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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB, INC.

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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. JULY 9
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

JULY MEETING

We've been trying to mix things up lately with our monthly programs. Sometimes we have a speaker and sometimes our members ARE the program. Our round table discussions seem to be enjoyed by all. With that in mind, the July 9th meeting will feature a casual and fun program in which our members will get to "Show & Tell" some of their favorite finds discovered while metal detecting. **But there's a twist!** We are asking members to bring their various collections of NON-METALLIC finds that they have collected while treasure hunting. You may say that when you're metal detecting, everything you find IS metal. Not so! Some hunters collect seashells, sea glass, drift wood, seeds, plastic toys, marbles, bottles or broken china that they find during their adventures. What is it that YOU collect? Bring YOUR collection to the July meeting and tell us about it. Remember, collections must be found while metal detecting, but they cannot be metal! Winners will receive a certificate and a silver half dollar.

Thank you in advance to **Linda** and **Trent Bowen** for volunteering to bring refreshments and to **Stacey deLucia** for agreeing to try to stump us with the Mystery Item.

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 books, DVDs and tapes that you checked out from the GCTC library last month!

CLUB HUNT

Our Summer Scavenger Hunt continues! As announced last month, during the summer months of June, July and August there won't be an official club hunt. Instead, keep track of your finds and mark them off the scavenger hunt list provided in the June newsletter. Bring your list and those items found from June 11 through September 10 to the September meeting. The top three scavengers will win prizes. Will YOU be one of the Top Scavengers?

CONTEST COMING IN AUGUST!

"WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR FINDS"

Back by popular demand, our August meeting will test the limits of GCTC members' creativity through a little contest we like to call "What to Do with Your Finds!" Members will be challenged to submit entries made out of their finds. In years past, we've seen some pretty creative entries and we expect this year to be just as interesting. Silver prizes will be awarded in three categories: **Most Creative, Best Display** and **Most Unusual**. So, start thinking about what YOU can do to give your finds new life! Members are not limited to the number of entries that they can submit. If you need inspiration, check out our club website for pictures of last year's contest:

<http://www.geocities.com/gctreasureclub/index.html>

JOINT HUNT WITH THE SFTHC

The SFTHC has invited our members to join them for a joint hunt on August 16. Get details at the July 9 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$1,889.91

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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

REILLY'S TREASURED GOLD offers a complete line of new & used detectors, scoops, cleaners, tumblers and books. The shop also does custom metal working and laser detailing. For details, call 954-971-6102. See their website: www.rtgstore.com.

TOM LIEBERMAN – Ready to serve your real estate needs. Call 561-852-7409; 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: 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.

JERRY LAUR - Stainless Steel Colt 45 cal Pistol: \$700; Stainless Steel Ruger Mark II, 22 cal pistol: \$350; Minelab Explorer metal detector with extra books: \$700; Whites DFX metal detector with extra books: \$600. All items are like new with little use. Bowflex with all attachments for \$160. Call Jerry @ 561-694-7963 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

LINDA BENNETT – new *Headhunter PiratePRO* won at GSBSO. Brand new, in box with two year warranty. Retail at \$439; asking \$350. Call 561-352-4068.

BOB SMIRNOW - Tesoro LObo. Bought in 2006 for \$800. Never used. With headphones. Asking \$450. Call Bob Smirnow: 561-735-8921.

TESSA DURAND - BUY OR SELL AVON. Just imagine, the CEO of your own Co. Check out my website, order online, direct shipping right to your door. www.youravon/tdurand-owens.com or call 561-358-2252.

GARY MCNEW - "WANTED: I want your unwanted finds, things like cell phones and other electronics, whole or in pieces. Any unwanted jewelry of any condition. Coins, tokens etc. and even those cauliflower pennies. And any other odd junk you don't want. I'll have a container at the meeting for you to drop stuff in. If you are not sure if I would want it, put it in there anyway and I'll go through it later. Also wanted "Dead or Alive," your old computers and video games. 561-718-5523.

STACEY deLUCIA – FOR SALE: Antique crystal punch bowl with 18 matching cups and hand blown dipper. \$25 OBO. Contact Stacey: sdeLuc823@aol.com or 561-687-2310.

