and of course, diamonds). Ruby prices are determined by their color, with the most valuable being the "pigeon blood-red" variety. Please don't ask where the name comes from!

Have a metal detecting news, note, or milestone? Send it in to afab67@hotmail.com!

FINDS TABLES POINT STANDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2012

Name	Points	Name	Points
1. Bill Green	160	23. Deborah Prock	13
2. Steve Meeks	126	24. Kim Lytle	11
3. Jim Burdick	92	25. Diana Swaney	11
4. George Case	80	26. John Ayers	10
5. Hurley Gashaw	78	27. Jim Fielding	10
6. Gene Jenkins	76	28. Roland Davis	9
7. Brent Petherick	66	29. Sally Korns	8
8. Ralph Flippo	64	30. Carol Taylor	8
9. Carrie Gashaw	64	31. Don Fitzgerald	7
10. Nanette Burdick	60	32. Mike Rainone	7
11. Christine Merriam	51	33. Brian Comer	6
12. Dave Gascoyne	49	34. Rob Loucks	5
13. Shirley DeVary	42	35. George Aylsworth	4
14. Lonnie Lytle	42	36. Bill Bergdoll	4
15. Jim Tippit	41	37. Linda Fitzgerald	4
16. Eric Lamoray	39	38. Richard Harris	4
17. Jerry Hitson	30	39. Jerry Sprigg	4
18. Chuck Hosbein	29	40. Elliot Schumacher	3
19. Scott Jackson	27	41. Tony Krapil	1
20. Lorrie Sprigg	21	42. Jason Pfeiffer	1
21. Melody Parks	18	43. Frank Rothery	1
22. Doug Prock	13	44. Paul Swaney	1

Each 1st place entry gets 4 points.

Each 2nd place entry gets 3 points.

Each 3rd place entry gets 2 points.

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

Monthly Finds Table Winners For September, 2012

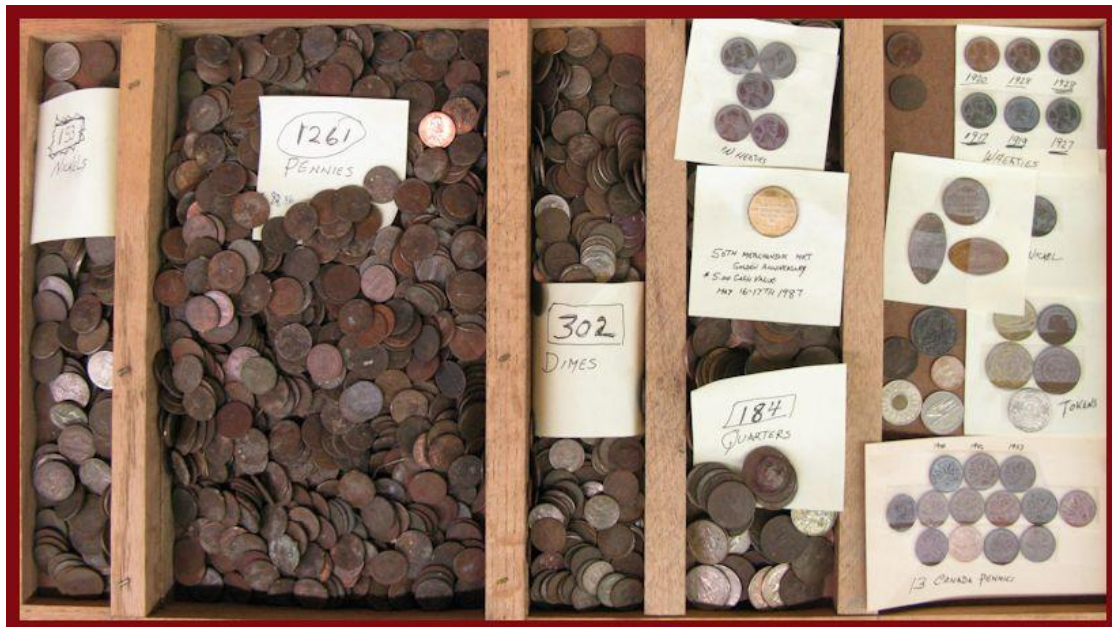
Single Coin

1 st	Bill Green	1833 One Cent piece
2 nd	Steve Meeks	1926 Standing Liberty quarter
3 rd	Jim Burdick	1941 Mercury dime



