

# THE TINFOIL TIMES



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



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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. OCTOBER 13  
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*

## OCTOBER MEETING

Last year's October meeting was a fiendishly good time between the various costumes and the spine tingling "Tales from the Crypt" that members shared. In the spirit of Halloween - our meeting will be complete with costumes, spooky decorations and treats and even more scary treasure hunting stories. Even if your "tall tale" isn't about detecting, we hope you'll "get in the spirit" and share your eerie stories. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

Thanks in advance to **Amy and Steve Hamedl** for providing the refreshments and to **Kathy Marro** for volunteering to stump us with an unusual "Mystery Item."

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

## 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**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT (as of 9.12.11): 1629.41**

## OCTOBER CLUB HUNT

Time for a road trip to South Beach. Our next club hunt will be on Sunday Oct 30. Please meet at 6:00 a.m. Not only does this allow time to hunt before the crowds arrive, it will save us money on parking since the meters do not have to be fed till 9 a.m. Usually after the allotted time to hunt and tallies are done, brunch is enjoyed at a local restaurant. Carpooling can also be discussed at the meeting.

*Our meeting place will be at Lummus Park at Ocean and 10th. Take I-95 to Miami. Exit onto I-395, which will become 5th Street. At Ocean Drive, turn left and proceed to 10th and Ocean Drive. Parking will be on the right hand side of the street at the curb. Be sure you park in a designated parking space.*

## CURRENT 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!



## THE GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB, INC.

*Founded in 1973 by Ted Rudd*

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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](http://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](mailto:telieberman@aol.com).

**JAN SMIRNOW – FOR SALE:** White's Prizm V : Call 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](http://www.youravon/tdurand-owens.com) or call 561-358-2252.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.*

## SEPTEMBER MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

*(Winners receive a special prize)*

### BEST GOLD WITH STONES – Phil Marro ( 18 Kt Ring)



### BEST SILVER – Steve Hamedl (Ring)



### MOST UNUSUAL – Betty Laur (Miniature Chalice)



### COSTUME JEWELRY – Phil Marro (Leopard)



### BEST COIN – Phil Marro (1847 One Cent)



### BEST GOLD – Kathy Marro (14 Kt Gold Bracelet)



## MONTHLY BEST FIND WINNERS



Kathy Marro, Steve Hamedl,  
Betty Laur, and Phil Marro

### *Second Place for Monthly Best Finds*

*(Runner up receives old American coin and certificate)*

### **Gold with Stones – Steve Hamedl ( 14 Kt Earring)**

### **Gold – No Entry**

### **Silver – Kathy Marro (Heart)**

### **Most Unusual – Phil Marro (Fish Hook Remover)**

### **Costume – Gary Spiroch (Bracelet)**

### **Coin – Kathy Marro (1902 Quarter)**

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### **What's in your car for Metal Detecting ?**

Have you ever gone on a long trip only to find that you left something at home. Well, if you have a check list with you, the night before, then that will not happen again. I have put a Xmas carton in my car and have items in there that just in case something happens like the weather changes from sunny to raining. I keep a blanket, towels, raingear, batteries, first aid kit, a change of clothing, extra shoes. I also fixed up a case with extra tools, duck tape, plastic straps, detector parts and other things that I can add as I go along planning out my trip. We also put in the welcome folder a list of things to bring, so I would also check that list. I also carry extra water to clean my detector and my hands. I carry lotions for the hands and also sun block. You can never have too much of a good thing when Metal Detecting, as you don't want it to ruin your trip. I also carry an extra detector or two just in case something happens to the one I am using.

So Until next time Beep Beep Jim Sharp.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

Pirates' Month was honored at our September Meeting. Guest Tom Pene and Charles Kamisky were greeted and a very happy greeting to returning **Betty** and **Jerry Laur**.

**President Gary McNew** presented a slide show on known pirates that frequented Florida. Numerous places, Amelia Island, Tampa, and Hutchinson Island, were mentioned, as well as famous pirate names like Black Beard, Gasparilla, Don Pedro Gilbert, Anne Bonny (yes, a woman pirate), and Calico Jack! Interesting that buried treasure is still unaccounted for, some of which are supposedly in the Everglades Park.

**Secretary Jan Smirnow** thanked **Vice President Elayne Lynch** for volunteering to help with the Door Raffle Prizes. Chances are \$1. Jan announced the Guess the Weight of the 5 gallon jar of pull tabs contest. Chances are \$1; contest will end at the Holiday Party, the prize will be 50% of the amount collected. Pull tabs will go to the Ronald McDonald House in Fort Lauderdale. Please check the table on the right as you come in to the building, that is where the free stuff is, as well as the collection box for the donations.

**Jim Sharp** was mentioned in Western and Eastern Treasure Magazine October issue. The Club News and Views by William Purkey printed his tip about maintaining a metal detector after a day at the beach.

**Gary Spiroch** stumped the participating members with Mystery Prize of a shirt collar tab?

Refreshments were provided by **Rick Scott** for the September Meeting – you did good Rick!

50/50 was won by **Al Schwartz**, a total of \$23.

And last but not least, we wish **Karen Larson** a truly sad farewell. Karen is moving out of our state. We will truly miss you Karen. And thank you for all your support for the club!

