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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. MARCH 8
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

MARCH MEETING - SILENT AUCTION

It's that time again! One of our most anticipated events of the year! What is a "Silent Auction?" It is an opportunity to bid on some GREAT items and walk away with a real bargain! It is also an opportunity to rid yourself and your household of items you no longer want or need, all to benefit the GCTC.

How it works: Members go through their closets, metal detecting bag, cabinets and garage in search of items they no longer need or want. Bring them to the March meeting for our Silent Auction and one person's "trash" turns into someone else's "treasure!" Desirable items: *working* electronics, metal detecting equipment, books, videos, DVDs, CDs, tools, household items, arts and crafts, jewelry, coins, display cases, sports equipment, hobby items, gems and minerals, etc. If in doubt about the appropriateness of an item that you wish to donate, e-mail **Stacey**: sdeLuc823@aol.com.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the silent auction (table set up and auction items) starting at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting. (Why not join us at PA BBQ beforehand for dinner and we'll all go over together afterward?)

Our March meeting will also feature a new raffle of a gently used White's XLT detector and accessories, donated in loving memory of club member **Ed Berry** by his widow, **Kathryn Berry**. Forty (40) spots will be sold at only \$5 each. This is a great chance to win a NICE detector, so get your tickets early!

Cheryl Petenbrink volunteered to bring Refreshments for the March meeting. Thanks Cheryl! We'd like to also thank **Bob Dobski** for volunteering to stump us with a Mystery Item. Be sure to bring ALL the

items you find for the Tall Tales Table. You might just win a silver half-dollar.

Don't Miss the Pre-Meeting Fun!

Each month, a group of us get together for dinner at 5:30 p.m. before the meeting. Everyone is welcome! Just show up and look in the back room for our smiling faces. Pay your own way. (If you need directions, please check a prior newsletter.)

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

CLUB HUNT

Calling any volunteer(s) to come up with a time and a place to host either a wild hunt or a planted hunt. If you would like to do a wild hunt, just come up with a place to get together to socialize and hunt. No planted items, prizes, food or drinks need to be organized. If you need any suggestions or advice, feel free to call Linda. In the past **Ben Smith, John Lobota, Kurt Herring, Stacey deLucia, Bob Dobski, Karen Larson, John Presslein** and **Richard Zabriskie** have all hosted hunts. March, April and May are the months in desperate need for hosts, but any month is open for volunteers. (Daytime and nighttime hunts are welcome.)

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

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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? Consider the pleasant climate, cheap land, very low taxes in N. E. Alabama. Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountain range with Weiss Lake, one of the largest lakes in the S. E. and the least crowded lake in the region. Beautiful acre lots as low as \$13,500 or how about 3.79 acres for \$18,900 with financing? For a Brochure on more lots & acreage call **Mitzi Bergrud** at 561-790-3997 South Star R. E. or email southstar@earthlink.net

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

STACEY DELUCIA – FOR SALE: MINT Condition White's Surf PI Pro. Turn on and go, completely submersible underwater metal detector with 950 coil. Less than one-year-old with a transferable two-year warranty. Goes deep! Use on dry sand or wet, rain or shine! What a deal! \$450. Contact: 561-687-2310.

PAULINE NASH - Farm fresh free ranging eggs for sale \$3 a dozen and \$2 a dozen for smaller size. All money goes to Pauline's Nash 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. We also have large Myer Lemons and Star fruit available at the present time. Reserve your order for each meeting by calling 561-743-5248.

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.

NOTE: Ads for hunting partners are located elsewhere in the newsletter in the section "Have Detector, Will Travel."

