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January 9, 2024

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2024 Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Holiday Hill Church, 730 Mandalay Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32216

Membership Dues for 2025

It's time to renew membership for 2025. Yearly dues are still \$25.00 for individual member and \$40.00 for family group. We have an online form you can use to renew your membership, web address <https://form.jotform.com/233295206224148>

Metal Detecting - Here in the Future

By Jim Fielding of Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

As one who has lived through a good portion of the metal detecting hobby, about 60-years of scanning terra firma from the golden summer of 1965. I was armed with an unstable BFO (Beat Frequency Oscillator) metal detector built from plans laid out in Popular Electronics magazine and cobbled together from old television and radio parts, including a search coil made from the antenna windings on fiberboard, torn from back of an extremely old AM radio. The handle off a push-broom and a birdhouse as a control box. My very first find was a severely flattened FALSTAFF BEER can in the front yard of our South Florida home. It was 2" deep, and my father was extremely surprised when my home-grown instrument indicated it was there! Flagstaff quit distilling beer in 2005, founded in 1845.

But now, I am metal detecting here in the future, with instruments we could never have imagined in our wildest dreams! Metal detecting has long-since come to the masses which has been a double-edged sword in many respects. And like people who are enamored by *Star Wars* or *The Matrix*, sometimes have to be reminded, it's just a *movie*! Well in the same regard, metal detecting is just a hobby!

One that will become extinct in the long term if the practitioners don't start using a little sense of purpose and reduce the drama.

There is no crying in baseball and there is no drama in metal detecting. And one of the best/worst things to happen to the hobby is social media where newbies can get either fantastic assistance or amazingly poor advice or a little of both. The time of year is here where thousands of newbies will be excitedly waiting to hit the beach or park with their shiny new metal detectors and swinging the search coil 3-feet off the ground in an exaggerated golf swing. There are no schools for metal detecting, only word of mouth and the good Samaritan detectorist who will help when they see this sort of thing. People of all stripes in the hobby will be offering as much information and disinformation as they always do. And they will be either protecting their interests in the hobby

or welcoming the newcomers with open arms. There are two theories here. The first one, as long as I have been in the hobby, has been that the more responsible people involved in the hobby, the more voices we will have in defense of the pastime, which is ALWAYS under attack by officials. And sometimes with good reason.

The second is to ignore them and their questions and pleadings, amounting to the normal range of errors and mistakes from digging where they shouldn't to leaving gaping holes in a manicured park. Not good for the hobby at all, and an all too often occurrence. I think the basic solution to this is to join a local metal detecting club. Don't have one nearby? Start one! Grab your buddies and find a cheap meeting place, review established club practices from other groups and get organized. Offer your services to local law enforcement evidence hunts and do good whenever you can! I belong to the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club, just now passed its 50th anniversary here in the middle of Florida. It is a SERVICE oriented club, with an extremely competent and dedicated group of people, striving to help others learn the technical and ETHICAL side of the hobby. And, in this way, keep it out of the trash bin of history. One of the main reasons we join a club is for the camaraderie and that oh-so-hard-to-find treasure, FUN! So, when you run into a fledgling detectorist on-line, in a group, or on a beach, offer to take them on a detecting adventure and show them the ropes. Most of all, remember to pay it forward!

January finds of the month table.

