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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. JUNE 8, 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

JUNE MEETING

A few years ago Whites Metal Detectors commissioned a television video producer named Ken Justice to film a series of nine one half hour shows. The series was called "Treasure Hunting America" and consisted of interviews with 2-3 detectorists during each episode. Each interviewee used Whites equipment, of course, but the shows were not too self-promoting and covered almost every aspect of the hobby from nugget hunting to water detecting. Apparently the shows were intended as a pilot series that was never picked up. These episodes were available for download on the producer's web site.

The club has shown a couple of them before at meetings and we will again when we get together in June. Come join us for a little video viewing. We also are expecting a short "show and tell" presentation by Kurt. He has a project that he has been working on for some time that he wants to demonstrate.

Thank you in advance to **Linda Bennett** for volunteering to bring refreshments for the June meeting. A thank you also goes out to **Tom Lieberman** 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**

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AT THE 13TH BEST O' NORTH EAST

The 13th Annual (and hopefully not last) Best of North East (BONE) was held April 28 – 30 in Keene and Marlborough, NH. George Streeter has been organizing this event as "an inexpensive way to learn about the treasure hunting and prospecting hobbies and a great way to meet some really super people". Activities included an awards banquet, hobby show with vendors and workshops, best finds event and competition hunts. Money was raised through raffles and a Chinese auction to support the St Jude's Hospital Children's Research Hospital.

For being selected best club newsletter of 2006, the club was presented a plaque and a check for \$50.



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Thanks to the following contributors: Bob "Frogfoot" Weller, Stacey deLucia, Kurt Herring, John Lobota, Jan Smirnow, Linda Bennett, Karen Larson and Bob Dobski.

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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.

JASON AND JACK'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

Silver Round – **Cheryl Petenbrink**

Display Case – **Cheryl Petenbrink**

Foldable Magnifier – **Jeff Foss**

Black Mesh Pouch – **Bob Smirnow**

Surprise Bag – **Ellen Rappaport**

Lottery Ticket – **Jerry Laur and Jeff Foss**

*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, **Linda Bennett** for her donations of the magnifier and **Ben Smith** for the lottery scratch off tickets.*

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

Have some fun; volunteer to try to fool your fellow club members with a Mystery Item. 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 **Bob Dobski** did not stump anyone in May, but thanks for trying Bob! **Bob Smirnow** had the Mystery Item on his Tall Tales display, a flattened penny, to win 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 \$37.00 for her 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 Necklace – **Jason Petenbrink**

NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE

BEST SILVER

Tiffany Ring – **Bob Smirnow**



MOST UNUSUAL

Horse Pin with Flashing Lights – **Linda Bennett**



COSTUME JEWELRY

Mood Ring – **Ken Lubinski**



RAFFLE ITEM

The Fisher Coinstrike metal detector was raffled off at the last meeting. The detector had been donated to the club in memory of **Ed Berry**. Congratulations to **Kurt Herring** for his win.

NEXT RAFFLE

The next raffle will be for a necessary addition to your hurricane ready kit - a combination TV/AM and FM Radio/Lantern/Weather Alert Radio Storm Tracker. 40 chances will be sold at \$2/chance.

TREASURER'S REPORT
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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.

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INTERNET SITES

Just enter your zip code in the site below, and it tells you which gas stations have the cheapest prices (and the highest) on gas in your zip code area. It's updated every evening.

<http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx?zip=&src=Netx>

This site will help you find out the approximate weight of a stone in a mount. You will need three measurements: length x width x height, and know what the shape of the stone is.

<http://dendritics.com/scales/carat-weight.asp>

TIPS FROM JOHN LOBOTA

"EL PASO, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 16, 2006 - First Texas Holdings Corporation, a leading provider of (Bounty Hunter & Teknetics) metal detectors and night vision optics, is pleased to announce the acquisition of Fisher Research Laboratory."

If First Texas stays true to form, Fisher metal detectors will continue to be manufactured under that trademark. However, with the marketing thrust of First Texas, along with an influx of capital and desire to grow, many new detectors and advancements may be forthcoming. This acquisition could be of great benefit to those of us that love Fisher detectors.