*Club members can advertise items for sale or items wanted, free of charge. Sometimes ads will need to be edited due to available space. Items do not have to be related to metal detecting. Contact **Linda Bennett** to place your ad.*

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver quarter and certificate)

BEST GOLD – NIKOLAY MALCHEV **14 Kt White Gold Ring with Diamonds**



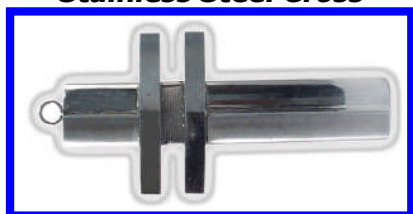
BEST SILVER – GARY MCNEW **Silver Ring with Stones**



MOST UNUSUAL – TRENT BOWEN **Crematorium Tag**



COSTUME JEWELRY – GARY MCNEW **Stainless Steel Cross**



BEST COIN – Mindy Spiroch **1903 Indian Head Penny**



Second Place for Monthly Best Finds

(Runner up receives a silver dime and certificate)

Gold – Jim Sharp (14 Kt Gold Ring with Diamonds)



Silver – Jim Sharp (Silver Ring with Stones)



Most Unusual – Tom Lieberman (Bucket)



Best Costume – Radina Malchev (Ring)



Best Coin – Tom Lieberman (1924 Buffalo Nickel)



Monthly Best Finds Winners



Trent Bowen, Jim Sharp, Gary McNew, Mindy Spiroch, Tom Lieberman, Radina Malchev and Nikolay Malchev

JUNE MEETING

With thirty members and guests in attendance, president **Mindy Spiroch** welcomed guest **Bert Molow** of Greenacres and new member **Brian Gaum** of Delray Beach to our June meeting. Secretary **Jan Smirnow** reported an income of \$40 from selling members' donations of found cell phones. She thanked the membership for participation and asked that everyone *first* make every effort to return the phones to the rightful owners. If a phone needs recharging, she asked members to call her. We are still collecting ink cartridges, but only brand name ones. Also, generic phones are not bought by any of the reclamation centers. **John Lobota** reported \$9 income from collecting and selling donated scrap metal to benefit the club. He asked all members to bring in unwanted fishing weights and pieces of brass that they find detecting, but please save them and bring them to him when they have a large amount. He doesn't have a lot of storage space.

Copies of "Jewelry Markings for Gold, Silver and Platinum" were available on the free table and will be available next month. Mindy picked up the flyers at the SFTHC meeting and made copies for our members.

Hunt Master **Linda Bennett** announced that future Runner Ups in the Best Finds Categories will be recognized not only by receiving a silver dime, but they will receive a small certificate as well.



BIRTHDAYS

June birthday celebrants **Eddie D'Amato** and **Paul Hamlin** both received a gold presidential dollar for attending the meeting during their birthday month.

Happy Birthday, guys!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Linda Bennett (7/23)
Betty Laur (7/23)
David Levine (7/12)
Tammy Lobota (7/27)
Jose Paredes (7/20)
Ben Smith (7/5)
Harry Sommers (7/26)
Ralph Squier (7/16)

ELAYNE AND BETTY'S CORNER AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

Silver Half Dollar – **Ed Weston**
Silver Half Dollar – **Linda Bennett**
5 piece Travel set – **Jim Sharp**
Angel Visor Clip – **Tessa Durand**
Rubbish Bag – **Karen Larson**
Collapsible Water Bottle – **Linda Bennett**
Hurricane Treasure Book – **Gary McNew**
Restaurant Coupon – **Mindy Spiroch**
Trowel – **Paul Hamlin**
Lottery Scratch-off – **Stacey deLucia**
Coffee – **Jan Smirnow**
Coffee – **Linda Bennett**
Coffee – **Heather McNew**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you to the following donors: **Jim Sharp** – collapsible water bottle; **John Lobota** – restaurant coupon; coffee donated by **Gary Spiroch**; and Hurricane Treasure Book by the late **Kevin Reilly**.*

50/50 DRAWING

Cheryl Petenbrink won \$35 for her share of the 50/50 drawing. *Congrats, Cheryl!!!*

MYSTERY ITEM

New members often wonder "WHAT the heck is a Mystery Item?" Each month one club member volunteers to try to stump fellow members by choosing a secret item (thus the mystery!) that is revealed after the break. If an item in a member's Tall Tales Table display matches the Mystery Item, that member wins a silver quarter! So it pays to bring ALL your finds! Sorry gang...the person supplying the Mystery Item does not get the silver quarter if they stump the club. BUT, they DO get a free door prize ticket for their effort!

