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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. APRIL 10
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

APRIL MEETING

With precious metal prices SOARING during the last few months, it seems EVERYONE has gold fever. Many treasure hunters are looking at their collection of finds in a whole new light. Wondering what your "loot" is worth and if you are sitting on a gold mine? **Tony Swicer** and **Ray Duclos**, owner of **Rechant Precious Metals**, will join us in April to share 30 + years of wisdom. What you'll learn: how to sell your silver coins and silver and gold jewelry, how to calculate what the going rate is for coins or jewelry, and how to estimate what an item is worth. What are the differences between selling to a local jeweler versus a refinery? Why does a local jeweler give you less for metal content in comparison to a refinery? What can you do with the stones if you decide to sell jewelry for the metal content? Ray and Tony will answer all these questions and more! Don't miss it!

Thank you in advance to **Elayne Lynch** and **John Zabriskie** for volunteering to bring Refreshments for the April meeting and to **Donna Russo** for volunteering to stump us with a Mystery Item. Bring ALL your finds for the Tall Tales Table. You could win a silver half-dollar!

JOIN US AT PA BBQ BEFORE THE MEETING!

A group of us get together for dinner at 5:30 p.m. right before each club meeting as a way to catch up with friends, old and new. Join us in the back room of **Park Ave. (PA) BBQ** in Lake Worth. (Dinner is Dutch Treat.)

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

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

WE WANT YOUR TRASH!

April 22 is **EARTH DAY**. Bring **ALL the trash** you find to the April meeting (in plastic baggies, please) for a photo opportunity. We will take a photo of all the trash and send it with a press release to local media to educate people about the GOOD our members do each day, cleaning up our beaches and parks. This is our opportunity to get some positive press about our club and our hobby. So, please bring ALL those nasty bottle caps, tin cans and pull tops you've dug this month. (Thank you, **Jim Sharp**, for volunteering to dispose of the trash after the photos!)

GREAT SOUTHERN BEACH SHOOTOUT

Twenty-one club members have indicated they are going to the 6th Great Southern Beach Shootout at Daytona Beach on April 25-27. The dress theme will once again be patriotic (red, white and blue). Be sure to bring your GCTC club t-shirts especially for the club picture that will be taken on Friday evening after the prizes are awarded for the Kellyco hunt.

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.

Be sure to put your name on the signup sheet during the April club meeting. CHECK OUT THIS SITE:

<http://www.gsbsdaytonahunt.com/>

TREASURER'S REPORT
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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, 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. The new five-sided scoops are now available. See my website. For member discount, you'll have to go to the store to buy the scoop.

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

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

FRANK AND PAULINE NASH - Minelab and Fisher metal detectors for sale at palmbeachmetaldetectors.com. The owners are club members Frank and Pauline Nash. When you purchase a new detector from them or refer a customer to them, 10 % of the net profits will go directly to benefit our club and its members. Call 561-743-5248.

PAOLA NASH - *Balsamic Vinegar: Introduction to a Mysterious and Centuries-old Italian Vinegar* by Paola Nash. This hardback book is meant to be entertaining and educational. It is not a cookbook! \$36 (20% discount, plus tax) through the club. Call 561-743-5248.

ESTATE OF RICHARD ZABRISKIE - MORE metal detectors available for sale. Information coming soon. Contact Linda Bennett for more details. Home: 561-791-7682 or cell: 561-352-4068.

STACEY deLUCIA: 5 NEW Clarity Oak Boxes for sale. Octagonal with space for photo or glass insert. Use as jewelry boxes or to display your finds. REDUCED PRICE: only \$20 each. For more info, see Stacey at a meeting, e-mail sdeLuc823@aol.com or call 561-687-2310.

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, Ken Lubinski, Jason Petenbrink, Mindy Spiroch and Jan Smirnow.

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2008 AS OF MARCH 2008

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1063.22
PLATINUM: 0
GOLD: 19
SILVER: 55

Good Will Ambassador Performing Random Acts of Kindness

The GCTC recognizes members who provide selfless service to our community. The first time a member returns an item, that individual receives a metal detecting pin (crafted by **Steve Hoskins**) to wear on his or her hat, in addition to a certificate of appreciation. Future returns are recognized by additional certificates. Kudos to all club members who go out of their way to return items to their owners, thereby advancing our hobby and putting our club in a positive light!

Repeat Goodwill Ambassador



**Paul Hamlin Returned a Cell Phone
and Keys**

CHALLENGE LEVEL TWO



Congratulations, Paul, on reaching Level II!

