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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 P.M. March 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

MARCH MEETING

You won't want to miss our March 9th meeting! That will be the night that **Tony Swicer** and **Ray Duclos**, owner of **Rechant's Precious Metals**, will be on hand to educate us about the value of some of your most prized finds. Rechant's has been in business in the same location for 29 years. Tony and Ray will share with us the "do's and don'ts" of collectables of all kinds, including coins, stamps, record albums, baseball cards, even autographed memorabilia. They can give us ideas about where and how to sell our collectables. So, bring any coins, jewelry or other items that you may be wondering about for an onsite evaluation of the value of those items. Ray and Tony will bring a diamond tester (although Tony says Ray's trained eyes are as good as any diamond tester on the market) a gold tester, years of professional experience and handouts for everyone.

Our March meeting is also the night of our **Annual Silent Auction!** After Tony and Ray speak about collectables, they will stay to meet one-on-one with anyone who wants them to check out their collectables. We will have an extended break to allow time to meet with Tony and Ray, as well as to bid on Silent Auction items.

SILENT AUCTION – You Can Help

Please 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!" Desirable items: *working* electronics, metal detecting equipment, books, videos, DVDs, CDs, tools, household items, arts and crafts, jewelry, display cases, sports equipment, hobby items, gems and

minerals, etc. If in doubt about an item, e-mail **Stacey**: sdeLuc823@aol.com. Please also e-mail any details about items that you plan to bring to Stacey so she can type up bid sheets for your items in advance. Provide brief item descriptions, condition and estimated value.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the silent auction starting at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting. (Why not join us at PA BBQ beforehand for dinner and we'll all go over together afterward? See below for details.)

Stella Wheatley volunteered to bring Refreshments for the March meeting. Thanks Stella! We'd like to also thank **Jeff Foss** for volunteering to stump us with a Mystery Item. Be sure to bring ALL the items you find for the Tall Tales Table. You might just be the Mystery Item winner of a silver half-dollar.

Don't Miss the Pre-Meeting Fun!

A group of us are getting together again at the **Park Avenue BBQ** in **Lake Worth** before the meeting. Please join us at **5:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome! (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.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

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

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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
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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 - **Marilyn Batts**

Silver Bar – **Joy St. Clair**

Magnifier – **Betty Laur**

Ring Case – **Jan Smirnow**

“Famous Shipwrecks” – **Cheryl Petenbrink**

Fishing Lure – **Karen Larson**

Garrett Visor – **Jan Smirnow**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! This month, we'd like to thank **Richard Zabriskie** for his donation of the ring case and **Ed Weston** for his donation of the fishing lure.*

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 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. February's Mystery Stumper was a Creamora foil tag from the inside of the bottle. **Steve Hoskins** indeed stumped the club with that one!

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

50/50 DRAWING

Jerry Laur won \$52.00 for his share of the 50/50 drawing.

IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

BEST GOLD

Gold antique locket on chain – **Irving Smith**



BEST SILVER

2 Escudo (Replica) on silver chain – **Gary del Rosal**



MOST UNUSUAL

Cone shaped oddity - **Cheryl Petenbrink**



COSTUME JEWELRY

Man's Ring - **Bob Smirnow**



DON'T FORGET OUR CONTEST!

Look for our **Questions Contest** to be featured in **Dick Stout's** April 2006 "Club News & Views" column of **Western & Eastern Treasures** magazine. 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. We will vote for the winner at a future meeting. You can win a one-year subscription to **Lost Treasure OR Western & Eastern Treasures!** Send entries to: **Stacey** at sdeLuc823@aol.com. Please make sure your name is on the entry for proper credit.

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:

Guy Bachman

Harry Fravert

Kenneth & Maryanne Lubinski

Ellen & Ira Rappaport

Warren Megibow

Edward & Audrey Heltzer

DONATIONS

Thank you to **John Presslein** for his donation of silver coins that he had recovered in the Jim Warnke Memorial Silver Hunt. The club also thanks **Gerard Beaulieu** for his donation of a metal detector.

