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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. OCTOBER 12
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

OCTOBER MEETING

During our October 12th meeting we will once again welcome our friend, technical genius, author, speaker and treasure hunting expert (not to mention **Richard Zabriskie's** long-lost relative!) **Tom Dankowski** to speak to our club. Come experience Tom's presentation on beach hunting tips and secrets. Those who have viewed Tom's most recent DVD or seen him speak know that he is a fount of knowledge and an enthusiastic teacher.

Tom tells us he's preparing to produce his NEXT DVD, which will feature "very serious, in-depth beach hunting secrets." You won't want to miss this presentation, because Tom will share with us many of those tips, as well as a demo on his AU-21X. (To those who have seen Tom's demo in our club or at the Great Southern Shootout, he has since made several new/additional modifications to his amazing machine!)

The board would like to thank Tom in advance for agreeing to drive all the way to Palm Beach County to speak to our club, especially since he recently underwent a hernia operation. (Must be due to lifting all that heavy GOLD that Tom's famous for finding on the Space Coast beaches!)

Thanks in advance go to October's Mystery Prize Stumper volunteer **Ken Lubinski** and to **Linda Bowen** for volunteering to bring Refreshments.

***Please remember to return any library books
or videos that you checked out last month.***

NOTE: There will be **NO pre-meeting dinner get together at Park Avenue BBQ** in Lake Worth this month, as we will be instead be meeting with **Tom Dankowski** prior to the club meeting at **Shell's Restaurant** in West Palm Beach. All members are welcome to join us for dinner (at your own expense, of course) at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 12th at the Shell's Restaurant one half mile (0.5) west of I-95 on Okeechobee Blvd. If you are planning on coming, please call **Stacey deLucia** at (561) 687-2310 or e-mail sdeLuc823@aol.com no later than noon that day so she can confirm the number of seats for the reservation (under the club's name).

Shell's Restaurant
2015 Okeechobee Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
(561) 616-0667

Directions from I-95, coming from the north or south: Exit I-95 at Okeechobee Blvd., head WEST on Okeechobee 1/2 mile to the Okee Square Plaza on the north (right) side of the street. Shell's is in front of Bed, Bath & Beyond and CompUSA.



Distant cousins: Tom Dankowski and Richard Zabriskie

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and \$30 if joining between Jan 1st
and the end of June
or \$15 if joining between July 1
and Dec. 31

MEMBERS BUY AND SELL COLUMN

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BOB GRUBB – FOR SALE: "Mordray's Whale" (ISBN # 0-595-36417-9) is a new book authored by Bob. The plot is set in 1968 Bermuda when a rare whale finds its way to the island and impacts the lives of its people. \$16.95. Order online at iUniverse.com or via the book order dept. at 1-877-288-4737.

KURT HERRING – FOR SALE: Fisher CZ-70 metal detector with 10" and 5" coils. Used but working well. \$450.00. Contact Kurt Herring at 561-622-9801.

JAN AND BOB SMIRNOW – FOR SALE: Minelab Quattro. Contact Bob or Jan Smirnow at 561-735-8921.

TOM DANKOWSKI is still offering his 90 minute DVD "Metal Detecting: Real World Techniques Inland Coin and Relic Hunting" to club members at a bulk-rate discount:

12 DVDs - **\$21.99 each**

25 DVDs - **\$19.99 each**

50 DVDs - **\$16.99 each**

If you are interested in purchasing one, e-mail **Stacey deLucia** at sdeLuc823@aol.com. Once 12 members sign up, we can place an order for the discounted rates. Check out this DVD, normally priced at \$24.95, on Tom's technical tips & training web site: www.dankowskidetectors.com.

Club members can advertise items for sale or items wanted, free of charge. These items do not have to be related to metal detecting. Contact Linda Bennett to place your ad.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to the following contributors: Stacey deLucia, John Lobota, Jan Smirnow, Linda Bennett, Jerry Laur and Karen Larson.

JASON AND JACK'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

One Troy Oz Silver Round – **Richard Zabriskie**
Ring Display Case – **Ellen Rappaport**
“Galleon Hunt” signed by author – **Bob Smirnow**
Neck Cooler – **Jeff Foss**
Surprise bag – **Jeff Foss**
Pouch – **Linda Bowen**
Coin Wrappers - Guest

*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 display case, **Gail Hoskins** for the neck cooler, **Mitzi Bergrud** for the coin wrappers and **Joy St. Clair** for the book “Galleon Hunt” signed by author **Bob “Frogfoot” Weller**.*

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

What is a Mystery Item? Each month one club member volunteers to help stump fellow members with a secret item that he or she chooses. The volunteer receives a free door prize ticket for that effort. If a member's displayed finds on the Tall Tales Table matches the mystery item, that member wins a silver half dollar, so bring EVERYTHING you find and you might win a prize!