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

*Thanks to the following contributors:
Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia, John Lobota,
Ernie Bouyoucas and Jan Smirnow.*

GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

One Troy Oz Silver Round – **Jim Sharp**

Coin Pouch – **Marilyn Batts**

Jewelry Box – **Carl Bascilio**

Bounty Hunter Pouch – **Jerry Laur**

Flashlight – **Ben Smith**

Pair of Fine Arts Festival Tickets – **Gay Konnagan**

Pair of Fine Arts Festival Tickets - **Linda Bennett**

Pair of Fine Arts Festival Tickets – **Bob Dobski**

Lottery Ticket – **Linda Bennett**

Lottery Ticket – **Cheryl Petenbrink**

Mystery Bag – **Bob Dobski**

Hat with Club Patch – **Jerry Laur**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you to **Ben Smith** for his donation of lottery tickets; **Stacey deLucia** for the Fine Arts Festival Tickets; **Betty Laur** for the jewelry box; **Linda Bennett** for the flashlight and Bounty Hunter pouch; and **Ken Lubinski** for the club hat. **Stacey** and **Linda** also donated items found in the mystery bag.*

*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 an item in a member's Tall Tales Table display matches the mystery item, that member wins a silver half dollar, so bring EVERYTHING you find and you might win a prize!

Cheryl Petenbrink provided the mystery item during February – a razor blade, which stumped the club.

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

50/50 DRAWING

John Presslein won \$65 for his share of the 50/50 drawing.

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 – IRVING SMITH



BEST SILVER – JERRY TURNER



MOST UNUSUAL – STACEY deLUCIA



COSTUME JEWELRY – CHERYL PETENBRINK



BEST COIN – LINDA BENNETT



MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember those members who are not able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger, Ted Rudd, Dorothy Mills, Bob Smirnow** and **Tom Lieberman**. Calls are always welcome!

The club extends their sympathy to **Ernie Bouyoucas** for the loss of his mother. No matter what our age, the loss of a parent brings out our inner child.

DIRECTORY

Enclosed is the 2007 new club 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 **Jan Smirnow**, 561-735-8921. Additions or changes to the directory will be printed in the newsletter for you to add to your copy of the directory.

DONATIONS

Thank you to **Jim Smith** and **Jerry Turner** for their donations of foreign coins. The silver hunt was a success due to donations from **Ken Lubinski** (\$50), **Gail Hoskins** (Colonial Coin Replica), **John Presslein** (silver dimes) and **Linda Bennett** (silver quarters).

TREASURER'S REPORT
\$1,305.57

TALL TABLES TOTALS FOR 2007 AS OF FEBRUARY 2007

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1,057.78

PLATINUM: 1

GOLD: 22

SILVER: 36

NEW COIN DOLLAR

On February 15, the new coin dollar was put into circulation. Each coin will feature a former president on the obverse (heads) side, starting with George Washington, and progressing in the order in which they served. Presidents must be deceased at least two years to appear on the coins. Four coins will be released each year. **Find your share!**



TCAS 20TH ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian will be holding its competition hunt on Saturday, March 10 at the Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida. Hunt applications will be available at the GCTC meetings.

For further information regarding this exciting hunt contact **Mitch King**, Hunt Coordinator at mking11@earthlink.net or

www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/8480/

5th GREAT SOUTHERN BEACH SHOOTOUT APRIL 27 - 29, 2007

Held every year at Daytona Beach, Florida, the GSBS has quickly become known as the world's largest beach metal detection event! This year's Great Southern Beach Shootout will feature several competition hunts, plus a kid's hunt! As always, thousands of coins, prizes and cash awards will make this GSBS an event not to be missed by any metal detecting enthusiast! Information and application forms will be available at the meeting.

<http://www.gsbs.adephoto.com/>

OKEECHOBEE HISTORY BY JOHN LOBOTA

In the 1890's, the Raulersons became the first settlers along Taylor Creek. This area was called "The Bend" by its first occupants. It was not until 1902 that the first Post Office was established there and named after a schoolteacher of the community "Tantie Post Office." During these first few years more and more families began to settle in this area. As Tantie grew with businesses and a soon to come railroad, the name Tantie was deemed inappropriate. So on October 4, 1911, the Post Office at Tantie was officially changed to Okeechobee, named after the Indian name for the lake.

