

# THE TINFOIL TIMES

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

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:30 PM MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AT THE WEST PALM BEACH GARDEN CLUB IN DREHER PARK IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

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OUR CODE OF ETHICS: *Have permission and do no harm!*

## THE APRIL MEETING

41 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful program presented by **Ernie Richards**, a long time treasure hunter and partner of our own Bob Weller. Ernie showed slides of the history of our coins going back to the Spanish influence in the new world. He also had a big display case of very old Spanish coins from his large collection. Ernie and Bob have worked together for years and have published many books on galleon salvage, etc. such as *Galleon Hunt*, *Famous Shipwrecks of the Florida Keys*, *Salvaging Spanish Sunken Treasure*, etc. For more information go to his web site at: <http://home.att.net/~EnRada/>

A new raffle was started for a \$135 diamond tester that can tell a fake from the real thing. There will only be 45 donation chances sold for \$5 each and there are still some left.

**Stacey deLucia** was presented an award certificate for returning a wallet. She told about examining the wallet and finding cigarette papers and an ID from a reform school and then returning it to the school!

The club thanks **Rose Rubright** for bringing the sodas and popcorn for the break. **Bob Grubb** auctioned off several things to benefit **Eva Gorzkowski** whose husband and long time member passed away recently. (Eva is now a life member.) The club voted not to rejoin the **FMDAC** because the officers of that organization made decisions without the vote of the member clubs plus other problems.

Changes in our by-laws were voted on and copies of the new by-laws will be available soon.

## CLUES CONTEST

*Wayne Daniels found the hidden cache in the small area that several other hunters had gone over and won the \$25 prize!*

There will be another clues contest sometime in the future if we can afford it.

## THE MAY MEETING

This month will feature a program many of our members have asked for. How to know your detector better and share knowledge with other owners of the same machine! Test plots will be set up for practice and there will also be a contest on pinpointing and discrimination. Bring your detector and be sure you have fresh batteries! Member Dave Grix will also give a short talk on tides and how they affect our beaches. In case of rain we can go indoors and do the testing.

## MONTHLY BEST FINDS

Monthly best finds started at the April meeting. The categories are Best Silver, Best Gold and Most Unusual. Each member can enter one item per category. The item will have to have been found since the last meeting. Voting will be done by the members during the break. Any ties will be broken by either the huntmaster or a designated representative if the huntmaster has an item that is competing. Winners will get a silver half dollar. Also, starting in May, there will be a fourth category that will be announced at the beginning of the meeting. This category will change every month so be sure to bring all of your finds! Only the huntmaster will know that fourth category and thus will not be eligible to enter.

## THE APRIL WINNERS:

Best gold: Erik Kristensen, diamond ring

Best silver: Irv Smith, necklace

Most unusual: dorothy Mills, silver lighter

Spring is here, the flowers haz riz.  
I wonder where the snow birds iz?

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Dues are \$20 a year.

New members pay an initiation fee of \$5  
and \$20 if joining between January 1st  
and the end June or \$10 if joining between  
July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## FACE VALUE OF COINS BROUGHT TO THE TALL TALES TABLE IN 2003

JANUARY	\$753.96
FEBRUARY	687.20
MARCH	186.65
APRIL	416.66
TOTAL	\$2044.47
SILVER JEWELRY	100
GOLD JEWELRY	52

(All items displayed on the table must have been  
found during the past month.)

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## MEMBERS BUY AND SELL COLUMN

### TOM LOTITO

J.W. Fishers Pulse 8X Pro water detector. Little  
used. Cost \$1000. Cash sale for \$400  
561-627-2295

### KEVIN REILLY

Full line of new and used detectors and also  
scoops, cleaners, tumblers and books. 954-971-  
6102. [reillystreasuredgold.com](http://reillystreasuredgold.com)  
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Low prices plus 10% discount to members.

### TOM LIEBERMAN

Ready to serve your real estate needs.  
561-852-7409

### STEVE HOSKINS

Cannon PC310 Copier \$40. 561-967-2923.  
Fish camp, Buckhead Ridge near Okeechobee  
City, Florida. \$40,000.