JASON'S TIP

The board of directors would like to thank **Jason Petenbrink**, 2007 Treasure Hunter of the Year, for agreeing to provide metal detecting tips each month. Jason accepted our request "in honor of Richard."

My first tip is: Remember, the Northerners are still down, which means they are staying at the hotels. When they go to the beach they aren't going to leave their jewelry in the hotel - they are going to **wear it** to the beach! This is a great time to hunt near the hotels. Good luck everyone!

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

BEST GOLD – GARY SPIROCH WHITE GOLD NECKLACE



BEST SILVER – GARY SPIROCH SILVER SPOON



MOST UNUSUAL – ERNIE BOUYOUCAS ??



COSTUME JEWELRY – JIM SHARP BELLY BUTTON JEWELRY



BEST COIN – KAREN LARSON GOLD PLATED MEXICAN COIN



BURIED COIN CACHE

CLUE ONE

"It's a park-that I will tell you. It is best known for their BMX Bicycle Racing."

CLUE TWO

"Pooch Pines is where you want to be. The Park's beautiful lake will be on your right. 5/10 mile along this road with a bicycle sign as you go."

CLUE THREE

"Six Palms and a double Pine is your target to find, as you are very close now."

Stroll along this area to find what I have buried not too deep but definitely a find."

*Burial of cache and the clues are provided by **Mindy Spiroch**. If found by a club member, that person will receive a prize of \$25 AND earn the right to bury the next cache!*

Good luck everyone! Start digging!

FOREIGN COINS

Our club, along with the South Florida Treasure Club, continues to collect foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp for handicapped children. This is a year-round project. If you have coins to donate, please see **Linda**. The donated foreign coins will be mailed after the May meetings of the SFTHC and GCTC.

The Texas Council of Treasure Clubs' annual hunt for the Children's Camp will be June 18 and 19. **Garrett Metal Detectors** has donated 12 new detectors to the Camp to replace the older units that have been in use for the last 12 years. After the annual visit to the camp, "trained" counselors continue the summer program for some 2,000 more children campers for that year. Foreign coins are dearly needed to keep this activity going each year. Not only do they learn about the exciting hobby of metal detecting, they also learn about the foreign countries that the coins come from.

Thank you to Jimmy Chodan for his foreign coin donations!

PETENBRINK'S GREATEST TREASURE!

Congratulations to the **Petenbrink Family**! On March 16th at 6:14 a.m., 6lbs 7oz. **Aodhan Jason Kelly** entered the world. First-time uncle **Jason** and first-time grandparents **Cheryl** and **Jack** happily announced that mom, **Kristie**, and baby are doing well. **Congratulations!**



DIRECTORY

*The directory is for the personal use of members only. 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.*

Renewal

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New Members

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CFMDC WEEKEND CAMP HUNT

Our club has been invited to attend a campout on May 17-18 hosted by the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club, which meets in Sanford. CFMDC President **Ray Leist** is one of the key organizers of the Great Southern Beach Shootout and a wonderful host.

Most GCTC members drive up on Friday and stay at a local motel. The group meets on Saturday morning at a pre-arranged site to caravan the short distance to the camp. At the time of printing, a meeting place, time and costs had not been established. More information should be available at the April and May meetings, leaving plenty of time to make motel arrangements.

The cost includes Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast along with a bed for Saturday night. You will need to bring your own linens and toilet items.

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

BEN SMITH- Would like to carpool to Daytona for the Great Southern Beach Shootout on Friday and return on Sunday.

KEN LUBINSKI - Traveled with his wife and camper back south to Miami. "I worked South Beach and Cranden Park for three days. When I returned to the camp site I did some detecting in the park. I asked and they said it was OK. I found a total of 374 coins which came to \$25.24. In the park I found \$6.58 and at the beach \$18.66. Attached is a photo of everything I found."



The American Dream "Salvaging Spanish Sunken Treasure" 2008 Seminars

Over the past 13 years **Bob "Frogfoot" Weller** has conducted seminars on "Salvaging Spanish Sunken Treasure," opening the door to those who have hoped to one day become involved in the American Dream. The seminar is designed to "show the way" for successful salvage. This year Frogfoot will hold two seminars in June, about the time that salvage groups head to sea. The dates are June 9-12 and June 23-26. These are Monday thru Thursday dates, allowing a week-end for those who would like to enjoy some Florida sunshine and possibly more diving in the Florida Keys.

The seminars include the following: two days of lectures by prominent salvors who have had their stories published in National Geographic. The third day is an auto tour of the 1715 Spanish treasure wreck sites, a visit to the Mel Fisher Treasure Museum in Sebastian, a visit to the McLarty Treasure Museum in Wabasso, and lunch at Capt. Hiram's in Sebastian. The fourth day is a shallow water (14-16') dive on the 1733 Spanish galleons "El Infante" and the "San Pedro" in the Florida Keys.

