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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. OCTOBER 14
AT THE WEST PALM BEACH GARDEN CLUB IN DREHER PARK
4800 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach, Florida**

OUR CODE OF ETHICS: HAVE PERMISSION AND DO NO HARM

HALLOWEEN BASH

You are sure to have a fiendishly good time at our October 14th meeting. More of a party than a meeting, this month's get together will be something "to die for," complete with costumes, spooky decorations and treats and even some "Tales from the Crypt." Members will share their most scary treasure hunting stories. Have you ever accidentally unearthed a foul-smelling "voodoo jar" when digging a target? Or get lost in the woods while hunting and stumble upon an overgrown cemetery? Has something unexplained happened to you? Perhaps a ghostly visit from a '49er or a pirate? Even if your "tall tale" isn't about detecting, we hope you'll "get in the spirit" and share your eerie stories.

Everyone is encouraged to come in costume, or come as you are! Pirates are particularly welcome!!! The person with the best costume will win a silver prize!

Thanks in advance to **Stacey deLucia**, **Jan Smirnow**, and **Ed D'Amato** who will provide refreshments for the Halloween Bash and to **Mindy** and **Gary Spiroch** for offering to bring the mystery item.

Best Finds Alert: Bring any platinum found from the meeting in June through to the meeting in October!



JOIN US EARLY AT P.A. BBQ – OUR FAVORITE HAUNT!
Where: The back room of P.A. BBQ. **When:** 5:15 p.m.

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

BATTERY CHARGER RAFFLE – IT'S ALIVE!

There are still chances available to win the "universal battery charger," recommended by 4 out of 5 mad scientists. Dr. Frankenstein claims it can re-animate all your dead or dying alkaline batteries! It's a great way to bring new life to your rechargeable NiCad batteries, too. Tickets are only \$2 each, but act fast. If you don't buy tickets, you won't have a ghost of a chance to win!

OCTOBER CLUB HAUNT (HUNT)

After a murderously hot summer with record-breaking heat, there's finally a hint of chill in the air. That can only mean one thing – it's time to dust the cobwebs off your detectors and head for a planted hunt!

Save the date: Sunday, October 17. Details inside.



WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE!
BURIED COIN CACHE



To date, not a living soul has "dug up" the elusive cache that **Irving Smith** buried back in the spring. Don't be a zombie! Unearth previous newsletters for all the clues you need to scare up a ghoulishly fast \$25 cash!

NOTE: OCTOBER'S BEST FINDS CONTEST
INCLUDES PLATINUM

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of 9.21.10) \$1,985

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Dues are \$30 a year.
New members pay an
initiation fee of \$5, plus:
\$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

This column is provided, free of charge, as a courtesy to our club members. The contents of all advertisements are the sole responsibility of the members placing the ads. The GCTC does not imply endorsement, approval or warranty of any product or service advertised here.

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.

ED WESTON – WANTED: Collectable and antique fishing tackle. Lures, rods, reels. 561-301-9062.

TOM LIEBERMAN – Ready to serve your real estate needs. Call 561-852-7409; e-mail: telieberman@aol.com.

JAN SMIRNOW – FOR SALE: White's Prizm V \$300; Shadow V with 3 coils \$500. Call 735-8921 and leave message.

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.

STACEY deLUCIA – FOR SALE – THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING! Handcrafted custom-made-to-order beaded jewelry featuring your favorite semi-precious gems or beads. Design your own, or let me design a one-of-a-kind piece especially for you or a loved one. Want to see samples of my work? Call 561-687-2310 or e-mail sdeLuc823@aol.com.

ED D'AMATO – WANTED: Your silver coins and bars. Call Ed D'Amato at 561-370-3346 or e-mail: topdawgtreasurehunter@comcast.net.

ED D'AMATO – FOR SALE – PRICE REDUCED! The Kingdom Slot Machine with tokens. Pays out! \$450 new. Will sacrifice for \$300. Call Ed at 561-370-3346.

NIKOLAY MALCHEV – FOR SALE: Introducing Team OrcaSound Headphones specifically designed for water hunters. For info, e-mail: orcasound@live.com - see my website: <http://www.teamorcasound.com> - or see me at meetings. Introductory price: \$170 (GCTC members and SFTHC members get 10 percent off!)