Group Coins

1 st	Bill Green	1261 Pennies, 184 Quarters, 302 Dimes, 153 Nickels, \$5 token, etc.
2 nd	Brent Petherick	348 Coins totaling \$26.95, 62 quarters, 79 dimes, 37 nickels, 170 pennies, etc.
3 rd	Christine Merriam	3 Wheaties dated 1940, 1945, & 1957 plus other coins



Single Jewelry

1 st	Bill Green	Ring with 5 Diamonds (1/4 karat stones)
2 nd	Hurley Gashaw	1987 man's class ring (10k gold)
3 rd	Christine Merriam	Silver & Onyx alligator ring



Group Jewelry

1 st	Bill Green	15 Silver & Gold rings, charms, pins, etc.
2 nd	Steve Meeks	Assorted jewelry in Gold & Silver
3 rd	Chuck Hosbein	Gold/Silver rings, Silver chain, misc. jewelry



Single Artifact

1 st	Jim Burdick	Emmet Richter harmonica
2 nd	Dave Gascoyne	Civil War Button
3 rd	Carrie Gashaw	WW II Dog Tag (1942)



Group Artifact

1 st	Dave Gascoyne	Civil War relics
2 nd	Steve Meeks	World War I buttons
3 rd	Jim Burdick	Fork, clock key, pin & spoon handle



THE GREAT FINDS TABLE QUIZ

1. Ebenezer is out metal detecting one afternoon and he sees, laying on the ground at the base of a tree, an 1877 Indian Head cent. He reaches down and picks it up and is amazed by its condition. He decides to enter it in the "Single Coin" category at the next club meeting. Can he do that?
 - A. No, because he didn't find it with a metal detector. He saw it.
 - B. Yes he can.
 - C. Maybe, but he would need special permission from a club officer.
2. Luvene is cleaning out the attic of her late aunt's home before it gets sold. While up there, she finds the most beautiful Victorian skeleton key she ever saw. She takes it with her and wants to put in on the Finds Tables next meeting. Should she do that?
 - A. Yes, because cleaning out an attic is a form of treasure hunting.
 - B. No, because she saw it rather than detecting it.
 - C. No, because she did not find it while she was metal detecting.
3. Beauregard is out metal detecting an old farm field and he makes his way into the woods, where he finds the remains on an old shed. Setting his metal detector down, he lifts up one of the old planks and finds a Civil War bayonet in the dirt. He takes the prize. Can he put it on the Finds Table?
 - A. Yes, because he found while he was metal detecting.
 - B. No, because he wasn't using his metal detector at the time he found it.
 - C. Yes, but only if he located the bayonet while using a pinpointter.
4. Clarence is going through all his finds over the past few years and he comes across three old Ford emblems he found at the site of an old garage a couple of years ago. He remembers he put them on the Finds Tables at the time, but for some odd reason, they didn't place as a top find. He wants to re-enter them again now because he thinks they are really good artifacts. Can he do that?
 - A. No, because they were not found since the last club meeting.
 - B. Yes, you can re-enter an item as many times as you like.
 - C. Yes, but only if he cleans them first.

ANSWERS

1. The correct answer is "B". Clarence was metal detecting at the time he found it and if you spot something visually while metal detecting, then it qualifies for the Finds Tables. The important part is that you were out metal detecting when you found it!
2. The correct answer is "C". We've said already that you don't have to pass the metal detector over the target for it to qualify. But here, Luvene was not metal detecting, she was cleaning out an attic. Even if you want it call it "treasure hunting" no metal detecting was involved, so it does not qualify for the Finds Tables.
3. The correct answer is "A". Yes, it qualifies because he found it while metal detecting. He wasn't just exploring the woods, and he didn't find it in a pawn shop or thrift store. He was actually using his metal detector when he made the find. He only set it down to poke around a difficult area and to lift a plank.
4. The correct answer is "A". You can only submit items you have found since the last club meeting. Clarence found these items months ago and has already submitted them once. That's the limit. The only time you enter an item twice is if you took First Place on the Finds Tables and you are submitting your First Place find again at the end of the year for the "Best of the Year" competition.

Ok, so how'd you do? Hope this little quiz helped and remember, we only have these rules to keep things fair for everyone!