

THE TINFOIL TIMES

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:30 PM SEPTEMBER 11TH AT THE WEST
PALM BCH. GARDEN CLUB IN DREHER PARK IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

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

THE AUGUST MEETING

31 members and guests attended and four of the guests joined! The club welcomes new members, **Carolyn Mize, Carol Coffin, Ernie Bouyoucas and Arlene Paxson.**

A very interesting program was presented by **Michelle Renne**, a local silversmith, who talked about restoring your jewelry finds, easy ways to repair them and cleaning. She had a huge display of many pendants, earrings, rings and bracelets that she has made herself or restored.

There are still a few chances left at \$5 each for the Diamond Tester we are raffling off. The winner may be drawn at the September meeting! The club thanks **Mitzi Bergrud** for bringing the sodas. It was announced that a distraught mother lost a gold bracelet with birthstones of her children somewhere on Jupiter Beach. Anyone finding it can contact Stacey deLucia for owner information.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to **James Wilhelm** for returning to the owner a set of lost keys and to **Richard Zabriskie** for returning a wallet.

Richard brought a huge display of the many, many valuable items he has recovered during his many years of detecting. He also took the time to give members many tips on recovery and where some the best places are to look for valuables in parks and on the beaches. See his profile elsewhere in this edition!

DON'T LET THE BUGS BITE!

With all the recent news about the West Nile Virus and malaria cases in Palm Beach County here are some odd ball repellants that may work for you: Wipe your skin with Bounce fabric softener sheets. Take a B-1 vitamin tablet once a day April through October. Stop eating bananas. Rub on Vick's Vaporub. Plant marigolds around the yard. The best? Many say Cutter's spray repellant with 21% DEET!

JASON AND JACK'S CORNER

DOOR PRIZES

Display case: Ed Weston

Treasure map: John Lobota

Ring display: Cheryl Petenbrink

Hurricane book and a pendant
from the Atocha: Brian Guam

Electrolysis kit for
cleaning: Jan Comos

MYSTERY PRIZE

A silver half dollar was won by Cheryl
Petenbrink for bringing a thumb
tack to the tall tales table.

50/50 DRAWING

Cheryl Petenbrink took home \$31 as her share of the
50/50 drawing.

BIRTHDAYS

The following members won a silver quarter
for being present at the meeting in their
birthday month:
Steve Hoskins
Stacey deLucia
Al Bregrud

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

JANUARY	\$753.96
FEBRUARY	687.20
MARCH	186.65
APRIL	416.66
JUNE	391.96
JULY	381.37
AUGUST	392.14
TOTAL	\$3209.94

SILVER JEWELRY 159

GOLD JEWELRY 66

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

MONTHLY BEST FINDS

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, 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 MAY WINNERS:

Best gold: Richard Zabriskie, bracelet

Best silver: Tom Lieberman, ring

Most unusual: Erik Kristensen: "A male enhancer."
(The fourth category was not held.)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

ROBERT DOBSKI

SAM FROST

ERNIE BOUYOUCAS

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

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COMING UP!

We are having another fun hunt with the Central Florida club October 18 and 19 in Deland, Florida. \$38 per person includes shared cabin, two meals on Sat. and one meal on Sunday. Bring your own sleeping gear, towels, etc. Linda will need to know by the Sept. meeting the tentative number of our members attending so she can notify the CFMDC. Final numbers by the Oct. meeting. If you cannot attend the Sept. meeting call or e-mail Linda. 791-7682. Make out check to CFMDC. Most of us go up on Friday and share a motel room and may do other detecting in that area. Meeting with the Central Florida club is always a fun gathering!!!

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The program will be presented by one of our newest members, Guy Bachmann, who will speak about many unknown aspects of the Civil War and the second Seminole War in Florida. He will have other folks from the Sons of the Union Veterans with him along with displays of war artifacts. Do you have any relatives who fought with the Union? He will give the historical offices information where you can get all of the data on that family member! This will be a meeting you will not want to miss. To support the SUV donations will be asked for.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's always fun to meet new detectorists. We have gotten a lot of new members this year who are eager to enjoy the hobby with us. When I first started out with my machine it was "beep and dig." Now the detectors have gotten a lot more sophisticated and can tell you what is under that beep and how far down it is. What a concept!! Getting to know your machine takes practice. We have some top notch veterans who can help you learn your machine and make it fun and profitable. Come a little early to our meetings and "hang out." We can't promise to make you rich, but you WILL have fun. Happy Hunting!
Karen Larson

OUR SEPTEMBER HUNT

will be held at the Okee-Tantie Recreation Area in Okeechobee on Sunday, Sept. 14th at 9 AM. This is a year round facility with camping, boat ramps, marina, picnic areas, play ground, grocery store and snack shop. It is also on the Birders and Scenic Trail. Some members may want to eat at the Lightsey restaurant which has very good fish. If anyone is interested in camp sites, Linda will have the info at the meeting. There will also be a sign up sheet at the meeting. Directions: West on Beeline Hy. (Hy 710), go through Indiantown to SR 70 and west on 70. South on US 441 to intersection of 441 SE and Hy. 78. Right on 78W for 4.5 miles and area is on the left.