A detailed history with pictures can be found here: <http://www.tommymarkham.com/OCF/ocf01.htm>

Okeechobee resides only 60 miles away from West Palm Beach. I believe it to be an overlooked area for coin shooting and relic hunting. For now there are many empty lots in and around the old section of town. Even the old ranches are still available for searching. This won't last for long, with the current growth those sites will soon be fast food restaurants, businesses or new home developments. The conditions for metal detecting in Okeechobee are similar to what West Palm Beach was 20 years ago. With a little research, determination and coil swinging some of those older silver coins and relics can still be found in Okeechobee which are now rarely found in our area.

Experience + research = success

2006 YEARLY BEST FINDS

Club members voted on the entries for yearly best finds and the winners for the 10 major categories received a silver round, a certificate and picture of the find on the website for a year. The subcategories in the American coin category received a silver half dollar, a certificate and picture of the find on the website for a year. Each member was allowed one entry per category.

Congratulations to the winners!



Stacey deLucia, Linda Bennett, Irving Smith, Cheryl Petenbrink, Bob Smirnow



BEST GOLD – IRVING SMITH



BEST SILVER – STACEY deLUCIA



BEST COSTUME-BOB SMIRNOW



**BEST NONJEWELRY
CHERYL PETENBRINK**



BEST RELIC – LINDA BENNETT



BEST TOY – BOB SMIRNOW



**BEST TOKEN
BOB SMIRNOW**



**MOST UNUSUAL
CHERYL PETENBRINK**



**OLDEST AMERICAN COIN
IRVING SMITH**



**BEST FOREIGN COIN
IRVING SMITH**

OLDEST AMERICAN COIN SUBCATEGORIES



OLDEST PENNY
1890
LINDA BENNETT



OLDEST NICKEL
1891
IRVING SMITH



OLDEST QUARTER
1936
JIM SHARP



OLDEST HALF DOLLAR
1960
JIM SHARP



OLDEST DOLLAR
1972
JAN SMIRNOW



Jim Sharp, Linda Bennett, Jan Smirnow, Irving Smith

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR FINDS CONTEST



WINNERS: KEN LUBINSKI, GAIL HOSKINS, PAUL HAMBLIN
Received a silver round for their creative efforts!



BEST DISPLAY-KEN LUBINSKI



MOST CREATIVE-GAIL HOSKINS



MOST UNUSUAL-PAUL HAMBLI

BURIED COIN CACHE CLUE NUMBER ONE

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 _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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

FOREIGN COINS

Our club will again be collecting foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp for handicapped children. This will be a year-round project. The coins are mailed in May, along with the South Florida Treasure Hunting Club's donation. Thank you to **Jerry Turner** and **Jim Smith** for their donation of foreign coins.

CONVERT TRASH INTO CASH

We collect unwanted cell phones and used ink cartridges so they can be recycled. Donate yours to the GCTC and we will convert them into cash (to go back into the club) while protecting the environment. All brands of printer cartridges (except Epson) and all cell phones (no phone accessories) can be recycled. It's easy to help our club and our community! For more information, call **Stacey** (561-687-2310).

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

Ernie Bouyoucas traveled to Doylestown, PA in January. Located 50 miles north of Philadelphia, the town is at least 150 years old. But with clay laden soil & 18 degree temperature, the "ground was like cement and it was just plain too darn cold!" He tried again in Ashburn, Virginia (a suburb of Washington, D.C.) "I tried in 35 degree weather with snow flurries. It wasn't as cold but ground conditions were the same. I can't wait to return to sunny FL & soft ground or sand to dig in."

WANTED: Hunting buddies – have machine and scoop – need a buddy. Afternoons preferred. Call **Barbara Rosenberg**: 561-588-8881.

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!

STACEY DELUCIA – Roommate (FEMALE) for the Great Southern Beach Shootout to split expenses. I already have a room reserved at the Plaza Resort & Spa. (If you need a ride, let me know.)

