



# Threshold



April 9, 2019

**Newsletter for the Historical Recovery Association of North Florida  
Dedicated to the Hobbies of Metal Detecting and Treasure Hunting**

## *Announcements:*

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: Piccadilly Restaurant  
3216 South University Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32216 (904) 721-2872**

### **Membership Dues for 2019**

It's time for the 2019 HRANF membership dues. Yearly dues: \$25.00 for individual member and \$40.00 for family group. Make checks payable to Debi Reich, Treasurer.

### **Club Hunt April 27, 2019**

We are having a club hunt in Nassauville Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> Watch for more information.

### **Metal Detecting 101**

Metal Detecting 101 class was held at Chip Kirkpatrick's home in Yulee on Saturday, April 13 with ten in attendance.

### **New Meeting Start Time 6:30**

Our meetings have been taking longer due to changes in the agenda. The members present voted to start the meetings a half hour earlier at 6:30.

### **History of the Pull Tab**

Ed Feather's presentation was all about those pesky pull tabs. Commercially produced beer cans and later the soda cans were available in the 1930's. The first cans were called "cone tops" because of their shape and they could be opened with a "church key" or commonly called a bottle opener. This was the beginning of the beer cap invasion Beer and soda can evolution to aluminum cans was 1959 and the invention of the "pull tab" which metal detectorist call the "beaver tail". This was the beginning of the pull tab invasion.

### **Central Florida Sunshine Silver & Relic Hunt**

Dianna Watkins and Pete Combs attended Central Florida Sunshine Silver & Relic Hunt at Moss Park. Both found many treasures and Dianna won a Vulcan Pin pointer and Pete's son won a AT Max metal detector.

## Monthly Finds Competition

### 2019 finds competition starts at January meeting!

All finds can be placed starting at 6:00 PM for display. There will be a short break to vote and turn in your ballots for best items.

Certificates are awarded in December for each category. One "Treasure Hunter of the Year" certificate will be given to the person with the highest overall total of points. Limit one certificate per person.

Here is a review of what to look for and our **FINDS-OF-THE-MONTH** Competition.

There are six categories:

- 1 **Coins** - American or foreign coins.
- 2 **Tokens** – Coins good for items or services with no cash value.
- 3 **Jewelry** - Items that are normally worn as jewelry with non-historical significance.
- 4 **Relics** - Items of historical significance, metallic objects (buttons, bullets, tools, old jewelry).
- 5 **Miscellaneous** – Metallic items, Items of Non-historical significance.
- 6 **Youth** - Anything found by kids 16 years or under.

### April finds of the month table.





### April Finds Competition Winners

#### COINS

1st	Chip Kirkpatrick-1718 Spanish Reale
2nd	Ed Feathers-1991 Austrian 1 Schilling
3rd	Young Smith, Bob Hunt, and Matthew Cecil
4th	Mickey Cecil

#### JEWELRY

1st	Bob Hunt-.925 silver ring
2nd	Dianna Watkins-man's bracelet
3rd	Mickey Cecil-ring, costume
4th	Young Smith, Ed Feathers, and Terry Sayre

#### RELICS

1st	Bob Hunt-1920's AM radio plate
2nd	Matthew Cecil-Model T tire valve stem covers
3rd	Chip Kirkpatrick-1840s Federal Naval button
4th	None

#### MISC

1st	Pete Combs-metal dice with stones
2nd	Ed Feathers-Cub scout neckerchief clasp
3rd	Matthew Cecil-1899 pattern Sterling silver Gorham spoon
4th	Dianna Watkins, Bob Hunt, Mikey Cecil, and Young Smith

**TOKENS**

1st	Ed Feathers-Ollie Koala's Backyard Arcade
2nd	Mickey Cecil-1970s Aladdin Castle Video Arcade
3rd	None
4th	None

**YOUTH**

1st	Marshall Reich-Mark II V5 test rocket and parts
2nd	None
3rd	None

**Finds Competition 2019 Leaders****BEST HUNTER  
Top 6-Name and  
Points**

Chip Kirkpatrick-59
Bob Hunt-38
Pete Combs-30
Ed Feathers-26
Larry McDonald-17
Mickey Cecil-15

**FINDS****COMPETITION**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Name and Points</b>
<b>COINS</b>	Chip Kirkpatrick-12
<b>JEWELRY</b>	Ed Feathers-8
<b>RELICS</b>	Chip Kirkpatrick-15
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	Chip Kirkpatrick-10
<b>TOKENS</b>	Chip Kirkpatrick-11
<b>YOUTH</b>	Marshall Reich-13

## HRANF Secretary Report for April 9, 2019

Meeting was held on the above date at Piccadilly Restaurant, 3216 University Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Bob Hunt who led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked everyone to sign in at the registration table. Each guest introduced themselves. Total attendance was 30.

Next, Monthly Reports:

- (1) Secretary—Going forward, Secretary Ed Feathers will not read his report for the previous month's meeting. A copy will be posted on our website and Ed will bring hard copies to each meeting.
- (2) Merchandise Sales —Ed Feathers reported that the Board made decisions regarding design and material for T-shirts and is working with Loren Gay to get shirts printed. Sales coordinator position remains unfilled.
- (3) Treasurer-- Debi Reich reported a cash balance of \$1,356 as of the above date.
- (4) Newsletter Editor—Terry Sayre reported progress keeping the website current.
- (5) Hunt Master—Chip Kirkpatrick received permission for a club hunt in Nassauville on Saturday, April 27. More details to follow. Hunt Master position remains unfilled.

Next, President Hunt discussed the following:

- (1) Name badges--New badges were distributed. Everyone thanked Terry Sayre for printing the badges which feature a bold first name over a plain background.
- (2) Business cards—distributed to members.
- (3) 101 Class--will be held at Chip Kirkpatrick's home in Yulee on Saturday, April 13 from 10 to 2. Approximately 10 members confirmed attendance. Board members will discuss etiquette, legal issues, supplies/equipment, monthly finds competition, etc. Beach hunt following class was cancelled. More details to follow.
- (4) Annual Central Florida Hunt—Dianna Watkins and Pete Combs discussed the seeded hunt held on April 6 in Orlando and their finds.
- (5) ID Name Badge-Mickey Cecil's name was drawn. Mickey was in attendance and received a Walking Liberty half dollar donated by Ivan Salis.
- (6) White's Egg Hunt—Dianna Watkins, Jacksonville Bunny, reported the hunt will be open to the public and start on Wednesday, April 10 and end April 21. Clues will be posted on the HRANF public Facebook page and White's website. Eggs will be planted along the coast from Amelia Island as far south as Vilano.
- (7) Meeting start time—After discussion with Piccadilly management and members, it was agreed to start future meetings ½ hour earlier. Going forward meetings will start at 6:30 pm.
- (8) Member Presentation--Ed Feathers traced the history of the dreaded "pull tab "and the signals they emit compared to other objects. Everyone thanked Ed for his presentation.
- (9) President Hunt conducted the 50-50 raffle. Winner Bob Hunt received \$32, which he donated to the club. Everyone thanked Bob for his generosity.

VP Pete Combs and Terry Sayre announced the results of the Monthly Finds Competition. Silver quarters were awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Coins, Jewelry, Relics, Miscellaneous, Tokens, and Youth. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Ed Feathers, Secretary