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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. SEPTEMBER 11
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

SEPTEMBER MEETING

With all the tropical storms and hurricanes that have taken aim at Florida lately, coastal beaches are eroding, destroying turtle nests and threatening homes. Treasure hunters know that such erosion can also unveil incredible lost riches for those who know how to read the beaches.

Our September 11th speaker is someone who has had a lifelong love of the ocean and who KNOWS the secrets of predicting erosion events. That speaker is **Tom Warnke**, son of the late **Jim Warnke**, one of our club's earliest members and noted author. Jim introduced Tom to treasure hunting and the ocean at an early age. As an adult, Tom became interested in meteorology, especially sea state prediction. Join us when Tom shares his wealth of knowledge with us. It may make all the difference in YOUR hunts! Don't miss this timely presentation!

Remember to bring your scavenger hunt list and the items you found between July 10 and September 11 to the September meeting. Be sure that the items found are marked off of the scavenger hunt list provided inside on page seven. The top three scavengers will win prizes, including a coin book and a pocket scale.

Thank you, in advance, to **Joe** and **Lydia Cook** for volunteering to bring refreshments and to **Ken Lubinski** for bringing the Mystery Item. See you on the 11th!

JOIN US AT PA BBQ BEFORE THE MEETING!

Catch up with friends, old and new over dinner in the back room of PA BBQ at 5:30 p.m. (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.**

PLATINUM BEST FINDS

Starting at the next meeting, there will be a platinum Best Finds category. This category will be featured every four months. Any platinum found during 2008 can be entered at the September meeting. Then in January, only platinum found between the September meeting and the January meeting can be entered. There also will be a platinum category for 2008 Yearly Best Finds.

RAFFLE FOR FISHER F4 METAL DETECTOR



The club's exciting new raffle will begin at the September meeting and run through December. Chances will be sold for \$5 and this raffle will be open to anyone interested in the hobby. The Fisher F4 sells for \$399.

- 11-Segment digital target identification and 4-tone audio feedback provides maximum identification of buried objects.
- 3-Digit numeric target value
- One-touch "zap" immediately eliminates unwanted targets
- Water-Proof 11" Open Frame "DD" Biaxial Search Coil
- Frequency 5.9kHz.
- Pinpoint mode for deepest seeding detection and accurate location
- Coin depth indicator
- Uses two 9 volt alkaline batteries
- 5-Year Limited Warranty

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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 & used detectors, scoops, cleaners, tumblers and books. He also does custom metal working and laser detailing. For details, call 954-971-6102. Low prices plus 10% discount to members! The new five-sided scoops are available. See my website: www.rtgstore.com. 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; 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.

JOHN SILLING – KollectAll V8! Software to catalogue anything and everything you collect. K8! has over 40 collectibles templates including the Treasure and Water Treasure hunter. K8! is an EZ way to inventory all your finds. Go to Collectiblessoftware.com to download a 30-day try-before-you-buy copy! Special GCTC member pricing, only \$10.00 per copy with all proceeds going to the club treasury. See **Ken Lubinski** to buy your copy!

JERRY LAUR – FOR SALE: Hard-bed cover for short-bed truck. New in Jan. Paid over \$800. Will sell for \$450. Call 694-7963.

ERNIE BOUYOUCAS – Minelab X-Terra 70, 3 coils and a modified environmental cover for easy-on-easy-off. Used 1 year. \$575. Call 968-1892.

NIKOLAY MALCHEV – Would like to trade my Minelab Excalibur for a Fisher CZ-20. Call 309-1124.

STACEY deLUCIA – FOR SALE: Brand NEW padded Minelab carrying case with pocket. Never used. \$25. E-mail: sdeLuc823@aol.com or call 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.*

CONGRATULATIONS!

CHALLENGE LEVEL ONE



Betty Laur
*Received a certificate and
Indian Head Penny*

WINNER OF INDEPENDENT HUNT



Ken Lubinski
*Received a silver eagle for finding the most
planted pieces of an appliance and correctly
identifying the pieces as a garbage disposal.*

The club thanks **Ben Smith** for coordinating another *creative* independent hunt! Ben always makes sure there are plenty of interesting goodies and surprises to find. We look forward to his next planted hunt. Wonder what appliance Ben will choose next!

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 Tall Tales Table display *matches* the mystery item, that member wins a silver half-dollar! So bring ALL your finds - you might just win a prize! Sorry gang...the person supplying the mystery item does not get the silver half-dollar if they stump the club. But they DO receive a free door prize ticket for their effort.

Tom Lieberman stumped everyone with a thumb tack for the Mystery Prize Stumper. WTG, Tom!

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

BEST GOLD – JASON PETENBRINK

14 Kt Crucifix with Crystals

Picture withheld by
request

BEST SILVER – JIM SHARP

Tiffany & Company Key Holder



MOST UNUSUAL – JAN SMIRNOW

Belt Buckle



(Viewer discretion advised!)

