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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. FEBRUARY 9, 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*

## February Meeting

Our next meeting (Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>) will feature one of our illustrious members: **Ed Weston**. You may have noticed Ed's ad in our newsletter, under "Members Buy and Sell Column," seeking "Collectable and antique fishing tackle, lures, rods and reels." Ed is an internationally respected collector of antique fishing tackle who has been collecting for 30 years! Come to the February meeting and learn how collectable some of the oddities in YOUR find pouch might actually be! What makes these items desirable to Ed and others who collect antique fishing items? If you know what to look for, you'll never be disappointed again when you dig another fishing lure that you hoped might be a diamond ring! Anyone who would like Ed to take a look at his or her fishing-related finds will get Ed's expert opinion about its value as a collectable.

We all know Ed as a jovial character, but he is also a man of many talents and interests, as was evident during the Holiday Party this past year when he generously donated a unique "Holiday Tree" that he handmade out of antique wooden blocks and children's collectible toys. His generous donation, which we raffled off, allowed us to raise \$147 so we can purchase more silver for the upcoming silver hunt.

*(Co-editor's note: We are looking forward to Ed's speech, if for no other reason than that it will give us an opportunity to heckle him to see if Ed can **take it** as well as he can **dish it out!** Just kidding, Ed!)*

Thank you in advance to **John Lobota** for volunteering to bring Refreshments for the February meeting. A thank you also goes to **Steve Hoskins** 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. Also, don't forget that the **Best Finds 2005 Contest** will be held during the February meeting! (See Linda's column for more info on categories.)

## Don't Miss the Pre-Meeting Fun!

A group of us are getting together at the **Park Avenue BBQ in Lake Worth** at **5:30 p.m.** right before the February meeting. Everyone is welcome! Just show up and look for a group of smiling faces. It is "Dutch Treat" – and no, that doesn't mean some guy named Dutch is paying for it! (B.Y.O.M – Bring your own money!) Directions:

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

### Coming from the North

Exit I-95 at Forest Hill Blvd. West Palm Beach. Head East to US 1, turn Right (South) and go 1 mile. Park Ave. BBQ will be on your right.

### Coming from the South

Exit I-95 at 10th Ave. Lake Worth. Go East to US 1, turn Left (North). Go 1 mile. Park Ave. BBQ will be on your left.

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*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.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**\$ 1370.75**

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

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

## JASON AND JACK'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

### DOOR PRIZES

Silver Round - **Les Batts**  
Silver Bar - **Wayne Daniels**  
Probe - **Karen Larson**  
Ice Pick - **Wayne Daniels**  
Compass - **Warren Megibow**  
Headlight - **Irving Smith**  
Lottery ticket - **Jan Smirnow**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! This month, we'd like to thank **Bob Smirnow** for his donation of the headlight and **the Ed Berry family** for their donations of probe, ice pick and compass.*

*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 doorprize ticket for the 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. January's Mystery Stumper was a cartoon pendant provided by **Les Batts**. **Irving Smith** had a matching item, so he received a silver half dollar.

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

### 50/50 DRAWING

**Linda Bennett** won \$61.00 for her share of the drawing.  
IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!

## MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

### BEST GOLD

Gold braided wedding band - **Les Batts**



### BEST SILVER

Religious metal - **Bob Smirnow**



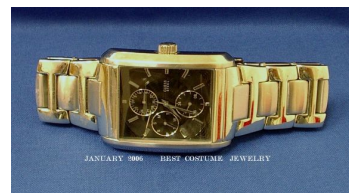
### MOST UNUSUAL

Mirror - **Cheryl Petenbrink**



### COSTUME JEWELRY

Watch - **Bob Smirnow**



## QUESTIONS CONTEST

Western & Eastern Treasures (WET) magazine will feature the GCTC's Questions Contest in **Dick Stout's** April 2006 "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](mailto:sdeLuc823@aol.com). Please make sure your name is on the entry for proper credit.