### CHERYL PETENBRINK

Pool table four and a half by 9'. Excellent  
condition. Includes Belgium balls, ball rack, wall  
rack, 6 cues and thick top cover all for \$1800.  
Wanted: Bowflex exercise machine in good  
condition for a reasonable price.

561-697-5073

### EVA GORZKOWSKI

New Minelab Excaliber water/land machine for  
\$750. Mirek only used it once. 561-482-3079

### STACEY deLUCIA

deLucia Consulting, Inc. Professional grant  
writing services. 561-687-2310  
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This column is for members only. Why not list  
your profession? Maybe members are looking  
for a roofer, lawyer, pool maintenance, a new  
car, appliances, home services, etc. List your ad  
here!

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### DID YOU KNOW?

A man makes it back to  
his cold cabin and it is  
20 below zero. He only has  
one match and he has a candle,  
a lamp and wood in the  
stove. Which does he  
light first?

## JASON AND JACK'S CORNER DOOR PRIZES

Irv Smith, display case  
James Wilhelm, proof coin set  
Ed Weston, silver round  
Irv Smith, silver bar  
Tom Lotito, the book Search!

### MYSTERY PRIZE

Nobody had a small can opener key  
to win the silver half dollar

### 50/50 DRAWING

Wayne Daniels took home \$45 as his share of the  
50/50 drawing.

### BIRTHDAYS

The following members won a silver quarter  
for being present at the meeting in their  
birthday month:

Bob Konnagan  
Bob Grubb  
Karen Larson

A reminder: finds brought to the tall tales table must  
have been recovered within the past 30 days.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

NANCY STEPHENS  
KAZHIE ZABRISKIE  
LOUIS BROZYNA  
CHERYL BURKE  
BARBARA DOBSKI  
JOHN LOBOTA

**IF YOU COME TO A MEETING  
AND IT IS YOUR BIRTHDAY  
MONTH YOU WILL GET A GIFT  
OF A SILVER QUARTER!**

### RICHARD'S TIP OF THE MONTH

Batteries! Never mix them together in a bag! One of our members went hunting and put extra 9 volt batteries in his apron bag. Later he reached his hand into the bag for something and the batteries were HOT! They had touched negative to positive terminals and shorted out. AA batteries may be OK in that bag but don't take chances. Make sure they are in the original carton or separated so they don't touch. Nothing is worse than needed new batteries on a long hunt and then find them dead from contacting each other.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 1, 2003

BANK BALANCE	\$880.90
CASH ON HAND	<u>50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$930.90</b>

### YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that summer is upon us the heat and humidity  
can be a real deterrent to metal detecting in south  
Florida. Bring lots of liquids with you when you go  
out, try to stay in shaded areas (yeah, right!) and keep  
your COOL! Karen

### THE APRIL HUNT

17 hunters met at the Pompano Public Beach and  
were able to hunt until the rains came about 45  
minutes before the end time. Those who came early  
got the most goodies. Five cash prizes of \$2 were  
won by **Richard Zabriskie** for best jewelry find of a  
gold ring with 7 diamonds. Most nickels, **Erik  
Kristensen** (4). Most bottle caps, **Ben Smith** (19).  
Least cash found, **Gay Konnagon**. Most fish gear a  
tie between **Jack Petenbrink** and **Sam Frost**. Total  
cash found \$15.06 with **Cheryl Petenbrink** first with  
\$3.34 and **Bob Grubb** second with \$2.64. Misc.  
items found included bullets, tie pin, pen knife, key,  
pair of glasses and a bracelet. (A note of interest,  
**Jason Petenbrink** was using a big foot coil now put  
out by Tesoro metal detectors.

### THE MAY HUNT

will be held in the historic village of Indiantown,  
Florida. We will meet Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM  
in Kiwanis Park which is centrally located next to the  
Library. It has a large gazebo in the center.

On the day before, on the 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a big  
motorcycle rally in town which should mean lost  
valuables! To get to Indiantown from the West Palm  
Beach area take the Beeline Hy. (state Road 710)  
west for about 28 miles. Indiantown has a long and  
colorful history dating back to the Seminole Wars  
and there are many old houses and sites of interest  
including the historic Seminole Inn. (We may have  
lunch there,) The hunt will last as long as you want,  
weather permitting, and prizes will be awarded for  
finds. There will be more details at the May meeting  
on the 8<sup>th</sup> and a sign up sheet.

