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

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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 PM JULY 14
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

JULY MEETING

One of the best things about being a member of our club is having access to a number of treasure hunters who have YEARS of hunting secrets, tips and how-to advice that they are willing to share. Have you ever wondered what hunting accessories your fellow THers find to be most valuable? The July meeting will be your opportunity to check out the "tools-of-the-trade" that make club members' hunts most productive.

Please bring your favorite scoops, pin pointers, probes and other non-detector equipment for a show and tell of sorts. What item(s) CAN'T you do without while hunting, besides your detector? Bring it (them) and tell us why it's indispensable. Do you use a chest harness, special pouch, belt, hat, sun protection clothing or digger? Or perhaps you created a special gadget that may be of interest to other club members. We will have tables available for members to display their favorite things. Please be sure to put your name on each item. The break will be extended so we can all check out everyone else's gadgets, gizmos and rigs, and since names will be on the items, we can ask the owners questions about what makes the items useful.

Attention procrastinators: If you haven't purchased your raffle tickets for the Gold Tester yet, what are you waiting for? Only forty chances are being sold for a mere \$5 each and there aren't many spaces left. You know you want one!

Karen Larson will provide refreshments and Cheryl Petenbrink will try to stump the club with her mystery item.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

\$ 1858.79

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

PENS WITH CLUB NAME: \$3.00

CLUB TOWELS: \$3.00

FACE VALUE OF COINS BROUGHT TO

TALL TALES TABLE 2005

DOLLAR AMOUNT \$2437.51

GOLD 31

SILVER 83

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

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

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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). A limited number of White's Pulse PI for sale at \$500.

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ED WESTON Wanted: Collectable and antique fishing tackle. Lures, rods, reels. 561-622-9282.

BOB GRUBB Stainless steel scoop @ \$70.00.

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STACEY deLUCIA: All Stainless Steel Travel Water Scoop. Excellent, like-new condition. Sturdy handle with spring clips, breaks down into two 23" sections for travel ease. 5" diameter duckbill and 1/2" holes. Bought from Treasure Coast Scoops. List: \$117.95, plus S & H. For sale: \$70.

Panasonic Plain Paper Fax & Copier, with two rolls Panasonic KX-FA136 film (\$29.95 value) and instruction manual. Works perfectly. For sale: \$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

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 – that adds up to three free tickets for the door prizes drawings!

DOOR PRIZES

Silver Round - **Jeff Foss**

Bicentennial 1 Oz Silver Round - **Warren Megibow**

American Flag - **Bob Smirnow**

Magnetic Ribbon(God Bless America) - **Jan Smirnow**

Declaration of Independence - **Bob Smirnow**

Lottery Ticket - **Warren Megibow**

Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! This month, we'd like to thank Don Caplinger for the American Flag, Stacey deLucia for the magnetic ribbon, Jim Warnke for the Declaration of Independence 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. This past month's stumper, a silver heart, was brought in by **Richard Zabriskie**. Fortunately **Linda Bennett** had a similar one in her Tall Tales display and she received a silver half dollar as a prize. *Remember to bring all items found. You never know what will be that month's mystery item!*

50/50 DRAWING

Mitzi Bergrud won \$53.00 for her 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?

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

(See Picture of Monthly Finds on the Website)

BEST GOLD

Diamond Ring-**Richard Zabriskie**

BEST SILVER

Silver Heart Ring-**Bob Smirnow**

MOST UNUSUAL

Puzzle-**Jim Smith**

COSTUME JEWELRY

Ring- **Cheryl Petenbrink**

BIRTHDAYS

June birthday celebrant **Jeff Foss** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during his birthday month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Gerard Beaulieu

Linda Bennett

Cliff Burke

Janet Felton

Betty Laur

Tammy Lobota

Kevin Reilly

Ben Smith

Harry Sommers

Joy St. Clair

Doug Wolfmueller

Richard Zabriskie

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

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Here we are half way through the year. The months have passed quickly since becoming president. And, I felt like I should report back to all of you – actually just a few ramblings from my perspective.

First, I would like to complement the ingenuity, dedication, and resourcefulness of the board members. Most all of us at some time or other have volunteered to help a cause or hobby. Often, it turns out to be an unrewarding obligation though - especially if you don't feel appreciated. The point is that the board works pretty hard to manage all of the club's routine activities and to plan and organize meetings, hunts, and special activities. They're doing a remarkable job. If you enjoy yourself at a function, say so – thank a board member or volunteer; after all, they are working for your benefit. Plus, doing so will give us feedback for future activities.

