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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. September 8
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

September is Pirates' Month! Gary McNew will present a program on pirates of Florida. Maybe we will see Ed D'Amato in his pirate outfit?!

In keeping with the theme you can attend The Fourth Annual Treasure Coast Pirate Fest in Historic Downtown Stuart on September 9th, 10th and 11th, 2011. Come dressed as your favorite Hollywood Buccaneer or Historical Swashbuckler from the Golden Age of Piracy. Admission is free, although a Buck-n-ear donation is requested at the gate (\$2/person). With this donation, you will receive an event program filled with coupons for discounts at local shops and vendor booths, an entertainment schedule, event map and a whole lot more (While supplies last).

For more information:

www.treasurecoastpiratefest.com/

Bring your summer scavenger hunt items that were found from June 9 through September 8 to the meeting. Prizes will be awarded.

Thanks in advance to Rick Scott for providing the refreshments and to Gary Spiroch for volunteering to stump us with an unusual "Mystery Item."

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 8.15.11): 1745.90

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!

SEPTEMBER CLUB HUNT

The club hunt will be held on Sept 18. Place and time to be announced at the club meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, call Linda.



In honor of the anniversary of the September 11th attacks, STOP AND REMEMBER.

At 1pm EDT on 9.11.11, cease all regular activity for one minute and take a moment to honor the victims of the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil. Governments and businesses, houses of worship and railways, fire and police departments, and others are called on to ring bells and sound sirens as America observes this Moment of Remembrance. At the same time across the country -1 pm EDT, noon CDT, 11 am MDT, and 10 am PDT - please reflect on the lives lost and those affected by the tragedies of 9/11.

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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.

KAREN LARSON - FOR SALE (Not ME!!) White's DFX machine, only used once. Moving and want to sell for \$500.00 OBO. All instructions and bag included. 561-433-0821. Will bring to Sept. meeting.

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 : 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 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.

STACEY deLUCIA - FOR SALE: Misc. household accessories & furniture. 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.

AUGUST MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a special prize)

BEST GOLD WITH STONES – No Entry

BEST GOLD – Steve Hamedl *(18 Kt Gold Spinner Ring)*



BEST SILVER – Steve Hamedl *(Ring)*



MOST UNUSUAL – Steve Hamedl *(Camera Charm)*



COSTUME JEWELRY – Gary Spiroch *(Ring)*



BEST COIN – Mindy Spiroch *(Costa Rica Coin)*



MONTHLY BEST FIND WINNERS



Mindy Spiroch



Steve Hamedl and Gary Spiroch

Second Place for Monthly Best Finds

(Runner up receives old American coin and certificate)

Gold with Stones – No Entry

Gold – Gary Spiroch (Chinese Coin encased in 14Kt)

Silver – Jim Sharp (Ring)

Most Unusual – Jim Sharp (1957 Boat License)

Costume – Mindy Spiroch (Cross)

Coin – Steve Hamedl (1 Marka Suomen Tasvalta)

DIFFERENT TOOLS TO USE FOR WATER HUNTING

Most of us that water hunt look for ways to go into deeper waters to hunt for treasure.

Some of us will use a kayak or a canoe to get to areas that you can't normally get to by walking out into the water. I use Google earth to look for islands that the only way is by boat, canoe or kayak. We also have many waterways throughout southeast Florida, but remember that we do have alligators in the water and the ocean.

Some of the islands here are man-made like Peanut Island and Beer Can Island. Also some of us can use a Hookah to go to areas that are too deep to hunt. You can get one between \$500-1200 depending on whether you want a 1 or 2 man unit. They also have different lengths of hoses that will go down to 100 ft. Most will use one that is 30-50 ft long on the hose.

Next time you are out and about check your surroundings and use your imagination to see what you can find that will be your next hunting adventure.

Till next time Jim Sharp



AUGUST MEETING RECAP

President Gary McNew greeted the membership and new members **Chuck** and **Jan Walker** to the Annual Ice Cream Social.

Treasurer Ed D'Amato reported \$1619.90 in the treasury.