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 Stacey (sdeLuc823@aol.com) to place your ad or to remove it once the item is sold.

SEPTEMBER BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver quarter and certificate)

BEST GOLD WITH STONES – Jim Sharp

Gold and Diamond Bracelet



BEST GOLD – Gary McNew

10 Kt Pendant



BEST SILVER – Paul Hamlin

Ring with Stone



MOST UNUSUAL – Drew Van Deventer

Royal Flush



COSTUME JEWELRY – Jim Sharp

Ring with Stone



BEST COIN – Paul Hamlin

Krone



Second Place for Monthly Best Finds

(Runner up receives a silver dime and certificate)

Gold with Stones – Gary McNew (Engagement Ring)



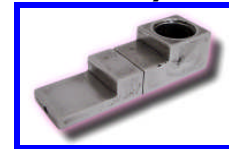
Gold – Steve Hamedl (14 Kt Chain)



Silver – Drew Van Deventer (Cross with Stones)



Most Unusual – Gary McNew (Pipe)



Costume – Steve Hamedl (Guess Watch)



Coin – Gary Spiroch (1928 Wheatie)



MONTHLY FIRST PLACE WINNERS



Jim Sharp, Drew Van Deventer,
Paul Hamlin, Gary McNew

**Remember: Only current members can participate
in the Monthly Best Finds Contest!!!**

SEPTEMBER MEETING

When president **Mindy Spiroch** introduced guest speaker, **George Shryock**, Southeast Regional Product Representative for White's Metal Detector Company, the audience paid close attention.

George gave an interesting overview of the history of metal detectors going all the way back to the late 1800's when Heinrich Wilhelm Dove invented the Induction Balance System by noticing that a piece of metal would upset a balanced circuit and cause a current to flow. In 1881, Alexander Graham Bell unsuccessfully used this principle to find a bullet in President James Garfield. (Mr. Bell failed to take into consideration the springs in the bed!) In 1937, Gerhard Fisher was granted a patent, but the first practical use of metal detectors wasn't until WWII when the machines were used for detecting mines.

It wasn't until the 1960's that commercial and hobby machines emerged. The 1970's brought numerous advancements to the world of metal detecting.

George provided detailed explanations about the features and benefits of White's product line and demonstrated how to tweak the machines for best performance. After George's presentation we can expect to see a sharp increase in finds at the October meeting!

At the end of the meeting, Mindy thanked **Ed D'Amato** for bringing the refreshments and **Bob Smirnow** for stumping everyone with a make-up brush as the mystery item. No one came close to having one on the Tall Tales Table. Better luck next time, everyone!

50/50 DRAWING

Paul Hamlin was the lucky 50/50 winner! He won a whopping \$41! Congrats, Paul!

2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

*The directory is for the personal use of members only. Please add the following to your copy of the club directory and notify **Jan Smirnow** (jbsmirnow@att.net) of any changes, errors or omissions.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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Positive Thoughts & Prayers Requested

Several of our fellow club members have been facing illnesses, health challenges and surgeries in recent months. We wish each of them a speedy recovery and hope to see them again very soon.

**Joe & Joanne Keeley, Betty Laur,
Heather McNew, Frank Nash,
Jan Smirnow, Jim Smith, Willie Ray**

ELAYNE AND HEATHER'S CORNER DOOR PRIZES

"And the Winners Are..."

Cheryl Petenbrink – DKNY Delicious Perfume

Jack Saint – Collapsible Water Bottle & Holder

Cheryl Petenbrink – All Weather Wallet

Paul Hamlin – Estee Lauder Renutriv Intensive Lotion

Karen Larson – "KEEP HONKING" Bumper Sticker

Amy Hamedl – Silver Dime

George Shryock – Club Logo Glass Container

Pete Schneider – White's Travel Cup w/ Goodies Inside

Carl Basilico – Kellyco Apron & Hat

Amy Hamedl – Plastic Digger

Linda Bennett – Cap Light

Ron – Garrett Scoop

We thank the following generous donors:

Kellyco: Kellyco Apron & Hat; **Paul Hamlin of Seashore Gifts:** Cap Light; **White's:** White's Travel Cup with Goodies Inside; **Jim Sharp:** Handmade GCTC Logo Jar; **Nick Mosca:** DKNY Delicious Perfume & Estee Lauder Renutriv Intensive Lotion; **Nikolay Malchev:** Bumper Sticker.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September birthday celebrants **Steve Hamedl, Jonathan Lobota, Gary McNew, Nathan McNew, and Gary Spiroch** each received a birthday dollar at the meeting.