Transportation from the airport to local hotels is included, as well as the tours of 1715 wreck sites, and the Florida Keys 1733 dive site. SCUBA tanks may be rented at the charter boat site in Plantation key. All lunches are provided. There is an excellent B&B in Lake Worth, close to great restaurants and antique row, that is within walking distance to the ocean. Rates are \$125-\$190/night with the 4th night free. Enrollees must make their own arrangements with motel/hotels in the area. Cost of the seminar is \$750/person with a deposit of \$250 required to reserve space in the seminar. A maximum of 10 enrollees will be allowed per seminar.

Reservations for the seminar can be made at "Crossed Anchors" 1818 17th Ave. N., Lake Worth, FL. 33460-6432

CELL PHONES, INK CARTRIDGES AND GLASSES ARE BEING COLLECTED

Jan Smirnow collects all cell phone and used ink cartridge donations while **Stacey deLucia** collects prescription glasses for the Lion's Club of South Florida. Recycling makes good sense and saves our landfills! Please bring your donations to the next meeting!

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

Pens with Club Name: \$3.00
Club Towels: \$3.00
Club Patches: \$5.00
GCTC Travel Cups: \$8.00
Club T-shirts: \$12-\$15

TCAS HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian held its 21st annual competition hunt on Saturday, March 15 at the Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida. This year, nearly 80 hunters attended, not only from all over Florida, but from New Jersey, Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia. The Grand Prize was a Garrett GTI-1500. Other top prizes were five Eight Reale treasure coins and three Garrett ACE 250's. The photo, below, shows a table full of prizes that were awarded.



GCTC members who attended the hunt were:

**Bob Dobski, Karen Larson, Linda Bennett,
John and Jonathan Silling and Irving Smith.**



Prizes were won by the following member:

Karen Larson – Garrett Hat and Headlight

Bob Dobski found a key, but alas it didn't open the treasure chest. Bob has won the treasure chest in a past TCAS hunt.

Irving Smith found the most marked pennies and the most silver dimes of the GCTC group.

For more pictures:

http://www.geocities.com/tcas_club/huntpics08.html

MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember those members who are not able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger** and **Bill Rogers**.

Calls are always welcome!



MARCH MEETING - SILENT AUCTION

Our March meeting is typically one of the better-attended meetings, due in part to the fact that it is usually the month in which we hold our Silent Auction. President **Ernie Bouyoucas** welcomed 46 members, including seven guests. Welcome new members - **Silling family** (which includes **John** and **Debbie**, son **Jonathan** and daughter **Alexia**)! Ernie also congratulated the **Malchev Family**, **Nikolay**, **Rumy** and **Radina**, for recently becoming official citizens of the United States of America. Unfortunately, the family was not in attendance, but everyone applauded them proudly.

Members were asked to BRING IN **all** of their recovered trash for the month to the April 10th meeting, in recognition of EARTH DAY, which is on April 22. We want to photograph the trash and submit press releases to the media to alert the public to how much trash our club members remove from our beaches and parks each month. This effort can bring us positive publicity, so everyone is encouraged to participate.

The Silent Auction took place during a long break. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Auction, which raised \$278.50 for the club treasury. A special thank you goes to **Linda Bennett** for providing the Refreshments and to **Cheryl Petenbrink** for stumping everyone by using a fishing bobber as a Mystery Item.

A new contest was initiated by **Ken Lubinski**, who personally counted a gigantic container full of pull tabs. As treasurer, Ken is the **ONLY** member to know the actual number of pull tabs in the container. Members and guests can donate \$1 per guess, for as many guesses as they wish. The person who guesses the exact number - or closest to it - **will win \$100!** Wow! Start guessing!

MYSTERY ITEM

WHAT is a Mystery Item? Each month one club member volunteers to help stump fellow members by choosing a secret item that is revealed after the break. If an item in a member's displayed Tall Tales Table finds *matches* the mystery item, that member wins a silver half dollar! So bring **ALL** your finds - you might just win a prize! Unfortunately, the person supplying the mystery item doesn't get the silver half dollar if they stump the club. But they do receive a free door prize ticket.

BEACH HUNTERS BEWARE!