June's Mystery Item was supplied by **Nikolay Malchev**. He stumped everyone with a corroded pocket knife. Wonder what **this** month's Mystery Item will be!

OTHER ENTRIES FOR MONTHLY BEST FINDS

Tom Lieberman – 18 Kt Flex Ring; silver earring; costume necklace

Cheryl Petenbrink – Gold Ring
Gary McNew – 18 Kt Gold Ring; 1946 Wheat Penny
Jim Sharp – Angel Medal; Ring; 1945 Wheat Penny
Gary Spiroch – Pair of Earrings; 1934 Wheat Penny; Silver Ring

Jason Petenbrink – Earring
Mindy Spiroch – Earring
Nikolay Malchev – Silver and Gold Ring
Trent Bowen – Silver Necklace

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 Bennett**, who will make sure your donation goes to the right place!

2009 Visit to Texas Lion's Camp for Disabled Children 6/11/09

As reported by Keith Wills, President of WWATS

I am very happy to report another successful visit to the Texas Lion's Camp. This is the 13th year we have been able to work with the many children and show those kids there is the hobby of metal detecting for treasure that they can enjoy even with their disability.

As always the kids were so excited having us there to help them learn how to treasure hunt with a metal detector, as were the counselors who are foreign students from around the world. As for the counselors they too must learn so they can continue the program the rest of the summer for all the other campers yet to come. Also they learn treasure hunting to take back home with them to the many such camps at home.

So many of you have been donating your found or bought foreign coins for the wonderful kids to find with the 12 metal detectors that Garrett Metal Detectors donated last year to replace the older units the camp had. Our hat is off to all who have donated and you know you have made the continuing program a success at the camp for your donation.

This year we had over 200 campers we worked with at the camp and it was a tuff go but we made it. We can always use more help working with these wonderful kids, so if you're interested - it is scheduled the second week of June each year, Wednesday and Thursday. Thanks again for your donations, it meant so very much to these kids! Of course, to continue the program we need continued donations of foreign coins, so if you find it in your hearts to donate, please do. Also you will see this year's visit of photos on www.wwats.org website. Please visit it and then go back and visit again as photos continue to come in and get posted.



CLUB 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. Notify **Jan Smirnow** at 561-735-8921 with errors or omissions.*

NEW MEMBER:

Brian Gaum

710 NE 7th Court

Delray Beach, FL 33483

561-860-6177

RECYCLING & DONATIONS

Jan Smirnow collects cell phones and used ink cartridges to raise money for the GCTC. Jan is also collecting pull tabs that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Please SAVE yours and give to Jan. Note from Jan: "Thanks to our members for donating those ink cartridges for the club. It really helps our kitty. However, please note that only the real cartridges purchased from office supply stores qualify for us to sell. Generic ink cartridges are not accepted. Again, thanks for those donations and keep them coming."

Stacey deLucia will continue to collect prescription glasses and sunglasses for the South Florida Lion's Club.

John Lobota will accept member donations of metals such as brass, copper, and lead weights that we find while metal detecting. He will take them to the recycling plant to sell for the metal content. All cash raised will help to replenish our treasury, so please see John to donate! Don't let all that digging go to waste!

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

NEW: Club Hats with GCTC Logo: \$12.00

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2009

AS OF JUNE:

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ 1,990.05

PLATINUM: 6

GOLD: 50

SILVER: 117



Experience + research = success

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

Jimmy Chodan invites anyone who will visit the state of New York during the spring, summer or fall to come hunt with him. He lives 100 miles north of New York City on the Connecticut-Massachusetts border. If you will be in the area, give him a call at 518-567-8168.