At the September meeting, club member **Cheryl Petenbrink**'s stumper was a clad half dollar. **Richard Zabriskie** happened to have one on the tall tales table, so he received a silver half dollar!

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

50/50 DRAWING

Jim Smith won \$43.00 for his share of the 50/50 drawing.

IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!

And odds are a LOT better than the Florida Lottery!

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

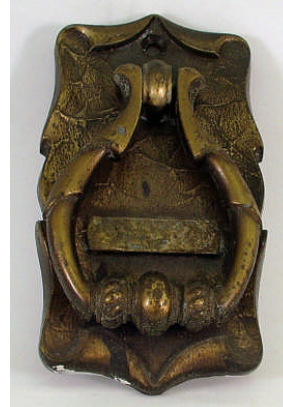
BEST GOLD – BOB SMIRNOW



BEST SILVER – KURT HERRING



MOST UNUSUAL – ERNIE BOUYOUCAS (BRASS DOORKNOCKER)



COSTUME JEWELRY- JAN SMIRNOW



MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember those members who are not able to metal detect – **Joy St. Clair, Don Caplinger, Ted Rudd and Hank and Sophie Pietrucha.** Calls are always welcome.

The club offers condolences to **Marilea Dooley** in the recent loss of her husband, **Tom Dooley.** *Please see insert.*

CLUB DIRECTORY

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 Secretary **Jan Smirnow**, 561-735-8921.

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CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

Pens with Club Name: \$3.00
Club Towels: \$3.00
Club Patches: \$5.00
Travel Cups: \$8.00

CLUB RAFFLE

The newest raffle is a ten ounce silver bar, with an image of the World Trade Center Twin Towers. The estimated value is \$120. Forty tickets will be sold at \$3 each for this highly collectable item.

TALL TABLES TOTALS FOR 2006

AS OF SEPTEMBER 2006

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$3,853.47

GOLD: 89

SILVER: 226

TALL TALES

Kurt Herring – After working in the water at Rivera Beach and not doing very well, Kurt decided to dig one last hit before leaving. Good decision! He found this month's winning best silver bracelet!

Jason Petenbrink – Jason rescued a surfer's purse from the incoming tide. Later that day he found a diamond wedding band. That proves the saying, "what goes around comes around." (The surf gods are smiling!)

Hunters at South Beach usually have interesting tall tales stories!

Richard Zabriskie: While working South Beach just before daylight he found a loose bill and shortly after that, a woman's purse. He stuffed the loose bill into his pant's pocket then met up with Jan Smirnow who had just found a \$10 bill. Richard remembered seeing a woman sleeping on top of the stacked chairs a ways back, so he and Jan walked over, looked at the woman and the driver's license and decided the purse belonged to her. They also noticed that she had money stuffed in her bra. They placed a call to 911 because they could not awaken the individual. (They didn't want to leave the purse with her while she was still asleep for fear of it being taken by a local transient). The police arrived about 20 minutes later. Jan went on hunting while Richard stood watching the officers try to awaken the lady. He commented to the officer, "She is really out." The officer replied, "**SHE?** It is a **HE!**"

Now for the rest of the story: Richard and the Smirnows stopped at Burger King on the way home. When Richard pulled out the bill he found that morning, it was not a \$5 bill like he originally thought it was, but a \$50 bill!

Bob Smirnow – While hunting on South Beach, Bob met a young man who handed him a piece of green glass with no explanation. Bob thanked him; the man said, "You're welcome" and walked away.

Bob reported that he "Found two really nice rings on South Beach and nearly busted my gut to try to find the third one within 24 hours to complete part of the 5th level challenge, but did not succeed!" (The way Bob hunts, we know it won't be long!)

Guest, Glenn Gilley – Went water hunting at Shooter's Restaurant in Fort Lauderdale where he found knives, forks, beer cans, fishing weights, wig, shoe, Master Card Charge plate, and drinking glasses. During this hunt a lady approached him and asked "can you find a ring if it is in 50 feet of water?" It seems that five or six years ago she lost a 5 Carat diamond ring off a boat at Lake Melva.