Secretary Jan Smirnow thanks all participants in the pull tab venture and in particular thanked **Cindy Van Deventer** for her huge washed donation of pulled tabs. The five gallon water jug is filled to the brim. Starting at the September members can guess the weight of the pull tabs. There will be a charge of \$1 per guess and a record will be kept. Winner will receive 50 percent of the funds collected. Contest will end at the club's holiday party in December. Pull tabs will then be given to the Ronald McDonald House in Fort Lauderdale.

*PLEASE DO NOT STOP COLLECTING AND BRINGING
IN THE PULLTABS, RONALD MCDONALD
NEEDS THEM!*

Cell phones were donated on behalf of the membership of the Gold Coast Treasure Club in July to YWCA to benefit their work with the abused women program. Their thanks were extended to all club members. For your future information donations are tax deductible to the YWCA.

Elayne Lynch stumped everyone participating in the Mystery Stumper. Elayne brought in a cell phone battery!

The 50/50 was won by **Pete Schneider**. \$32, a nice sum to pocket and take home.

Steve Hamedl told about a time in the deep water at Lake Worth that he was completely taken by surprise by a curious manatee only he did not know what it was at first! Said "it looked like a horse"!

Ed Mitchell had a stroke of luck recently, he found a real and sold it, bought a Donzi – "goes 75 miles an hour has red and white leather interior and a great boat for women".

Paul Hamlin "Don't know about the women, but love the Donzi"! I will be going to Ohio and have gotten permission to search an old stagecoach site – "some silver coins have already been found there"!

Elayne Lynch – "When my husband was younger he and his brother rescued the town casinos slot machines in a fire. They dumped them into the river in Scott's Bluff, Nebraska. Years later, armed with a metal detector they tried to locate them to no avail"!

Jason Petenbrink – Down in Miami a couple were in the water, the man started to scream hysterically, my Dad went to find out what was wrong, figuring an argument or something lost, the guy screamed at Dad. "I cannot swim", Dad said they were in two feet of water and told him to STAND UP"!

Jim Sharp advised the membership of a new diet plan that is working for him. He has lost 13 pounds in two weeks. He passed out samples of the "Milk Shake" and

explained how the diet works. For information you can call Jim at 966-6986.

A letter and photos were received from former treasurer and still member **Ken Lubinski**. He is actively metal detecting up in the panhandle and has joined a small metal detecting club.



Thanks to Jan Smirnow and Ed D'Amato for the Ice Cream Social .

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!

REPEAT AMBASSADORS

Returns Recognized at August Meeting



Tom Lieberman
22 K Gold Ring

Paul Hamlin
Sterling Silver Ring

***Not Pictured Ken Lubinski**
Returned a Cell Phone and Driver's License*

GAIL AND HEATHER'S CORNER DOOR PRIZES

Paul Hamlin – a Kellyco Hat and Towel
Jan Smirnow – Water Bottle & a Ring Size Tester
Karen Larson - Fisher Collection Apron
Carl Basilico – Child's Safety Lock
Jan Smirnow - Ring Size Tester
Gary McNew – Car Window Wipes
Jim Sharp – Cool Downz
Amy Hamedl – White's MD Travel Mug

Big thank you goes to Stacey deLucia, Elayne Lynch, Karen Larson, White's Metal Detectors and Kellyco Metal Detectos for their generosity!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August birthday celebrants **Stacey deLucia, Steve Hoskins, Pete Schneider** and **Jim Sharp** were present to receive a dollar coin during the meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ernie Bouyoucas (9/25)
Robert Dobski (9/21)
Sam Frost (9/13)
Steve Hamedl (9/22)
Jonathan Lobota (9/10)
Gary McNew (9/29)
Nathan McNew (9/24)
Diane Scott (9/04)
Gary Spiroch (9/11)

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

GET WELL WISHES

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

IN SYMPATHY

Former member **Ralph Squier** died on May 18. Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Brenda Dickinson** for her loss. She is hoping to rejoin the club in the near future.

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2011

As of August:

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$2390.65
PLATINUM: 1
GOLD: 99
SILVER: 176

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.*

NEW MEMBERS:

Chuck and Jan Walker
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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 derecha 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!

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!**

NEWSLETTER EDITOR!!

Melinda Van Deventer has volunteered to take over the newsletter. With help from **Jan Smirnow**, she will take over the reins next month. Long acting newsletter editor **Linda Bennett** is very excited to have a new club member willing to become involved.