There have been some great programs and activities already this year. Having Tom Dankowski last month was quite a coup – all of the credit goes to Stacey – and he has already agreed to return. Steve Carr gave an outstanding talk on the Ashley gang and we are anxious to have him speak again. Bob Weller regaled us with treasure stories. We had a competition hunting program and the most successful auction ever. And, lots of hunting activities – silver hunts, nighttime hunts, lost jewelry hunts, hunting at Knollwood, joint hunts at different Boy Scout camps, a beach hunt and cookout with the So Fl club, etc. We've traveled to two separate competition hunts, and even cruised to the Bahamas together to hunt. I hope you are signing up and joining in. Snooze – you lose. The majority of all of our activities are completely free!! By the way, that's unusual; most clubs throughout the country charge many more fees to be able to support themselves. But with the \$10 annual membership increase, the growing number of members and all of your support – our club is an exception.

Our treasury is in great shape. And that means we can continue to expand our horizons. After all, it all gets plowed back into new and improved activities that all of the members can enjoy. So ... I've asked myself, what could be improved. And, it seems to me there are a couple of things. I want to continue to make our meetings more fun and informative. After all that is our chief activity together and is what attracts new members.

You may not have noticed but we have tried to simplify and shorten our meeting agenda. Attracting good speakers for free is always a problem. Many want to share an interest that they are passionate about; but they at least want their costs covered.

Finally we are reaching a point where we can offer to reimburse the speaker's gas expenses. If you are aware of a potential speaker that would be interesting, please suggest them. This is the single most difficult task that the board wrestles with each month. Help is always welcome.

The other improvement in our club that needs attention is one that every club of any kind faces – getting more members to volunteer. It doesn't have to be a recurring commitment. There are one time tasks like mystery item and refreshments that wind up being done by the same members repeatedly. C'mon, step up, let's all help to make the club great!

Happy Finding - Kurt

JULY HUNT

By popular request, Richard Zabriskie, will sponsor the next club hunt at South Beach in Miami. Mark your calendar for July 16. Set your alarm clock for a 6:30 A.M. start time at South Beach. Finishing time will be set by the group that morning. Stacey deLucia will be organizing the carpooling and caravanning details. For those who want to carpool or caravan, meet in Lake Worth at 10th Avenue and Congress in the southwest parking lot near Pier One at 5 A.M. If you do not want to caravan or carpool, just meet at South Beach at 6:30 A.M. Take I-95 south to 395 exit and go east over the MacArthur Causeway. 395 then becomes 5th Street. Follow 5th Street to Ocean Drive (which is on the ocean) and turn north. Go 5 blocks north to the intersection of Ocean Drive and 10th Street. Park on the ocean side. Bring change for the parking meter. Free parking till 9 A.M., then it is 25 cents per 15 minutes. There will be sign up sheet at the meeting. Please indicate where you will be meeting the group. Stacey's cell phone number is 561-308-5458.

FLORIDA LAW CHANGE

Effective June 1 2005, the division has discontinued the isolated finds program. Removal of artifacts from sovereign submerged lands will no longer be allowed after that date; removal of artifacts from river bottoms and other sovereign submerged lands will be a first degree misdemeanor under § 267.13(1)(a), Florida Statutes.

Make a Pirate Chest

For plans on making a wood treasure chest, go to
http://www.thomasathomas.com/make_a_chest.htm

TECH/INTERNET TIPS FROM JOHN LOBOTA

Metal Detectors - Conductivity, Frequency & Sensitivity

It seems that the most precious finds are low on the conductivity scale, like gold and small relics. That poses a problem for most detectors. Beginning with the lowest conductive to the highest, we have (1-Iron) (2-Foil, Most Gold, Small Relics) (3-Pull Tabs, Larger Relics, Some Gold) (4-Rect. Tabs) (5-Screw Caps, Zinc Cents) (6-Copper, Silver, Clad) The lower frequency detectors, 5khz to 7khz are more sensitive to larger, higher conductive items like pull tabs and coins. As the frequency increases so does the sensitivity to those more precious lower conductive targets. Many detectors are in the lower frequency range which means those smaller, lower conductive targets like gold earrings, small rings, small chains, charms, small buttons, etc. are missed. Additionally, lower frequency detectors only have nominal depth on the larger, lower conductive items. The best gold and relic detectors operate on higher frequencies. from 8khz to 19khz and even higher frequencies for gold prospecting.