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## 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.

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## 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 that brings joy to children as they learn how to detect, despite their challenges. 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!

## Good Will Ambassadors

### Performing Random Acts of Kindness

Each month, 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 and make our club shine!

## FIRST TIME AMBASSADOR

### Return Recognized at September Meeting



**Kathy Marro**  
Returned a Cell Phone

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## 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 helps!

**Stacey deLucia** collects prescription glasses and sunglasses for the South Florida Lion’s Club. Please bring your donations to the next meeting. (If possible, a gentle rinse to remove sand would be appreciated.)

**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 for our club?





## GAIL AND HEATHER'S CORNER DOOR PRIZES

**Kathy Marro** – Ring Keeper and Quarter  
Collection Set

**Amy Hamedl** – Sterling Silver earrings with CZ's ,  
Towel, Pouch and Lottery Ticket

**Carl Basilico** – Leatherman Tool,

**Cheryl Petenbrink** – Turquoise Earrings

**Ben Smith** – Coin Wrappers & Bottle Protector

*Big thank you goes to Karen Larson, Al Schwartz and Ben  
Smith for their generosity!*

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September birthday celebrants **Steve Hamedl, Gary  
McNew, Nathan McNew and Gary Spiroch** were  
present to receive a dollar coin during the meeting.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

**Karl Bennett (10/9)**

**Wayne Daniels (10/17)**

**Kurt Herring (10/28)**

**Gail Hoskins (10/21)**

**Jerry Laur (10/18)**

**Kathy Marro (10/4)**

**Ed Mitchell (10/4)**

**Melissa Mooney (10/7)**

**Nick Mosca (10/21)**

**Willie Ray (10/6)**

**Jan Smirnow (10/27)**

**Bob Smirnow (10/6)**

**Jim Smith (10/31)**

**Don Sweeney (10/31)**

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

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### GET WELL WISHES

The following members are on the mend - **Frank  
Nash.**

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### HAPPY TIDBITS

Kurt Herring is getting married to Carol Schwartz on  
Saturday, Oct 8 at 6 pm. Congrats and good luck!

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### DONATIONS

Thanks to **Karen Larson** for her many donations to the  
club. Since she is moving to North Carolina, she had to  
declutter. These items will be seen in the near future.

## TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2011 As of September:

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$2464.63

PLATINUM: 2

GOLD: 103

SILVER: 189

### 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"

#### SECOND CLUE:

Take the path a la derecho and proceed through the  
yellow "Lazy" tunnel on your left. Take a right at the  
wooden railing and you're heading in the right  
direction!

#### THIRD AND FINAL CLUE:

You may have guessed it's Carlin Park  
that holds the treasure cache;  
but do not walk on sandy beach--  
the sun leaves quite a rash!

Proceed along the picnic path,  
turn right at table six;  
between the two old "hole-y" trees  
the buried prize you'll fix.

Good hunting, my friends!

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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### SNOWBIRD UPDATES

**Les and Marilyn Batts** are driving from Colorado and  
are hoping to be at the October meeting. Marilyn is 98%  
recovered from her horrific accident.

**John and Carol Presslein** have started their leisurely  
drive in their RV and are planning to be in the area by  
Thanksgiving. It will cost \$1100 just for the fuel. The  
weekend prior to Thanksgiving Day, they will be on the  
Suwanee Music park grounds dressed as common folk  
during the Civil War.

## SEPTEMBER CLUB HUNT

Per last requests from **Karen Larson** who has since moved to North Carolina - her final hunt was at the Boy Scout Camp in Tequesta. The day started off with a going away breakfast at Cracker Barrel and then a full day of metal detecting. A small gathering of eight hunters made a casual day of detecting, sharing food and treats along with the usual tall tales. Richard and Joan Hart and Will Rose from TCAS joined us. The usual finds were Boy Scout items, camping accessories and clad coins.



Goodbye to Karen



## HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL



**Betty Laur, Jerry Laur, Jim Smith, Linda Bennett and Cheryl Petenbrink** traveled to Myrtle Beach, SC for the FMDAC Convention and Hunt September 30 - October 2. Friday, September 30 was registration and spending money at the vendors along with chatting with fellow detectorists. Saturday was one hunt - silver dimes and tokens followed by four seminars. **Tom Dankowski** was one of the presenters and did a great job as usual. Sunday had two hunts - again silver dimes and various tokens for prizes.

### Saturday Hunt Tokens and Prizes:

*Jerry Laur: Silver Quarter*

*Cheryl Petenbrink: Silver Quarter*

*Linda Bennett: Silver Quarter*

### Sunday Hunt Tokens and Prizes:

*Linda Bennett - Silver Half Dollar*

*Jim Smith - Silver Quarter*

*Cheryl Petenbrink - Kellyco Digger*

### Raffles won:

*Jerry Laur: \$110 for Saturday 50/50*

*Linda Bennett: Silver Quarter*

*Cheryl Petenbrink: Silver Quarter*



### ANDY SABISCH

Presented our club with three editions of his book  
*"The Treasure Hunter Handbook - Your Roadmap to  
Success in the Field"*



**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**  
**Club Meeting - October 13**  
**Club Hunt to South Beach - October 30**  
**TCAS Hunt - March 10, 2012**

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