Karen Larson and **Linda Bennett** traveled to Asheville, NC to spend a few days with Karen's daughter and family. The decision to travel was based on the opportunity to metal detect on a 24-acre horse farm which once had a 17 room house that was built in the mid 1880's and existed till it burned down in the 1980's. This farm was located in a small town outside of Asheville. A friend of Linda's owns this farm but has put the property up for sale. Unfortunately, visions of older relic and coin finds did not materialize. The current home and horse stables were built on top of the old home site. Not much was found except for clad coins and pull tabs. Our lack of experience in relic hunting also hurt our ability to find the dump site. We spent a few hours at the local library and found a few sites to hunt, but again only modern coins were found. The remaining days were spent at parks and school grounds. Linda's car survived the daily trek up the steep mountainside to the daughter's home. Karen kept the camera out hoping for an encounter with a black bear. Linda couldn't get Karen out at dusk to take a walk, which would have increased the chances of coming face to face with wildlife.



INTERNET WEBSITE TO CHECK OUT

A member of the CFMDC who posts as Mumszie on the Treasure Net Forum has also been posting slide shows of their club events and the GSBSO on You Tube. She has just recently changed from You Tube to posting the slide shows on Lost Treasure website. Below is the link to her postings. Our club members are featured on some of the slide shows.

<http://losttreasure.tv/?u=mumszie&pro=videos>

You can check out other treasure related videos:

<http://losttreasure.tv/>

BURIED COIN CACHE

FIRST CLUE:

Once a month we all gather...

SECOND CLUE:

From the parking lot, stroll down the path, passing the bathroom, which will be on your left, and don't let a coconut hit you on the head...

THIRD CLUE:

Continue on path past bathroom about 128 feet to right hand curve in path. I am buried 6 feet in front of the tallest coconut tree on the right side.

Item buried is a small vitamin container 2 3/4" long and 1 1/2 " in diameter. It is placed in a Ziploc® bag.



*Burial of cache and the clues are provided by **Mindy and Gary 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! And be sure to fill all holes!***

Wayne and Nancy Stephens are currently in New York City – here's an excerpt from their e-mail:

"Nancy and I are in Manhattan. I walk to work each day down the length of Wall Street almost the width of lower Manhattan. It takes about 20 minutes to go about a mile. Very interesting area and has high security. Police are everywhere, street barricades rise up from the street automatically and permanent posts in the ground have closed off the street near Broadway. Our hotel is near ground zero. See attached. This project may last a year or more and then I will really retire and will start coming down for meetings and hunts. At least that is our plan."



*Errors in grammar and spelling are added for those who like to find them.
Linda Bennett newsletter co-editor*

GOLD PROSPECTING - EAST AND WEST

By Charles Overbey

There's gold in them thar hills, and Charles Overbey of Cocoa Beach, Florida wants to help you find it. Overbey, an engineer, pilot and former NASA executive, has researched state and federal geological records and authored a series of maps showing gold deposit sites in eastern states and California. His maps give gold history and facts and tell you how to pan and where to look for gold in a streambed.

All you need is a shovel, an old dishpan or a \$5 gold pan, a magnifying glass, a pair of tweezers and a small vial in which to put your gold. Gold pans may be found on the internet, at metal detector stores, rock shops and hobby shops. Metal detectors are used for "nugget shooting" and for finding jewelry and silver coins lost at the rural churches and schools shown on the maps in the "Bible Belt" of the Southeast.

Some prospectors like to pan at the rights of way where roads cross gold-bearing streams. No permit is needed to pan in the national forests as long as it is for recreational purposes and no machinery is used. National forest boundaries are shown.

By knowing where gold has been found in the past, you can improve your odds for finding more gold.

A long streak of gold deposits extends from Washington, D.C. to near Montgomery, Alabama. Gold was mined in the east for 45 years before the discovery at Sutter's Mill in California and the government established gold coin mints in 1837 in Georgia and North Carolina, rather than transport the raw gold to the Philadelphia mint. Overbey's maps show 200 gold deposit sites in Virginia, 300 in North Carolina, 130 in South Carolina, 500 in Georgia, 140 in Alabama and thousands in California.

The first authenticated discovery of gold in the United States was in North Carolina. One Sunday in 1799 a 12 year old boy, Conrad Reed, found a 17 pound gold nugget in Little Meadow Creek on his father's farm. It was not recognized as being gold and it was used as a doorstep for three years. Later, it was sold to a jeweler for the asking price of three dollars and fifty cents. Be sure to visit the Reed Gold Mine, near Stanfield, NC (Ph. 704-721-4653). Admission is free. You will see the site of the first discovery, excellent displays of gold mining equipment and a film describing the first discovery. Guides will take you into the mine. Also, see the North Carolina Minerals Museum at Spruce Pine and the Colburn Gem and Mineral Museum at Asheville.