The Whites MXT, Shadow X5, Tesoro Cibola, Vaquero and Tejon are single frequency detectors ranging from 14 to 19khz and have an awesome sensitivity / depth for small gold jewelry and relics on land or dry sand. Second choices would be detectors with the next lower frequency level, like the rest of the Whites line, Tesoro line, Fisher 1270 and some Garretts which have frequencies in the 10khz range. Single frequency detectors have a faster response to targets, which means faster sweep speed and covering more ground in less time. This can really help on large beaches or when relic hunting.

Multi-frequency detectors like the Fisher CZ's and Minelabs have the ability to work in saltwater conditions, but lack the sensitivity to small, lower conductive targets. The Minelab Sovereign for instance will not respond to small foil, small gold jewelry like earrings, small chains, etc. or small relics. But it will respond exceptionally well on larger rings, medallions, coins, median sized relics, etc. The Fisher CZ's are a little more sensitive than the Minelabs to those smaller, lower conductive items. Also, multi-frequency detectors need time to process target information and have a much slower sweep speed. But their advantage lies in overcoming saltwater and in having excellent target separation in trashy areas and target identification in tough ground conditions.

One last note. With single frequency detectors, iron (ferrous) and gold/relics (non-ferrous) can overlap, so with the discrimination low enough for finding small jewelry or relics some iron and bottle caps may respond as good. With multi-frequency detectors, there is a definite separation between iron (ferrous) and (non-ferrous) gold/relics. These detectors will usually eliminate all iron and bottle caps while only responding to desirable non-ferrous targets.

FOREIGN COINS

Our club has been collecting foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp for handicapped children. Over 4000 children attend this camp every summer. Keith Wills and his club in Texas have been teaching campers how to use metal detectors. Club members then plant foreign coins for the children to find. The children are shown that there is a recreational sport they can do despite their handicap. The collection of coins was mailed on May 23. The club will continue to collect foreign coins throughout the year. The following is an email letter from Keith Wills, President of WATTS.

Dear Gold Coast Treasure Club, Inc., these are some photos of us working with the 120 handicap children at the Texas Lions Camp last week in Kerrville, TX. on our annual visit there. It was a wonderful time and the kids and employees of the camp were great to us and wanted me to express their many thanks to those of you that were kind enough to donate coins and other items for the kids. All the kids said a BIG "Thank You" to you all. These kids are our nation's future and we in the hobby are proud to show them there is a recreational sport they can enjoy even with a handicap. This builds esteem and pride in these kids and they also get a great start on their own foreign coin collection, HA!

It is a great hobby for sure when folks like yourself think of others like these wonderful kids. Thanks again so much for your wonderful donation of coins to the kids and camp, we all know we can always count on the Gold Coast Treasure Club.

Maybe you will have the opportunity to join use next year, it is a life changing experience. Sincerely, Keith Wills, president WWATS www.wwats.org These photos are now on the website there.

South Florida Gold Coast Chapter – GPAA

Straight from Mt. Ida, Arkansas, real crystals, clear, white, and black. Learn how quartz crystals and other minerals are formed and why the mountains of Mt. Ida are loaded with these crystals. Discover the many uses of crystals including the wellness and mental health of ourselves. Crystal, gemstone, and mineral groupings with interesting information will be presented. Bring your friends, neighbors, and the kids for this educational experience. There will be a crystal dig for a nominal fee for kids of all ages. Take crystals home that are special to you. This will be a program not duplicated anywhere. Y'all come and have fun July 18th, at the 10:30 AM regular meeting of the South Florida Gold Coast Chapter of the GPAA.

CLUB DIRECTORY

The 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 Jan Smirnow, 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.

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BAHAMAS CRUISE

It really IS better in the Bahamas! At least that's what six club members learned when they sailed to the islands from June 3rd through June 5th! While all of South Florida was hovering under umbrellas or staying inside to avoid torrential downpours and lightning storms, **Linda Bennett; Stacey de Lucia; Kurt Herring; Jim Smith; and Richard and Kazhi Zabriskie** sailed to the sunny isle of Nassau upon Imperial Majesty's Regal Empress. Not only was the weather picture-postcard perfect, but the island excursion we took was a metal detectorist's fantasy come true. Miles of white sand beaches, thousands of palm trees and everywhere you looked there were rope hammocks! We all agreed that the island hadn't been hit by a detector in quite some time and that this trip needs to be an annual one!

