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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 PM SEPTEMBER 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

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Join us on September 10th for "AU Fever!" - an illuminating presentation by GCTC secretary, **Jan Smirnow**. Jan will touch on the history of gold, where it comes from, its characteristics, and most importantly – how to find more of it! Come and be inspired!

Don't forget to bring ALL of your finds to display on the Tall Tales Table and to enter items into the Monthly Best Finds Contest. This month, in addition to our regular Best Finds competition, the Platinum Category will be featured. Any platinum found between the May 2009 meeting and the September 2009 meeting may be entered. Since the Platinum Category is only a quarterly event, members may enter more than one platinum find in the contest. Thanks in advance to **Tom Lieberman** for bringing the Mystery Item and to **Betty Laur** for the refreshments.

Our Summer Scavenger Hunt concludes on September 10th! Hopefully you've been saving all your finds during June, July, August and September and marking 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?

JOIN US AT PA BBQ BEFORE THE MEETING!

Can't get enough socializing at the meetings? Then meet us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. right before each club meeting in the back room of **Park Ave. (PA) BBQ & Grille! 2401 N. Dixie Hwy (US 1), Lake Worth, FL**

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

CLUB HUNT

Mark your calendar for our next planted club hunt scheduled for Sunday, September 13. Meet at 8:45 a.m. at Jupiter Beach. No competition baskets or coils greater than 12 inches will be allowed. **Jim Sharp** and **Paul Hamlin** will be hosting this event. Jim has been saving items to bury and collecting prizes for the past 6 months, so it should be a good hunt. The hunt will be held, rain or shine, unless a tropical storm or hurricane watch/warning has been issued for South Florida. In that case, no hunt will be held. Please sign the hunt signup sheet at the club meeting or let **Linda Bennett** know by email or phone if you are planning on coming.

Directions to Jupiter Beach:

Take I-95 or the turnpike to the Indiantown Road exit in Jupiter. Go East on Indiantown Road to A1A. At A1A, turn north. Make the first right turn, which is Jupiter Beach Road. Follow the road into the park and then look for the club banner.

Early birds can meet for breakfast at Cracker Barrel at 7:15 a.m. Directions to Cracker Barrel: I-95 to 45th Street. Go west on 45th. Turn left on Metrocentre Blvd. Follow Metrocentre to the end of the street.

NEW RAFFLE – \$50 VISA GIFT CARD

Don't miss out on YOUR chance to win a \$50 Visa Gift Card! Our new raffle begins at the September 10th meeting, but this one is sure to sell out fast, so get your tickets right when you get in the door! We will have only 40 chances. Tickets will be \$3 each, or 2 for \$5. Someone's going to win. That someone could be you!

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$1,797.06

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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. Low prices plus 10% discount to members! 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 NASH – Minelab and Fisher metal detectors for sale: palmbeachmetaldetectors.com. GCTC will receive 10 % of the net profits of all new detectors purchased by club members. Call 561-743-5248.

JERRY LAUR – Stainless Steel Ruger Mark II, 22 cal pistol: \$350; Minelab Explorer metal detector with extra books: \$700. All items are like new with little use. Call Jerry @ 561-694-7963 8 AM to 8 PM.

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. Last call for a great gold finding machine. Never used. Asking \$400, will consider offers. Call Bob Smirnow: 561-735-8921.

TESSA DURAND – BUY OR SELL AVON. Just imagine yourself as the CEO of your own Company! 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: Any of your unwanted finds, such as electronics, whole or in pieces, unwanted jewelry in any condition and even “cauliflower” pennies. I’ll have a container at the meeting for you to drop stuff in. Also wanted, “Dead or Alive,” old computers and video games. 561-718-5523.

CHERYL PETENBRINK – FOR SALE: White's Surfmaster PI (Plus) Water Detector with weighted coil; asking \$325. Call 561-697-5073.

MINDY SPIROCH – FOR SALE: White's Prism V Metal Detector. Excellent condition, selling for \$300. Call 561-432-7242 (Home); 561-329-9984 (Cell).

