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

AUGUST MEETING

The yearly ice cream social will be the main event which will allow time to cool off and socialize with other members. Some of our meetings get pretty hectic and not much time is allowed to just chat and catch up with friends.

Jan Smirnow and Ed D'Amato will be responsible for the annual ice cream social. Bring your favorite toppings to share.

Thanks in advance to **Elayne Lynch** for volunteering to stump us with an unusual "Mystery Item."

NEW RAFFLE

The latest Club Raffle is "Clyde Butcher's Florida Landscape" book, a collection of black and white photos of Florida's complex ecosystems. Mr. Butcher has published four other books and has two photo galleries in Florida. Spots are \$1 each. Fifty spots. Get your spot before they are all gone!

JOIN US EARLY AT P.A. BBQ!

Several of us get together for dinner and a few laughs in the back room of P.A. BBQ at 5:30 p.m. before each meeting. Please join us for good friends & good food!

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

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of 7.14.11): 1464.90

AUGUST CLUB HUNT

Ben Smith will be hosting a planted hunt with prizes on Sunday, August 14. Since the hunt field will be under the bridge at Phil Foster Park - there will be plenty of shade. Come at 9 am for coffee, OJ and donuts. The hunt will start at 10 am. If you plan on coming and can't be at the meeting for the sign up sheet, then email me to let me know.

SUMMER SCAVENGER CLUB HUNT

It's time for our summer scavenger hunt. June, July and August are not only too hot for many of our members to hunt; these months are also popular for summer vacations. Starting on June 9, keep track of your finds and mark them off the scavenger hunt list provided earlier. Bring the list and those items found from June 9 through September 8 to the September meeting. There will be prizes!

BURIED COIN CACHE - \$25 REWARD!

FIRST CLUE:

**"It's time to explore this popular park, just off A1A:
the wheel from the Spanish schooner EVADNE will
show you the way"**

The buried item 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 **Pete Schneider**. If the cache is found by a club member, that person will receive a \$25 prize AND earn the right to bury the next cache! **Good luck everyone! Please remember - always fill your holes!**

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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.

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.

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JAN SMIRNOW – FOR SALE: White's Prizm V : Call 735-8921.

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ED D'AMATO – FOR SALE – The Kingdom Slot Machine with tokens. Pays out! \$450 new. Will sacrifice for \$300. Call Ed at 561-351-6172.

STACEY deLUCIA – FOR SALE: Misc. household accessories & furniture. Wrought iron mirror, sconces, vanity chair & more; pecan curio cabinet; 8-ft silk ficus tree; handmade screen; art, wicker & decorative household items. Prices negotiable. See online album for info: <http://tinyurl.com/3m75xvl> - Contact: 561-846-1327 or sdeLuc823@aol.com.

NIKOLAY MALCHEV– FOR SALE: Team OrcaSound Headphones designed for water hunters. \$170 (GCTC & SFTHC members get 10 % off!) For info: See me at meetings, e-mail: orcasound@live.com or go to <http://www.teamorcasound.com>

JERRY LAUR – DETECTORS FOR SALE: White's Beachcomber ID \$525. Minelab Explorer like new. Less than 20 hours use. \$525. All machines used only by a little old lady and/or man on weekends! Have boxes & manuals. Call Jerry 561-694-7963. Illness forces sale.

FRANK NASH – FOR SALE: Minelab & Fisher metal detectors new and used. Also rentals available. palmbeachmetaldetectors.com.: Call 561-743-5248.

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 limited space. Items do not have to be related to metal detecting. Contact Linda (labennettuk@yahoo.com) to place your ad or to remove it once the item is sold.

JULY MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a special prize)

BEST GOLD WITH STONES – Phil Marro

(Gold Ring with Diamonds)



BEST GOLD – Steve Hamedl

(Wedding Band)



BEST SILVER – Phil Marro

(Coco Chanel Bracelet)



MOST UNUSUAL – Kathy Marro

(Projector Part for old Photo System)



COSTUME JEWELRY – Steve Hamedl

(Bracelet)



BEST COIN – Phil Marro

(1944 Silver Quarter)



MONTHLY BEST FIND WINNERS



Kathy Marro, Steve Hamedl, and Phil Marro

Second Place for Monthly Best Finds

(Runner up receives old American coin and certificate)

Gold with Stones – Steve Hamedl (Chain and Emerald Cross)

Gold – Paul Hamlin (Turtle Earring)

Silver – Kathy Marro (Bracelet)