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## CLUB DIRECTORY

The 2006 new club directory will be available at the next 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 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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## TCAS 19TH ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian will be holding their competition hunt on Saturday, March 11 at the Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida.

For further information regarding the hunt contact  
Mitch King, Hunt Coordinator at  
[mking11@earthlink.net](mailto:mking11@earthlink.net)

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## DONATIONS

Thank you to John Presslein for his donation of a knife and tool set kit. This donation will be used in our upcoming Jim Warnke Memorial Silver Hunt.

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## Silent Auction Items Needed!

It's that time of year again! Time to go through your closets, metal detecting bag, cabinets and garage in search of items you no longer need or want. Bring them to the **March meeting** for our Silent Auction and watch your "trash" turn into someone else's "treasure!" This event is one of our favorites and all proceeds of the auction go back into the club. So, instead of throwing out your unwanted white elephants, DONATE them to the GCTC. Desirable items: *working* electronics, metal detecting equipment, books, videos, DVDs, CDs, tools, household items, arts and crafts, jewelry, sports equipment, hobby items, gems and minerals, etc. If in doubt about an item, e-mail **Stacey:** [sdeLuc823@aol.com](mailto:sdeLuc823@aol.com).

## TIPS FROM JOHN LOBOTA

A few must see and read internet sources. If you need any of these links e-mailed to you, let me know. My email is [papertiq@bellsouth.net](mailto:papertiq@bellsouth.net)

Exploring Florida in maps, movies and photos...  
<http://fcit.usf.edu/florida/sitemap/sitemap.htm>

Florida's Fabulous Treasures - Sites and locations  
<http://www.treasurelore.com/florida/table.htm>

Seminole Silver Work with links to the construction of other Seminole Accessories. I have one of the silver earrings shown if anyone would like to see it.  
<http://www.nativetech.org/seminole/silverwork/index.php>

Military Artifacts of Spanish Florida 1539 - 1821 - An Internet Museum  
<http://www.artifacts.org/>

Must see and read for beach & water hunters. Follow the post threads. It is a pictorial tutorial on beach conditions affecting wet sand and surf detecting.  
[http://www.thetreasuredepot.com/cgi-bin/surfandsand/ss\\_config.pl?read=67236](http://www.thetreasuredepot.com/cgi-bin/surfandsand/ss_config.pl?read=67236)

Butch Mayes - Treasure Found Underground - including many Florida found artifacts.  
<http://www.butchmayes.net/>

Armor Paw - Cut Resistant Gloves - the really work! At only \$14.95 pair.  
<http://www.gloves-online.com/cutresis.htm>

Let us not forget. Tom Dankowski's own website, chock full of great reading and detecting tips. His e-mail is there if you wish to contact him.  
<http://www.dankowskidetectors.com/>  
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## BAHAMAS TRIP

If you are interested in going to Nassau, Bahamas on March 2-6 and have not made your reservations, time is getting short. Kurt Herring has e-mailed information to everyone on our e-mail list. So far nine people have made confirmed reservations and three are still considering. If you have any questions, call Kurt Herring. You will need a passport. Cost for airfare and hotel is averaging \$450 per person based on double occupancy. You won't want to miss this exciting trip with other THers! (If you *aren't* on the e-mail list and want to be, give your e-mail address to a board member and request that you be added.)

## BURIED COINS CACHE

### CLUE NUMBER ONE

this one clue will bring you rlight to the cache "X". lake worth water tower watches over the treaSure from a distance. you set the pace and follow the signs. look for lake front property and a trail.

### Clue #2

"follow the signs" Find the sign that says "Lake Front"... you are real close now.

*Burial of cache and clues provided by **John Lobota**. If found by a club member, that person will receive a prize of \$25. John has generously offered an additional prize to make the hunt more interesting. This is a very good incentive to look for the buried coin cache!*

Here is a picture of the 1865 Maximilliano Gold Token that John will add to the prize money. (Pictures are enlarged).



