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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M APRIL 13, 2006
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

APRIL MEETING

An Information Exchange

Our next meeting (Thursday, April 13th) will be an educational experience you won't want to miss. Some of our club's most prolific and successful hunters will share their hunting secrets, including what "must have" essential items they never leave home without! **Richard Zabriskie, Cheryl Petenbrink, John Lobota** and **Bob Dobski** will each provide a "show & tell" of their favorite detecting gear and participate in a Q & A session afterwards. Come prepared to learn from the masters!

Thank you in advance to **Betty & Jerry Laur** for volunteering to bring Refreshments for the April meeting. A thank you also goes out to **Cheryl Petenbrink** who will try to stump us with a Mystery Item, so be sure to bring ALL the items you find for the Tall Tales Table.

Join us for BBQ before the meeting!

A group of us have been getting together at **Park Avenue BBQ in Lake Worth** at **5:30 p.m.** right before each club meeting for the last few months. It's a fun way to network with your detecting buddies, so why not come out and join us? Everyone is welcome! Just show up and look in the back room for a group of smiling faces. As always, it is "Dutch Treat" – so B.Y.O.M – Bring your own money!

Park Ave. BBQ & Grille
2401 North Dixie Hwy (US 1)
Lake Worth, Florida

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

Fun in Quiet Waters Park

Stacey deLucia will host an unofficial club hunt on **Saturday, April 8th** in **Deerfield Beach** at **Quiet Waters Park** after the **SPCA Wildlife Care Center's Walk for Wildlife** event. Stacey invites everyone in the club to join her on that day for a 1.25 mile mini-walk-a-thon to benefit the Wildlife Care Center. After a morning of fun there, club members will gather to metal detect in the park. There is a lot of fun in store for this walk-a-thon event. **Jeff Corwin** from Animal Planet will be there! There will also be live entertainment; games & contests; radio personalities and much more. There is a \$1 fee to enter the park, then a minimum \$10 to walk. They encourage pledges, but walkers can just pay the \$10 minimum to walk. The first 200 walkers will get a t-shirt and the event will run until 4 pm. Jeff Corwin leaves around noon, so we can head on out to detect around that time.

Registration starts at 8 AM; walk starts at 10 AM.

You can bring your "companion animals" to walk with you, if you wish, but unless you have a pet sitter to watch Fido or Fluffy while you detect, you might want to pass on that idea. To find out more about this event, go to: <http://donations.wildlifecarecenter.org>.

Please RSVP to Stacey by e-mail at sdeLuc823@aol.com. Anyone who would like to car pool or caravan down there should let Stacey know ASAP.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to the following contributors: Stacey deLucia, Jan Smirnow, Linda Bennett, Bob Dobski and John Lobota.

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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

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BOB GRUBB "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.

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1-877-288-4737.

STACEY deLUCIA - WANTED: 24" to 28" 14 kt (or higher) thick gold chain, minimum 2 mm, preferably 3 mm thick, to hang half ounce Double Eagle Coin on. Also interested in Gold Bezel for that coin. Call **Stacey** at (561) 687-2310 or e-mail sdeLuc823@aol.com if you want to turn your lucky find into cold, hard cash!

WANTED:Traveling companion and/or Roommate to share expenses during April 21-23 **Great Southern Shootout** in Daytona Beach. I'll drive. Roommate must be female nonsmoker. Do you already have a room, but just want a ride? That's fine. Navigators of either sex welcome! Contact **Stacey deLucia (561) 687-2310** or sdeLuc823@aol.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.



Experience + research = success

JASON AND JACK'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

Silver Round – **Richard Zabriskie**

Silver Bar – **Warren Megibow**

Display Case – **Betty Laur**

Tool Belt Bag – **Jerry Laur**

Trowel – **Jerry Laur**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! This month, we'd like to thank **Richard Zabriskie** for his donation of the display case and **Linda Bennett** for her donations of the tool belt bag and trowel.*

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!

MYSTERY ITEM

Every month a volunteer is needed to help stump fellow club members with a secret treasure that the volunteer chooses. The volunteer receives a free door prize ticket for their effort. If one of a member's displayed finds on the Tall Tales Table matches the mystery item, that member wins a silver half dollar.

Club Member **Jeff Foss** (via **Tom Snell's** delivery, due to Jeff's illness) stumped the Tall Tales participants with a Belt Buckle. Guess we have to work harder!

Remember to bring all items found. You never know what will be that month's mystery item!

50/50 DRAWING

Warren Megibow won \$59.00 for his share of the 50/50 drawing.

IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!

And odds are a LOT better than the Florida Lottery!