STACEY deLUCIA – FOR SALE. Everything is in Excellent condition - Sony 37” HDTV – GREAT picture quality. Purchased for \$1,693 (have receipt). Sacrifice for \$300. Matching wooden dining room set in light cream with bamboo accents: Oval dining room table with leaf insert and four chairs, lighted china cabinet with glass shelves (good for display - has cabinets and drawer for storage), expandable bar/TV stand with drawer and cabinets for storage, entry table/sofa table with three shelves (fantastic for displaying seashells, etc.), and matching octagon two-shelf end table, also great for displaying shells, etc. Will sell as a set for \$450, or separately. Cream-colored desk with drawers and wooden folding chair: \$35. Heavy-duty resin “Workman” storage unit with adjustable shelves and peg boards to hang your gardening supplies or tools. Unit locks. 30” W, 17” D, 70” H. Purchased for \$115. Will sell for \$45 OBO. Misc. household items. Call or email for photos. 561-687-2310 or sdeLuc823@aol.com.

Club members may advertise items for sale or items wanted, free of charge. The club does not profit unless noted in the ad. 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 – Jim Sharp ***Gold Ring with Diamonds***



BEST SILVER – Nikolay Malchev ***Silver Rosary***



MOST UNUSUAL – Tom Lieberman ***Spearfishing Gun Part***



COSTUME JEWELRY – Cheryl Petenbrink ***Ring with Stones***



BEST COIN – Jack Petenbrink ***1942 Silver Dime***



Second Place for Monthly Best Finds

(Runner up receives a silver dime and certificate)

Gold – Cheryl Petenbrink (Bracelet)



Silver – Jack Petenbrink (Silver Necklace)



Most Unusual – Jim Sharp (Camera)



Costume – Jim Sharp (Watch)



Coin – Jim Sharp (English Pound)



Monthly Best Finds Winners



Nikolay Malchev, Tom Lieberman, Jack Petenbrink, Cheryl Petenbrink and Jim Sharp

AUGUST MEETING

President **Mindy Spiroch** called our August meeting to order with a big WELCOME to six guests and four new members. **Allen Schwartz**, **Loraine Reilly-DiMaria** and **Laura Reilly** of Reilly's Treasured Gold all joined the club. Guests included **Eddie and Melody Nash**, **Sharon Miller**, **Anabell Rivera**, **Carole Lang** and **Bob Karpen**.

The majority of the meeting was devoted to our annual ice cream social that was once again organized by **Linda Bennett**. (Thanks Linda!) There was plenty of time to socialize and to vote for the "What to Do with Your Finds Contest" and Monthly Best Finds. We thank **Joanne Keeley** for helping to dish out ice cream and for overseeing club members' efforts in making sundaes.



Ben Smith's Independent Hunt on August 5th was won by **Ken Lubinski**. He beat out the competition by hitting the beach bright and early on August 6. He correctly identified the parts as belonging to a VCR player! Ken received a Silver Dollar for his efforts.



BIRTHDAYS

August birthday celebrants **Stacey deLucia**, **Steve Hoskins**, **Pete Schneider**, **Jim Sharp** and **Eddie Nash** each received a gold presidential dollar for attending the meeting during their birthday month. **Happy Birthday!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Jimmy Chodan (9/18)

Robert Dobski (9/21)

Sam Frost (9/13)

Jonathan Lobota (9/10)

Gary McNew (9/29)

Nathan McNew (9/24)

Gary Spiroch (9/11)

