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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. JUNE 14
AT THE WEST PALM BEACH GARDEN CLUB IN DREHER PARK
IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA**

OUR CODE OF ETHICS: HAVE PERMISSION AND DO NO HARM

JUNE MEETING

It's summer! **It's HOT!** So, where's the best place to beat the heat in summer? The BEACH, of course! Many of us will seek the cooling relief of the surf to stay cool and rake in the golden goodies of the sea this summer. But beware! There are dangers lurking there. Join us on June 14th for an informative meeting when **Michael McMorrow**, from the beach patrol of the Town of Palm Beach, speaks to us about water safety, beach hazards and how to detect safely. This meeting is not to be missed!

Big news!!! From now on, there will be an extra monthly **Best Finds** category: **BEST TOY!** Since we all find so many cool toys, this should be a fun competition!

Thank you in advance to **Nikolay Malchev** for volunteering to provide refreshments during June. Also, thank you to **Stacey deLucia** for volunteering to try to stump us with a Mystery Item! Come with all your finds and you might just win!

Recycling news: **Jan Smirnow** asks donors of ink cartridges to bring them in plastic baggies. They can't be recycled if they are dried up. Also, **Jim Sharpe** will bring a box of assorted batteries and chargers to check any cell phones we find. If phones are found in working order, we'll return them to their rightful owners. If not, we'll recycle them and collect the \$\$\$ for our club. *Win/Win!!!*

JOIN US FOR SOME PRE-MEETING FUN!

Each month, a group of us gather for dinner at 5:30 p.m. before the meeting. Everyone is welcome! Join us in the back room of PA BBQ. Dinner is Dutch Treat, meaning, we each pay our own way. (For directions, please check a prior newsletter.)

**Park Ave. BBQ & Grille
2401 North Dixie Hwy (US 1)
Lake Worth, Florida**

CLUB HUNT

Our June hunt will be held at the Okee-tantie Recreation Area in Okeechobee on Sunday, June 24. The Okee-Tantie Recreation Area, located at the mouth of the Kissimmee River, was constructed by the Central and Southern Flood Control District and was dedicated in 1971. This is a year-round facility that features camping and picnic areas, marina and boat ramps, and a restaurant. It is also on the Birders and Scenic Trail. Over 50 fishing tournaments a year are held in this area. So far, any archeologically significant sites have been found in the Belle Glade area, so we shouldn't have a problem with the government.

For any early birds or those members interested in car pooling, meet for breakfast at 6:30 a.m. at Cracker Barrel on 45th Street. The caravan will leave at 7:30 a.m. For those who would like to drive straight to the hunt site, please meet at 8:30 a.m. at the closest parking lot inside the park. Lunch will be on your own, but we usually eat at the Lightsey Restaurant which is located on the site. Hunt length time will be established by participants.

Directions to Cracker Barrel: I-95 to 45th Street. Go west on 45th. Turn left on Metrocentre Blvd. Follow Metrocentre to the end of the street.

Directions to Okee-Tantie: West on the Beeline Highway (SR710), go through Indiantown and turn Left onto SE 86TH BLVD / CR-15A. Turn right onto US-441 / US-98 / FL-15 / FL-700. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto FL-78. Go 4.6 miles and recreation area is on the left.

Please remember to return any library books or videos that you checked out last month.

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Dues are \$30 a year
New members pay an
initiation fee of \$5
and \$30 if joining between Jan 1st
and the end of June
or \$15 if joining between July 1
and Dec. 31

MEMBERS BUY AND SELL COLUMN

KEVIN REILLY offers a complete line of new and used detectors and also scoops, cleaners, tumblers and books. He also does custom metal working and laser detailing (call for details). 954-971-6102 or www.rtgstore.com
Has low prices plus 10% discount to members.

TOM LIEBERMAN: Ready to serve your real estate needs. Call 561-852-7409 or email: telieberman@aol.com

MITZI BERGRUD - Too Expensive living in South Florida? Gorgeous North Carolina mountain land. Spruce Pine is the mineral capital with gold prospecting too. Very private, gentle slope to rolling with a small creek tremendous mountain views. 3.25 acres for only \$75,900. Email for photos, more information, and driving directions. Mitzi and Al Bergrud 561-790-3997. southstar@earthlink.net

ED WESTON - WANTED: Collectable and antique fishing tackle. Lures, rods, reels. 561-622-9282.

