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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:30 PM FEBRUARY 12TH 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!

If you haven't paid your dues for 2004 this will be your last newsletter. According to our by-laws, anyone paying after February 1st. will also be required to pay the \$5 initiation. All of our dues go to pay our monthly expenses for our club only as we are not members of any national organization.

OUR JANUARY MEETING

When the meeting opened at 7:30 there were 44 members and guests present while a huge helicopter gunship hovered over the clubhouse. It seems that Bush was taking off from Palm Beach International just north of us!

Our program was one of the best we have had recently. **Paul McElroy** was the guest speaker. Paul has published books on treasure hunting along our coast such as *Treasure Coast Archipelago* and *Treasure Coast Gold*. His books are a combination of fiction and facts and he regaled the members with true tales of the Jenson Beach area and told of hidden treasure caches along the shores complete with markers in trees and hidden hideaways. You can go to his website: treasurecoastmysteries.com to learn more. Thanks go to **Guy Bachmann** for bringing the refreshments. The club welcomed **James Gillicee** as a new member. Our treasurer **Gail Hoskins** reminded everyone that there are still some t-shirts with our logo left at \$15, club pens for \$4 each and our 30th. Anniversary towels for only \$3 each.

RICHARD'S TIP OF THE MONTH

One of the best tools you can use is a small six tined ice pick. Probe the grass with it and you are almost sure to find the target unless it is more than two inches deep

A VERY SPECIAL AWARD!

Kevin Reilly has been a faithful member for many years. He owns Reilly's Treasured Gold, a full line metal detector shop in Pompano Beach. He has referred many new members to our club and has always given us special discounts on metal detector purchases. He has also donated many different items to us for door prizes and raffles. By a unanimous vote of the officers Kevin was elected to be an Honorary Member!

THE JANUARY HUNT

In spite of the temperature near the high forties and a brisk wind off the ocean 16 members went to South Beach for a dawn hunt. Surprisingly, there were quite a few brave tourists sunbathing too! The finds were \$51.26 in coins. The top money finders were **Richard Zabriskie** \$10.10, **Erik Kristensen** \$9.79 and **Linda Bennett** with \$6.88. **Joy StClair** found a beautiful gold ring, **Erik** recovered an unusual silver earring and a watch, **Karen Larson** also dug a silver earring plus a silver ring. **Stacey deLucia** found a silver bracelet, **Linda** a gold plated CZ tennis bracelet and **Sam Frost** found a 1958 wheatie penny. Everyone also scooped up the usual foreign coins, sinkers and keys.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 1, 2004

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BANK BALANCE	\$1012.29
CASH ON HAND	50.00
TOTAL	\$1062.29

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CLUES CONTEST

Somewhere in Palm Beach County there is a hidden coin jar. Follow the clues, if you can, and if you find it you will get a \$25 reward!

CLUE NUMBER ONE

Arms raised to their goddess, Praetorians stand tall and bounded. Marching to the sunrise, their feet are firmly grounded. Some show signs of thirst, but most are all but drowned. That marks the realm but not the X, where this treasure may be founded.

CLUE NUMBER TWO

Entry is gained by many approaches, all are different but mostly alike. The nearest is twenty four steps, signed on the back by Spike.

It is numbered as the first, that increase on a northerly hike. Thirty nine paces over the ground and you will find your lucky strike.

CLUE NUMBER THREE

Three towers rise from the ground to protect the masses. Towers manned by stalwart mates, offed wooed by comely young lasses. Mark their line straight and true and the trail of many passes. For here it lies awaiting you. Come find the buried treasure caches.

CLUE NUMBER FOUR

Them's all the clues,
now I've pointed the way.

If you still can't find it,
well, it's almost "O" "K"

ONE FURTHER TIP: JUNO BEACH? PIER?

*Detect the booty for a bounty
of two score and five dollars.*



DID YOU KNOW?