## MISTAKES THAN CAN MAKE YOU LOOK STUPID OR COST MONEY

Do not become so excited about a coveted recovery you just made deep into the thick old growth woods ...and that you want to show to your friends right away ...that you forget where you laid your detector down before seeking your friend (s) perhaps a couple acres away.

Never assume a docile looking cow, munching on grass, acting like it's not interested in you, is actually not interested in you. Never turn your back to cattle when recovering a target.

And since we are on the topic of cattle, metal detecting, and related notes of interest, never assume a "cow pie" that looks completely dry on top, is dry all the way through and not very slippery .Never assume there are no good targets to be dug out from under "cow pies." Sometimes there are!

If you lose the nylon bolt or nut that secures your loop to the down rod, go to your nearest hardware store and buy a nylon toilet seat bolt. Do not use any type of metal bolt or nut as you will, at best, make it impossible to pinpoint a target using the detectors "all metal" pinpointing mode. At the very worst all you'll get from your detector is constant screeching.

Never assume your metal detector is "falseing" or broken when every hand full of soil you pass in front of the loop when recovering a target from the hole causes a good signal. Try taking off all jewelry from that hand and wrist and then see how much better your detector works.

In your excitement to start out on your treasure hunting trip or in your haste to leave the field at the end of a good long day, don't assume your metal detector is packed away in the vehicle where it should be. If you feel a slight bump and hear the sound of crunching bending metal as you back up, that probably means you forgot and left your detector leaning against the back bumper.

If you reach your detecting spot or arrive back home without your metal detector, that probably means you missed seeing it in your rearview mirror as it slid off the roof of your car and started to bounce and slide down the road. For what it's worth, a sticker with your name and phone number on it might be good to place on your detector.

Don't assume your metal detector is broken because it does not turn on and you just put in fresh batteries. Check the polarity positioning of each battery to make sure the +'s and -'s are ALL pointing in the right directions.

When detecting in an area known for being rattlesnake habitat, keep one ear free of the headphones. If you have hearing difficulty, keep your best ear uncovered! Wear snake boots and snake chaps to protect from sneaky snake attacks.

When detecting in an area known for having a bear population, always detect with a partner. Select a partner that runs more slowly than you.

When hunting in salt water during pre-dawn, dusk, or evening hours, never assume that what bumps into you while in the water is probably friendly or not hungry! Always wear some type of foot protection to protect against stingrays.

Never assume the horse watching you detect from the other side of the fence likes to have his nose scratched. On that same line of thought, never assume the farmer's dog will remember you have permission to be there from your last trip. If that same dog reluctantly allows you out of the car to detect, and then later invites himself to share your "brown bag" lunch, do not argue with him!

When water hunting in southern states, don't bet you can wade faster than a snake or alligator can swim. You can't!

**When searching shallow water without using a waterproof metal detector, don't hold the wet dripping loop over your head while walking from one location to another. Water will run down the down rod sometimes entering the electronics.**

Never go metal detecting without a extra set of fresh batteries nor forget to turn your detector off at the end of each trip.

In your excitement to return to treasure hunting after a coffee or lunch break, don't forget to turn your metal detector back on before continuing to search. With your machine turned off, I guarantee you won't find anything and will discover it is a huge waste of time and quite embarrassing to cover the same area twice.

Never confuse the terms "weatherproof" with "waterproof" or assume they mean the same. They don't!

**THESE TIPS ARE FROM THE BOOK, METAL DETECTING FOR BEGINNERS  
BY ED TISDALE. THE BOOK IS AVAILABLE FROM OUR MEMBER KEVIN  
REILLY AT \$12.95. GO TO HIS WEBSITE AT: [reillystreasuredgold.com](http://reillystreasuredgold.com)**

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### PLEASE NOTE

Challenge levels have been monitored and changes are being made. Level 1 and 2 should not be too hard and 3 items seem to be holding up the majority of people participating. On level 1 hotel key has been replaced with a numbered key in its place. On level 2-bicentennial quarter being replaced with quarter from the 70's and toy truck being replaced with a toy car/truck. The other levels will remain.