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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 PM AUGUST 11
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

AUGUST MEETING

Our next meeting will be loaded with tips, tricks and information on metal detecting. *"Diggin It,"* a DVD, will search and explore a WWII military ghost town. **President Kurt Herring** has bought a video projector so the movie can be viewed on the pull-down screen. While viewing the video on the big screen, you can eat popcorn, drink ice cold soda and enjoy the ice cream social. The ice cream social idea was borrowed from the Suncoast Research and Recovery Club in Largo, Florida. **Linda Bennett** will be in charge of the refreshments. **Jeff Foss** will try to stump the members with his mystery item.

Our next raffle item is a very unique "must have" for treasure hunters: a license plate airbrushed with a beach scene and a metal detectorist enjoying the greatest hobby on earth! This one is certain to sell out quickly, so make sure you get your share of tickets early in the meeting. There are only forty chances available for \$4 each or two for \$6, so see Gail for yours.

Remember to return any library books or videos that you checked out last month.

TREASURER'S REPORT
\$ 1793.78

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE
PENS WITH CLUB NAME: \$3.00
CLUB TOWELS: \$3.00
CLUB PATCHES: \$5.00

FACE VALUE OF COINS BROUGHT TO

TALL TALES TABLE 2005

DOLLAR AMOUNT \$2732.79

GOLD 42

SILVER 96

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to the following contributors: Stacey deLucia, Jan Smirnow, Linda Bennett and Mitzi Bergrud.

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Dues are \$30 a year
New members pay an initiation fee of \$5
and \$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

KEVIN REILLY offers a complete line of new and used detectors and also scoops, cleaners, tumblers and books. He also does custom metal working and laser detailing (call for details). 954-971-6102 or www.rtgstore.com

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"Mordray's Whale" (ISBN # 0-595-36417-9) is a new book authored by Bob. The plot is set in 1968 Bermuda when a rare whale finds its way to the island and impacts the lives of its people. \$16.95. To order on line at iUniverse.com or via the book order dept. at 1-877-288-4737.

STACEY deLUCIA: All Stainless Steel Travel Water Scoop. Excellent condition. Sturdy handle with spring clips, breaks down into two 23" sections for travel ease. 5" diameter duckbill and 1/2" holes. A "must have" for water hunters. \$70.

Panasonic Plain Paper Fax & Copier, with two rolls Panasonic KX-FA136 film (\$29.95 value) and instruction manual. Excellent condition. \$35.

Hoover Sprintline 100 Canister Vacuum. \$20

Call 561-687-2310 or email: sdeLuc823@aol.com

LINDA BENNETT 12 Foot Windsurfer with instruction book. \$50. New 5" Closed Coil Cover for Fisher 1225, 35, 1266-X, CZ-7/6/5, Impulse, CZ-20: \$5. New 8" All Terrain Coil Cover for Sovereign, Musketeer, Explorer: \$8. Call: 791-7682 or email: labennettuk@yahoo.com

Club members can advertise items for sale or items wanted, free of charge. These items do not have to be related to metal detecting. Contact Linda Bennett to place your ad

JASON AND JACK'S CORNER AND THE WINNERS ARE!

Remember – bring a guest and you receive an extra door prize ticket; display your monthly finds on the Tall Tales Table and you receive a door prize ticket; provide refreshments for the meeting and receive a door prize ticket; volunteer to bring the mystery item and receive a door prize ticket - that adds up to four free tickets for the door prizes drawings!

DOOR PRIZES

- Silver Round - **Cheryl Petenbrink**
- Flashlight/toolbox - **Bob Smirnow**
- Headlight - **Tom Lieberman**
- Coupon for chance on raffle - **Warren Megibow**
- Water bottle and holder - **Cheryl Petenbrink**
- Lottery Ticket - **Warren Megibow**

Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! This month, we'd like to thank Richard Zabriskie for the flashlight/toolbox, Stacey deLucia for the headlight, Karen Larson for the water bottle and holder and Ben Smith for the lottery ticket.

MYSTERY ITEM

Every month a volunteer is needed to help stump fellow club members with a secret treasure that the volunteer chose. If you have the mystery item on display, you win a silver half dollar. This past month's stumper, an Arizona Ice Tea Bottle cap, was brought in by **Cheryl Petenbrink**. She indeed stumped the club. *Remember to bring all items found. You never know what will be that month's mystery item!*

50/50 DRAWING

Warren Megibow won \$43.00 for his share of the drawing. IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!