Kurt scored the most "bling," thanks to four hours of water hunting. His haul: a gold men's 18" herringbone necklace; 2 men's gold wedding bands (one of which he was able to return to its owner, on the spot); a woman's gold charm bracelet; and a woman's gold nugget ring, along with \$4.23 in coins. **Stacey** scored the only diamonds of the day with her find of a white gold wedding band with 12 small diamonds. She also landed a silver anchor with Jesus on it; a hoop earring; 12 Bahamian coins and a Mexican \$10 piece, along with \$6.49 in coins. **Jim** found 3 silver rings and \$17.29 in coins. **Linda** found a silver toe ring, reading glasses, keys, foreign coins and \$8.15.

Richard, the coin magnet, retrieved the most coins – 241 – for a grand total of \$27.68 and an earring. And Richard's lovely wife, **Kazhi**, was an angel who watched our equipment and enjoyed the tropical paradise while we all went off to hunt. Thank you Kazhi!

We also had a wonderful time enjoying meals and island libations together and most of us hit the Casinos. (Linda was smart enough to avoid the temptation!) Kazhi was the big winner when she hit the jackpot on the quarter machine. She and Stacey watched in amazement as \$250 in quarters poured from the machine! Now, that's a pleasant sound!

Yes. A fun time was had by all. Don't you wish you had gone now? Well, don't worry. We WILL be going back and we'll even let you share our secret island treasure trove! Make sure you plan on joining us for a winter trip!



Photos by Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia and Regal Empress

JUNE MEETING

Those of you who missed the June 9th meeting missed one of our club's most enthusiastic presenters, **Thomas J. Dankowski**. If you read last month's newsletter (and if you haven't been living under a rock) you'll know that Tom is revered in metal detecting circles as a much-sought-after author, instructor, lecturer, inventor and avid treasure hunter. In addition to his roles at Kennedy Space Center on NASA's Space Shuttle program and the assembly of the International Space Station, Tom works with Fisher Research Laboratory R & D department on current production and future metal detector concepts.

Tom is one dedicated treasure hunter who is eager to share his vast knowledge with others who love our hobby. We would like to thank Tom for driving from Cocoa Beach and back in one night in order to speak to our club and answer questions. For our snowbird members who were unable to attend the June meeting, we've got good news for you. Tom generously agreed to join us once again in January 2006 to speak with our group about what's on the technical horizon. You will not want to miss that!

There are still free copies of Tom's Fisher Intelligence 4th Edition booklet available, so come to the July meeting to get yours.



President Herring welcomed to the meeting 27 club members along with new member Jack Malin of Fort Lauderdale and guest George Malanga from New Jersey.

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 three members were recognized:

Certificate:

Dave Grix – returning a ring to the rightful owner.

Kurt Herring – returning a man's wedding band in Nassau.

Certificate and Pin:

Jan Smirnow – for returning a cell phone.

Jim Smith – for the finding and returning of a burial bottle.

Members can also participate in the five Challenge Levels. Each level has certain items that need to be found. A certificate and old coin are presented as each level is completed. Completing Level 2 were **Jan and Bob Smirnow**. They received a certificate and silver dime.

Warren Megibow displayed his meteorites from Arizona. He found the smallest one ever found near the copper mine. A very interesting show and tell. Thanks for sharing Warren.

RICHARD'S TIP

"Follow the newcomers, they swing too high and fast!"

LINDA'S TIP

"Keep the coil to the soil"

DUMBEST QUESTIONS CONTEST

How many times has this happened to you? You're walking down the beach with your metal detector minding your own business and some beachgoer comes up to you with a perplexed look on his or her face. You know it's coming. The silly comment or mindless question du jour. Haven't we all heard this one: "*Do you ever find anything with that machine?*" ("No, I just like the exercise!") or "*What's the best thing you ever found with that thing?*" ("Peace and quiet!") or, if you're in the water, "*Does that thing work in water?*" ("No, I thought it would be a good idea to ruin a \$1,000 state-of-the-art electronic devise. What the heck?") Oh, there are so many of them and we've all heard them. Why not make the time we spend answering the same questions over and over pay off?

E-mail **Stacey** (sdeLuc823@aol.com) or bring to the July meeting one or more of the most frequently heard comments or questions thrown at you when you are out with your detector AND your response (or even what you WISH you could say in response). Or, if you've heard a new one that made you scratch your head, let us know. Please make sure your name is on the entry. We will list some of our favorite entries in the August newsletter when a contest winner will be announced.

This light-hearted contest should be good for a chuckle or two. (It might even make up for all the 14-year-old boys who like to throw pennies in our path!)