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### JIM WARNKE MEMORIAL SILVER HUNT

The annual silver hunt and picnic will be held on Sunday, February 12 at Jupiter Beach Park. A hunt orientation meeting will be held at 8:15 AM. The hunt will be followed with awarding of prizes and a picnic. The club will provide the hot dogs, buns, condiments, beverages and all eating and drinking accessories. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish. Also bring your chair, table and other items that make a picnic enjoyable. Entry fee for the hunt is \$10/metal detector. With the cost of silver so high, you will find enough silver to get back your entry fee. Please RSVP to **Gail Hoskins** (561-967-2923) with the number in your party and your side dish by February 9. Directions to Jupiter Beach are as follows: I-95 or the Turnpike to the Jupiter Exit. Go east on Indiantown Road till it ends at A1A. Go north on A1A and turn at the first right onto Jupiter Beach Road. It will end at the Jupiter Jetty. As you drive into the park watch for the club sign on the back of Linda's car. If you get lost, call Linda on her cell phone at (561)-352-4068.

## JANUARY HUNT

A Wild Hunt on Sunday, January 15th was sponsored by **John and Tammy Lobota** at Lake Osborne in Lantana. There was a good turnout of 17 members for a chilly morning. Two other members showed up to see what was found. Three miles of an old park along a lake was available to search. John Lobota hunts in the area on a regular basis and has recovered old silver coins there.

**Three 1971 Eisenhower Uncirculated Silver Dollars were give out for prizes.**

**The categories and winners were:**

**Oldest coin found: Linda Bennett (1947 Wheat Penny)**

**Most money found: Irving Smith (\$3.77)**

**Most fishing items found: Cheryl Petenbrink (3)**

**The \$5 Prize for the most bottle caps found was split between**

**Steve Hoskins and Tammy Lobota**

Other items of interest found included 1958 Wheatie by **Kurt Herring**; 1957 Wheatie by **Cheryl Petenbrink**; costume ring and earring by **Kurt Herring**; costume bracelet and earring by **Cheryl Petenbrink**; watch bezel by **Gary Del Rosal**.

After the hunt, club members cooked on a charcoal grill and checked out each other's equipment.

Linda is always looking for volunteers to come up with new sites to hunt. The involvement in planning and conducting a hunt can vary. The Lobotas arranged the hunt site, a history of the area and provided hot coffee. John recommended the prize categories, but Linda took care of determining type of prizes and doing the hunt finds worksheet. **Ben Smith** has already volunteered for a planted hunt in May.

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### 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 2005**

[www.gsbs.adepphoto.com/](http://www.gsbs.adepphoto.com/)

## January Meeting

President Herring welcomed new member **Arnold Pearlstein**, a teacher and beach and water hunter for 25 years and guests **Larry and Jean Litch** and **Bob and Margie Cook** of Jupiter and **Tom Williams (Tammy Lobota's Dad)**. The special Treasure Hunter's License Plate raffle was won by **Stacey deLucia**. Congratulations Stacey! The Tesoro Stringray metal detector raffle, donated by **Ed Berry's** family, was won by **Dave Grix**! Thanks everyone for making this raffle a great success! **Linda Bennett** won \$61 in the 50/50! **James Wilhelm** was finally awarded his Dubious Energizer Bunny award! A big thanks to **John and Carol Presslein** for the refreshments.