Ebay has been around for over a decade now. Even so I have found that many folks that have internet access, who would like to utilize Ebay services don't know how to get started. For those who would like to buy or sell collectibles, antiques, detector finds, metal detectors or most anything else, Ebay offers FREE online training courses for both buyers and sellers.

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CORRECTIONS TO MAY NEWSLETTER

Without the eagle eye of our proofreader, Stacey, the following mistakes were made in the last newsletter. The corrections were made immediately to the newsletter online and also sent out by email. Under recap of the April meeting – **Jerry Laur** (not Jerry Turner) made a tip of using two way radios. Under the Great Southern Beach Shootout: **Karen Larson** was incorrectly identified as Karen Smith.



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

COIN CACHE CLUES

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

CLUE NUMBER ONE

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

CLUE NUMBER TWO

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

CLUE NUMBER THREE

THE TREASURE YOU SEEK IS AT THE NORTH END OF LAKE IDA PARK BETWEEN THE FENCED IN DOG AREA AND THE NORTHERN MOST CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA. GOOD LUCK.

CLUE NUMBER FOUR

CHECK THE NO-NAME PAVILLION EAST OF THE DOG FENCE AND WEST OF THE CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND.

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

FOREIGN COINS

Our club will again be collecting foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp for handicapped children.

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 the September 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!

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

MAY HUNT

The success of our planted hunt on Saturday, May 13th, goes to our Hunt Associate of the day - Ben Smith. There were 10 of us who were ready to find Ben Smith's hidden treasure: **Gail & Steve Hoskins, Jack, Cheryl and Jason Petenbrink, Ken Lubinski, Jerry and Betty Laur; Kurt Herring** and of course **Ben Smith** and me. We couldn't have asked for better weather (guess he did that too). So many things were planted in a large field that it did take us an hour to find everything, which was really unusual for those of us who do challenge hunts that are over in 10 minutes. The field was planted with coins, foreign coins, toy cars, watches, glasses, earrings, pens, keys and key holders, paper clips, rings, tie clips, belt buckle and I could go on. According to scuttlebutt, Gail was begging Ben to blow the whistle to end the hunt.

Some of the top prizes went to:

Most pennies – **Cheryl Petenbrink** - Club Patch

Most nickels – **Cheryl Petenbrink** - Beach Day Bag

Most dimes – **Jack Petenbrink** - Garrett Tote Bag

Most quarters – **Steve Hoskins** - Manicure Set (*donated by Linda Bennett*)

Most foreign coins – **Ken Lubinski** - Light and Laser Pen (*donated by Linda Bennett*)

Highest Dollar amount found – **Steve Hoskins** \$5.73 - Knife Set (*donated by John Presslein*)

Ben had his own bag of prizes to give out and if you found a baby spoon, electric motor, Shoot Out pin, camera, binoculars, etc., you won a prize. Even the person who found the most clothes pins won a prize! After the official hunt many continued to hunt the beach in different directions.

Thanks again to Ben for putting on a great hunt and giving Linda some time off. Find out how much fun it is sponsoring a hunt. To sponsor a hunt does not require you to do a planted hunt with prizes, just come up with a time and place for the group to hunt. Who's next?

Respectfully submitted, Karen Larson

RICHARD'S TIP

Remember that a lifetime of bad habits can affect your body and your ability to pursue your hobby of metal detecting. My knee injury and the need for surgery has not only slowed me down, but remains painful. The knee injury was due to years of kicking my sand scoop with my leg.

BIRTHDAYS

May birthday celebrants **Trent Bowen** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during his birthday month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Donnamarie Brozyna (6/24)

Jeff Foss (6/28)

Kenneth Lubinski (6/14)

Ellen Snell (6/7)

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

Random Act of Kindness

Certificates Presented for Items Returned to their Rightful Owner

Gold Horse Pendant with Diamonds – **Steve Hoskins**

Purse and Two Gold Rings – **Jan Smirnow**

Scoop – **Bob Dobski**

Prescription Sunglasses – **Cheryl Petenbrink**

MAY MEETING

An interesting meeting! Thirty members were in attendance! President **Kurt Herring** welcomed new member **Norman Zuckerman**. Then **Jerry Turner** treated us all with a brief synopsis of his book "*Fort Drum Faded in Time*". Jerry spent three years seeking and compiling information about the Fort Drum area after he purchased a piece of property adjacent to a federally protected piece of land. His curiosity was started by building restrictions and evolved into a real labor of love for that area's history. A copy of his book has been graciously donated to the club library and everyone is encouraged to read it. Thanks Jerry, you really gave the members a night of brief history; you wetted their appetites to read the book! Well done!

