



Threshold

September 11, 2025

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



Next Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2025 Time: 6:30 PM

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

A Metal Detecting Horror Story!

I just recently talked to an old metal detecting friend whom I hadn't seen in several years. While we were catching up, I mentioned that I was getting back into metal detecting after a long break. He told me he didn't hunt anymore - of course, I asked why, as this guy was definitely a metal detecting fanatic when I knew him years ago. After I heard his story, I almost had second thoughts about getting back into the hobby!

About two years ago, he was out in the local state forest - public land - searching an old canoe-launching site along the river. It was just upstream from a still-active launch ramp, but this one doesn't get used much anymore. After finding about five pounds of lead fishing sinkers and a few clad Lincolns, he was just about to give up when he heard someone yell "HEY!" He turned around to see an older guy about ten feet away with a shotgun. He quickly took off his headphones and said "Hi." The guy said "you're trespassing," to which my friend replied that he wasn't and this was part of the state forest. I know - arguing with a shotgun-wielding hillbilly might not be the best idea. The guy said, "this is MY property, and you are going leave." The shotgun was never pointed at my friend, but he realized that he'd rather comply than take a chance. He said, "alright, I'll go," and started to walk away. At this point, the guy said "leave the stuff here!" "What?" My friend said, shocked. The guy said, "I said, drop your stuff and get off my property!" My friend quickly realized that, trespassing or not, he was being robbed. He set down his detector and backed away slowly. "Now get out!" the

guy said. My friend got out as quick as he could.

As soon as he got to the main road, he called 911. He told them that he had just been robbed by a guy with a gun. They asked the usual questions, was he alright, did he know the person, could he describe him, where the incident occurred. My friend asked that an officer meet him at a gas station down the road, rather than at home (which was about 1/2 an hour away). About an hour later, a sheriff showed up. My friend told him the whole story, and when he got to the part about being accused of trespassing, the officer said, "WERE you trespassing?" My friend said no, and he could produce the plat maps to prove it. The cop apparently didn't believe him, and told him that if he was trespassing, the owner had the RIGHT make him leave immediately, without his equipment! My friend didn't believe this, but he just repeated that he wasn't trespassing. The cop took notes and left, saying they'd get back to my friend in a day or so. They never contacted him.

About a week later, he finally called the sheriff's department. They had no record of his report, and to make matters worse, they also said that if he was trespassing, he was lucky he didn't spend the night in jail or worse! They didn't even care when he said he could prove he wasn't trespassing. My friend was so upset by all of this that he decided to forget about it and give up metal detecting. Heck, if that happened to me, I'd probably do the same!

Metal Detecting Code Of Ethics

remove artifacts from federal parks or state preserves.

This metal detecting Code of Ethics should be followed at all times. Be polite and informative to those who inquire about your hobby; you are the ambassador of a pastime we want to protect and we all will be judged by how you act and respond. Always observe the Golden Rule and conduct yourself in a manner that enhances the public view of the hobby of metal detecting.

10. I will be an ambassador for the metal detecting hobby.

1. I will respect private property and will not metal detect without the property owner's permission.
2. I will not destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures. I will not tamper with equipment or posted signs.
3. I will not litter, I will always pack out what I take in and remove all trash found. I will only build fires in designated or safe areas.
4. I will leave all gates and other accesses to land as I found it.
5. I will not damage natural resources, wildlife habitats, or any private property.
6. I will use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.
7. I will abide by all laws, ordinances or regulations that may govern my search, or the area I will be in.
8. I will fill all holes, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage, be damaging to, or kill any vegetation.
9. I will report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation. I will report to the proper authorities any individuals who

September Finds Competition

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

2025 Finds Competition Standings Category and Overall Best Hunter

Coins		Jewelry		Relics		Misc	
Filippi, James	37	Carmody, Carol	24	Filippi, James	35	Terwilliger, Ray	28
Combs, "Pete"	18	Simmons, Dale	24	Terwilliger, Ray	28	Filippi, James	26
Carmody, Carol	17	Combs, "Pete"	21	Simmons, Dale	15	Simmons, Dale	23
Terwilliger, Ray	17	Terwilliger, Ray	19	Carmody, Carol	14	Combs, "Pete"	18
Mule, Philip	16	Filippi, James	14	Combs, "Pete"	13	Mule, Philip	13
Tokens		Youth		Overall			
Terwilliger, Ray	28	Berkley, Adam	0	Filippi, James	139		
Filippi, James	27	Carey, Rich	0	Terwilliger, Ray	120		
Simmons, Dale	27	Carmody, Carol	0	Simmons, Dale	104		
Combs, "Pete"	24	Carmody, Mike	0	Combs, "Pete"	94		
Jacobs, Ricky	16	Combs, "Pete"	0	Carmody, Carol	73		
				Mule, Philip	64		
				Jacobs, Ricky	44		
				Sayre, Terry	40		
				Carmody, Mike	19		
				Moos, Noah	16		

HRANF Secretary Report for September 11, 2025

Meeting was held on the above date at Holiday Hill Church, 730 Mandalay Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32216. Meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by President Dianna Watkins who led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Watkins distributed an Agenda. There was one guest, John.

Monthly Reports:

- (1) Vice President Allen Moore – present – nothing new
- (2) Treasurer Kim Moore – present – 50/50 raffle tickets
- (3) Secretary Carol Carmody – present – nothing new
- (4) Newsletter Editor Terry Sayre – present – updates to the website, let him know if you are not getting emails or need a name tag
- (5) Pete Combs – present – managed the finds table

Next, general business:

- (1) John brought some items for give-away; Rick and Bill brought some HRANF buttons for give-away
- (2) Birthdays and anniversaries recognized
- (3) Returns – Ray Terwilliger, Tyler Lewis, Philip Mulé, James Filippi, and Carol Carmody
- (4) For Sale – Rich Corey has a Motley scoop for \$125; Carol Carmody has an Xtreme All Terrain Plus titanium scoop (front-to-rear jewelry catcher) with travel carbon fiber handle for \$550
- (5) Upcoming Seeded Hunts: HRANF Club Hunt scheduled for 11/15/2025; Daytona Dig night hunt 9/27/2025 and park hunt 10/26/2025
- (6) Discussion regarding Chip Kirkpatrick leaving the group
- (7) Questions about detectors - none
- (8) Permissions – we discussed going back to the property where we looked for the well head and Steve's sister's property in Woodbine, Georgia
- (9) Hunt the 27th will return on 9/27/2025
- (10) Dianna Watkins discussed moving to Sarasota for Nate's new job. Nominations for the Board will be made in October, voting at the November meeting, and announcements at the December party.
- (11) Monthly contest for knives: James Filippe 1st place; Carol Carmody 2nd place; Rick Jacobs 3rd place
- (12) Scavenger Hunt-ongoing – Show Dianna your finds either in person or phone picture
- (13) Discussion was made about pinpointers; do members prefer the sound, vibrate, or sound and vibrate?
- (14) Name Badge Drawing – Ed Fite
- (17) New monthly contest is keys
- (18) Tom Stowers was the winner of the 50/50 drawing \$52
- (19) Social time, silent auction, and finds table results awarded

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.
Carol Carmody, Secretary