Virginia, Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia also have long histories of gold mining. Try your hand at prospecting and treasure hunting in these states. There was a major gold rush in 1828 at Dahlonega, GA and Vice President John C. Calhoun mined at nearby Auraria. People from many states go to Virginia in search of the yellow metal, especially in locations west of Fredericksburg and Richmond.

There were three operating gold mines in South Carolina in recent years, one of which became one of the largest primary gold producers in North America. In discussion of gold in Alabama, a geological report states: "The Hilton brothers reopened the pit. They succeeded in obtaining 65 ounces of gold from a hole 3 feet by 2 feet by 20 inches; the result of half a day's work."

California is a world-class gold prospecting state. Gold deposits extend from the Mexican border to the Oregon state line and eastward to the Arizona and Nevada state lines. Many sites are near San Diego, Santa Ana, Los Angeles, Riverside, Palm Springs, Bakersfield, Fresno, Yosemite, Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, Susanville, Redding and Crescent City. Six-thousand-six-hundred (6,600) California gold sites are shown on six separate gold maps. You will enjoy traveling along California State Highway 49, which was named after the forty-niners. Many interesting displays of gold mining equipment and artifacts may be seen along this route.

For details about gold in these states and these unique colored maps please see WWW.GOLDMAPS.COM or call (321) 783-4595 between 8 AM and 10 PM EST. WWW.GOLDMAPS.COM also has extensive links to other gold and treasure hunting websites related to rocks and minerals, meteorites, metal detecting and Civil War relics.

KUDOS TO NIKOLAY MALCHEV

Nikolay Malchev was recently credited for saving the life of a bather in the Atlantic Ocean. While he was metal detecting in the rough surf, he heard a woman out in the deeper water screaming to help her friend. Nikolay quickly dropped his metal detecting gear and swam out to the screaming lady. Her friend was unconscious and floating nearby. Nikolay got both safely back to the beach. Fortunately the unconscious lady started gagging and coughing once she was placed on her side and the lifeguards were successful in reviving her.

OTHER GREAT FINDS

Seen on the June Tall Tales Table



THE MEANING OF DREAMS?

Have you ever suddenly awakened with your heart pounding - having vivid and life-like memories of finding fantastic jewelry while metal detecting or even finding buried treasure? Then - with a sinking heart - you realize that was only a dream? You are not alone! Below is an excerpt from an e-mail from **Stacey deLucia**.

"I've always been fascinated by dreams and their subconscious meanings. The other day I signed up for a daily e-mail from astrology.com (don't laugh!) called "Daily Dream Decoder." In only a couple days I got the one that most intrigues me - dreams about finding treasure."

Daily Dream Decoder (by astrology.com)

6.16.09

Treasure

Searching for treasure is often about adventure and life wisdom as much as it is about a desire for money. You may have very real financial needs that inspire this dream. However, the treasure may be a symbol for wisdom and experience that you seek to acquire in waking life.

To gain insight from this dream, consider the nature of the treasure being sought. Sometimes, the object of the quest is an artifact of historical or cultural significance as opposed to monetary. If you are able to conclude this search by finding the object of your quest, you are probably about to acquire new insights into your life and whatever relationships are symbolized by the treasure hunt.

However, if you spontaneously discover treasure in the midst of a dream story where it would not be expected, another scenario is possible. You may not be fully aware of your opportunities in waking life. Your subconscious may be saying, Look, dummy, right at your feet! The answer. Dreams of this nature are not too unusual and should be given close scrutiny. The elusive answer to a problem may be closer than you think.

COFFEE FILTERS: NOT JUST FOR MAKING COFFEE...

Coffee filters ... who knew? And you can buy 1,000 at the Dollar Tree for almost nothing!

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave.

Coffee filters make excellent covers.

2. Clean windows and mirrors.

Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.

3. Protect China . . .

Separate your good dishes by putting a coffee filter between each dish.

4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.

5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.

6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.

7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.

8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.

9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.

10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot.

Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.

11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.

12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters.

13. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc. on them. Soaks out all the grease.