ELAYNE AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

Silver Dime – **Nick Mosca**

Silver Dime – **Sharon Miller**

Book Search – **Allen Schwartz**

Coffee – **Nick Mosca**

Coffee – **Carmelo Basilico**

Coffee – **Ken Lubinski**

Surprise Box – **Pete Schneider**

Lottery – **Nikolay Malchev**

Lottery Ticket – **Joe Cook**

Lottery Ticket – **Karen Larson**

Lottery Ticket – **Ben Smith**

Apron – **Paul Hamlin**

Arrow Head Collection – **Jim Sharp**

Water Bottle – **Gary McNew**

Gun Lock – **Ben Smith**

Pouch with Digger – **Sharon Miller**

Garrett Pouch – **Paul Hamlin**

Angel Alert – **Elayne Lynch**

Angel Alert – **Carmelo Basilico**

Restaurant Coupon – **Mindy Spiroch**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings (and other events) are always appreciated! Thank you to the following donors: **Gary Spiroch** donated three bags of coffee; **Elayne Lynch** – lottery tickets and a Garrett pouch; **Ben Smith** – lottery ticket; **Paul Hamlin** – Angel Alerts; **Ken Lubinski** – arrow heads; **Jim Sharp** – water bottle; **Stacey deLucia** – gun lock; and **John Lobota** – restaurant coupon.*

50/50 DRAWING

New member **Allen Schwartz** won \$38 for his share of the 50/50 drawing. *Congrats, Allen and welcome to the club! See? It DOES pay to play!*

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 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 and display ALL your finds, even the junk! 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!

August's Mystery Item - a crochet hook - was supplied by **Linda Bowen**. **Tom Lieberman** spent quite some time at his collection and finally came up with one! *Congrats, Tom!* We wonder what Mystery Item Tom will try to stump the club with in September!

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. The actions of each of our “Ambassadors of Goodwill” enhance the public’s perception of our hobby! Way to go, gang!

Repeat Ambassadors



Jim Sharp
Returned Platinum Ring



Jan Smirnow
Returned French Passport



Nikolay Malchev
Returned Ring



Paul Hamlin
Returned Sunglasses

UNSUNG HEROES

Jim Sharp returned a platinum ring lost by a man throwing a football on the beach; he found it the next day in water up to his neck and received a \$20 reward.



Nikolay Malchev returned a silver and Amethyst ring to a well-endowed Italian lady and received a welcome KISS in appreciation! She and her boyfriend were visiting Miami from Italy. During their vacation, her boyfriend had given her the beautiful ring as a special souvenir of their trip. They approached Nikolay to ask him for help looking for the ring. The man was wearing an identical ring. The kiss came when Nikolay returned the ring, which he had found earlier that day while snorkeling.

Jan Smirnow's story of the French passport: “It was dark and I was the last man out on the beach detecting the pathway at South Beach on a Saturday. I noticed a man at the other end of the path and then I saw the backpack on the other side of the fencing. I glanced again at him and realized he was waiting for me to leave. So I picked up the bag and went back to the car to lock the bag in the trunk. Then I headed back out to the beach. Four hours later, I was the last person back to the car. Bob, Gary and Mindy had already stored their gear on top of the bag. So we decided to just check it at home.

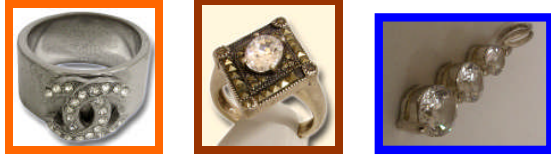
All the way home everyone was positive I was going to go to jail for taking the bag. At the house, the backpack was opened. The contents were some personal items, credit cards, a small bag of pennies and a French passport. I called the French Embassy. No answer, but the answering machine left an emergency telephone number. The emergency number just rang. Apparently the French embassy is closed on weekends.

Then I called the Miami police. Within in five minutes I had a called from Massachusetts from a lady who said the passport belonged to her nanny who was vacationing in Miami. Several hours later the young lady called and arrangements were made to return the passport the next morning. Unfortunately a cell phone, camera and money were stolen. I did not go to jail and no reward, just satisfaction of helping someone.

The best part is the French Embassy called the Monday afternoon. They were returning the call by the emergency caller ID. I explained the nature of the call and that it was taken care of.”