FMDAC HUNT SEPT 30-OCT 2

More information will be available at the September meeting. This hunt will be held at Myrtle Beach. Seminars, exhibits and vendors are usually present in addition to planted hunts on the beach. Tentative members planning on attending are **Linda Bennett, Karen Larson, Jerry and Betty Laur**. If you would like all information emailed to you, contact **Linda**.



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.

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! *Thanks to **Jim Sharp** for his donation of foreign coins.*

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?



Gold and silver coins found near the Jupiter Inlet

JUPITER, Fla. - There are a lot of treasure hunters up and down the coast. The crew of the Seahunter in Jupiter does not consider themselves one of them, but call themselves 'treasure finders' and say it's their passion.

"It's got nothing to do with money, it's about finding treasure. The treasure's not fun after you get it, it's the finding it, it's the going out there with your buddies and diving and the adventure. The sense of adventure, that's what it's all about." says Scott Thomson, the captain of the Seahunter.

A 350-year-old Spanish ship sank off the Jupiter Inlet. Thomson says it's the "San Miguel De Arcangel that wrecked in the winter of 1659/1660 and had about 100 people on board."

There's silver and gold in the water. Over the past week, the crew found more than 50 Spanish colonial coins.

"We found gold for the first time in the last 10 or 15 years, and we also found a 1659 Lima-2 Star that was double struck so it has two sets of the words and two sets of the pillars and it's quite a rare coin," Thomson said.

Daniel Mendoza, a coin expert from the International Coin Collectors Association, deals with buying and selling artifacts.

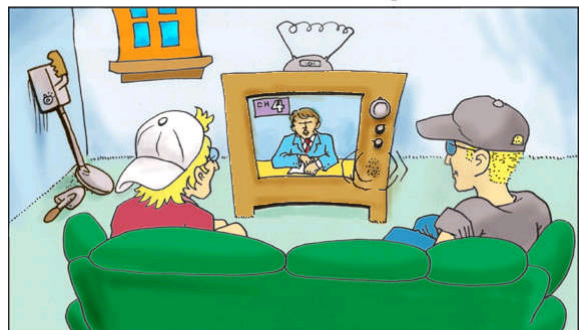
"You're probably holding one of the only known in that condition with that much detail through it after so many years being down," he says. "You're probably holding the only known specimen which, if that's the case, it could take it into the 6 figures."

And that's not even the full bounty. Thomson says, "We're following a trail out to where the ballast pile is. When we get there that ballast pile should be 80 feet long, 20 feet wide and three feet tall with just treasure, with just treasure all underneath it."

If you're thinking about going out and 'helping yourself' to the treasure, it's too late... legally. It's already been claimed by Jupiter Wreck, Inc.

Posted: 06/28/2011 By: James Wieland Channel 5 TV

FLOYD & LLOYD by *Wolf Mann* © 2006



"TODAY, IN A SURPRISE CONCESSION TO TREASURE HUNTERS, THE GOVERNOR DECLARED ALL BOTTLECAPS AND PULL TABS ILLEGAL."

AUGUST CLUB HUNT HOSTED BY BEN SMITH

Another great planted hunt by **Ben Smith** was held on August 14. He has such a large amount of varied items planted that the hunt does last the entire hour. Over 400 foreign coins were planted and then donated to the club to send to Texas for the Handicapped Children's camp for 2012. Twelve hunters and two spectators attended.

Although it was August, the entire hunt was in the shade with a gentle breeze. Donuts and coffee were provided by the club. Twenty prizes were awarded - ranged from lottery scratch off tickets, coin set, Estee Lauder, to miscellaneous metal detecting accessories. Ten prizes were donated by **Ben Smith** and the other ten prizes were donated by **Nick Mosca, Cheryl Petenbrink, Karen Larson, Pete Schneider** and **Linda Bennett**.



PRIZE WINNERS

Mindy Spiroch	4
Stacey deLucia	3
Gary Spiroch	3
Linda Bennett	2
Betty Laur	2
Gail Hoskins	2
Steve Hoskins	1
Pete Schneider	1
Chuck Walker	1

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting - September 8, 2011 - Bring your Scavenger Hunt Items

Club Hunt - September 18, 2011

FMDAC Hunt - September 30 - October 2, 2011

TCAS Hunt - March 10, 2012



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