PAULINE NASH - Farm fresh free ranging eggs for sale \$5 for two dozen. All money goes to Pauline's bank account for her "Eggucation Fund." Also available is a limited supply of fresh organic honey starting at \$3 a bottle to \$11 for largest size. Reserve your order for each meeting by calling 561-743-5248.

NIKOLAY MALCHEV – TWO GREAT MACHINES FOR SALE: 1) Brand New Fisher 1280-X Aquanaut turn-on-and-go detector with 10" coil. Waterproof to 250 feet! Saltwater, fresh, or land. Just won at Daytona GSBS. Two year Warranty. Great deal for only \$450! 2) Minelab Excalibur 1000 with 12" Sunray Coil – well modified, with accessories. Only \$800! Call for details or test run! Call Nikolay at 561-309-1124.

JERRY LAUR – FOR SALE: Tesoro Cibola, 6 months new, \$300. Call Jerry at 561-694-7963.

Club members can advertise items for sale or items wanted, free of charge. These items do not have to be related to metal detecting. Contact Linda Bennett to place your ad.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to the following contributors:

**Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia,
Jan Smirnow and Bob Dobski.**

GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

One Troy Oz Silver Round – **Jerry Laur**

Florida Orange Poster – **Jerry Laur**

Apron with Gloves – **Frank Nash**

“Shipwrecks Near Wabasso Beach” – **Jan Smirnow**

Waterproof Holder – **Mindy Spiroch**

Lottery Ticket – **Betty Laur**

Grab Bag – **Paul Hamlin**

Water Bottle Holder – **Linda Bennett**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you for the following donations: lottery scratch off ticket - **Ben Smith**; Florida Orange Poster by **John Lobota**; Apron with gloves by **Linda Bennett**; “Shipwrecks Near Wabasso Beach” by **Don Caplinger**; and water bottle holder by **Jim Sharp**.*

*Remember - bring a guest and you receive an extra door prize ticket; display your monthly finds on the Tall Tales Table and you receive a door prize ticket; provide refreshments for the meeting and receive a door prize ticket; volunteer to bring the mystery item and receive a door prize ticket - that adds up to **four free** tickets for the door prizes drawings!*

MYSTERY ITEM

What is a Mystery Item? Each month one club member volunteers to help stump fellow members with a secret item that he or she chooses. The volunteer receives a free door prize ticket for that effort. If one of a member's displayed finds on the Tall Tales Table matches the mystery item, that member wins a silver half dollar, so bring EVERYTHING you find and you might win a prize!

In May, **Cheryl Petenbrink** supplied the mystery item – a small silver screw on cap. **Paul Hamlin** had one on the tall tales table. He won the silver half dollar.

Remember - bring all items found. You never know what will be that month's mystery item!

50/50 DRAWING

Ben Smith won \$48 for his share of the 50/50 drawing. This was the second month in a row that Ben won! WTG Ben!

IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!

And odds are a LOT better than the Florida Lottery!

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

BEST GOLD – JASON PETENBRINK Matching Gold Earrings With Stones

No Picture Available

BEST SILVER – MINDY SPIROCH



MOST UNUSUAL – ERNIE BOUYOUCAS



COSTUME JEWELRY – JASON PETENBRINK



BEST COIN – PAULINE NASH



FOREIGN COINS

Our club, along with the South Florida Treasure Hunter's club, collects foreign coins throughout the year to donate towards a summer camp hunt for handicapped children in Texas. The foreign coins that the GCTC collected since April 2006 were mailed to **Keith Wills** on May 5. The following is an e-mail response from Keith:

"Our 12th annual visit to the Texas Lions Camp for handicap children will be June 6th & 7th, 2007 this year.

Twelve years ago the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs and Camp Activity Director Nolan Underwood (deceased) planed a new Camp activity for the many handicap children that visit the Camp each year: metal detecting for hidden treasures. Many of the manufacturers, some dealers and individuals donated to the Camp some 20 metal detectors for this activity. Over the years, many folks from many countries have donated foreign coins from around the world for the Camp to hide and the children to find with the metal detectors.

Little did the Camp know that this activity would take off as well as it has, for it is a recreational activity unlike most that handicap children can enjoy from a wheelchair, blind or deaf.