If you head out to the local beaches, beware of a serious new danger. Dozens of marine flares have washed up on county beaches since January and local safety officials are warning beach goers to avoid them at all costs! The 22-inch metal cylinders could contain unused phosphorous that burns at 1,650 degrees! Under **NO** circumstances should you touch one or pick it up, as it can literally burn a hole right through you! If you see one of these canisters, steer clear and call 911 immediately. The bomb squad will retrieve and destroy the flares. Be safe!

March birthday celebrants **Marilyn Batts**, **Joe Keeley**, **Warren Megibow**, **Jason Petenbrink**, **John Presslein**, and **Donna Russo** each received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Bob Konnagan (4/11)

Karen Larson (4/1)

If the above people come to the meeting during their birthday month, they each will receive a silver quarter!

DOOR PRIZES AND 50/50 RAFFLE

Door prize drawings and the 50/50 raffle were not held during the March meeting due to the silent auction. Members who should have received an extra door prize ticket for bringing a guest, displaying their monthly finds on the Tall Tales Table, providing refreshments for the meeting or volunteering to bring the mystery item will receive their ticket(s) at the April meeting. The following people will receive an extra door prize ticket(s):

Linda Bennett - refreshments; Tall Tales Table
Cheryl Petenbrink - Mystery item; Tall Tales Table

Steve and Gail Hoskins - two guests

Paul Hamlin - one guest; Tall Tales Table

John Lobota - two guests

John Presslein - one guest

Mindy Spiroch - one guest

Jason Petenbrink - Tall Tales Table

Karen Larson - Tall Tales Table

Ernie Bouyoucas - Tall Tales Table

Bob Dobski - Tall Tales Table

Ken Lubinski - Tall Tales Table

Jim Sharp - Tall Tales Table

Irving Smith - Tall Tales Table

Les Batts - Tall Tales Table

Jack Petenbrink - Tall Tales Table

If any names are missing, let Betty know at the April meeting.

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD ZABRISKIE

The GCTC recently made a memorial donation to the American Cancer Society in Richard's honor. The ACS sent an acknowledgement of the contribution to Richard's widow, **Kazhie**, who sent a nice note thanking the club members for their thoughtfulness.

JIM WARNKE MEMORIAL SILVER HUNT

Twenty-eight members attended the fourth annual **Jim Warnke Memorial Silver Hunt and Picnic** on March 2 at Ocean Reef Park. The weather was perfect, unlike the past two years of freezing cold and/or wet conditions

With the price of silver being sky high, many members helped in various ways to offset the cost of the hunt and picnic, allowing us to keep the entry fee at a reasonable rate. **Ed Weston** once again crafted a holiday tree that was raffled off at the Holiday Party in December 2007. All proceeds went to the silver hunt. The food and drinks that the club normally provides were donated by **Jan** and **Bob Smirnow** and **Linda Bennett**. All prizes were donated by club members **Ken Lubinski** (cash and lottery scratch off tickets), **Stacey deLucia** (silver coin set) and **Linda Bennett** (silver dollar). Members provided side dishes to supplement the wonderful picnic fare.

Nine prize tokens and 910 silver dimes were planted by **Linda Bennett** and **Ken Lubinski**. The field was divided in half with Linda planting one half and Ken 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.

The top three hunters who recovered the greatest total number of silver coins were: **Gary Spiroch**, **Irving Smith** and **John Lobota**. In addition to planted silver, clad coins and other typical beach finds were recovered, including a nice gold-plated Mexican coin found by **Karen Larson**.

Those who found tokens won the following prizes:

\$20 Cash - **Jerry Laur**

\$10 Cash - **Mindy Spiroch**

\$5 Cash - **Phil Hujar**

Scratch off Lottery Ticket - **Pauline Nash**

Scratch off Lottery Ticket - **Ed Weston**

Scratch off Lottery Ticket - **Gary Spiroch**

Scratch off Lottery Ticket - **Jerry Laur**

Silver Coin Set - **Jim Smith**

Silver Dollar - **Kurt Herring**

The following members deserve special thanks:

Karen Larson for her early arrival to secure the picnic tables while Linda and Ken planted.

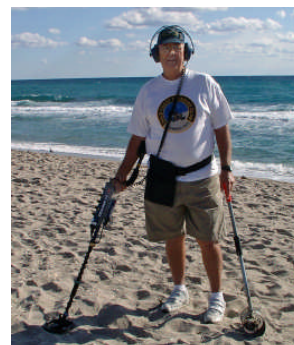
Joe Keeley for guarding the planted beach site prior to the hunt.

Kurt Herring for cooking the hot dogs.

Steve Hoskins for cutting into his hunting time to take pictures.

More pictures will be posted on the club website:

www.geocities.com/gctreasureclub



Photos by Steve Hoskins