COSTUME JEWELRY – PAUL HAMLIN

Fossil Watch



BEST COIN – BILL GINTY

1899 Barber Silver Half Dollar



Good Will Ambassadors 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 (handcrafted 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!

First Time Ambassador



Jim Sharp
Returned Two Gold Rings

Repeat Ambassadors



Ernie Bouyoucas
Returned Door Keys to Bank of America



Pauline Nash
Returned a Cell Phone

Jim Sharp reported that when he returned to work at The Breakers after his vacation he found that a guest of the hotel had lost two gold rings on the beach. The Palm Beach Police had been called and had unsuccessfully tried to find the rings with a metal detector. Jim turned on his detector and found the rings almost immediately. He went to the guest's room and asked her for a description of the rings, which she was able to provide. They were indeed her rings! The lady was shocked that he had found both of them. Jim received a Thank You Note and a \$50 gift card for his efforts. (The rings were valued at \$12,000!) Jim will be personally thanked by the hotel's CEO at the next management meeting for finding the rings. According to Jim, the CEO was unaware that he belongs to a Metal Detecting Club and that he uses his metal detectors to find lost items for guests at the Breakers Hotel. WTG, Jim!

Ernie Bouyoucas recently returned a set of Bank Keys. "I was walking to the Publix across the street from me at about 9 o'clock last night. As I went by the Bank of America branch, I saw a set of keys on the sidewalk by the front door. I didn't try them in the door because I didn't want to set off any alarms. I went back this morning after the bank opened and tried a key in the door. It worked! I had the Bank of America keys in my possession! The bank personnel thanked me very much for the return. Unfortunately no mention of any large sums to be added to my rapidly dwindling funds."

Pauline Nash received a Certificate for returning a cell phone to its rightful owner in May. Pauline had to walk "two miles down the beach to return the phone." Nice work, Pauline! You did the right thing!

DONATION THANKS

Thanks to **John Lobota** for his recent donation of a LED flashlight, a digital pocket scale and four knives.

CLUB HUNT

On **Saturday, September 20** the monthly club hunts will resume. This will be an evening hunt starting at 5:30 p.m. at a place to be announced at the September meeting. The hunt will be a wild hunt - just a fun get together for socialization and bragging rights. If you can't attend the September meeting, contact **Linda Bennett** for info.

BOY SCOUT HUNTS

For those of you who need a Boy Scout item to complete a Challenge Level, you'll have three chances in coming months. The first hunt, on December 14, will be in Tequesta. The second hunt will be on January 11 in Okeechobee. The third hunt will be on March 15 in Sebastian. More details will be furnished in the newsletter prior to each hunt. For the two out-of-county camps, perhaps we can research camping for the weekend.



MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember members who aren't able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger, Elayne Lynch and Cheryl Petenbrink.**

August birthday celebrants **Stacey deLucia, Steve Hoskins, Jim Sharp and Bill Ginty** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Ernie Bouyoucas (9/25)
Jimmy Chodan (9/18)
Robert Dobski (9/21)
Harry Fravert (9/10)
Sam Frost (9/13)
Chris Jackson (9/17)
Jonathan Lobota (9/10)
Ede Masterson (9/8)
Gary McNew (9/29)
Nathan McNew (9/24)
John Silling (9/27)
Gary Spiroch (9/11)

If the above people come to the meeting during their birthday month, each will get a silver quarter.

PULL TAB CONTEST

Have you bought YOUR guesses yet? If not, what are you waiting for? **Ken Lubinski** personally counted a **gigantic** container full of pull tabs AND donated a \$100 prize so we could have a fun contest and fundraiser. Members and guests are invited to 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!** No one but Ken will know what guesses have been entered until the end of the contest. See Ken at the next meeting to buy your tickets! YOU could win a portrait of Ben Franklin!

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2008

AS OF AUGUST 2008

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$2930.39

PLATINUM: 4

GOLD: 78

SILVER: 205

TREASURER'S REPORT
\$581.95

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, notify **Jan Smirnow**: 561-735-8921.*

NEW MEMBERS

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REVISIONS

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RECYCLING & DONATIONS

For years, you've been bringing cell phones, ink cartridges and prescription glasses to the meetings for recycling. THANKS, everyone! **Jan Smirnow** will continue to collect cell phones and used ink cartridges to raise money for the GCTC and **Stacey deLucia** will continue to collect prescription glasses for the Lion's Club of South Florida.

John Lobota will now start collecting metals such as brass, copper and lead weights that we find while metal detecting. He will then take them to the recycling plant to sell for the metal content. Cash raised will help to replenish out treasury, so please see John to donate!

Also, don't throw away those pesky pull tabs. Help keep the pull tab population down (*yes – they really do propagate on their own*) by donating them to the Ronald McDonald House. **Jan Smirnow** will be collecting them at every meeting from now on. Money raised will benefit children and families during their greatest hour of need.