Each year a number of members of the Texas Council show up for our annual visit at the Camp so to not only spend two days working with the wonderful children there, but also to train the new counselors as to how to use the detectors so they can continue the activity after our visit through the summer session of kids. Many of these counselors are foreign students and they take this new-found knowledge with them back home, some even take up the activity in their own country.

Over the years the Camp has reported many children's parents that have wrote the Camp and thank them for finding an outdoor activity that there child can participate in and for the self esteem that the activity has built in the Childs life.

We ask for those of you that can, PLEASE consider helping us this year at the Camp during our visit, it is a life changing experience to say the least, with a wonderful group of kids.

We are still accepting foreign coins as donations so to continue the activity each year. The kids really love foreign coins the most; to have coins from different countries around the world is exciting for them. You can mail those coins to me at: Keith Wills, 1495 FM 49, Gilmer, TX. 75644. Thank you very much for your support and hope you can visit and help us this year.

Thank you much, Keith Wills"

MAY CLUB HUNT

The June 3rd hunt went very well at South Beach. Everyone arrived by 6 a.m. and the weather was great. All nine of us hunted till 8:50 a.m. and the following are the tallies:

Ken Lubinski - \$3.56, silver ring, English 10 cent coin

Pauline and Frank Nash - \$9.00

Stacey deLucia - \$3.18, set of keys, plus a pouch of stuff

Ben Smith - a set of keys, plus .33 cents

Mindy Spiroch - \$4.50

Gary Spiroch - \$2.24 & a Scapular (Catholic item) button

Jerry Turner - \$3.64

Bob Dobski - \$4.25 large silver ring, 2 keys and (silver? skull off of a necklace)

Six of us went to breakfast after the hunt at a very nice old-time diner at Collins and 11th Street (11th Street Diner). After breakfast, several members continued on to hunt other hot spots.

I would like to thank all that attended the hunt and I hope to host another hunt next season since I am leaving for the North on June 7. Have a good summer and I will be returning in time for the November meeting.

Submitted by Bob Dobski

*Thank you **Bob Dobski** for hosting a club hunt at South Beach on June 3. Hunt Master Linda is always looking for new ideas for hunts. If any member would like to host a hunt, give her a cal. She will give you the details.*

INTERNET SITES

Sites for information on laws:

The following web-site has many of the U.S. cities' municipal codes. This is a very comprehensive web-site and with a little effort you should be able to find out if a city you are interested in has a regulation or law again metal detecting: www.Municode.Com.

U.S. State Park Information:

www.fmdac.org/parks/parks.htm

Other sites of interest

Is your town haunted?:

<http://theshadowlands.net/places/florida.htm>

If you have a driver's license for the State of Florida, here is important information. You can have two emergency contacts attached to your Florida driver's license. If you are in an accident and officers run your drivers license, two emergency contacts will pop up so they do not have to waste time searching for relatives. www.hsmv.state.fl.us (click on emergency contacts and fill out the information.

MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember those members who are not able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger, Irving Smith, James Wilhelm** and **Dorothy Mills**. Calls are always welcome!

Our friend, **James Wilhelm**, is in Houston, Texas for continued medical treatment. Keep James in your prayers during this time and send him a note, as he would love to hear from you all.

Send mail to:

James Wilhelm

3000 Murworth Drive, Apt. 1809

Houston, TX 77025

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2007 AS OF MAY 2007

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$2316.71

PLATINUM: 2

GOLD: 50

SILVER: 99

RICHARD'S TIP

When metal detecting in parks, be sure to carefully hunt around trees. Children like to chase each other around trees and climb them. Adults like to sit under the shade.

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

Please submit your tall tales about your travel(s) this summer. This includes all of our club members who split their time between other states or countries and Florida. Just a few sentences or a paragraph is all that is needed. Pictures are welcomed and will be used as space permits.

John Lobota will be traveling to Newfoundland to hunt with club member **Gerard Beaulieu** for 12 days. He will be hunting in two towns dating back almost 300 years. These locations are located on islands off the coast of Newfoundland. One town had a lengthy English military occupation. John plants on documenting the expedition.

PAUL HAMLIN – WANTED: Hunting partners for new member. Excalibur experience preferred.
561-582-1295.