Experience + research = success

Overnight Hunt with Dig & Find Coinshooters & Historical Club

Our club was invited to attend a campout in the Deland area on September 23 and 24. This hunt was hosted by the Dig and Find Coinshooters and Historical Club which meets in Ormond Beach. **Deyton Peyton** of the Great Southern Beach Shootout fame is president of the club. Attending the camp hunt were **Kurt Herring, Jim Smith, Betty and Jerry Laur, Arnold Pearlstein, Karen Larson and Richard Zabriskie.** **Wayne and Nancy Stephens** were able to attend the hunt on Sunday.

*The following article was submitted by **Karen Larson:***

Penny Hunt in Deland

Well, I call it that because that's all we found at the Central Baptist Church Campground near Deland on September 23 and 24th. We all arrived at Howard Johnson's (there's a story) Friday evening for a 2 night stay rather than at the campground. After supper and a few rounds of playing pool we went to our rooms. I had a quiet room by the pool and the rest had to put up with the spillover of the bar that attracted some interesting individuals to the parking lot outside their rooms.

We met Saturday morning at 8:30 at the local Winn Dixie and got directions to the campground about eight miles away. We hunted in the heat till noon and then had hamburgers for lunch. The afternoon found some of our group of seven, which consisted of Jerry, Betty, Kurt, Jim, Arnold, Richard and me either hunting or searching for a place in the shade to cool down. There was a pool, which Jim took advantage of. Arnold was the only one who ventured into the alligator-infested lake and only came out with some clad coins. After a supper of chicken, rice and "gravy with mushrooms over peas" we all gathered at the meeting hall to share our finds.

There were about 20 of us who found around \$28.00 total! Jim took 2nd place for total coins found (\$3.80) and won \$5.00. Richard won for oldest coin, a 1956 British ½ Crown - \$5.00; Betty won \$5.00 for the miscellaneous category - her hot wheels and also won some of the 50/50 of \$14.00. I also won some of the 50/50 - \$13.00. Saving all our pull-tabs was profitable at \$.05 each. After a desert of various pies we headed back to the motel and decided to head home on Sunday instead of more hunting at the campground.

All things considered, we had a good time and found some interesting things like a Diamond Studded Dolphin hair clip, an Ancient Chinese dollar coin, a British ½ Crown, one 1942 Wheatie, a Cuban \$.05, a Canadian penny and a highly collectable Hot Wheels. (You'll have to figure out which of these are lies.) According to Jerry - all he found was junk and ended up with a sore back - maybe from sleeping on top of a wood table?

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

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

Snowbirds **Les and Marilyn Batts and John and Carol Presslein** are in route back to Florida. Maybe we will see them at the next club meeting.

Jan and Bob Smirnow: Key West and all that stuff:

Wednesday, September 20th at 4 a.m. found us on our way to Key West to meet Bob's daughter and her husband. We arrived just in time to drop off our luggage and meet them at the airport. Some airport, kinda reminded us of some of the really small airports in the islands!

Key West is loaded with history, pirates, and of course Mel Fisher's Museum and Bob had been promising a trip there for three years! We stayed at the La Pensione B&B and relaxed with Margaritas that first evening at the local Seafood Buffet. Thursday morning found us on the beach, metal detecting! A grand total of \$7! Between the two of us, not much to show, but it was really hot and nary a breeze was about! Another thing that caught our attention, Key West has a sewage problem! The ocean was perfect for detecting, but smelled terrible, not at all appealing to step foot in for detecting, let alone swimming. Truly doubt that there was much in there for the detecting!

We met the kids for lunch and walked about doing Jan's favorite thing, shopping! Almost did not get her out of the Key Lime Factory. Oh, those Key Lime Pie Bars; if you have not tasted one you are in for a TREAT!

The museum was interesting, the video was not as good as the one we have on the Atocha in the club library; however the presentation of artifacts and information was outstanding. The price of admittance was a little steep, \$11 per person, and so was the museum store.

All in all it was great to visit and one couldn't help thinking "wish it was me that found that wreck!"

LOST TREASURE MAGAZINE ANNOUNCEMENT

Starting with the October 17th Online newsletter, Lost Treasure will begin featuring, free of charge, photos of you and your favorite finds. Here's all you need to do: send an e-mail at managingeditor@losttreasure.com that includes the photo as an attachment along with your name, where you're from, what you found, and when and where you found it. Photos not selected for the newsletter may also be featured on our website in a "Favorite Finds" Photo Gallery coming soon.