TIPS FROM JOHN LOBOTA

Reading a good metal detecting or treasure hunting book can be as important as actually going detecting. Really! How successful we are and how much we enjoy our hobby can be directly related to what we think, because "Every action is preceded by a thought to act." Our metal detecting activities are governed by our thoughts first. So we want to have our thoughts well arranged according to good standards, so our skills and attitudes will be the very best.

Right now I am reading, "Treasure Caches Can Be Found" by Charles Garrett. I don't even own a Garrett detector, but I am learning things I never even considered previous to reading this book. I find myself with a tremendous respect for Mr. Garrett and wish I could someday meet this great adventurer. Think about it, if you want to learn about treasure hunting the right way, hang out with a successful treasure hunter. I may not be able to go detecting with Mr. Garrett, but I can tag along by reading his books and experience his exploits one page and story at a time.

A friend and I made our own adventure. We chose to explore a ghost town from Jim Warnke's book, Ghost Towns of Florida. Because there is some travel involved, we only get there about once a week. Even so we have had a wonderful time detecting there, gotten to know some of the local people and explore the area and it's history... where the town square was, the now empty field where the courthouse stood and even the cemetery where camp revival meetings were held. Not only that, but digging up a few interesting coins and relics was an added bonus. Some of the finds we made included an 1839 dime, an 1872 and 1852 seated half dimes, an Indian penny, 1910 S wheat cent, pistol balls, 1800's rimfire cartridges, gun parts, lamp parts, pottery shards and much more. One of the best finds was a 4" white flint stone Indian spear point.

The focus is not what we did, but what can you do! Imagine what great learning and adventures lie ahead for you by looking and reading.

Our club library has many detecting and treasure books available. Other sources include local detector dealers, www.losttreasure.com has many research maps, books and materials available along with KB Slocum Books & Maps at:

**<http://www.treasurenet.com/cgi-bin/treasure/kbs/>
or phone 800-521-4451**

BURIED COINS CACHE FOUND!

The coin cache buried by **John Lobota** has been found by **Bob Dobski**. Bob will receive the club prize of \$25 and the 1865 Maximilliano Gold Token that was generously offered as an additional prize by **John Lobota** to make the hunt more interesting. Bob will be burying the coin cache and supplying the clues. For the first clue, see below.

NEW 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.

*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. These hunts are 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/

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

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

CFMDC WEEKEND HUNT

The Central Florida Metal Detecting Club has scheduled another overnight weekend hunt at a campsite just north of Orlando for March 18-19. Cost will be \$40/person. This includes lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Of course, a bunk bed is provided. You need to bring your metal detecting equipment, sleeping bag, pillow, towel, washcloth, toiletry items and what ever else you need to make yourself comfortable. Most of our club members go up on Friday and spend the night in a motel. Send a check made out to Lona Leist for \$40. The address is:

Lona Leist,
204 El Padre
Edgewater, Fl 32141

Directions to the meeting place on Saturday morning: Turnpike to the exit of Winter Garden and Ocoee. There is a Hardy's fast food restaurant on Hwy 50 just into Ocoee. We will meet there at 8:00 a.m.

FOSSIL HUNTING, ANYONE?

During the February meeting, **John Lobota** provided details about a canoe trip up the Peace River and back to hunt for fossils. Cost is \$65 to \$70 per canoe for a two-day trip, approximately 40 miles, which includes transportation upriver for two people and paddles and life preservers. A deposit is required for canoe rental. A third person costs an additional \$10. Children under 12 as an extra person in a canoe are free. Everyone must bring their own food, water and camping gear. Not every weekend is available, so you must book in advance. John says the best choice for departure from Outfitter is the Saturday, 6:00 a.m. run. That leaves the maximum amount of time on the river for paddling, camping and fossil hunting.

John reported that "Fossil hunting is excellent now as the upper portions of the river are very low with sandbars and only 12 to 24 inches water depth. Warmer weather and skeeters can begin with the first heavy rains in April / May."

Web sites for the two canoe outfitters in Arcadia:

<http://www.canoeoutpost.com/Peace/peace1.html>

http://www.canoesafari.com/html/peace_river.html

At this time, club members seemed to be more inclined to consider a shorter trip, so **Gary del Rosal** volunteered to get additional information about the trips his fellowship group arranges. As soon as we get those brochures from Gary, we'll e-mail the info to everyone on our e-mail list.