STACEY DELUCIA – Hunting / Travel buddies - Thinking about hunting South Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Deerfield or Hollywood Beach, but don't want to make the trip alone and want someone to split the gas bill with? Your car or mine, I'm game! Call me at 561-687-2310 or e-mail: sdeLuc823@aol.com to set it up!



ARTIST BETTY LAUR ON EXHIBIT

The John D. MacArthur Campus of Florida Atlantic University is presenting an art exhibit "Of Land and Sea." This exhibition features 22 works by 20 artists in the North County Art Association.

Betty Laur said she translated the feel of the tropics in her painting – "hot days, balmy breezes, impossibly blue skies, and the laid-back island life."



'Under the Coconut Tree,' above, by Betty Laur, left, is an oil-on-canvas, 30 by 40 inches, priced at \$1,400.

FAU's John MacArthur Campus is at 5353 Parkside Drive, Jupiter. "Of Land and Sea" runs through August 10 in the atrium of the Student Resources Building. Hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The picture and information was featured in the Residence Section of the Palm Beach Post on Sunday June 3, 2007. Compiled by Christine Davis, Residences Editor.

TALL TALES

Ernie Bouyoucas traveled to Palm Beach to help a tourist find her lost ring on the beach. The woman had staked off the area of the beach where she had lost it. Ernie diligently detected without success. When the woman moved from the spot from which she had been watching the hunt, her companion spotted the ring. It seems the woman had been *standing on* the ring! She offered Ernie \$20 for his time, but he refused the offer. Kudos to you, Ernie, for taking your time and effort!

DONATIONS

Thank you to **Joy St.Clair** for her donation of a Bass Ale Bottle, circa 1870, from an unidentified English vessel that sank near Bimini, Bahamas. She bought this bottle from **Captain Carl Fismer**, a noted salvager and founder of the Spanish Main Treasure Company.

Thank you to **Jon Consiglio** of **Batteries Plus** for the donation a visor light and a 24-pack of AA batteries. Batteries Plus is located at 6250 Lantana Road, Suite 1 (behind the Outback Steak House) Jon is interested in metal detecting and appreciates the club members who have patronized the business. He hopes to make a meeting in the near future.

MAY PROGRAM

President Ernie Bouyoucas opened the meeting with a request for everyone to sign a get well card to be sent to **James Wilhelm**, who is currently ill. James sent a Thank You note to the club for their kind thoughts by email and wrote "Don't worry about me I'm in really good hands! Don't take a good day for granted!" Twenty-eight members and four guests attended.

Paul Hamlin demonstrated a homemade electrolysis machine that he had made for Stacey. A gallon size glass jar, stainless steel spoon (bent in half to fit on the lip of the jar), wired strung alligator clips – positive to the spoon and negative to the object to be cleaned, distilled water in the jar plus 2 teaspoons of salt or Mr. Clean or Baking Soda, alligator clips connecting to the plus and minus (tie a knot in the minus side to help remember it) side of a AC/DC converter, and a piece of copper wire across the lip of the jar to hang the object to be cleaned. All in all it was proven to be an effective way to clean a really dirty object. For any questions, call Paul Hamlin.

Our raffle committee chairperson, **Karen Larsen**, asked for suggestions for items for the club raffle. A gold coin was suggested by **Nikolay Malchev**, dinner certificate by **Frank Nash**, Roman coin by **Ben Smith** and a diamond/mosenzite tester by **Stacey deLucia**. Anyone having an idea is welcomed to call Karen. Current raffle: Treasure Seeking Tools (Metal Detecting Accessories) - \$3 a chance with a total of 40 chances available.

Our program for the evening was a presentation of the DVD/CD of the GCTC's Year 2006 events. This DVD/CD was professionally prepared and donated by Club Member **Steve Hoskins**. Thanks to **Kurt Herring** for taking the time to present the show and for bringing in his projector/computer. If you were not there you missed seeing a recap of just about every hunt and award for the year 2006. More importantly you missed seeing yourself in the photos. You can get your copy by calling any of the club officers \$10 and YES we will mail it to you! Refreshments were provided by **Stacey deLucia**.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Certificate presented for returning an item to its rightful owner

BETTY LAUR – CELL PHONE

JERRY LAUR – CELL PHONE

**BETTY LAUR – GOLD DIAMOND
ENGAGEMENT RING**

JERRY LAUR – GOLD WEDDING BAND

We like to recognize those in our club who go out of their way to provide selfless service to our community. Kudos to you for advancing our hobby by returning items to their owners!