To check out October's newsletter and past newsletters and to sign up for the free monthly on line newsletter:

<http://www.losttreasure.com/newsletter/>



BIRTHDAYS

September birthday celebrant **Ernie Bouyoucas** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during his birthday month. Happy Birthday!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Geri Beaulieu (10/17)
Karl Bennett (10/9)
Wayne Daniels (10/17)
Eva Gorzkowski (10/10)
Kurt Herring (10/28)
Gail Hoskins (10/21)
Jerry Laur (10/18)
Carol McGrath (10/8)
Jan Smirnow (10/27)
Robert Smirnow (10/06)
James Smith (10/31)

What do the above people have in common? If they come to the meeting during their birthday month, they each will receive a gift of a silver quarter!

SEPTEMBER MEETING

With 34 in attendance, **President Kurt Herring** called the September meeting to order. Kurt welcomed seven guests and two new members

Club member **Jeff Foss** presented his unique way of cleaning coins with corncobs, walnut shells and a vibratory tumbler. Jeff said that cleaning soft metals with sand is too harsh, as the sand eats away some of the gold and silver and damages them.

Jeff is an NRA instructor and collects brass gun shell cases to clean – 40 caliber shells and uses walnut media to clean them. It takes approximately 45 minutes to process them. He demonstrated cleaning several handfuls of coins with the walnut media by letting the vibratory machines run for approximately an hour. The finished product – well the coins were perfectly clean! It certainly appears to be an easier way to clean than the soap, water and mess of the regular rotary tumblers. Jeff advised anyone interested to purchase their tumblers from Harbor Freight and to go online for the walnut and corncob media at midway.com. Jeff did a terrific job, thanks Jeff!

(The Smirnows purchased a new vibratory tumbler at Harbor Freight and the walnut media, too. Thanks Jeff!)

TREASURER'S REPORT
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SUMMER SCAVENGER HUNT RESULTS

Three months of collecting odd ball stuff paid off for five hard working collectors. Unfortunately, a few of the members forgot to bring in their collection and missed out on some great prizes. Thanks to **Richard Zabriskie** and **Kevin Reilly** for their donations of metal test kits.

First Prize – Silver Round – **Jan Smirnow**

Second Prize – Gold/Silver/Platinum Test Kit –
Cheryl Petenbrink

Third Prize – Polish Cloths and Liquid Jewelry cleaners–
Bob Smirnow

Fourth Prize – Gold/Silver/Platinum Tester Kit –
Ken Lubinski

Fifth Prize – Gram Weight Scale –**Karen Larson**

A winter scavenger hunt is planned for January through March. Details will be in the January newsletter.

Random Act of Kindness

Richard Zabriskie returned a set of Keys

We like to recognize those in our club who go out of their way to provide selfless service to our community. Kudos to you for advancing our hobby by returning items to their owners!

CHALLENGE LEVELS: LEVEL ONE (CERTIFICATE AND SILVER DIME)

Ernie Bouyoucas

CONVERT TRASH INTO CASH

Don't know what to do with unwanted cellphones and used ink cartridges? Don't hide them in a junk drawer and *definitely* don't trash them! Recycle them! Donate them to the GCTC and we will convert them into cash while protecting our environment. Each month, bring in your used printer cartridges and unwanted cellphones and deposit them into the collection box at the back of the room. All brands of printer cartridges (except Epson) and all cellphones (no phone accessories) can be recycled. If your business wants to set up a collection site and designate our club as beneficiary, call **Stacey** (561-687-2310) so she can set it up for you. It's easy to help our club and our community!

ALSO WANTED: EYEGASSES

Club members are also encouraged to collect prescription glasses and sunglasses, which will be donated to underprivileged people suffering from vision problems. **Stacey** will collect these during our monthly meetings (same box) so the club can make a donation to a worthy organization at year-end. Several organizations are being considered as potential beneficiaries.

FOREIGN COINS

Our club will again be collecting foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp for handicapped children. This will be a year-round project. The coins are mailed in May. See **Linda** to donate your coins.