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

BEST GOLD

Gold ring – **Gary Del Rosal**



BEST SILVER

Necklace – **Betty Laur**



MOST UNUSUAL

Skate – **Jan Smirnow**



COSTUME JEWELRY

Pendant – **Jason Petenbrink**



QUESTIONS CONTEST

Did you see that the GCTC was featured in **Western & Eastern Treasures (WET)** magazine last month? **Dick Stout** will periodically feature our club's Questions Contest in his "Club News & Views" column. What questions or comments do *you* get? How do you respond? Get one free door prize ticket during each month that you submit an entry. Club members will vote for the winner at a future meeting. The winner will receive a one-year subscription to **Lost Treasure OR Western & Eastern Treasures!** Send entries to: **Stacey deLucia** at sdeLuc823@aol.com. (Make sure your name is on the entry for proper credit.) Who knows? You might even see your name and entry in WET Magazine!

CLUB DIRECTORY

The 2006 new club directory was passed out at the February meeting. 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:

Addition to **Edward Heltzer**: Apartment 103

Addition to **Bob Grubb**:
email address

TIP FROM OUR MEMBERS

From **Cheryl Petenbrink**

When you receive your detector, save your box by folding it up. You never know when you may need this exact size again. Sure makes shipping a breeze.

From **Linda Bennett**

Make a list and check it twice especially when traveling any distance to use your metal detector.

She found out the hard way. Upon arrival to the west coast of Florida beaches, Linda realized that she had forgotten her trusty and totally necessary "SCOOP!" A trip to Wal-Mart and an examination of everything in sporting goods and household supplies yielded a metal slotted spoon that did suffice until she had to dig deep!

RAFFLE ITEM

Our current raffle is a Fisher Coinstrike metal detector that was donated to the club in memory of **Ed Berry**. See **Gail Hoskins** to purchase your chances. There will be 80 chances sold for \$5/chance.

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

TIPS FROM JOHN LOBOTA

With the price of gold hovering at \$550 per ounce I thought a quick review of gold facts could be useful. At the current price of gold our beach finds can add up quickly and gold is expected to go up much higher over the next few years.

The weight of gold is usually expressed
in troy ounces.

1 troy ounce = 1.097 ordinary ounce
1 troy ounce = 20.09375 dwt (pennyweight)
1 troy ounce = 31.25 grams

The purity of gold:

100 percent - 999 fine - 24 karat
91.7 percent - 917 fine - 22 karat
75.0 percent - 750 fine - 18 karat
58.3 percent - 583 fine - 14 karat
41.6 percent - 416 fine - 10 karat

So, at \$550 for an ounce of .999 fine gold
1 troy ounce of 18 k would have \$412.50 of gold
1 troy ounce of 14 k would have \$320.65 of gold
1 troy ounce of 10 k would have \$229.80 of gold

Electronic gold scales are very affordable now. One can be purchased on eBay or the Internet for under \$20, including postage. The best choice is one that can give weights in ounces, pennyweight, grams or troy ounce and generally weigh up to 250 grams.

TREASURER'S REPORT
\$ 2,297.00

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

TALL TALES

John Presslein told of his grandson's first time with a metal detector. "The weekend before Hurricane Wilma I gave my grandson a brief idea of how a metal detector works on the beach. He barely walked three feet and he found a silver earring and another two feet - a quarter!"

Irving Smith held up two pieces of wire containing an incredible number of keys collected over 14 years of detecting. Amazing collection Irving!

COIN CACHE CLUE

The coin cache has already been reburied. Good luck and happy hunting!

CLUE NUMBER ONE

"IT IS LOCATED IN A 'LAKE' PARK IN DELRAY BEACH WHO'S NAME RHYMES WITH LYDA."

CLUE NUMBER TWO

"THE CACHE IS LOCATED AT THE NORTH END OF THE PARK.....IT'S A NARROW PARK."

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

Not everyone is into competition hunting, but these hunts are much more than that. This hunt is also a great place to get together with new and old friends and swap treasure stories.

GREAT SOUTHERN BEACH SHOOTOUT APRIL 21 - 23, 2006

Prizes of over \$11,000 cash (including a \$5,000 grand prize), gold coins, silver bars, silver rounds and metal detectors are what make the GSBS the greatest beach metal detecting event around! Thousands of silver coins and prize tokens are buried in the 5 hunts (including a bonus hunt sponsored by Kellyco). No beach metal detecting enthusiast should miss this event!

CHECK OUT THIS SITE FOR THE
GREAT SOUTHERN BEACH SHOOTOUT 2006
www.gsbs.adepphoto.com/

FOREIGN COINS

Our club will again be collecting foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp for handicapped children. Thanks to **Gerard Beaulieu** for his donation of foreign coins at the last meeting.