When was the last time you had a chance to get out and do some metal detecting? Find something you were proud of? Have something unusual happen or something funny happen? Members are always welcome to send submissions detailing their recent hunts and finds. (Include pictures if you can).

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

BEST GOLD

Diamond Ring - **Cheryl Petenbrink**



BEST SILVER

Silver Necklace - **Dave Grix**



MOST UNUSUAL

Coin from Israel - **Steve Hoskins**



COSTUME JEWELRY

Snake Design - **Steve Hoskins**



SOUTH BEACH IN JULY

July 24th, ten members and a guest braved the incredible summer sun for a morning hunt on South Beach. Participants included: **Stacey deLucia; Gail and Steve Hoskins; Betty and Jerry Laur; Karen Larson; and Bob Smirnow; Jim Smith** (who brought his neighbor, **Chuck Wilson**); and **Richard Zabriskie**. In total, \$58.08 was found, with hunt coordinator Richard finding the most money (\$5.08). Stacey came in second, finding \$4.18 and Bob placed third with \$4.18. Some of the interesting finds: Richard found two unique costume jewelry pieces, a Wheatie and three of the seven foreign coins recovered; Stacey found a 10k gold necklace with a name in script and bracelet marked 18k that may be a fake, along with some costume jewelry pieces; Steve found an earring that caused his heart to race until he realized the six stones were crystals; Gail found a silver-look toe ring; Jerry found his very first ring, although it is costume (next time, Jerry!); Jan and Bob found costume jewelry; and Jim, who hunted in the water, came away with a silver toe ring, assorted junk jewelry and a nice white gold ring with a blue stone and diamond chips. Jim's neighbor, Chuck, found more than \$100.00. And everyone found the heat index to be brutal. After the hunt, several members escaped the sun by enjoying breakfast at an Ocean Drive café. A good time was had by all.



Photos by Steve Hoskins



South Florida Gold Coast Chapter – GPAA Gold Prospecting Techniques

You are invited to see a demonstration of different methods to recover gold, old fashioned gold panning along with the spiral. The spiral is prospecting equipment that has become a must to have for your prospecting adventures. The Desert Fox Spiral and the Camel Spiral are fun to use and get those tiny grains of gold that are often lost when using other methods.

If you have been prospecting over the summer bring in your sand and concentrates and run them through the Spiral to see what you may have missed panning. Plan on getting a bag of our Chapter's special PAYDIRT and run it through the spiral for hands on use of this prospecting equipment.

The South Florida Gold Coast Chapter of the GPAA meets on Saturday, August 20th at 10:30 AM at the WPB Garden Club.

JULY MEETING

28 members attended including guest Frank Mead. A former member, Frank is a successful beach and water hunter. He has found Spanish artifacts on the Treasure Coast. His best find was a Spanish 1 oz gold coin. His tip was "go out after the storm and just keep going- it happens only once in a lifetime."

The gold tester kit raffle winner was Al Bergrud. His wife Mitzi collected the kit because Al was sick and sleeping in the car.

A long break was held so members could peruse the tables and see what fellow TH'ers found to be the most useful "tools-of-the-trade." Thanks to Karen Larson for providing the refreshments for the long break.

Richard's Tip of the month – "Take your time, keep working." Richard's tale – While hunting at Deerfield on the North side of the pier, he was approached by a lady who proceeded to inform him that they (husband and herself) had just finished metal detecting that area and there was nothing left,

perhaps he should try another place, Richard calmly showed a handful of coins he had just found! She turned around and promptly left without another word.

Members are recognized for returning lost items to their owners. All items returned earn a certificate of appreciation from the club. For the first item returned, a metal detector pin (made by Steve Hoskins) is given along with a certificate. This month two members were recognized:

John Lobota received a certificate for persevering in locating the owner of a gold class ring. He used the internet to look up the school and then called the school. Good Work John!

While John Lobota was hunting at Lake Worth Beach, a young lady asked him to look for her lost necklace with a cross. She had told him she lost it around the volley ball court. John was unsuccessful, but passed along this request to club members at the June meeting.

Jim Smith happily found the lost gold necklace and cross for the lady – he almost got a charge from finding it, he had to wait for the lightening to stop before he could finish the hunt. It was originally reported to be in the volleyball area, but turned out to be under the pier. Good Work Jim! Thanks to Jim's lady, the club received a donation. (\$25.00 from Stephanie E. Gort)



CLUB DIRECTORY

This directory is for your personal use only. The names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses are to be used only for contact within the club. If there are any errors or omissions please notify Janice Brown, 561-735-8921. Additions or changes to the directory will be printed in the newsletter for you to add to your copy of the directory.