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

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

AUGUST MEETING

New members **Chris Jackson**, **Bill Ginty**, guest **Todd Clemens** and 32 members attended our first Treasure Hunting Flea Market meeting. Scoops, metal detectors and all kinds of treasure hunting accessories were available for unheard of bargain prices. Ten percent of all proceeds benefited our club. **Linda Bennett** brought in delicious ice cream and sherbet bars for members to pig out on while browsing and spending money. Thanks, Linda, for bringing cool treats for us on a hot August night!



Enjoying ice cream and social time.



Browsing the goodies!



Is it real or not?

JASON'S TIP

Now is the season for tropical storms and hurricanes. Look for beaches that have big cuts in the wet sand. When you find those beaches, hunt the "horseshoes." If you start finding quarters, dig ALL of those you can find, then go over that area again with your detector in "all metal" mode to find the deeper targets. You will probably be hitting a lot of black sand. If you are, the best detector is the Minelab Excalibur, because it is designed for black sand. DIG ALL SIGNALS WHEN IN ALL METAL MODE. Also look in the cuts for pieces of necklaces and bracelets hanging out of the walls of the sand.

MEMBER TIPS

Jim Sharp advised everyone that according to the Sand and Surf Forum it is illegal to ask for a reward or even for postage to return lost items. You can be arrested for extortion!

Jim also suggested using your digital camera to take pictures of a beach during the middle of the day. Then when you go back to metal detect, you can look at the camera and focus your search on those areas of highest concentration of people.

Jason Petenbrink – "When digging a honey hole, when you think you are finished, turn on the 'all metal' mode to double check; sometimes you will find more!"

Linda Bennett elaborated on Jason's tip - "I was taught by Richard (Zabriskie) to start circling a honey hole for 3-4 feet around the center."

Jim Sharp has offered his services to **Greg Parkinson** of the Palm Beach Police Department to help the police in the future. If anyone is interested in helping, contact Jim at 561-966-6986 or email: dairyman0829@aol.com.

TALL TALES

Jason Petenbrink – "Driving home from the beach across the bridge a guy was in the middle of the bridge picking up a purse and money all over the place. People were picking the paper money up and handing it to him."

"While working on the beach, a surfer and his girlfriend struck up a conversation with me. The girl asked about sharks in the water. I told her that yes there are sharks in the water, but none right now. She started screaming and would not stop!"

Stacey deLucia and **Frank Nash** - The day before she was leaving for vacation, Stacey received an out-of-state call from a young man who was determined to propose to his beloved in a unique manner while on vacation - and he wanted our club's help. He wanted to "borrow" a detector so he could plant an engagement ring in the sand and "find" it for his intended. Stacey helped with the plan, but couldn't help with the execution of it, so she made several phone calls and sent emails to members whom she thought might want to help in her absence. Frank volunteered to help out and contacted the young man. Unfortunately, after Frank rearranged his schedule to help the couple, the man canceled. Seems he decided to pop the question during a beach walk instead. Hey, we tried!!!! We really did! (Update: the girl said yes!)

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

SUMMER SCAVENGER HUNT

Summer is here once again and you know what that means – our members scatter near and far on their vacations and, for the rest of us, unpredictable weather wreak havoc on planned club hunts. Not to mention that it is just too darn hot! But that doesn't mean the fun must come to an end. If you'd like to be eligible for some nice prizes, such as a gold testing kit and silver coins, then you'll want to participate in the **Summer Scavenger Hunt**. The scavenger hunt started on July 10 and will extend through September 11. Use the list below to check off the items you find while metal detecting. Bring your list and the items you find to the Sept 11th meeting for judging and awarding of prizes. NOTE: An item can only be used *once* for one category check off. For example, a gold bracelet cannot be used for two separate categories of gold (i.e. "non-ring" and "bracelet.") Any item used for the scavenger hunt is also eligible for the different levels of the challenge hunt.

10 Different State Quarters	Canadian Quarter
Watch	Any Dollar Coin
Advertising Item	Costume Ring
Washer	Metal Screw
Key(S)	Key Chain
15 Bottle Caps	Zipper Pull
Indian Head Penny	Toe Ring
Wheat Penny	Belly Button Jewelry
Silver Coin (Any Denomination)	Metal Snap (Either Part)
Foreign Coin (Non-Canadian)	Battery
Gold (Non-Ring)	Ball of Foil
Silver Ring	20 Pull Tabs
Gold Ring	Colored Pull Tab
Pin (Not Safety)	Chain
Religious Item	100 Pennies
Bracelet	50 Nickels
Metal Car	Bud Light Cap
Metal Airplane	Item with Picture
Metal Toy	Ring with Stone
12 Tokens	Dangle Earring
Lighter	Bracelet with Stones
Tool	Half Dollar
Dog Tag	Part from any Appliance
Glasses	Shell
Necklace Charm	Plastic Toy
Hair Barrette	Earring
Metal Button	Pencil
Fishing Weight	15 Foreign Coins

**REMEMBER TO BRING THIS LIST, WITH YOUR FINDS
MARKED OFF, TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. PRIZES
WILL BE AWARDED TO OUR TOP SCAVENGERS!**