FROM OUR LIBRARIAN, CHERYL PETENBRINK

Thank you to the members who promptly return their library books and videos every month. I love to see the library used. But please return the checked out items within at least a two month period so others may enjoy our most popular books and videos.

TCAS 19TH ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT

Three members of the Gold Coast Treasure Club traveled to Sebastian, Florida on March 11th to compete in the planted hunts. About 55 people attended and all had a very good time showing off their gear and trading stories of previous hunts and events. **Richard Zabriskie, Irving Smith** and I, **Bob Dobski**, all had a very good day. Both Richard and Irving found tokens for prizes. Irving found a key for the Treasure Chest but not the one that opens the chest. Irving came in third in the competition hunt. Richard has donated his prizes to the club.

Lunch was provided as part of the entrance fee. It was barbecued chicken with all the trimmings. After a filling lunch came the hunt for the doubloons and silver. All three of us found silver to add to our stash of coins. A pinpoint contest was held and none of us ended up in the prize circle. The winner was from Tampa and was exactly on the bullseye. Several metal detectors were given away along with 4 or 5 silver doubloons with certificates of authenticity. They also had several 50-50 raffles and a raffle for a silver doubloon. Several of the younger people won the raffles. I will most likely be back next year to try for some prizes or at least to meet other metal detectorists and swap experiences and hunting techniques and strategies.

Hope to see a lot of you at the Great Southern Beach Shoot Out in Daytona Beach Florida. April 21st thru the 23rd.

LET ALL YOUR BEEPERS BE KEEPERS

Bob Dobski

Random Act of Kindness Hunt

On Sunday morning, March 26th a small handful of club members attempted to find a German cross medallion that was lost in a horrific car accident on Indiantown Road about 3 years ago. Although a lot of time had passed, a few of us searched for it – **Karen Larson, Stacey DeLucia, Gary Del Rosal** and **Linda Bennett**. After more than three hours, we decided to call it a day and were thanked profusely by the couple who had lost their son in this accident. We all felt sad that we were not able to reunite these grieving parents with their son's medallion, which they would have cherished. The overgrowth and standing water on either side of the road made it difficult to search any more than the mowed grass on either side of the highway. If anyone is ever looking for some in-depth hunting and a way to do a purely humanitarian good deed-the site is about 8 miles west of I-95 on Indiantown Road on the left side. There is a marker at the accident site. Karen Larson can provide additional information, if needed.

MARCH MEETING

Sixteen club members joined in the pre-meeting fun at PA BBQ in Lake Worth. We encourage members to join us at these little get-togethers before the meetings.

The March Meeting started off with a flurry of activity due to all the great **Silent Auction** items that our members donated. President **Kurt Herring** had a tough time getting everyone's attention to start the meeting, because everyone was busy bidding and chatting! (After all was tallied, we raised **\$337**, thanks to everyone's support. Not to mention that some fabulous deals were found!) We had 47 members and one guest checking out the bargains. **Chuck Wilson** came as a guest of **Jim Smith's**. (Chuck is a newcomer to the wonderful world of metal detecting and we hope he'll be back.)

Our program featured **Tony Swicer** and **Ray Duclos** from **Rechant Precious Metals** (located at 1730 South Congress Avenue, West Palm Beach). Tony fascinated club members with the "Do's and Don'ts" of collecting coins, stamps, records, baseball cards and autographs. He cautioned our members about the risks of purchasing coins from television ads, flea markets and to be extra careful when buying Chinese and South East Asian coins. Tony recommended the "Red Book," "The Coin Dealer," (a wholesaler's book) and "Coin World" (a weekly magazine) as valuable references, but cautioned that some of the dealers are bad news.

Ray, President of Rechant Precious Metals, has forty years of experience as a coin collector. He revealed that Rechants supplies gold to approximately 40 jewelers in Palm Beach County. At the end of their presentations, Tony and Ray provided informative handouts on the topics covered. If you missed this meeting, stop by and talk with them at the store. Ray invited members who want to sell finds to pay them a visit. During the break, Ray examined several members' treasures, providing an informal appraisal of the items' value.

A big thank you goes to **Stella Wheatley** for treating us all to delicious homemade refreshments! Also, **Carol Presslein** brought in a sheet cake to celebrate **John's** birthday.

No one had a belt buckle on the Tall Tales Table, which was the **Mystery Item** that **Jeff Foss** contributed. Stumped again!

Congratulations go out to **Bob Dobski** for finding the Coin Cache at Lake Osborne. **John Lobota** presented Bob with an 1865 Maximilliano Gold coin token and the club prize of \$25.00. Thank you, John, for your generous donation of the 1865 coin!