Corrections to directory:

Dwight Morris

BIRTHDAYS

July birthday celebrants **Betty Laur**, **Ben Smith**, **St. Clair** and **Richard Zabriskie** each received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO

Al Bergrud

Stacey deLucia

Steven Hoskins

Phillip Hujar

Tom McGrath

Ira Rappaport

Lela Rudd

AUGUST HUNT

There will be no scheduled club hunt this month. Hot temperatures, heat and thunderstorms are the reasons. Remember safety when hunting - lightning kills. Be sure to use plenty of sunscreen and drink plenty of water.

INTERNET SITES

To learn more about U.S. coins:

<http://www.coinfacts.com/>

Jewelry Markings:

<http://www.angelfire.com/electronic2/allenok/Jwlrmark.html>

Finding New Treasure Sites with the Internet and
Related Metal Detecting Research Topics:

<http://www.nb.net/~resteele/newsites/>

Remember, come to a meeting during your birthday month and you will receive a gift of a silver quarter!

Go to Home Depot or Lowes and pick up some wood paint stirrers. On the end of each stick Super Glue a coin of different denominations, pull tab, etc. On the handle you can write the reading that the detector has. Carry them with you and all you have to do is wave the item under your coil to check the detector setting. Remember this is only a rough check and targets in the ground may give a different reading.

Be careful what type of shoes you wear when metal detecting. Some shoes have metal inside and can set off your metal detector while hunting. That is one reason shoes are removed prior to going through airport security.

Errors in grammar and spelling are added for those who like to find them.
Linda Bennett newsletter co-editor

QUESTIONS CONTEST

It happens just about every time we venture out with our metal detectors. Someone approaches us with a question about our hobby. Sometimes the questions are very common, sometimes they are a bit silly or odd, and some of them just blow your mind with their... oh, let's just say... "naiveté." How do you respond when asked, *"Do you ever find anything with that machine?"* or *"What's the best thing you ever found with that thing?"* We want to know what questions or comments you get and some of your clever responses (even if you only "thought" the response and kept it to yourself). We are looking for funny, entertaining answers, even if you only WISH you had the nerve to shoot back a smart alec answer.

What? You say you need an incentive? So be it. Every entrant will get one free door prize ticket each month that they submit an entry until a winner is announced. The overall winner will receive a one-year subscription to Lost Treasure magazine! So, put on your thinking caps and send your entries to: **Stacey deLucia** at sdeLuc823@aol.com or turn them in at the August meeting. Please make sure your name is on the entry for proper credit.

Just like with the Lotto, if you don't play, you can't win!

BURIED COINS CACHE

CLUE NUMBER ONE

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ILRHTAKNOEW

Burial of cache and clues provided by Cheryl Petenbrink. If found by a club member, that person will receive a prize of \$25.

FILL THOSE HOLES!

Living in Florida allows us miles of beach and water hunting opportunities. But with this advantage comes responsibility. Many hunters do not take the few seconds to fill in the hole they just made. Yes, children dig holes and do not fill them in, but their age excuses them. Metal detectorists are under scrutiny by lifeguards and beach patrons. When an adult leaves a hole, it is viewed differently. It doesn't take but one person hurting themselves by tripping in a hole that was made during recovery of a target to make an area off limits. The short time it takes to knock sand back into the hole with your foot or scoop goes a long way to create a positive image. While you are hunting, take time to kick sand back into holes left by other inconsiderate detectorists.

If you hunt in the ocean, holes created by scooping usually get filled up quickly due to wave action and tide changes. But this isn't true if you hunt in lakes and other bodies of water. Leaving a hole can be dangerous for the unsuspecting individuals who think they are in shallow water and suddenly are in deep water because they fell in the hole. Many areas in the north have been closed to metal detectors because of the holes left behind. In lakes where there is no current, holes can remain in place for years.

No matter where you are using your metal detector; whether it is in the water, on the sand, in grass, or even out in the boondocks relic hunting, take the time to fill any holes that you make. Otherwise, we may see laws that legislate our hobby out of existence. It is easier to prevent a new law than it is to change it.

BOUNCE DRYER SHEETS

Bounce dryer sheets will repel mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 11: GCTC Meeting and Ice Cream Social
August 20: South Florida Gold Coast Chapter – GPAA