IN 1901:

Drive-by-shootings, in which teenage boys galloped down the streets randomly shooting at houses, carriages or anything else that caught their fancy----were an ongoing problem in Denver and other cities in the west.
(some things never change)

JASON AND JACK'S CORNER

DOOR PRIZES

Silver round, Les Batts

Silver bar, Ed Weston

Silver dime collection, Jim Warnke

Club towel, Les batts

Head flashlight, Ed Weston

Lottery scratch off, Stacey deLucia

MYSTERY PRIZE

No one had a small key on the tall tales table to win the silver half dollar..

50/50 DRAWING

Stacet deLucia took home \$32 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:

Geraldine Frost

Irv Smith

Jack Petenbrink

Ed Weston

Andy Rolfe

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

BEST GOLD

Double rings by Cheryl Petenbrink

BEST SILVER

Three items by Caroline Mize

MOST UNUSUAL

A little blinking light by Jason Petenbrink

MYSTERY CATEGORY WAS

THE BEST CELL PHONE

won by Stacey deLucia

20 Years Ago.....

(During the recent process of changing homes, long time member, Tom Lotito, gave the editor a file of old *Tinfoil Times* plus several other articles and treasure hunting tid bits. From time to time, space permitting, we will run some of them in this column.)

Metal Detector Solves Mystery

Like something out of a Disney movie, a metal detector was responsible for solving a very unusual mystery. When Ramona Murray's diamond ring disappeared, she and her husband searched their home for several hours with a metal detector without success. For a lark, she passed the detector over their seven month old cat and heard that familiar beep from the instrument. A quick trip to the vet for an x-ray confirmed their suspicions and they patiently waited for nature to take its course. Within a few hours they recovered the lost ring.

THE FEBRUARY MEETING

FINDS! FINDS! FINDS!

This will be a "show off" meeting! A chance to show the members what you have found recently and over the years!

There will be the usual "tall tales" table to show the finds you have recovered during the month of January. Be sure to include your junk that may win the Mystery Prize.

There will be another table to enter the Finds of the Month Contest and win a silver half dollar. Categories: Best Gold, Best Silver, Most Unusual and a new category, Best Costume Jewelry.

Then another special table will be set up for the BEST FINDS OF 2003 with silver dollar awards.

Best Gold, Best Silver, Best Costume Jewelry, Best Relic, Most Unusual and the oldest American coin. There will be sub-categories for the coins, penny, nickel, dime, quarter, half dollar and dollar. (Dollar does not have to be silver.)

THEN, please bring your best or favorite find (one only) that you have found during all of the years you have been metal detecting. You will be asked say a few words describing how you found the object and perhaps why you think it is your best or favorite find. (three minute limit). **Please remember, only one item per category at any of the tables! (If you haven't paid your dues for 2004 you will not be able to participate.)**

A murder mystery.....

Twenty years ago a married couple went to a movie.

During the film, the husband strangled his wife.

No one noticed and he managed to get her body back home without attracting attention.

How did he do this?

Answer next month.

A VERY SPECIAL HUNT!

After a lot of negotiating we have permission to hunt Boy Scout Camp Oklawaha in Sebastian about 15 miles north of Vero Beach and about 110 miles north of West Palm Beach. Some of the members going will want to stay at a nearby motel. We will meet in the camp parking lot on Sunday, February 22nd, at 8:00AM and we will be able to hunt until 2:00PM.

There will be a small charge of \$5 for everyone using a detector which is a fee charged by the camp. This is a huge camp covering 67 acres and should yield many goodies! There are a lot of primitive campsites all through the woods to hunt. Information on motels and a complete map of the camp will be available at the Jan. 8th meeting. *Bring your own food and beverages!* Directions: Take I-95 north to the Fellsmere exit for County Road 512 and then go east on 512 to County Road 505 and turn left. (North) The camp entrance is on the left just a little ways north on 505. Details at the meeting or call Linda at 791-7682.