HUNT/PICNIC WITH SFTHC AT HOLLYWOOD BEACH

After weeks of torrential rain and thunderstorms, clear weather prevailed for our hunt and picnic with the South Florida Treasure Hunters Club on Sunday, June 12. Rough seas prevented their water hunters from getting much deeper than the wet sand/surf area. That evened out somewhat the finds between the two clubs. The SFTHC are mainly water hunters and our members are mainly beach hunters. **Tom McGrath (SFTHC)** did a fantastic job with the prizes. **Kevin Reilly of Reilly's Treasured Gold, Inc.** donated some of the prizes. Be sure to thank Kevin when you stop by his shop. Besides buying the prizes, the SFTHC were responsible for drinks, ice, eating and drinking supplies. Our club was responsible for the hot dogs, buns, condiments, charcoal and the chef. Thank you **Richard Zabriskie** for serving as chef. The comedy was provided by the group trying to start the charcoal. Prize categories and presentation of prizes was handled by **Linda Bennett** and her assistant **Stacey deLucia**. (*Richard was still recuperating from the hot job of cooking*). Delicious side dishes were provided by the members-not much food was left over. Our clubs share some common members and we always enjoy getting together on a regular basis.



PHOTOS BY STEVE HOSKINS
AND
TOM MCGRATH

PRESERVING OUR HOBBY

Our hobby and rights are being threatened by many laws that are being changed or written on a local, state and national level. Individual involvement is a step in the right direction. Also, belonging to a national organization will help you keep up-to-date with the constant upheavals. Your membership can also help support these groups with their lobbying efforts. Government officials tend to listen to groups with a large membership because of the voting impact. Highlighted below are three organizations.



WWATS (World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers)

The focus of WWATS is to be an information center, providing special training as necessary to understand our relationships with, and to openly approach, our government agencies, seeking ways our hobby can co-exist within the rules and regulations used to govern public lands today. WWATS shall be a proactive organization, not a reactive one.

We feel we have the finest Washington based lobbyist, several intelligent attorneys, an outstanding legislative liaison, several major publishers, the best of the diver/pro prospector/detectorist community and several CEO's of major manufacturers on our board.

Membership is free for 3 years and consists of at least 1800 members on a worldwide basis. Our club currently belongs to this national organization.

<http://www.wwats.org/>



American Metal Detecting Association

AMDA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) group whose purpose will be educational in nature, we strive to supply information to all levels of interested detectorists, recreational mineral hunters, and associated business and manufactures. Hunts, meetings, seminars, and published materials, including our quarterly newsletter, give detectorists and mineral hunters the best information and direction possible. AMDA works with lawmakers and agency personnel to try to bring about a better understanding of our sports and work to head off any potential problems or negative law/regulations which would adversely impact those involved. AMDA directors believe the public, agencies and lawmakers must begin to view people, especially detectorists in a proper light. We will work hard to incorporate the words *Citizen Collector* into the general vocabulary. Individual membership is \$10 annually.

<http://www.amdaonline.net/>



Federation of Metal Detector and Archeological Clubs, Inc. (FMDAC)

The Federation of Metal Detector and Archeological Clubs, Inc. (FMDAC) was formed in late Spring of 1984 for the preservation, promotion and protection of the recreational use of metal detecting.

The Federation consists of a National Board and membership clubs. A membership club is established by individual club members joining the Federation. \$5/person.

The National Board has four positions elected by national vote: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other board members include seven Chapter Presidents elected from within their chapter location. There are also appointed Board members: Manufacturer Industry Representative, Alliance Liaison, and Webmaster.

<http://www.fmdac.org/>

PRESERVING THE METAL DETECTING HOBBY

The hobby of metal detecting has reached a point where all of us need to take action to promote our pastime as a family-oriented hobby that works within the existing laws and preserves history. Laws restricting the use of metal detectors underwater (as seen in Alabama and now Florida) and on land are becoming common. The majority of these overly restrictive legislative decisions have been a result of problems caused by just a few irresponsible treasure hunters. First, act like the responsible, law-abiding citizen that you are. Stay out of legally protected historic or

archaeological sites. Cover your holes - even on the beach and in the water. Don't trespass. It is your responsibility to learn the laws. Become politically active. If you know of impending legislation affecting our hobby, write your congressman, city councilman or whom-ever. Let them know how you feel about it. Whatever you do, don't sit back and assume someone else will save your hobby for you. The above listed organizations have websites that keep up with upcoming changes in laws. Our club will email out any news to you. John Lobota and Mitzi Bergrud also do a good job of keeping members up to date. Any member can notify Linda Bennett of any event that could have an impact on metal detecting and she will pass along the information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14: Club Meeting
July 16: South Beach Club Hunt
August: Ice Cream Social