Coins



Jewelry



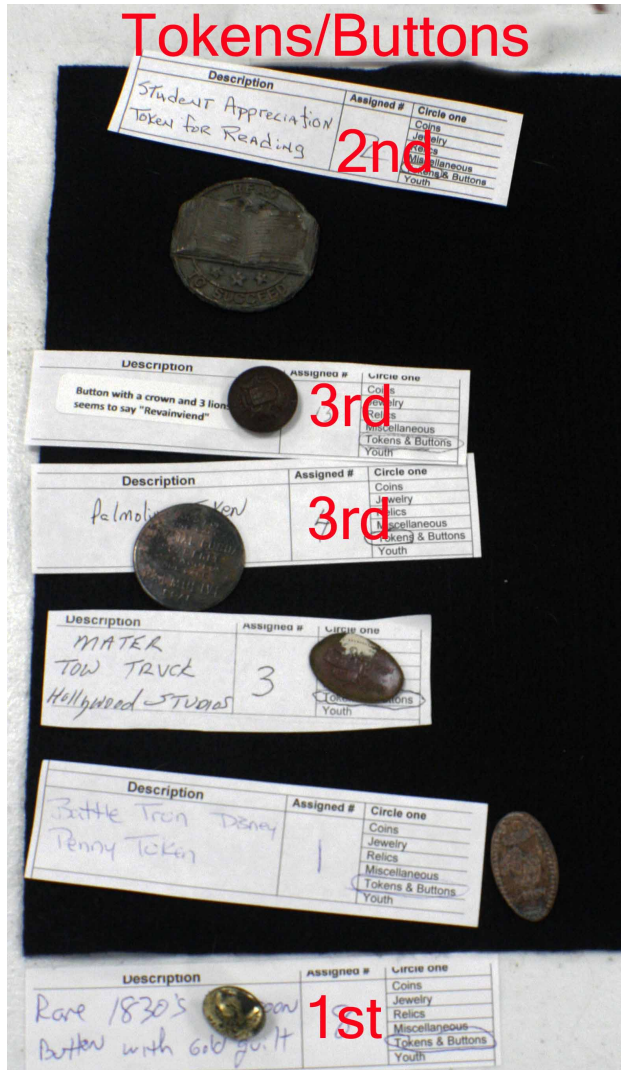
Relics



Miscellaneous



Tokens/Buttons



January Finds Competition

January	Coins	Jewelry	Relics	Misc	Tokens/Buttons
1st	Filippi, James 5	Carmody, Carol 5	Filippi, James 5	Simmons, Dale 5	Filippi, James 5
2nd	Carmody, Carol 4	Terwilliger, Ray 4	Terwilliger, Ray 4	Filippi, James 4	Combs, "Pete" 4
3rd	Mule, Philip 3	Combs, "Pete" 3	Carmody, Carol 3	Terry Sayre 3	Carmody, Carol 3
4th	Combs, "Pete" 1	Simmons, Dale 3	Combs, "Pete" 1	Carmody, Carol 1	Terwilliger, Ray 3
5th	Jacobs, Ricky 1	Filippi, James 1	Jacobs, Ricky 1	Combs, "Pete" 1	Mule, Philip 1

2025 Finds Competition Standings

Category and Overall Best Hunter

Coins		Jewelry		Relics		Misc	
Filippi, James	5	Carmody, Carol	5	Filippi, James	5	Simmons, Dale	5
Carmody, Carol	4	Terwilliger, Ray	4	Terwilliger, Ray	4	Filippi, James	4
Mule, Philip	3	Combs, "Pete"	3	Carmody, Carol	3	Terry Sayre	3
Combs, "Pete"	1	Simmons, Dale	3	Combs, "Pete"	1	Carmody, Carol	1
Jacobs, Ricky	1	Filippi, James	1	Jacobs, Ricky	1	Combs, "Pete"	1
Tokens		Youth		Overall			
Filippi, James	5	Carmody, Carol	0	Filippi, James	20		
Combs, "Pete"	4	Combs, "Pete"	0	Carmody, Carol	16		
Carmody, Carol	3	Filippi, James	0	Terwilliger, Ray	12		
Terwilliger, Ray	3	Jacobs, Ricky	0	Simmons, Dale	11		
Mule, Philip	1	Mule, Philip	0	Combs, "Pete"	10		
				Mule, Philip	6		
				Terry Sayre	5		
				Jacobs, Ricky	4		
					0		
					0		

HRANF Secretary Report for January 9, 2025

Meeting was held on the above date at Holiday Hill Church, 730 Mandalay Rd, Jacksonville, Florida. Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Terry Sayre, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Terry distributed an agenda and asked everyone to sign in at the registration table.

Monthly Reports:

- (1) Vice President Allen Moore - nothing to report
- (2) Secretary Kim Moore. Taking registration and dues
- (3) Treasurer - cash balance of \$3594.19 -
- (4) Newsletter Editor Terry Sayre - We are keeping both our .net and .com addresses.
- (5) Board member Chip Kirkpatrick. Nothing to report.

Next, general business:

- (1) Birthdays and Anniversaries--recognized.
 - (2) Returns—Phil Mule - dog tag with apple air tag.
 - (3) Name Badge Drawing— Larry Turner
 - (4) For Sale- none
 - (5) Permissions-Possible return to Woodbine if anyone is interested.
 - (6) Hunt/Dig with Philip Mule was Jan 18
 - (7) Camp Freedom hunt Feb 22. \$75 pre register, \$100 at the door
 - (8) Treasure Coast Annual Hunt March 8, \$145 per hunter includes lunch
 - (9) Central Florida's annual hunt is April 12
 - (10) Philip Mule - Winner of toy competition - Next month's competition is zipper pulls.
 - (11) Questions about Individual detector - discussion about the Deus pinpointer
 - (12) Hunt the 27th - Clues always posted at sunrise - See huntthe27th.com
 - (13) Scavenger Hunt-on going -
 - (14) 50/50 winner is James Filippi- James brought home \$50
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:29PM. Kim Moore, Secretary.