



Threshold

June 11, 2026



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

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2026 Time: 6:30 PM

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

“Hydrate” but don’t forget to Eat

With summer heat upon us we constantly remind everyone to stay hydrated and drink plenty of fluids to avoid heat exhaustion or heat stroke. This is very important to remember when we go out for a day of metal detecting but you may want to take a small snack with you. Have you ever been detecting for some time and all of a sudden you stop and think “I’m out of gas”? Our body is busy processing the fluids we give it to keep us cool and it can forget to send a signal that it’s getting low on energy reserves. This happens because we are a well fed society and our body knows this so the focus is on the heat, after all my stomach is full not realizing it’s just full of water. Most diet plans suggest that you drink a glass of water before each meal to prevent over eating by filling your stomach. So remember when you’re out in the heat to have a snack with you because you may need to add it to all the water you have drank.

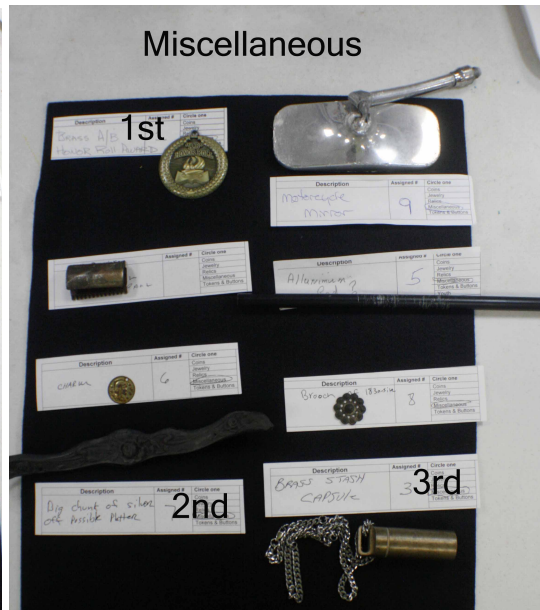
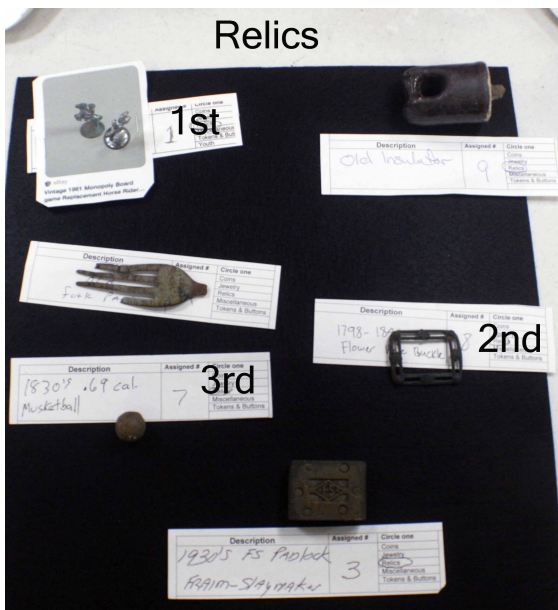
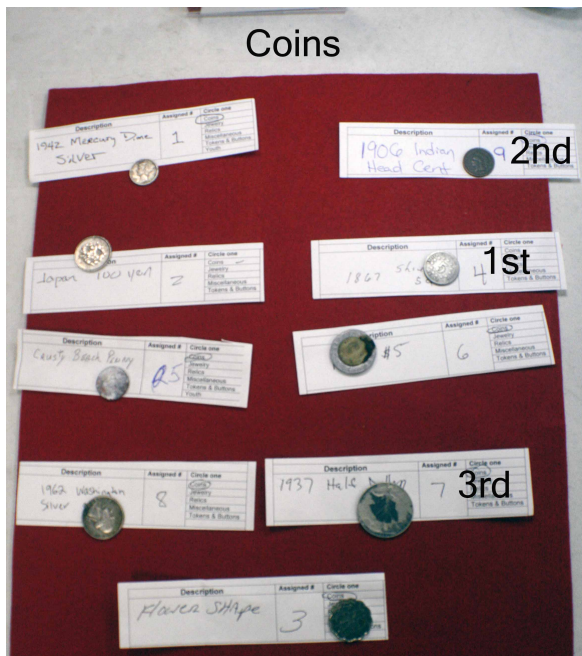
Did you know the first metal detector was built in 1881?

Alexander Graham Bell developed a metal detector as a last ditch effort to locate a bullet lodged in the chest of American President James Garfield in 1881.

The metal detector worked correctly, but the attempt was unsuccessful because the metal coil spring bed Garfield was lying on confused the detector.

The development of the modern metal detector began in the 1920s. Gerhard Fischer had developed a system of radio direction-finding, which was to be used for accurate navigation. The system worked extremely well, but Fischer noticed there were anomalies in areas where the terrain contained ore-bearing rocks. He reasoned that if a radio beam could be distorted by metal, then it should be possible to design a machine which would detect metal using a search coil resonating at a radio frequency.

June finds of the month table.



June Finds Competition 1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 4 points, 3rd place = 3 points

June	Coins		Jewelry		Relics		Misc		Tokens/Buttons	
1st	Jacobs, Rick	5	Simmons, Dale	5	Combs, Pete	5	Combs, Pete	5	Jacobs, Rick	5
2nd	Mule, Philip	4	Filippi, Jim	4	Lewis, Tyler	4	Filippi, Jim	4	Filippi, Jim	4
3rd	Filippi, Jim	3	Berkley, Adam	3	Filippi, Jim	3	Simmons, Dale	3	Simmons, Dale	3
	Berkley, Adam	1	Combs, Pete	1	Jacobs, Rick	1	Berkley, Adam	1	Combs, Pete	1
	Combs, Pete	1	Green, Greg	1	Mule, Philip	1	Lewis, Tyler	1	Lewis, Tyler	1

2026 Finds Competition Standings

Category and Overall Best Hunter

Coins		Jewelry		Relics		Misc	
Filippi, Jim	22	Simmons, Dale	21	Combs, Pete	20	Filippi, Jim	19
Combs, Pete	13	Sayre, Terry	17	Filippi, Jim	20	Combs, Pete	18
Terwilliger, Ray	13	Terwilliger, Ray	17	Terwilliger, Ray	20	Terwilliger, Ray	18
Lewis, Tyler	12	Filippi, Jim	11	Simmons, Dale	10	Simmons, Dale	17
Mule, Philip	12	Berkley, Adam	10	Lewis, Tyler	8	Sayre, Terry	11
Tokens		Youth		Overall			
Filippi, Jim	23		0	Filippi, Jim	95		
Simmons, Dale	19		0	Simmons, Dale	77		
Lewis, Tyler	13		0	Terwilliger, Ray	72		
Combs, Pete	12		0	Combs, Pete	71		
Jacobs, Rick	10		0	Sayre, Terry	50		
				Lewis, Tyler	41		
				Jacobs, Rick	38		
				Mule, Philip	36		
				Bonella, Karianne	19		
				Herzog, Jamie	17		