FOREIGN COINS

Our club will again be collecting foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp for handicapped children. More details will be at the March meeting.

February Meeting

President Herring was not present, so **Vice President Stacey deLucia** presided. She welcomed new members **Harry Fravert** and **Ken Lubinski**. **Karen Larson** announced the club's newest raffle – a Fisher Coin Strike Detector - donated by Ed Berry's family. **Karen Larson**, as acting Hunt Master for the night, reported on upcoming events. **John Lobota** discussed the possibility of a club relic hunt in Arcadia, Florida on the Peace River. Relic hunting is good now through April due to the lack of rain and the exposure of the gravel beds of the river. Sharks teeth and old bones can be easily found now. It is a 40-mile canoe trip for \$65 for two, children under twelve are free. "A really roughing it type of hunt, bring your own camping gear and be prepared to watch for snakes!" See separate article in this newsletter.

Ellen Rappaport talked about her recent trip to Hiddenite, North Carolina in her quest for Emeralds and fine semi-precious jewels. Ellen said, "You need to know what you are looking for up there, but you can really find some nice stones!" She found a nice size Smokey Quartz piece, an Amethyst and a Tiger's Eye, to name a few of her treasures. Her enthusiasm sparked the interest of several members of the club to possibly plan a trip. See her article in this newsletter.

A big thanks to **John** and **Tammy Lobota** for the refreshments and to **Steve Hoskins** for volunteering to handle the mystery item.

Ed Weston presented the program for February to the delight and interest of the entire membership: "Antique Fishing Lures - The truth shall make you free." We learned that antique lures are works of art and quite valuable. Ed has made at least 25% on all of his purchases of fishing lures. He wowed our membership with his displays. His presentation included the history of lure making, right here in Florida at the Palm Beach Pier in 1934 and 13th Street in West Palm. Interesting specimens included snake lures made by a local artist, Scott Morgan, made from real snakeskin (he uses road kill only) and an assortment of "flies." Ed says that women are the best fly makers in the world. There is a DVD kit for \$59 to learn how to tie flies. Ed says it's great therapy! Ed had it all and if you missed this meeting you really missed a very interesting and informative presentation! There definitely were quite a few members just kicking themselves for not saving that old fishing tackle! Thanks Ed for the education and great presentation!

RICHARD' TIPS

"Don't step on the Man of Wars – they have an acid that will really burn you!"

"Check the cigarette butts on the beach, a real indication someone was there."

BIRTHDAYS

February birthday celebrants **Cheryl Petenbrink** and **Marilyn Smith** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Marilyn Batts (3/14)
Guy Bachman (3/28)
Marcus Boyd (3/31)
Warren Megibow (3/14)
Henry Peitrucha (3/12)
Jason Petenbrink (3/2)
John Presslein (3/9)
Sarah Sommers (3/13)
Bev Warnke

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

Certificates of Award presented for Returns to Rightful Owners:

Wallet – **Jan Smirnow**

Set of Keys – **Bob Smirnow**

Ring – **Gail Hoskins**

Ring – **Steve Hoskins**

(Gail received a phone call – the lady had been playing touch football and had lost her engagement ring. Gail and Steve went over and asked approximately where did the ring get lost, the lady pointed out an area and right off the bat Gail found it! The lady further explained that she had lost her wedding band, but thought that it could not be found due to grass mowing, Steve found it right away.)

Challenge Levels Achieved:

Jim Smith – Level I

Les Batts – completed Levels I and II

Richard Zabriskie – completed Level IV

To date, only **Eric Kristensen** had achieved Level IV, and that was in 2004. **Congratulations, guys!**

2005 YEARLY BEST FINDS

Club members voted on the entries for yearly best finds and the winners for the 10 major categories received a silver round, a certificate and picture of the find on the website for a year. The subcategories in the American coin category received a silver half dollar and a certificate. Each member was allowed one entry per category.

Congratulations to the winners!