BIRTHDAYS

March birthday celebrants **Jason Petenbrink** and **Guy Bachman** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Bob Grubb (4/12)
Bob Konnagan (4/11)
Karen Larson (4/1)
Jerry Turner 4/16

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

Certificates and Metal Detector Pin Presented for Items Returned to their Rightful Owner

Cell Phone – **Karen Larson**

Finger Brace – **Betty Laur**

Karen Larson, with the help of **Linda Bennett**, returned a cell phone to a teenager from the West Coast of Florida. Karen reported, "It was just sitting up in the sand." Linda checked the numbers in the phone, placed the call and left a message. Karen and Linda were already half way across the state heading home when the call came from the teenager's Mom. The phone was mailed and Karen received a thank you by e-mail and a hand written note from the teenager. Linda reported that there were some really interesting pictures on the phone that she is sure the mom does not know about!

Betty Laur – a close neighbor and friend has arthritis and wears a finger brace – actually a silver bracelet that looks like two rings. Betty's friend was having problems with another finger, so she took one of the "rings," which was too large, and placed it on her other finger. You guessed, it she lost it! And Betty received her urgent call and found it in five minutes! Nice work Betty!

South Beach Report

On March 12th, during the height of Spring Break, 15 club members worked the sands of South Beach. Host **Richard Zabriskie** was joined by **Betty and Jerry Laur, Bob Dobski, Stacey deLucia, Carlos Delgado, Gail and Steve Hoskins, Jim Smith, Kurt Herring, John Lobota, Dave Grix, Karen Larson, Irving Smith** and **Les Batts**. As is frequently the case at South Beach, some odd sights were seen (ask Bob Dobski about drunk Santa!) and some interesting finds were made. Irving found \$7.07 and a medallion; Les found \$5.85 and 3 pieces of costume jewelry; Carlos found a gold “#1 Son” pendant; Stacey was excited to find a 14kt gold stud earring with what appeared to be 11 diamonds in it (update: they weren’t real!); Dave found \$17.28 in change, most of which he reports came from the grassy area, and several pieces of jewelry.

All the reports are not in, but you’ll see these items and more at the April meeting on the Tall Tales Table. The group then enjoyed a wonderful breakfast at a sidewalk café and compared notes. Folks, these trips to South Beach are fun! Let’s start planning our next trip!



WEEKEND HUNT WITH CFMDC

Richard Zabriskie, Irving Smith, Bob Dobski, Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia, Karen Larson, Steve and Gail Hoskins traveled to Ocoee on March 17-19 for a weekend hunt with the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club. The hunt was held at a church camp. The weather was perfect for spending time metal detecting and visiting with our friends from the Sanford based club. The count for Saturday only by the both groups was: 1,486 coins, 20 pieces of jewelry, two Indian Head pennies, five silver coins, and quite a few Wheat pennies. Stacey found five of the Wheat pennies; the oldest was 1931. Irving was second in the group for total number of coins found – 103 coins. Stacey won best finds in the category of coin group. Our club did well in winning doorprizes and not too shabby in the bingo wins either. I did hear some of the CFMDC members whisper good naturally that maybe we shouldn’t be invited next time because of our luck.



Richard “AKA The Energizer Bunny Rabbit” Felled by Knee Injury



BAHAMAS TRIP

After an exciting day trip in June to Nassau by boat, another trip was organized by **Kurt Herring**. This time the group decided to fly to Nassau and spending five days and four nights at a hotel on Cable Beach. Making the trip on April 2 – April 6 were **Kurt Herring, Richard Zabriskie, Karen Larson, Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia, Ellen Rappaport, Jerry and Betty Laur, Irving** and **Marilyn Smith**. The days and nights were full of metal detecting, shopping, taking guided tours, and of course, gambling. Richard paid for his trip by his fantastic luck at the slot machines and black jack. Metal detecting was limited to hunting before 8 a.m. and after 5 p.m. per request of the resorts. The resorts did not want their guests disturbed. Plenty of coins in both American and foreign currency were found. Silver jewelry was more common than gold. **Linda** found the only gold jewelry. One 10K gold ring and half of a 14K gold ring were found by her. Fortunately, the half of 14K ring had two sapphires (each a 1/2 carat) and one diamond (1/2 carat). **Betty** found a very nice silver necklace that won best silver find for March. Be sure to see that picture elsewhere in the newsletter. The only disappointment of the trip was the private island visited in June with some very nice gold jewelry finds had been bought by Atlantis and was under construction with no visitation allowed. The group did take a boat trip to another private island, but very little was found. The highlight of that trip was discovering the great dancing abilities of **Marilyn Smith**. Marilyn spent most of the boat trip dancing with a much younger man! Kurt is already doing research for another island trip.