A break was then held for snacking, voting on the tall tales table items and just generally chatting with each other. (A great part of most meetings!) Thank you to **Cheryl Petenbrink** for the refreshments.



Jerry Turner discusses highlights of his program with James Giliece and Tom Snell.

Then Kurt Herring got his projector and computer warmed up and the club members were treated to pictures and stories from their fellow members who participated in the Daytona Beach Great Southern Shootout at the end of April (See write up and pictures in last month's "The Tinfoil Times, May). Steve Hoskins, Bob Dobski, Linda Bennett, Betty Laur and Jan Smirnow graciously provided the photos of the shootout. Several participants from the shootout made it clear that they do not want to miss this event next year and encouraged everyone in attendance to sign up for next year! It will happen again in 2007, Daytona Beach for another three days of great hunting and wonderful prizes: April 27, 28 and 29th. For information contact Linda Bennett, GCTC Hunt Master.

Submitted by Jan Smirnow

JUNE HUNT

With the change to Daylight Savings Time, club hunts can now be held in the evening with plenty of daylight to hunt the beaches and allows certain members to sleep in late on the weekends. Hopefully the infamous Florida evening storms will not appear on the scheduled date. An evening hunt at Deerfield Beach will be our next club hunt. Any members who want to hunt for fun can meet at the Pier at Deerfield Beach at 5 P.M. on Saturday June 17. Paid parking is the norm. The larger parking lot can be found on the south side of the pier. The pier is located at Northeast Second and Ocean Way. Take I-95 to exit #42/FL-810/Hillsboro Blvd. Go east on Hillsboro Blvd. to SE 21st Ave. Turn south on SE 21st. Avenue (also known as Ocean Way).

Be sure to either sign up at the meeting or notify Linda by e-mail or telephone. This way, if the hunt has to be cancelled due to weather, you will be notified. A hunt will be held rain or shine unless thunderstorms are active in the area. Anytime a Hurricane watch or warning has been issued, the hunt will be automatically cancelled.

Looe Key, a Graveyard of Shipwrecks By Bob "Frogfoot" Weller

Five miles seaward of Big Pine Key, and just a skip of the stone from blue water, is a spit of land that 262 years ago was the scene of a dramatic shipwreck and rescue. Like many Keys and reefs scattered along the edge of the Bahama Channel, Looe Key bears the name of a British Frigate that scattered her timbers and treasure over the forward fingers of the reef.

The HMS Looe was outfitted in Longreach, England with 190 crewmen and 42 cannon. Her first 8 years of service were in patrolling the English Channel as part of the Dunkirk Squadron. Afterwards she "cruised" the coast of Sallee in the hunt for Barbary pirates. Her first real action took place as a 44 gun frigate off the coast of Spain. She raided Vigo Bay and captured 4 Spanish vessels in the harbor. As a result, the Spanish began attacking Fort Frederick in Georgia, as well as harassing the British settlers along the east coast of the Carolina's. The governor of South Carolina sent a petition to have a warship protect their coast-line. The final voyage of the "HMS Looe" was about to begin.

Captain Ashby Utting had assumed command of the "Looe" and was directed to Charleston to provide the protection requested. His orders read, "To cruise between Cape Florida and the northwest part of the Grand Bahamas when the season of the year will not permit the cruising the Carolina's. You are to look out for the enemy ships passing through the Gulf of Florida for Europe, and use your utmost endeavor to take, sink, burn, or destroy them." To Utting, this meant he could "fish" for rich Spanish merchantmen.

While in Charleston harbor a 4 day storm with gale winds damaged the Looe's rigging and main mast. Only the shipyard in Kingston, Jamaica could repair the damage. The Looe sailed south around the southern tip of Cuba to Jamaica where on December 30th, 1743 the ship was ready for sea again. By Saturday, February 4th, 1744 the Looe was on station in the Bahama Channel.