Program - Once again our membership was treated to a night with guest speaker **Tom Dankowski**, NASA engineer and inventor for Fisher metal detectors. If you missed this one, you missed a lot! Tom talked about all phases of metal detecting, demonstrated the CZ-20, CZ-3D, AU 21X, the 1256, ID Edge, Gold Bug II and CZ-5. Quite a lot of information was conveyed to the membership! Facts such as 97% of gold reads foil on most detectors, every other man wears one piece of jewelry as compared to every two women who will wear four or more pieces. Tom shared that while working on modification of the CZ-3D for gold jewelry hunting that he visited six jewelry stores and tested 23,000 pieces of jewelry (true dedication). He discussed how fast gold sinks in sand, suggested testing by tying gold rings to dental floss, and actually said that he found one ring to sink to 23 inches in a matter of seconds! Tom said he'd be happy to return to do another program. Thanks Tom! This was the second time that Tom drove roundtrip in one night from Cocoa to be our speaker, so the board thanked him with dinner at Shells, a GTC metal detector pin and a gift certificate to help with gas. Interesting tidbit!!! Did you know that Tom and Richard discovered that they are RELATED???



### RICHARD' TIPS

Use an inch square wire mesh scoop (basket) on the beach; the sand will flow faster and therefore increase your recovery speed! Always check the already dug holes, there is usually something left behind! For example, an unnamed member of the club decided that one target in the hole was a can, so he abandoned the site. Richard came along and recovered *six silver rings*.

## 2005 YEARLY BEST FINDS

Bring your best finds recovered in 2005 for the Best Finds 2005 Contest. Categories will be: Best Gold; Best Silver; Best Costume Jewelry; Best Toy; Best Token; Best Foreign Coin; Best Relic; Best Non Jewelry; Most Unusual; Oldest American Coin. The Oldest American coin will be broken down into subcategories of oldest penny, nickel, dime, quarter, half dollar and dollar. Winners for the 10 major categories will receive a silver round/bar, a certificate and picture of your find on the website for a year. (The picture on the website is optional.) The subcategories in the American coin category will receive a silver half dollar, a certificate and picture of the find on the website. Each member is allowed one entry per category. Winners are decided by the same voting system that is used for the monthly best finds. Of course, voting on the Oldest American coin is not needed.

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### BIRTHDAYS

January birthday celebrants **Jack Petenbrink**, **Nina Smith**, **Irving Smith**, **Stella Wheatley** and **Ed Weston** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month. **Carol Presslin**, who celebrated her birthday in December, picked up her quarter since it wasn't awarded during the Holiday Party.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

**Linda Boyd (2/01)**  
**Carlos Delgado (2/5)**  
**Tom Dooley (2/29)**  
**Vera Hujar (2/5)**  
**Cheryl Petenbrink (2/13)**  
**Ted Rudd (2/1)**  
**Marilyn Smith (2/5)**

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

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### CFMDC WEEKEND HUNT

The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club has scheduled another overnight weekend hunt at a campsite just north of Orlando. Mark your calendar for the third weekend of March 2006. Price will be \$40/person. More details at the February meeting.



# Killer bees set up shop in Florida

By [Robert P. King](#)  
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Saturday, January 14, 2006

As if hurricanes, roaches, sea lice and insurance bills weren't bad enough, Floridians can add a new menace to their list of worries.

Killer bees are here. And they're going to change your life.

After decades of hype and cheesy disaster movies, Africanized honeybees have established a foothold in Florida, bringing a hair-trigger temper that makes them a threat to farmworkers, landscapers, meter readers, firefighters and basically everyone who ventures outdoors.

In St. Lucie County, thousands of bees nesting below ground near water meters swarmed onto unlucky utility workers late last year, though not fatally. Separate attacks killed two dogs near Miami and Sarasota, along with a horse near LaBelle west of Lake Okeechobee. Africanized bee colonies have turned up in ports throughout the state, including Fort Pierce and the Port of Palm Beach, and have been suspected at tourist attractions such as Busch Gardens and Downtown Disney.

Nobody knows how to stop them. So Floridians will just have to adapt — just as they've learned to nail plywood before hurricanes and scan lawns for fire ant mounds.

That means residents should "bee-proof" their homes, sealing any openings that could allow the insects to turn attics and walls into killer-bee condos, experts say. People also should look out before starting lawn mowers, whose noise can provoke the bees, or opening potential nesting sites such as sheds and barbecue grills.