Most Unusual – Phil Marro (Turtle Shell Section)

Costume – Phil Marro (Fake Rolex Watch)

Coin – Kathy Marro (Wheat Penny)

WATER HUNTING DURING LIGHTNING AND THUNDER STORMS

When water hunting please be careful during thunder storms and lightning strikes. Most hunters will stay out of the water during Storms because our detectors act as a Lightning Rod. Whenever I am in the water I am checking on the skies looking for lightning strikes in the distance. What most of us don't know is that lightning can travel great distances before it strikes. You can check online before you go out and they have a site called weather bug that has a lightning section that will show you lightning in the area. It will help you if you happen to go to South Beach and then find that you have bad weather.

Until next time Jim Sharp



Congrats to Kathy Marro for her completion of Level 1 and 2 of the Challenge Levels

JULY MEETING RECAP

A better than normal group comprised of members and guests Jeff and Debbie Slotky from the Gem and Mineral Society, Ross Darna of Lantana, Charles Mindy of Delray Beach and Frank Meade (a former member), Jan Waller and Richard Shepard attended our July meeting.

The program for the evening was presented by **Steve Hamedl** and **Jim Sharp**, Water Hunting Techniques. Just when you think you know all about water hunting someone comes along with an entirely new approach but the bottom line is clearly shown on the Best Finds Table!

Steve Hamedl - first thing he talked about was good boots and an elbow bandage to keep the sand out! He recommended to start with 10 pounds of weight – not too much – the weight helps to stabilize you in rough water and helps you stay under the water to fan. Yes, that is the secret to Steve's success (Amy says it is really more like he is out there every day)! He further recommended lots of quality sunscreen, a good mask and snorkel and last but not least, always be careful, try to have a buddy near take out by you.

Jim Sharp recommended placing your machine's box on your belt, a strap on your scoop (he lost his one hunt and with the help of Paul Hamlin found it almost a block away). If you are in too deep - step up on your scoop, it will help get your head out of the water. He further recommended a Hydration Backpack, clamps on the pack to hold your mask and a pop off vest for emergencies and pvc pipe on the shaft of your scoop to help stop attracting barracudas.

Other things that work are Suave Shampoo to clear your mask, color lenses with built in prescriptions and **KEEP YOUR HEAD IN THE WATER**. It is not unusual to see money float by!

A big thank you goes to **Ed Mitchell** for the donation of two books to our library, "Getting Into Treasure Hunting" by Alan Smith and "The World of the Relic Hunter" by Ed Fedorn.

Secretary Jan Smirnow thanked all who have participated in the pull tab collection, the water jug is almost completely full, just a few more (like maybe a couple hundred) . We will have a special contest in the Fall before donating the pull tabs to Ronald McDonald! She further thanks those who have contributed the ink cartridges, cell phones and glasses.

Coin Cache was found by **Pete Schneider** – having received \$25 for finding it, it is now his turn to hide it!

Mystery Prize Stumper – everyone was stumped by **Paul Hamlin** with a Christmas Light

50/50 Winner was **Karen Larson** for a grand total of \$41.00

President Gary McNew Thanked **Ed D'Amato** and **Jan Smirnow** for the Refreshments – And thanks go to **Gail Hoskins** and **Heather McNew** for cutting up the watermelon before our break!

GAIL AND HEATHER'S CORNER DOOR PRIZES

Garrett Hat - Paul Hamlin

Honda Civic Water Bottle - Gary McNew

All Weather Wallet - Jan Smirnow

White's Metal Detecting travel cup - Charles Mindy

Garrett Metal Detector rain cape - Jim Sharp

Pewter Nickel - Karen Larson

Florida Atlas - Amy Hamedl

Windshield Cloth Cleaners - Charles Mindy

Big thank you go to Seashore Gifts of Lantana, Garrett Metal Detecting, White's Metal Detecting, Reilly's Treasured Gold, Elayne Lynch, Karen Larson, Stacy DeLucia and Nick Mosca for their generosity!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

No July birthday celebrants were present to receive a dollar coin during the meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Stacey deLucia (8/23)

Tessa M. Durand (8/8)

Gloria Fitzgerald (8/29)

Steven Hoskins (8/9)

Philip Hujar (8/5)

Joe Kononchik (8/13)

Peter Schneider (8/25)

James Sharp (8/29)

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

HAPPY TIDBITS

The club was recently featured in two magazines. In the August edition of the Western and Eastern Treasures, our club was spotlighted in William Purkey's column, Club News and Views.

