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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 PM JANUARY 12, 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

President's Ramblings

Well, I hope Santa was good to all of you – whether you deserved it or not. If you got any new toys to show off by all means bring them to the January meeting. We would all like a chance to “ooh and aah.” It seems like the metal detector manufacturers this year have finally decided to try to “mainstream” our hobby by offering lower priced, easy to use models. And, of course, you know what that means. Even in the few years that I’ve been doing this I’ve noticed the pickings getting slimmer (Or is it just me?) You can bet that soon the beaches will be full of newbies anxious to find all of that vast, untapped, treasure trove of tourist gold just waiting to be reclaimed by someone with the latest equipment. Our first reaction might be to resent them invading our very own personal favorite hunting ground. We may even want to scorn and ridicule them with their un-earphoned detectors beeping loudly and their un-rusted scoops glinting in the sun. But, you’ve got to remember that you were a beginner once too. So, you might as well welcome them to this fascinating pastime with a friendly greeting and maybe even an invite to one of our meetings – make it a New Years' resolution. Who knows, maybe the best thing you find on the beach that day will turn out to be a friend. That can be a lot more valuable than a pouch full of clad quarters, maybe even more valuable than your next gold find. Well... let's not get carried away - more than the quarters anyway.

By the way, you may also want to bring your checkbook to this next meeting. If you haven't already, it's time to pay your

annual membership dues. After all, we have to replenish our treasury account a little after having our Holiday Party. I hope everyone that came enjoyed themselves – pretty big turnout. We really need to give a big THANKS to **Gail, Linda,** and everyone else involved in putting the whole thing together.

We are planning a pretty eventful year in 2006. There will be lots going on, starting with one of our favorite speakers of all time, **Tom Dankowski** in January. It will be a chance to pick the brains of one the leading experts in the whole industry – so come prepared with questions. Then before you know it warm weather, spring break, and full beaches will have us all chomping at the bit again. Of course, Linda will keep us busy with club hunts. And, yes, we have started planning another Nassau trip for early spring – scheduling it all is the hardest part. Except that, there is one other problem. We are getting too dependent on the same club members doing all of the work. We need more of you to step forward and offer to help. It's not fair to enjoy all of the activities the club offers without offering to give back a little. For instance, the club has reached a point where we really need more help with the newsletter. We don't require expertise, just willingness – so please consider helping out a few hours a month. Someone has to and it might as well be YOU.

Kurt Herring

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/GCTREASURECLUB/

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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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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

\$ 1334.10

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

PENS WITH CLUB NAME: \$3.00

CLUB TOWELS: \$3.00

CLUB PATCHES: \$5.00

RAFFLE ITEM

Remember our raffle item: a license plate airbrushed with a beach scene and a metal detectorist enjoying the greatest hobby on earth! Only a few of the forty chances are available for \$4 each or two for \$6, so see Gail for yours.

January Meeting

For our first meeting of 2006 we have a special program lined up for you featuring **Thomas J. Dankowski**. For anyone who missed Tom's last presentation in June and for those of us who just can't get enough useful "how to" information from a true expert, this meeting is for YOU! Tom will be back on January 12th! He is a master treasure hunter, author, instructor, lecturer, inventor and metal detector R & D Engineer who works at Kennedy Space Center on NASA's Space Shuttle program and the assembly of the International Space Station. Tom works with the Fisher Research Laboratory R & D department on current production and future metal detector concepts. By popular request, Tom will once again demo the yet-to-be-released Fisher Au-21X and also concentrate on beach hunting techniques and future technology. Snowbirds, you certainly won't want to miss this meeting! Anyone who has seen Tom speak won't want to miss him, either. His enthusiasm for our hobby is contagious!

Thank you in advance to **John and Carol Presslein** for volunteering to bring Refreshments for the January meeting. Thank you, also, goes out to **Les and Marilyn Batts** 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.