14. Keep in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick fixers."

Submitted by Cheryl Petenbrink

"VACATION MEMORIES" FROM THE JUNE MEETING

Gail and Steve Hoskins' tale happened in August 2008 and although recognized in October 2008 for their return, "the rest of the story" is now being shared. The following is in Gail's words:

"I received a long distance phone call from Dallas Cowboys Athletic Field Coordinator Michael Pinon concerning a lost wedding band. His friend Rich Bartel, a member of the Dallas Cowboys football team, had lost his white gold wedding band while playing football on a sports training field in Paisley, FL during their summer training camp.

Mr. Pinon went on to say that he found our club phone number as he was searching on the Internet for someone near the area that would be willing to use their metal detector to find the ring. He had tried unsuccessfully to contact the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club. All gas expenses would be paid and the Dallas Cowboy organization would be glad to donate "\$200 or \$300 to the GCTC for a "Thank You." Everyone was in agreement about the arrangements.

Steve I made the trip to Paisley. We spent an afternoon there and then returned the following morning. That is when I located the signal and Steve helped with the retrieval.

Arrangements were made to send the ring to its rightful owner, Rich Bartel. All this time, Mr. Pinon still insisted that the checks were in the mail. It has been almost a year and nothing has been received for gas expenses or even a Thank You. We did not even receive a phone call that Mr. Bartel had received the ring.

While the outcome has been disappointing in this case, other finds and returns have been a joy. What a great and exciting hobby we have!"



Trent Bowen shared a tale that we all dream about - finding numerous pieces of jewelry on one metal detecting trip. Trent had gone to a beach in Maryland. The wind had been blowing all night. The tide was super low and 200 feet of water bottom had been exposed. He spent the day metal detecting. He found 28 rings ranging from costume jewelry to sterling silver and a few 10K gold rings. He also found an 1888 silver half dollar.

Ed D'Amato accompanied a friend on his boat to an island in Lake Okeechobee for both metal detecting and fishing. Ed was ever vigilant about alligators, especially since this was mating season. He did find some bottles which he had on display. He also had some good luck at fishing.

Let ALL your beepers be keepers!

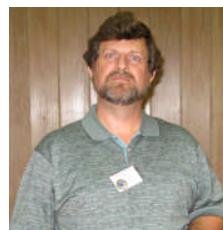
Gail Hoskins said she decided to get into metal detecting as she planned her vacation to Tennessee where she grew up. Stopping at Kellyco, she bought a machine and books on the hobby. She read the books to Steve as they began their drive to TN. They decided to try their luck at a shallow creek swimming hole. Her first find was an oval shaped brass tag marked 1963 TN Wildlife, which she still has in her possession.

Mindy Spiroch loves going on cruises with her family. Her metal detector has become part of her luggage. She recently had a port of call at St. Marteen. While on a public beach, she was approached by the police who told her that she could not metal detect. Very politely she said okay and began to put up her equipment. The police officer then changed his mind and told her that she could metal detect as long as she did it with discretion.

CHALLENGE LEVEL

Level Two

(Received a silver dime and certificate)



Gary McNew

PAUL HAMLIN'S TIP OF THE MONTH

Take a friend with you to the beach. Save gas and trade your secret places with each other. Everyone wins.

MEMBER TIPS

Jim Sharp recommends using the various forums on the Internet to search for information on metal detecting in other areas of the states or other countries.

John Lobota suggests planning your vacation in advance by 6 - 12 months. Use this extra time to find other metal detectorists who live in the area to gather information about places to hunt. Maybe attend another club's meeting. Many times, hunters in that area will invite you to tag along to some of their sites.

Hot weather. It's important to stay hydrated!

- To avoid dehydration during hot weather and exercise, drink eight to ten glasses of fluid (water or rehydration drinks) each day.
- Limit coffee, colas, or other drinks that contain caffeine. They increase urine output and may dehydrate you faster.
- Alcoholic drinks, including beer and wine, can increase dehydration.
- Do not take salt tablets. Use a sports drink if you are concerned about replacing minerals lost through sweating.
- Stop working outdoors or exercising if you feel dizzy, lightheaded, or very tired. Move to a cooler place inside or in the shade, and make sure to drink plenty of cool liquids.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 9: Club Meeting – Non-Metallic Collections

August: Independent Hunt by Ben Smith

August 16: Get together with SFTHC

August Meeting: "What to Do with Your Finds" Contest

June – September: Summer Scavenger Hunt

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