We apologize for not recognizing **Elise Doyno's** birthday (September 2), in the last newsletter.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Karl Bennett (10/9)
Wayne Daniels (10/17)
Eva Gorzkowski (10/10)
Kurt Herring (10/28)
Gail Hoskins (10/21)
Jerry Laur (10/18)
Ed Mitchell (10/4)
Melissa Mooney (10/7)
Nick Mosca (10/21)
Willie Ray (10/6)
Jan Smirnow (10/27)
Robert Smirnow (10/6)
Jim Smith (10/31)

*If your birthday is not listed, and it should be, or if it is listed incorrectly, please contact **Jan Smirnow** with corrections.*

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 rightful owners. The actions of each of our "Ambassadors of Good Will" enhance the public's perception of our hobby! Keep up that good Karma, friends!

REPEAT AMBASSADORS



Gary Spiroch Jan Smirnow
Both Returned Lost Cell Phones

Gary Spiroch – Gary and Mindy were metal detecting on the beach in the Jacksonville, Florida area when Gary found a cell phone containing a GPS with beach locations. He showed Mindy the phone and they decided it probably belonged to a policeman. Gary and Mindy then each went on their merry way detecting. Later Mindy spotted a policeman and went up and told him about the phone. The policeman said, "let me see it." Mindy replied, "no, not until I am sure it belongs to you or one of the other policemen." She then motioned to Gary to come join her. The policeman checked with his fellow officers and confirmed that, yes, a phone was indeed missing. Mindy said, "Well, call the number. If it rings, it's yours." Now Gary is on his way, the policeman dials the number, and the phone does not ring...it vibrates!

Jan Smirnow – Jan received a nice hand-written thank you note from the owner and he also included a self-addressed mailing box with postage.

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CHANGE

All entries must be on the category boards before the meeting is called to order. A description sheet must accompany an entry with name on the back of the sheet and the corresponding letter of the box on the front of the sheet. Only one entry per category is allowed.

In the Best Costume Jewelry category – only base metals are eligible. No gold, silver, or platinum jewelry is to be entered into this category. Once voting starts at break time, picking up items is prohibited.

For any questions – check with Gary McNew.

CHALLENGE LEVELS

Every member should be actively working on mastering the five challenge levels. This fun program offers a coin reward simply for finding a specific group of targets and showing them to the hunt master (**Linda Bennett**). Information about the challenge levels can be found in your new member folder and is also available at the meetings. For questions or explanations, come early to a meeting and speak with Linda.

OCTOBER CLUB HUNT

Mark your calendar for our next planted club hunt scheduled for Sunday, October 17. Meet at 8:45 a.m. at Jupiter Beach. No competition baskets, pulse metal detectors or coils greater than 12 inches will be allowed. Headphones are a requirement. **Jim Sharp** and **Paul Hamlin** will be hosting this event. These members have hosted hunts in the past and members always have a great time. 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. If you are a newbie to this kind of metal detecting, meet Linda at 8:30 a.m. to go over the ins and outs of a planted hunt. If you do not have a metal detector and would like to participate, talk with Linda.

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 (on the east side of the road, south of the Jupiter Inlet).

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.

THANK YOU, GENEROUS DONORS!

The club thanks **Ed Mitchell** for his donations of books to the club library. They will be available for checkout at the November meeting.

Thanks also go to **Cheryl Petenbrink** and **Jim Sharp** for their donations to be used for future door prize and hunt prizes.

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!