2005 YEARLY BEST FINDS

Speaking of finds, start going through your 2005 recoveries, because in February we will have our **Best Finds 2005 Contest**. Categories keep expanding, so there should be a category for a favorite find. A new silver dollar and certificate are awarded the winners. Each member is allowed one entry per category. Winners are decided by the same voting system that is used for the monthly best finds. Last year categories were: Best Gold, Best Silver, Most Unusual, Best Non-Jewelry, Best Relic, Best Costume Jewelry, Best Toy, Oldest American Coin by denominations. Best Token category will be added. If there are other categories that you think is representative of what we find, give Linda a suggestion.

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

BIRTHDAYS

Carol Presslein was a December birthday celebrant. Unfortunately she did not receive a silver quarter at the Holiday party because everyone was in too much of hurry to eat. **Carol** will receive a silver quarter for attending the meeting during her birthday month. Sorry for the delay, Carol!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Don Caplinger (1/13)
Jerry Felton (1/17)
Geraldine Frost (1/10)
Sheila Megibow (1/6)
Jack Petenbrink (1/15)
Joseph Richiuso (unknown)
Nina Smith (1/13)
Irving Smith (1/21)
Wayne Stephens (1/3)
Stella Wheatley (1/24)
Ed Weston (1/25)

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

DONATIONS

A special thanks goes to Kathy Berry for her donations in memory of her late husband, Ed Berry. She donated three metal detectors: White's XLT, Tesoro Stingray and Fisher Coinstrike. The White's XLT had extra battery packs and coils. The following accessories were donated: Bullseye pinpointter, scoops, folding shovel, digger, head flashlight, probes, three headphones, scale, apron and club towel. Three books will be placed in the club library: Guide to Water Hunting, Michigan Trade Tokens and Treasure - Lost, Found and Undiscovered.

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. There will be more details in upcoming newsletters.

QUESTIONS CONTEST

Dick Stout of Western & Eastern Treasures (WET) plans to feature the GCTC's Questions Contest in his April 2006 "Club News & Views" column. So, keep sending Stacey your entries and you may even see them in WET magazine! Although only GCTC members will be eligible for the prize, Dick will invite his readers to share their favorite questions and answers for future columns. We want to know what questions or comments *you* get and some of your clever responses. How do you respond when asked, "Whatcha doing?" or "Do you ever find anything with that thing?" We'd REALLY like to know what you *want* to say, but don't dare!

Every entrant will get one free door prize ticket during each month that they submit an entry until a winner is announced. Club members will get to vote for the winner at a future meeting. The overall winner will receive a one-year subscription to either **Lost Treasure** or **Western & Eastern Treasures magazine!**

Send entries to: Stacey deLucia at sdeLuc823@aol.com or turn them in at the January meeting. Please make sure your name is on the entry for proper credit

TIPS FROM JOHN LOBOTA

There is another new detector available now. It is the Whites Matrix M-6. Basically it is a streamlined version of the MXT. It has silent search and has the Coin & Jewelry Mode Visual Target ID plus either Single tone or 7 tone Audio Target ID and a large easy to read display. There is a Sensitivity Control, Disc Control and a Switch for Auto Ground Tracking, Auto Beach or Auto Lock. There is also a trigger switch under the handle. Set on center is Single Tone, set forward is 7 tone and back is Pinpoint. It runs at 14 kHz, making it very sensitive to gold. Air tests for depth posted on a forum suggest this to be a high performance detector. (1/2 Dollar 14" -- 25 Cents 13" -- 10 Cents 11" -- 5 Cents 13" -- 1 Cent 12") It Retail for \$699.95.

Who is the best to refine scrap gold?

This was a question posted on the Treasure Depot under the Sand and Surf Forum by (RONC(OR)).

TH Nan in CA Replied:

Checkout <http://www.midwestrefineries.com/>, or <http://www.midstaterecycling.com/> These were recommended by other TH'ers. You have your choice of gold "coins", or a check.