OTHER GREAT FINDS
Seen on the August Tall Tales Table



**OTHER ENTRIES FROM MEMBERS FOR
MONTHLY BEST FINDS**

Gary McNew, Gary Spiroch, Mindy Spiroch,
Jason Petenbrink, Trent Bowen,
Radina Malchev and Linda Bennett

CHALLENGE LEVELS
Level 3
(Certificate and Silver Quarter)
Level 4
(Certificate and Silver Half Dollar)



Paul Hamlin and Jan Smirnow

**Level 5
(Certificate and Silver Dollar)**



**PAUL HAMLIN
THE FIRST MEMBER TO COMPLETE
ALL CHALLENGE LEVELS!!**



The Challenge Levels Program was initiated in January 2003. This fun and voluntary competition was based on CFMDC's challenge program. Each level features different items to find. Members can get credit for finds in each different level but they can only complete and receive certificates and prizes for levels in ascending order. Hopefully another member, who has only one remaining item to find, will be completing the program soon.

COIN CACHE FINDER

Cheryl Petenbrink followed the clues provided by Mindy and Gary Spiroch to locate the buried coin cache. Cheryl said the clues were very precise and the cache was easy to find with her metal detector. Cheryl was awarded \$25. She will rebury the coin cache in October.



PAUL HAMLIN'S TIP OF THE MONTH

What else can your scoop be used for besides digging? Come to our next meeting for a demonstration by Paul.

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

John Presslein reports on a fantastic find: "We came through Chicago yesterday and slept in a bit longer than usual. When I went down the steps of the motor home the dew on the grass sparkled like diamonds. Then in the diamond field I saw a 6 inch lazy S of sparkling gold!!!! WOW! I bent down and picked up a beautiful gold bracelet that was really heavy! Whoopy!! Then I turned and called to Carol: "Do you have all your bracelets on?"

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. YOU can be a hero to a child in need!

RECYCLING & DONATIONS

Jan Smirnow collects unwanted cell phones and used ink cartridges to raise money for the GCTC. *Only name brand cartridges purchased from office supply stores qualify for recycling. Generic ink cartridges are NOT accepted.* Jan is also collecting pull tabs that will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Please SAVE yours and give to Jan. Each donation adds up!

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

John Lobota accepts member donations of metals, such as brass, copper, and lead weights found while metal detecting. John takes them to the recycling plant to sell for scrap. All cash raised helps to replenish our treasury, so please see John to donate your unwanted trash! Why waste all that digging by throwing the junk out, when we can turn your trash into cold, hard cash?

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.

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TCAS 23rd ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian will be holding its competition hunt on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 9 AM until 4 PM at Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida. The cost is \$85 for the whole day. All hunts, plus lunch, are included in the fee. If you pay before March 1, 2010, the cost is only \$75. Hunt applications will be available at the GCTC meetings.

For further information regarding the hunt contact:

Mitch King, Hunt Coordinator, at

mking11@earthlink.net or

<http://www.tcas.us/tcashunt.htm>

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2009

AS OF AUGUST:

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ 2,628.26

PLATINUM: 7

GOLD: 87

SILVER: 154

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

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

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR FINDS CONTEST WINNERS



KEN LUBINSKI



KAREN LARSON



BETTY LAUR

Received a certificate and silver bar for their creative efforts!



MOST UNUSUAL
Ken Lubinski



MOST CREATIVE
Karen Larson



BEST DISPLAY
Betty Laur

OTHER ENTRIES



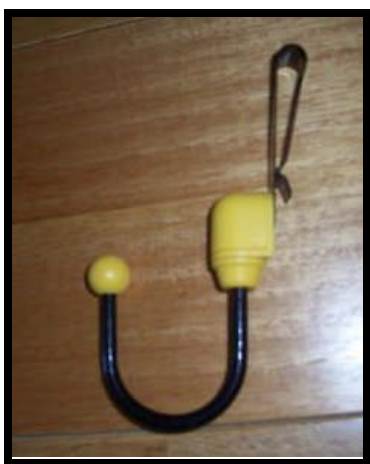
TIPS FROM THE INTERNET

(Errors and All)