About 8 A.M. a sail was sighted and by noon-time the Looe captured a Spanish "Snow" or small merchantman. Crewmembers recognized the Snow as the "Bilander Betty", a British ship that had recently been captured by the Spanish. Before the Snow could be dispatched to Charleston someone noticed an "Irish Gentleman" on board throw a large oilskin packet overboard. Utting recovered the packet and discovered papers in French and Spanish. Considering this important information, Utting decided to escort the Snow back to Charleston. It was late in the day with the sun setting, so with a bearing on the "Pan of Matnaza", a flat top mountain on the coast of Cuba, he ordered a course NE by E to clear the DoubleHeaded Shot Key of Salt Key Bank. Before retiring, he ordered the lead line thrown every 30 minutes to sound for depth.

At 1:00 A.M. the following morning the lead line was thrown and no bottom found at 300 feet. Dramatically, 15 minutes later the officer of the watch was surprised to find white water with breakers dead ahead. Just as the ship veered off the sails caught a cross wind and the stern struck the reef. Soon a large wave struck the ship shearing off her rudder, and the stern began to fill quickly with water. Realizing the ship was lost,

the Captain ordered his Chief Gunner to save as much of the bread and gunpowder as possible. In the meantime, the Snow was being pounded to pieces on a reef nearby. Utting shouted to the prize crew to throw her cannon and anchors overboard which they did, but the ship was lost.

As daylight broke Utting and his men found themselves on a "small sandy key about 1 ½ cables long and ½ broad which lay on the edge of the bank of the Matires" (a cable was 600 feet) Everyone thought they were on Double Shot Key, when about 10 A.M. they sighted a sloop offshore. Utting tried to signal the sloop, but instead it stood out towards a low line of mangroves. The Captain armed his small boats and sent them in pursuit, it was their only hope of survival. If a wind came up the small sandy key would have been covered with water. There was jubilation when, the following morning, the small boats were back with the sloop in tow. On Wednesday, February 8, 1744 the entire crew of the Looe and the Snow, all 274 men, loaded into the long boats and sloop. Before leaving, Utting set fire to the ship, and as flames raced over the deck it blew up, scattering the ship in several pieces. The Captain and crew arrived in Jamaica on February 13th.

In 1951 Dr. and Mrs. Barney Crile, Art McKee and Mendel Peterson dove the wrecksite and managed to recover one of the Looe's cannons, along with a number of artifacts. The following year, after learning that the Looe had a prize when it sank, the group returned and located one of the Snow's anchors. Also recovered were a number of cannon balls, pewter cup, pewter tankard, 3 coins, brass buttons, a brass basin, remains of a fine unguent jar, utensils, a porcelain bowl, copper spun plates, a brass door knocker, pewter teapot and several clay pipes.

Not far from the stepped iron ballast of the Looe, Ed Link recovered a bronze bell inscribed "Soli Deo Gloria, AO 1751" This date, 7 years after the Looe sank, is from another wreck, possibly Spanish. In the early 1970's Art Hartman and Bobby Jordan worked the site of the Looe and recovered silver candlestick holders, pewter mugs, pewter jugs, cannonballs, buttons, forks and spoons, and the top of a snuff box. Many of the artifacts were in conglomerates that had badly burned wood and other shipwreck material. One day, while searching the shoreward side of Looe Key, Art and Bobby discovered another wreck-site, ½ to ¾ mile from the Key. From this site they recovered two 5' bronze cannons, each with a French Fleur De Lis insignia, 67 muskets with bayonets attached, 2 tridents...one inlaid with gold, the other with silver, and several swords. They determined the ship probably sank between 1825-50, and undoubtedly a French warship. Bobby Jordan later recovered 2 more bronze cannons from the site.

The Looe's stair stepped iron casting ballast is located at mooring buoy #15, about 700-800 feet west of marker #24 at the east end of Looe Key. Artifacts are possibly scattered several hundred feet due to the explosion when the ship burned. Looe Key is a sanctuary now, a beautiful living reef that is a diving pleasure. Salvaging artifacts is illegal but sightseeing is encouraged, a pleasure for week-enders looking into the past.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8: Club Meeting

June 17: Club Hunt

July 22-23: Overnight Hunt at Ft. Myers Beach

2007: April 27-29: Great Southern Beach Shootout

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