Your yearly membership renewal was due on January 1st. The fee is \$30. If you have not yet paid your dues, **this will be your last newsletter!** Check your address label to see if you have paid.

Membership Renewal Form

Name _____

Address _____

City and State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Please _____ DO _____ DO NOT
Include my name, address, phone # &
Email address in the new club directory.

MAIL TO:

**Gold Coast Treasure Club
C/O Gail Hoskins
206 Russell Drive
Lake Worth, FL 33461**

Remember our fellow club members who are unable to metal detect due to health reasons: **Tom Dooley** and **Bob Konnagon**. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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Errors in grammar and spelling are added for those who like to find them.

Linda Bennett newsletter co-editor

BURIED COINS CACHE

CLUE NUMBER ONE

this one clue will bring you right 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.

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.



JANUARY HUNT

John Lobota and his family, Tammy and Jonathan, have volunteered to organize the hunt this month at Lake Osborne. Just before Christmas, John and Carlos Delgado picked one area around Lake Osborne and grid searched it. In an hour John had 2 silver dimes and a wheat penny. Members will meet John at a place TBA at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 15. John will give a history of the area and instruction on grid searching. Everyone should bring a digging trowel along with a medium sized shovel that will be needed in some spots to cut plugs. The hunt will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., prizes will be awarded. Also, bring along some food for a picnic. The club will provide drinks, ice, cups and charcoal if you wish a hot meal. Chairs should be brought along too. Thanks in advance to John and his family. It is really not too hard to host a hunt. Linda will help you and the club provides the prizes.

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

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 makes 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**

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DECEMBER HUNT

A planted nickel hunt was held at Juno Pier on December 4. The club had obtained nickels from John Lobotadated from 1920-1950's. Besides 1400 planted nickels were two coin caches, three 1976 Eisenhower dollars, 8 prize tokens, and some costume jewelry. Of the 24 members who attended the hunt, half showed up at 6 a.m. for breakfast at Cracker Barrel. Even our night owl Stacey was able to make "The Champions of Breakfast" by not going to sleep at all!

Prize tokens were found by Linda Bennett, Karen Larson, Bob Smirnow, Ed Weston, Carolyn Mize, Jim Smith and Tammy Lobota. The boobie prize token good for an xmas talking lump of coal was found by Stacey deLucia. Coin caches were found by Linda Bennett and Jim Smith. Eisenhower dollars were found by Jack Petenbrink and Stacey deLucia (two). Costume jewelry items were found by Linda Bennett, Jack Petenbrink, Bob Dobski, Cheryl Petenbrink and Jerry Laur. A special GCTC memento was found by Stacey deLucia. The top hunters for the most nickels found were: Richard Zabriskie (140), Stacey deLucia (120), Irving Smith (113) and Cheryl Petenbrink (91).



Stacey deLucia with her boobie prize
of the talking xmas lump of coal



Cheryl Petenbrink and Joy St. Clair
waiting for breakfast

HOLIDAY PARTY

Our 2005 Christmas bash started off early with the Board of Directors and helpers arriving between 5 and 5:30 p.m. to set up the tables, decorate and make ready for the party. Enthusiastic members arrived early with culinary delights – meatballs, fresh vegetables and cheese trays, shrimp, chicken wings, simmering BBQ, potato salad, potato chips, cookies, cheesecakes, pies (apple, cherry, pecan and coconut custard), a dieter's nightmare!

But, oh, so mouth watering, you could tell at one glance at the food tables that everyone was really up for this party!

Promptly at 7 p.m. the punch bowl was filled (well maybe a little earlier than that as Jan was anxious) and surrounded by appetizers. President Kurt started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a holiday greeting to everyone! Usually we do not have a raffle for the Holiday Meeting, but this year **Ed Weston** created a special heirloom quality handmade Holiday Tree (antique wooden alphabet blocks were the base of the tree and tucked in between the blocks were various toy figures, like Mickey Mouse, Superman, etc. Ed donated it to the club to be used as a fundraiser for the club, so it was announced that the proceeds from this raffle (\$147) would go towards the Jim Warnke Memorial Silver Hunt for 2006. The Holiday tree was won by **Mitzi Bergrud**.