From Rob as posted on Findmall:

<http://www.findmall.com/read.php?26,1034343>

"I was in Home Depot today and come across this handy little device called the Big Lugg cordless tool and accessory belt hook by Husky tools. This thing will work wonderful in the water to hold your scoop or your detector to your belt. It was only \$5.00 and has a lifetime warranty. The hook swivels all the way around and the clip is built tough. I can hook my big scoop or my tiger shark to this and free up my hands for other things while in the water. Anyhow check it out."



*Straight from the August newsletter of the
AMERICAN METAL DETECTING ASSOCIATION
(AMDA)*

REPAIRS ON THE BIGFOOT, HOT SHOT COILS, ETC.

Bill Lahr has set up an email address for repairs on the Bigfoot, Hot Shot, etc. If anyone you know needs service on one of those coils, tell them to email Bill at coilrepair@gmail.com. For most coils, it will cost \$40.00 plus shipping. Thanks to Terry Crenshaw for this tip!

VERIFYING INFORMATION

Some times information comes to me that I do not take the time to attest too, and find out later it is incorrect. If I am corrected, I will let you know. Sometimes, the email will say verified by Snopes at www.snopes.com. Interestingly enough, some readers have alerted me who is behind Snopes.com? Only recently did Wikipedia get to the bottom of it – a mom and pop operation that began as a hobby. Therefore when in doubt, go to: <http://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/Snopes.com> or another site at www.truthorfiction.com for a double check. Thanks to Larry Armstrong and Mike Martin for this bit of information as a valuable resource. *Carolyn Garrett*

CLEANING SOLUTIONS FOR ROCK TUMBLERS

*Written by Barry Wainwright with information provided
by Chris at*

tesorohunter@yahoo.com.

"It's quite evident that many of you use rock tumblers to clean coins. There also seems to be much confusion & controversy on what solution to use for cleaning either clad or copper coins. Well, fear & question no more. I will clarify & rectify & solidify the problem once & for all.

First, separate cents or other copper coins from your nickels and clad coins.

To clean copper coins, use the following:

¼ cup of white vinegar, ½ cup of water, 2 tablespoons of sodium salt, ½ cup of pea-size or smaller gravel. Tumble an approximate quantity of cents (depending on the capacity of your tumbler) in this mixture. About four hours will do the job. The copper coins are then rinsed in plain water. You will find that they are completely acceptable. The gravel can be saved for future use.

To clean nickels and clad coins:

You will need a different solution: ½ cup of water, 1 tablespoon of automatic dish water detergent, 1 tablespoon household ammonia, ½ cup of pea-size or smaller gravel. Add the coins and tumble for 24 hours. When rinsed in plain water, your nickels and clad coins will be gray in color, but most corrosion will be gone. Your coins will be equal to most in circulation and will be usable.

Always arrange clean coins on an old newspaper or cardboard to air dry. To avoid discoloring, wet coins should not overlap each other. Whew! So there you have it. Remember old vintage coins should not be cleaned in this fashion or you greatly risk degrading them substantially and badly, thus making them worthless or less valuable or collectible coins. Leave the cleaning up to the experts when it comes to the more valuable & collectible coins".

A LITTLE HUMOR!!!!!!

*From the metal detector owners of America, supplied by
Keith Wills of WATTS.ORG*

If metal detectors leave holes in our parks, then ...

-pencils miss spel words

-cars make people drive drunk

-spoons made Rosie O'Donnell fat

-and guns kill people

TREASURENET

Shipwreck videos

<http://forum.treasurenet.com/index.php?topic=154705.0>

The beach party that was mentioned in the last newsletter has been put on hold due to health issues of the organizer. Will keep you updated.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10: Meeting
June – September 10: Summer Scavenger Hunt
September 13: Club Hunt
March 13, 2010: TCAS Competition Hunt

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