**BEST GOLD: JASON
PETENBRINK**

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

**BEST SILVER: BOB
SMIRNOW**



**BEST COSTUME JEWELRY:
JAN SMIRNOW**



**BEST NON JEWELRY:
CHERYL PETENBRINK**



**MOST UNUSUAL: KAREN
LARSON**



**BEST TOY: CHERYL
PETENBRINK**



**BEST RELIC: CHERYL
PETENBRINK**



**BEST TOKEN: BOB
SMIRNOW**



**BEST FOREIGN COIN:
IRVING SMITH**



**OLDEST AMERICAN COIN:
IRVING SMITH**



**SUBCATEGORIES OF
AMERICAN COIN**

**Oldest Dollar:
Karen Larson**

Oldest Dime: Irving Smith

Oldest Nickel: Irving Smith

Oldest Penny: Irving Smith

**(No quarter or half dollar
were entered)**

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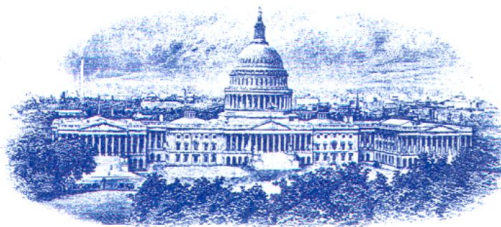
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February 8, 2006

Mr. Kurt Herring
President
Gold Coast Treasure Club
C/O Gail Hoskins
206 Russell Drive
Lake Worth, FL 33461

Dear Mr. Herring:

I am writing to commend you and all the members of the Gold Coast Treasure Club for your decade of support of The Children's Place at Home Safe and your many other good deeds that benefit us all. Thanks to your great generosity of time, energy and, most important, spirit, many needy children were not forgotten at Christmastime. Disabled adults, frail seniors and others now have cellular telephones they can use to call for help in emergencies.

I know how grateful they all are for your compassion and concern, and I share their gratitude. You are excellent role models. You are the kind of people to whom we can all point with respect and admiration. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to make our world a better place. I'm proud of you!

With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Alcee L. Hastings
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Member of Congress

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Monday, February 6, 2006

PalmBeachPost.com

Club president Kurt Hering and club vice president Stacey deLucia, with donations gathered from club members for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department and a treasure chest with donations to The Children's Place at Home Safe.



Treasure Club marks a decade of support for The Children's Place

For the 10th consecutive year, members of the Gold Coast Treasure Club turned their annual holiday party into a fundraiser for The Children's Place at Home Safe. During the party, club members deposited donations, totaling \$325, into a treasure chest earmarked for the agency they adopted a decade ago.

Throughout the year, members also collected cell phones and related accessories, which are donated at year-end to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department. Once rehabilitated, the sheriff's department

provides the 911-enabled cell phones to disabled individuals, the frail elderly, and abused spouses. "We are proud to have gathered a good number of cell phones and accessories that may provide life-lines to some of our community's most vulnerable residents," said Stacey deLucia, Treasure Club vice president.

Monthly meetings at the Treasure Club feature educational programs about the history of Palm Beach County, treasure hunting, shipwreck salvage and technical instruction.

New club officers include president Kurt Hering; vice president, deLucia; secretary Jan Szafron; and treasurer Gail Hoskins. Ad hoc committee members include host master Linda Bennett; assistant host master Richard Zabriskie; door prize coordinator Kavee Lawson; Executive Cheryl Fitzpatrick; sales and raffle presenters Jack and Jason Perabrink; photographer Steve Hoskins; and hospitality mistress Jay St. Clair. For more information, call deLucia at (561) 685-2330, or visit www.gocptjcs.com/gctreasurclub/.

JIM WARNKE MEMORIAL SILVER HUNT

Twenty five members braved the brisk and chilling weather to participate in the second annual **Jim Warnke Memorial Silver Hunt and Picnic** at Jupiter Beach on February 12. Hats, jackets and gloves helped to ward off the cold. Some wrapped up in blankets awaiting the start of the hunt. The club had no problems finding volunteers to cook hot dogs over the hot charcoal grill. **Huntmaster Linda Bennett** and her **assistant Richard Zabriskie** had the site already planted just shortly after sunrise. The field was divided in half. Linda planted one part and Richard planted the other. The first 15 minutes of the hunt, the two could not hunt in the field they had planted. Silver planted items included 669 dimes, 29 quarters, 17 half dollars and 10 dollars. Also planted were 19 prize tokens and a boobie token.