Holiday Tree
donated by Ed Weston



President Kurt thanked "those who really run the club." **Jack, Jason & Cheryl Petenbrink, Joy St. Clair, and Steve Hoskins**. Jack and Jason take care of the raffle every month and Cheryl takes care of the heavy club library. Joy St.Clair for greeting all who attend each meeting with a smile and a nametag! Steve Hoskins for photography skills for the club and his "Blackmail pictures". And last but not least **Richard Zabriskie** for all of his help as assistant Hunt Master – a lot of work!" The installation of officers for the club for 2006 was held. Same old board from last year, so no new faces! **Kurt Herring, President; Stacey deLucia, Vice President; Jan Smirnow, Secretary; and Gail Hoskins, Treasurer**. Kurt concluded with "Eat Drink and be Merry – Merry Christmas Everyone"!

The meeting was turned over to Linda Bennett. **Linda Bennett** – our Hunt Master started with the presentation of the dubious awards of 2005, awards to be taken in fun. **James Wilhelm** was the recipient of the "energizer award" for failing to keep up with Richard Zabriskie in a demo hunt in Miami. **Karen Larson** received earplugs and a sleep mask for future group overnight hunts to ward off the snoring and lack of privacy. **Stacey deLucia** received the "Wild Animal" award; there was no way any animal was going to prevent her from retrieving her find, even it was a coral snake. **Richard Zabriskie** received the "hurry to go" award, a plastic frog. He was in such a hurry one morning to get to South Beach, he forgot to look in his shoe until he could not get it on comfortably, he had a dead frog in the shoe. **Kurt Herring** (kidding at a Director's meeting) mentioned his flag underwear; he received a flag bandana to match. Linda asked for suggestions to be forthcoming during 2006 for the very special dubious awards. If you are hunting with someone and they "do a silly," just mark it down and turn it in to Linda for next year's awards. The huntmaster's special award for continued support at every meeting by arriving early and helping Linda set up the meeting place was presented to **Joy St. Clair**.

Door prizes were too numerous to mention, everyone went home with something special! A special thanks goes to **Stacey deLucia, Bob Dobski, Jan Smirnow, Linda Bennett, Cheryl Petenbrink and Karen Larson** for their doorprize donations. **Gail Hoskins** did a very fine job organizing the Holiday party. A special award of a gift certificate to a local restaurant was presented to **Gail and Steve Hoskins** for their hard work for the past year.



See more Holiday Party pictures taken
by Steve Hoskins on the website.

TREASURE HUNTER OF 2005

At every meeting, members bring in their finds from the previous month for the club's show and tell table. Forms are filled out listing the various finds. Points are awarded by the huntmaster based on the show and tell worksheets and monthly best finds. A secret tally is kept from January to November. At the holiday party in December, the top four hunters are recognized. Second, third and fourth place received a special treasure wreath made out of items found by club members. The winner received a trophy donated by Kellyco and a special treasure wreath. A club trophy on display at every meeting has listed every club Treasure Hunter of the Year since 1990.



***CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR WINNERS!***

**TREASURE HUNTER
OF 2005
CHERYL PETENBRINK**



**SECOND PLACE
RICHARD ZABRISKIE**



**THIRD PLACE
JAN SMIRNOW**



**FOURTH PLACE
BOB SMIRNOW**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 12: GCTC Meeting
Jan 15: Club Hunt at Lake Osborne
Feb 12: Jim Warnke Memorial Silver Hunt
March 11: TCAS Hunt
March 18-19: Weekend Hunt with CFMDC
April 21-23, 2006: Great Southern Beach Shootout