(The club did not have a hunt in August. Simply too hot out there. For our northern readers, our season for the best hunting is in the winter! Eat your heart out!)

The South Florida Metal Detecting Club is asking our members to join with them again for a hunt on Hollywood Beach on Sunday, Sept. 7. This is a pot luck picnic and hunt. Details at the meeting or call Tom McGrath 954-981-1181. ocean2@bellsouth.net

Our "sister club," The South Florida Chapter of the Gold Prospectors Association of America will meet at Wabasso Beach (about ten miles north of Vero Beach) on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003 for a pot luck picnic. The Chapter will furnish hot dogs and buns and you are asked to bring a side dish. Tom Kelly, a resident of Sebastian, will be a guide to show the best places to detect for old Spanish coins. For time and details call Mitzi Bergrud at 561-790-3997 or see her at our meeting.

RICHARD ZABRISKIE

Richard was born in 1937 in the little town of Boonton, New Jersey, which was founded in 1867 and now has a population of about 8500. He attended Boonton High School and later took college courses in blue printing, etc. He met and married his beloved wife Kazhie in Boonton in 1959, 44 years ago. He was in service in a military police outfit for awhile and has held jobs in dry cleaning, injection molding and real estate. He said he started metal detecting about 20 years ago and the most fun thing he has done is going scuba diving. What he hates the most is work! He also said that what he likes the most is spending his spare time with his wife. His advice to newcomers in the metal detecting hobby? "Have patience and don't get discouraged." The Gold Coast Treasure Club is fortunate to have Richard as a dedicated member!

About our club.....

It was founded in 1973, thirty years ago. We have met on the second Thursday of the month for many years. The officers have a meeting at one of their homes every month and make plans for the coming month's hunt, programs, etc. They are always looking for members' input as to what they would like to see our club doing and the pros and cons of how we operate! At the present time we have 61 members including three life members and one honorary member. We get newsletters from other clubs and notice that most of them charge for every hunt and outing. We do not charge for any of our hunts except for our annual silver hunt and guests at our Holiday Party. Our dues of \$20 a year have not gone up for at least 15 years and we depend on raffles, door prizes, 50/50 drawings, etc. to help the treasury. The newsletter is sent out to all members and other clubs on the first of the month.

NOTES OF INTEREST

The entrance road to the Science Museum and our meeting place, the Garden Club, may or may not be torn up for the Dreher Park renovation starting soon. If so, there will probably be signs routing us to a road west of the Zoo.

The month of August always comes with vacations, etc. so the much awaited Clues Contest will begin again in October.

The recent ban on detectors on Riviera beach is still being enforced by the lifeguards and police. There is no word yet on WHY they hate detectorists.

John Lobota found a very interesting web site for what is called "High Resolution Orthoimagery." Look for it at www.nysgis.state.ny.us/index.html It may be available for Florida soon.

also from John:

Large, perfect quality, synthetic, man-made diamonds are now a reality.

There is a large news release on the Internet at: www.wired.com/wired/archive/11.09/diamond.html These are not diamond look-a-likes, but real honest to goodness diamonds. Two systems of manufacturing have been developed which can produce large 3 ct. plus size gem quality diamonds for around \$5 a carat. Both facilities are gearing up their manufacturing plants to soon equal the output of a full scale diamond mine. The DeBeers diamond cartel is furious but have no recourse over this new development. I means the forfeiture of their control over the world diamond market. One other use and demand for these inexpensive stones is use as extremely powerful semiconductors. Diamonds may replace silicon by way of their superiority. This is a very interesting web site to visit.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1, 2003

BANK BALANCE	\$749.90
CASH ON HAND	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$799.90

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Little Nancy was in her garden filling a hole when her neighbor asked what she was doing. She said she was burying her goldfish that had died. Her neighbor said, "That's a pretty big hole for a small fish!" And Nancy said, "That's because he is in your damn cat." from the Treasure Hunters Gazette.