After hunting the one hour time allotment, tallies were done. Since some of the silver coins and prize tokens were still missing, some members headed back out to field. Unfortunately, many members had dumped out the shells from their bags and didn't realize that some silver dimes and prize tokens had also been discarded. Richard had found prize tokens and dimes just checking the shells. One lucky member was able to find a token after checking his discards. Within 20 minutes, all the missing silver and prize tokens had been found. The top three hunters for total number of silver coins found were **Linda Bennett, Irving Smith** and **Richard Zabriskie**. The following prizes were awarded prior to the picnic:

Silver rounds: **Linda Bennett**

Joy St. Clair

Cheryl Petenbrink

Richard Zabriskie

Phil Hujar

Betty Laur

Silver bar: **Richard Zabriskie**

Painted silver dollar: **Richard Zabriskie**

Jeweler's loupe: **Stacey deLucia**

Irving Smith

Display case: **Jerry Laur**

US Mint Set: **Bob Grubb**

President's Collection Coins: **Ed Weston**

US Liberty Coins: **Linda Bennett**

US 1988 Olympic Coin: **Kurt Herring**

1973 Eisenhower silver dollar: **Linda Bennett**

Karen Larson

Vanishing Classic Coin Collection: **Jim Smith**

British Sterling Silver Hallmarks: **Ed Weston**

Boobie Prize: **Jim Smith**

The club provided the hot dogs, buns, drinks, condiments, eating and drinking utilities. Side dishes were provided by the participants. Members spent the next two hours eating, drinking and telling tall tales.

Hiddenite Gems Emerald Hollow Mine, North Carolina--A Real Treasure Mine

By Ellen Rappaport

My visit to Hiddenite provided me with many gemstones. At Hiddenite, there are more than sixty-four different types of natural gems and minerals. These include emeralds, sapphires, garnets, topaz, amethyst, citrine, rutile, tourmaline, aquamarine and hiddenite. It is work to dig, pan or pick for them. But, you can cheat by getting a bucket (in which they give you selected rocks that need to be sorted out) to get rough gemstones. Some of these can be faceted into semiprecious gemstones. They are yours if you find them. There are designated areas where you can go on the property. Primitive camping is also offered.

A number of our club members indicated an interest in getting a trip together in June 2006. If you would like to be one of our select group, please email me ASAP at erapp@adelphia.net. We will work out the details depending on the interest of those coming.

Another possibility for this trip is to add or go to another mine or mines in North Carolina. We can try to enlist the volunteer efforts of the Gem & Mineral Society in North Carolina to show us the best areas to go to and help us sort out our finds. In addition, there is an interesting gem & mineral museum to visit there. (Maybe some of our local Gem & Mineral Society members may wish to come with us, also.)

The trip should be fun, educational and hopefully profitable. The website for the Hiddenite Mine is www.hiddenitegems.com if you want to find out what items you may need and some of the fees that are charged.

MARCH HUNT

How about another club trip to South Beach in Miami? Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 12. Time will be announced at the March meeting. For those who want to caravan or carpool, we will meet at Costco. Costco is located on Lantana Road just west of I-95. If you do not want to carpool or caravan, just meet at South Beach on Ocean Drive and 10th Avenue. Directions: Take I-95 south to the I-395 exit and go east over the MacArthur Causeway. 395 then becomes 5th Avenue. Follow 5th Avenue to Ocean Drive and turn north. Go 5 blocks north to the intersection of Ocean Drive and 10th Avenue. Park on the ocean side. Free parking till 9 a.m., then it is 25 cents per 15 minutes. There will be a signup sheet at the meeting. Please indicate where you will be meeting the group. A volunteer is needed to act as leader for the group that will meet at Costco. The huntmaster and her assistant live out west and travel by the Turnpike to South Beach.