## Lightning a greater hazard

Those are already realities from Texas to California, where the bees showed up in the 1990s after a decades-long march from Brazil to Mexico. California firefighters receive training in rescuing bee victims, while Arizona educators have drawn up bee lesson plans for children as young as kindergarten age. (One tip for handling a bee attack: "RUN! RUN! RUN!")

But experts say the bees are just one more potential hazard in a state teeming with them. They say people are more likely to be struck by lightning than killed by bees.

"We live in a state that has fire ants that actually kill people," said Jerry Hayes, assistant chief of apiary inspection for the Florida Agriculture Department, which is including bee brochures in its display at the South Florida Fair. "We have scorpions and spiders and boa constrictors and all those scary things."

David Barnes, a bee technician for the department, said he already has had to placate panicked callers, including a landscaper's wife. "I told her he has more to worry about about yellow jackets."

So far, the Africanized bees haven't killed anyone in Florida, the department says. They have killed roughly 1,000 people in the Americas, including at least 14 in the United States, since the bees' ancestors escaped from a Brazilian lab in 1957.

Unlike Hollywood's fictional killer bees, the real-life ones don't roam the countryside looking for people to kill. They're slightly smaller and no more venomous than the docile European strains prized by beekeepers.

But what the Africanized bees lack in size, they make up with a severe lack of anger management.

All honeybees defend their hives, but the Africanized bees erupt against disturbances that European bees might shrug off — a noisy leaf-blower or nosy dog, for example. And they attack in much greater numbers.

"People end up with 300, 400, a thousand stings," said Bob van der Herchen, who runs a bee removal service in Englewood, south of Sarasota. Five hundred stings might be enough to kill a child, federal experts say.

Hayes said the deaths that have occurred "have been horrific," noting that the bees' favorite stinging targets include the nostrils and the mouth. "It's a very gruesome way to die."

Once angered, the Africanized bees stay agitated for as long as 24 hours, posing a continuing hazard, Barnes said.

In September, a swarm of Africanized bees trapped three residents in their Miami Gardens home and attacked several firefighters, three dogs and two television journalists after someone tried to move the log where the bees were living, *The Miami Herald* reported at the time. One dog died.

Near LaBelle in Hendry County, Imogene Risner said her niece was washing a horse near their home last year when a cloud of bees attacked, besieging the animal's head and face. The horse died that night after suffering about 2,000 stings, she said.

Hayes' department then performed DNA tests on hives that Risner's husband, an amateur beekeeper, was tending nearby. She said the state workers killed all 40 hives with soapy water after several of those tests came back positive for Africanized genes — a result she disputes.

## Education will be key

"Bees are temperamental," Risner said, adding that after the execution, "We had a mess all summer. The honey was run out and the flies was coming from all directions."

Other incidents are less clear-cut. Last month, Palm Beach County sheriff's officials said bees attacked nine deputies, three burglary suspects and a dog during a chase through woods west of Lantana, putting three deputies in the hospital. But nobody saved any samples, so the state couldn't determine whether they were Africanized bees, European bees or even yellow jackets.

Bee removal expert Ronnie Sharpton, owner of Palm City-based Alpine Farms, said not all mass bee attacks involve Africanized bees.

"The only time we run into aggressive bees is when someone else has been aggravating bees by throwing rocks or spraying them," he said. He urged people to leave all bees alone and let professionals handle them.

Hayes' agency continues to try to slow the Africanized bees' spread by maintaining hundreds of baited traps at ports and other key locations. But now that the bees are here, education will be a major strategy.

"We can be safe," Barnes said. "Maybe this is one more thing to pay attention to."

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb. 9: GCTC Meeting**  
**Feb 12: Jim Warnke Memorial Silver Hunt**  
**March 2 - 6: Trip to the Bahamas**  
**March Meeting: Silent Auction**  
**March 11: TCAS Hunt**  
**March 18-19: Weekend Hunt with CFMDC**  
**April 21-23, 2006: Great Southern Beach Shootout**