A SINCERE THANK YOU

To all for the cards and kind wishes

After my recent loss

Ernie Bouyoucas

ALSO WANTED: EYEGLASSES

Club members are also 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!**

HUNTING JUPITER BEACH

Since many of our club hunts are at Jupiter Beach, the question always arises if metal detecting is allowed. The answer was posted on one of the forums by Gary T. in May of 2006. A shipwreck lease runs from the north side of Jupiter Inlet south to Carlin Park. This area is off limits to water hunting but the wet or dry sand is fine.

FEBRUARY MEETING

President **Ernie Bouyoucas** welcomed an unusually large crowd of members and guests to our Annual Best Finds meeting. A total of 49 people were present: 40 members, eight guests and our newest member, **Barbara Rosenberg**. **Mitch King** from the Sebastian Club talked of their upcoming hunt on March 10th. He explained the types of hunts to be held and invited all to attend.

Club member **Irving Smith** spoke of his adventure with Jimmy Sierra in England. He told of how finding an 1893 Columbus and Santa Maria coin, picking up a back issue of W&E Treasure at the club, plus a phone call got him to England (that and a few thousand dollars). Irving passed around some of his finds from England and also had a display of all of his finds for everyone to see. Irving said that Jimmy had a favorite saying: "No matter what you hear, dig it!" Everyone seemed extremely interested and maybe a few of us will follow the road to England with Jimmy Sierra on his next trip.

An extra long break was held to give everyone time to vote for the Monthly Best Finds, 2006 Annual Best Finds and the new contest, "What to Do with Your Finds." (We learned what a creative group we have!) Thank you to **Jan Smirnow** for providing the refreshments.

WINNER OF ULTRASONIC CLEANER RAFFLE



JAN SMIRNOW

RICHARD'S TIP AND TALL TALE

Richard has purchased one of the new headlights that clips-on the bill of a cap (originally seen on Jason Petenbrink's hat). The light, which costs \$10 at Wal-Mart, is light weight and bright. While hunting at Pompano Richard says he was approached by some kids who appeared to be looking for trouble. One of them asked Richard what was that thing on his hat. Richard replied "a camera." They reportedly took off very quickly!

INTERNET SITES

www.adventurequestusa.com/introduction.html

www.anacondatreasure.com

www.detectorbase.com/

BIRTHDAYS

February birthday celebrants **Carl Basilico**, **Cheryl Petenbrink** and **Pauline Nash** each received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month. **Happy Birthday, gang!**



Pauline's parents brought in a birthday cake for the members to share. Our *sincere apologies* to Pauline for accidentally leaving her off the February birthday list in the newsletter!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Marilyn Batts (3/14)

Paul Hamlin (3/15)

Robert Kerecz (3/2)

Nikolay Malchev (3/14)

Radina Malchev (3/30)

Rumy Malchev (3/30)

Warren Megibow (3/14)

Dorothy Mills (3/10)

Jason Petenbrink (3/2)

John Presslein (3/9)

Barbara Sharp (3/2)

Sarah Sommers (3/13)

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!



JIM WARNKE MEMORIAL SILVER HUNT

The third annual **Jim Warnke Memorial Silver Hunt** and picnic was held at Jupiter Beach on February 18. Thirty members battled the cold rain-drenched drive due to the lure of finding increasingly rare silver coins. Fortunately the weather gods were with us and the rain stopped in time for the hunt. Temperatures improved from the 40's to the high 60's when the sun appeared from behind the clouds. Hunt Master **Linda Bennett** and her assistant **Richard Zabriskie** arrived before sunrise to reserve the picnic area. **Ken Lubinski** also arrived early to provide heat and hot chocolate with his Coleman stove. Sharing an umbrella, heat from a Coleman stove, drinking hot chocolate and watching the cold front pass by - that is what memories are made of!