TALL TALES TABLE TOTALS FOR 2010

As of September:

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$2,083.21

PLATINUM: 4

GOLD: 125

SILVER: 159

The Ultimate Beach Safety eBook From BeachHunter.net

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How to Be Safe From Sharks, Jellyfish, Stingrays, Rip Currents and other Scary Things on Florida Beaches and Coastal Waters Protect Yourself and Your Family

By David McRee

**Author of Florida Beaches: Finding Your Paradise
on the Lower Gulf Coast**

Thank you to **Linda Bennett** for providing the link to this amazingly helpful e-book that addresses all the dangerous things that we have to beware of when hunting in the Sunshine State. More importantly, the e-book explains how to protect ourselves from those dangers. Follow the link, above, and you can easily download this 72 page book which could save your life. The best news? IT'S FREE!

The author received an unsolicited email testimonial from the Director of Safety for a Florida Air National Guard organization at Tyndall AFB (Panama City) that raved about the publication: *"This is without a doubt the most comprehensive and complete publication on safety & awareness on our beaches that I have ever laid eyes on! I have already shared its existence with fellow occupational safety and public safety professionals for their review."*

This is one book that every treasure hunter should read because the author packed a TREASURE TROVE of helpful tips into it that can keep you from becoming a statistic. Check it out and STAY SAFE!

***Corrections and/or suggestions
are welcomed by the newsletter editor***

LOST TREASURE MAGAZINE

If you haven't seen the November issue of Lost Treasure Magazine yet, pick up a copy soon. Our own **Gary McNew** was recognized under "Civic Patrol" for returning a beautiful star sapphire ring to its rightful owner. Although the return was featured recently in "The Tinfoil Times" and on an online detecting forum, the Lost Treasure article has a wider audience. This is great PR for our hobby and Gary, one of our regular Good Will Ambassadors. WTG, Gary!

GARY McNEW'S TIP OF THE MONTH

"Where Have All The Goodies Gone?"

I talked last month about why we are not finding as much gold on the beaches as we used to. One of those reasons that was mentioned was that the beaches are sanded in, meaning that there is more sand being deposited onto the beach than is being washed away. One of the biggest problems with being "sanded in" brings me to my next tip: Specific Gravity.

Metals and minerals, as we know, are made up of atoms. What makes a metal such as gold feel heavier than aluminum is how tightly these atoms are pressed together. This is known as Specific Gravity. Specific Gravity is measured by comparing the weight of a metal or mineral to an equal volume of water. Whereas, 1 ounce of pure gold (by volume) when compared to 1 ounce of water (by volume), is 19.3 times heavier than the water, so the Specific Gravity of gold is 19.3.

So when a gold or platinum ring is dropped on one of these sanded in beaches it sinks through the sand very quickly, until something, such as a shell layer, stops it from sinking further. This distance could be several inches or several feet, leaving only a short amount of time for it to be within range of a detector.

Below is a list of metals and minerals with their Specific Gravity:

Aluminum	2.6
Brass	8.5
Copper	8.8
Diamond	2.3
Gold (24K)	19.3
Gold Coin (US)	17.2
Lead	11.3
Platinum	21.5
Sand (dry)	1.6
Silver	10.4
Steel	7.9
Titanium	4.5
Tungsten (pure)	19.2
Tungsten Carbide	14.3
Zinc	7.1

So, the next time you are at a beach and you think there should be more goodies than what you are finding, it is probably because they have sank into the sandy abyss, waiting quietly for the sand to move and reveal its location. Don't give up. Keep a watchful eye, and be there when the time is right.

Happy Hunting and Good Luck! Gary



**GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB
Membership Renewal Form**

Name_____

Address_____

City and State_____

Zip Code_____

Phone #_____

Cell Phone #_____

E-mail _____

Please _____DO _____DO NOT
Include my address, phone # and e-mail address
in the new club directory.

(Note: members' names, at least, will be included.
Directory goes to members ONLY.)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 14: Club Meeting – Halloween Bash – Costumes Preferred (but optional)
Come and Share Spooky Stories (Treasure Hunting Related, or Otherwise)

October 17: Club Hunt - Jupiter Beach at 8:45 a.m.

March 12, 2011: TCAS Hunt - Save the Date!!!

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Gary McNew, Jan Smirnow

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