Betty and Jerry Laur answered the distress call from a tourist who had lost her wedding ring and engagement band. Sabrina, from Ontario, had gone to the beach to watch the 8-14 feet waves pound the shoreline. Even though she had chosen a spot high on the beach just before the dunes to lay out her blanket, one of the higher waves came crashing down on her and threw the blanket along with her rings up into the dunes. (No one asked her why she had taken off her rings.) The lifeguard gave her our club number.

Jerry and Betty had to walk a distance to access the beach. Not much of a beach was present due to the wave action. After receiving permission from the lifeguard to hunt in the dunes, Jerry and Betty proceeded to hunt. Jerry found the wedding band first and Betty found the engagement ring 7 feet away. **KUDOS to the Laurs!!!**



May birthday celebrant **Trent Bowen** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during his birthday month. **Happy Birthday, Trent!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Donnamarie Brozyna (6/24)

Jeff Foss (6/28)

Paul Hamlin (6/9)

Kenneth Lubinski (6/14)

What do the above people have in common? If they come to the meeting during their birthday month, they each will receive a gift of a silver quarter!

BURIED COIN CACHE FOUND!

Ernie Bouyoucas found the coin cache at Lantana Park! Ernie along with John Lobota went to Lantana Beach not only to search for the cache, but to search the beach now that it has been reopened to the public. The seesawing picnic table was being fixed, so it was a good thing that Ernie found the cache when he did! Way to go Ernie! He will receive his \$25 award at the next meeting.. (Following are the clues the rest of us missed!)

CLUE ONE

"The cache is hidden in an area named after a variety of aromatic flowering tropical shrubs. If you dine at the Dune, you are close to the find!"

CLUE TWO

You will know the name of the park when you solve the jumbles below. The answers to the jumbled words are things you will find when metal detecting.

R U T S A R Q E _ _ _ _ _ _ _
E O T N S K _ _ _ _ _ _
S C N A _ _ _ _
G L E T I R H _ _ _ _ _ _ _
C K I N F J E K A _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
L U T L P B A _ _ _ _ _ _
E L C C A K E N _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

CLUE THREE

Look for the Mother In Law Tongues, the cache is buried nearby to one of them.

CLUE FOUR

In the playground, on the rise towards the beach, when one sits at one of the picnic tables, it acts as a seesaw. Look to the North of that table, you will find a quarter near your quest.

Burial of cache and clues are provided by Jan Smirnow. If found by a club member, that person will receive a prize of \$25.

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

Pens with Club Name: \$3.00
Club Towels: \$3.00
Club Patches: \$5.00
GCTC Travel Cups: \$8.00

ALSO WANTED: EYEGLASSES, CELL PHONES AND INK CARTRIDGES

Club members are encouraged to bring in prescription glasses and sunglasses, which will be donated to underprivileged people suffering from vision problems. Stacey collects these during our monthly meetings so the club can donate them to the South Florida Lion's Club. Please bring any unwanted eyeglasses to the next meeting and deposit them into the collection box at the back of the room. **Thank you!**

Jan Smirnow has taken over the job of collecting the cell phones and ink cartridges. She was able to sell the ink cartridges for \$62. NOTE: All ink cartridges need to be kept enclosed in a plastic baggie so the cartridges do not dry out. Dried out cartridges are not reusable. She is still researching where to donate the cell phones.

DIRECTORY

The directory is for your personal use only. The names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses are to be used only for contact within the club. If there are any errors or omissions, please notify Secretary Jan Smirnow, 561-735-8921.

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TREASURER'S REPORT
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NEW MEMBER FOLDERS

All new members are given a folder upon joining the club. Jim Sharp took over the project from Linda Bennett and has completely refurbished the folder with information that new members need to know about our club and the hobby and laws of metal detecting. Even if you have been a member for awhile, have him show you what he has done.

If you have joined the club in 2006 or 2007 and never received a new member folder, either see Jim or give him a call.

Also, Jim has made up club pamphlets that are available at the raffle table for guests. Take a look at those while you buy your raffle tickets.