Planting of the field was delayed till the rain was only an intermittent drizzle. The field was divided in half with Linda planting one half and Richard planting the other. In the interest of fairness, during the first 15 minutes of the hunt, the two could not hunt in the field they had planted. Silver planted items included 893 dimes, 42 quarters and 12 half dollars. Silver coins were also donated by **John Presslein** and **Linda Bennett**. A colonial coin replica was planted, along with three marked clad dimes, which earned cash prizes for those who found them.

Prior to the hunt, club members voted to use the budgeted money towards silver coins to be planted and not for prizes. But **Ken Lubinski** donated money for cash prizes and **Gail Hoskins** donated the colonial coin replica.

After hunting the one hour time allotment, tallies were done. With 13 dimes and 1 quarter still missing, some members headed back out to the field. Surprisingly, only three additional dimes were found. The top three hunters for total number of silver coins found were: **Richard Zabriskie**, **Linda Bennett**, and **Jim Smith**. The following donated cash prizes were awarded to those who found the marked clad dimes:

\$25 – Pauline Nash
\$15 - Nikolay Malchev
\$10 – Frank Nash

Colonial coin replica – Pauline Nash

Several members found clad coins during the hunt and, surprisingly, ten Sacagawea dollars! (The hunt masters are very suspicious that those were planted during the hunt, but no one fessed up or even looked guilty.) **Nikolay Malchev** found a silver earring during the hunt.

The club provided hot dogs, buns, condiments, plus eating and drinking utensils. Side dishes and beverages were provided by the participants. Members spent the next two hours eating, drinking and telling tall tales.

May ALL your beepers be keepers

POSSIBLE 1715 TREASURE SHIP LOCATED

The search has begun for artifacts associated with a shipwreck possibly from the 1715 Spanish treasure fleet. The search begins four years after officials with the Amelia Island-based Amelia Research and Recovery team first surveyed the shallow waters off Hutchinson Island for a stack of cannons that a local surfer discovered almost 30 years ago.

"I'm excited and ready to go," said **Dave Jordan**, a former Palm City resident and surfer who kept his discovery a secret for 25 years until his wife triggered the memory. "I want to see what's there," said Jordan. So does **Doug Pope**, the president of Amelia Research and Recovery.

Pope and Jordan worked with the state to secure necessary permits to "dig and identify" the 42 targets they found during a 2005 survey about 200 yards from the beach. The search is off Tiger Shores Beach, located just north of Stuart Public Beach.

So far, the ship from that fleet discovered farthest south was the Urca de Lima, found north of Fort Pierce's Pepper Beach Park, which now contains a state underwater archeological preserve around the wreck. Other ships from that fleet have been discovered in Indian River County.

While it is unlikely any gold will be uncovered in the search, officials with the Historical Society of Martin County are hoping historical treasures will be discovered and eventually displayed in the new Elliott Museum planned just yards from the possible shipwreck site.

Jordan, who has family in Martin County and is in the process of moving from North Carolina to Gainesville, said he will likely stay on the Polly-L for a few days as the work begins. The project is expected to take about a month. "It's important for me to find the cannons, but it's not about me," he said. "I'm excited Martin County is getting a chance. There's tons of history here. It's unbelievable." *Excerpts taken from article written by Suzanne Wentley, TCPalm.com.*

Pennyweight

The pennyweight was the weight of a silver penny in medieval England. When pennies were introduced in England in the 8th century, their original weight is believed to have been 24 grains. This was gradually reduced in at least thirteen stages until it reached 7.27 grains by 1816. According to one knowledgeable source, the pennyweight was introduced by Henry III in 1266 as the weight of 32 grains of wheat. We believe this may simply have been clarifying and codifying an existing standard.

24 grains = 1 pennyweight
20 pennyweights = 1 ounce troy
240 pennyweights = 1 pound troy

It is no coincidence that there were 240 pennies to the English pound, and 240 silver pennies were equivalent to a pound of silver, or that the word sterling applies both to the English pound and to a standard purity of silver. So those of you that think it means the weight of an American penny, this should set you right. Hope it helps. Scooper1 Miami Beach, FL.USA (thetreasuredepot.com)