The September Lost Treasures Magazine had a full page article about our Ambassadors of Goodwill. The column Civic Patrol by Celine Buffett mentioned some of our members for their random acts of kindness for returning lost items to their rightful owners.

Copies of those articles will be available at the next meeting.

The July issue of Treasure Depot gave Nikolay Malchev and Jim Sharp Kudos for the Best Diamonds ever found!



OUR HOBBY UNDER ATTACK

To keep up to date with legislature and current events that affect our hobby, three websites are monitored. These websites are:

WWATS (World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers) www.wwats.org/

FMDAC (The Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs Inc.) fmdac2.org/

Dick Stout www.stoutstandards.com/

Many times, emails are sent out to club members because of urgent requests for help from other locations. Below is a posting from Dick Stout on his website and he would like feedback. You can either email him directly or email me and I will forward it to him.

I got thinking about the recent request for help in Carthage, Missouri, as well as the one from the New York City Taskforce, and came up with an idea that I'd like some feedback on. Hopefully you will give me it...

I sent off an email to maybe fifty of my detecting friends, requesting their help in both instances. The response was pretty darn good, or at least it appeared so on my end. The number of hits on that page of my website shot up dramatically, and I started receiving copies of letters and emails sent in support. It was apparent that many people do read their emails, and a reasonable percentage act on the content.

Having said all this, why can't we have a detectorist email vault where as soon as a request for help is put out, everyone who ever swung a detector would know about it instantly. Yes I know clubs, organizations already do this, but I am talking about something on a much larger scale. Not sure how it could be put together, but with today's technology it shouldn't be difficult.

To make any such effort successful the manufacturers would have to be part of it, and they would have to agree to pass along these alerts to everyone on their mailing list. Would they agree to this? I see no reason why they should refuse. No one would be giving up any confidential information....they would merely be passing along important information that ultimately would benefit them in the long run.

It's a very simple idea really. If I send out emails to ten people, and they do the same, and the folks they contact continue the effort....? The problem we have today is that we are a small group of hobbyists, and getting noticed is often difficult. We need to make more of an impact, and we need to find a way to do it now. I know emails and/or letters don't always get the job done, but a massive response would certainly make more people take notice.

Okay, let me know what you think. I will send this blurb out to those I have contacted recently, as well as the manufacturers and let's see what happens. I will keep you posted.
Dick Stout

THERE'S SOMETHING ROTTEN IN THE STATE OF DENMARK.....

To borrow from the Great Bard himself, had Hamlet been written today, 'Denmark' no doubt might have become 'Carthage, MO'. And wherever archaeologists rear their ugly heads, trouble for metal detecting hobbyists always follows.

Two things are important in this debate. First, the issue of permits must be avoided at all costs, since what can be granted can just as easily be removed. There is no reason whatever, that metal detecting hobbyists should be singled out from other recreational pursuits, for special treatment, by having to be in possession of a permit to go about their lawful hobby. Secondly, the 100-yr Rule must be opposed with equal ferocity.

The danger with permits is that there will be rules and regulations to follow, and all based on what archaeologists lay down. Metal detecting has its own ethics, methodology and terminology. Thus, by agreeing to a permit system, hobbyists are not hunting under their own Codes of Ethics, but someone else's. By definition, the metal detecting hobby fails to become accepted for its own sake.

What is paramount in this Carthage debate, is for metal detecting to continue to be recognized as a legal and lawful pursuit, the benefits of which, add to the general historical record.

Archaeologists are terrified at the prospect of the metal detecting hobby being recognized on its own terms, a research method NOT UNDER ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTROL. An organized hobby with its own governing or national body is a serious threat; the archaeological mindset being that having cornered the market on historical research, any research can only be done by them, and/or with their approval. Therefore, they cannot and will not sanction any other method of research.

Above posted by John Howland on Malamute Saloon regarding the Carthage, Missouri situation. John was and has always been a fighter for our pastime, and was part of the UK efforts that now allow detectorists to be reimbursed for their finds should the state/country decide it has value.

www.stoutstandards.com/Malamute.html

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TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2011

As of July:

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$2352.70

PLATINUM: 1

GOLD: 99

SILVER: 172

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting - August 11, 2011

Club Hunt - August 14, 2011

Scavenger Hunt - June 9 - Sept 8, 2011

FMDAC Hunt - September 30 - October 2, 2011

TCAS Hunt - March 10, 2012

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