BOYNTON BEACH "PAID" HUNT FROM HELL *by Jerry Laur*

On a gray, blustery Saturday afternoon, Betty and I headed to the advertised 4 p.m. hunt in Boynton Beach. Due to my Midwest upbringing and Boy Scout membership, when I am supposed to be somewhere at 4 p.m., I am in my seat with a sharp pencil and my notebook open at the stroke of 4. Not 4:05, not 4:10, 4:00 *exact*. As I pulled up to the gate at 7 minutes until 4:00, the attendant said it was \$5.00 to go into the park. I paid and we drove in, not seeing any familiar cars or club member. I parked and said to Betty that maybe we were in the wrong park, as it seemed strange to have to pay \$5.00 to get in, and no one was there. At 4:05 p.m. a caravan of members pulled up. It seems that they quit charging admission at 4 p.m., so everyone was hidden in driveways and parking lots waiting for 4. No notice of this in *Tinfoil Times*!

After the board meeting, the Huntmaster (**Linda Bennett**) and **Richard Zabriskie** went to Linda's car to get the items to plant. Linda came back and said she had forgotten the items at home. So we all went to the beach for a wild hunt. There was a wedding on the beach, so we had to work around them (I give them 2 years).

After a long time, we met back at the shelter. After determining I had found one beer cap, one Coke cap, and a sea shell, Linda drew up the winning categories. The usual suspects won. There were no categories for beer caps, Coke caps, or sea shells. A fun time was had by 99% of the group. I can hardly wait for next month's hunt!

(Disclaimer: The above was written in jest—Linda did a good job! *JLL*)

The winners: **Ben Smith** – shovel; **Stacey deLucia** – George Foreman grill; **Steve Hoskins** – boom box cooler; **Jan Smirnow** – Marlins hat; **Ken Lubinski** – screwdriver set; and **Richard Zabriskie** – camera.

Hunt Master's addendum: Fourteen people attended the chaotic hunt. Prizes were given for the most money (Richard); the most jewelry (Jan); the most sinkers (Steve); a colored pull tab (Ken), most foreign coins (Ben); and most pennies (Stacey). *Thanks for the following donations: Ken Lubinski for the boom box cooler and Linda Bennett for the grill.*

OCTOBER HUNT

Calling any volunteer(s) to come up with a time and a place to host a wild hunt. No planted items, prizes, food or drinks need to be organized. Just come up with a place to get together to socialize and hunt. If you need any suggestions or advice, feel free to call Linda. In the past **Ben Smith, John Lobota, Kurt Herring, Stacey deLucia, Bob Dobski** and **Richard Zabriskie** have all hosted hunts.

DONATION THANKS

The club extends a special thank you to **Joy St. Clair** for her donation of "Treasure Quest" magazines and to **Ernie Bouyoucas** for his donation of a Life Magazine with articles on treasures. They will be placed in the club library to be checked out by members.

Also big thanks to **Richard Zabriskie** and **Kevin Reilly** for their donations of metal test kits. These kits were used as prizes in the summer scavenger hunt.

ANSWERS TO CROSS WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 3 gold
- 4 reale
- 5 buffalo
- 8 Garrett
- 9 diamond
- 12 coinshooter
- 13 mercury
- 14 tumbler
- 16 scoop
- 17 relic
- 18 Fisher
- 19 Indian

DOWN

- 1 Whites
- 2 pulltab
- 3 galleon
- 6 treasure
- 7 discrimination
- 10 detecting
- 11 escudo
- 15 beach

FMDAC Fall Convention and Treasure Expo Nov. 10-12 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

This national metal detectors' organization will have two competition hunts on Sunday in addition to a fun hunt on Friday evening and a warm up hunt on Saturday morning. The remainder of Saturday is devoted to displays by manufacturers, dealers, clubs and individuals, in addition to seminars on a variety of topics. The FMDAC meeting will be Saturday afternoon. Members attending, to date: **Linda Bennett, Karen Larson, Richard Zabriskie, Betty and Jerry Laur** and **Ken Lubinski**. Flyers will be available at the meeting or go online for more information: <http://www.fmdac.org/>

You have to be a member of the FMDAC to participate in the hunt. Displays and seminars are free. Since our club does not currently belong, you will have to join as an individual member for \$10. Membership applications are available online.

TRIBUTE TO TOM DOOLEY

**Member of the
Gold Coast Treasure Club
Since
January 1994**

President 2001 and 2002



**Born:
February 29, 1932
Marshalltown, Iowa**

**Passed Away:
September 29, 2006
Kingstree, South Carolina**

We'll miss you, friend!

Tom joined the GCTC in 1994 and was an active member from the beginning. Tom arranged for the club to use the farm that he managed on a regular basis for planted hunts and picnics. Many of us hold fond memories of the Halloween night hunt that was held at the farm. His participation in the club ranged from mentoring new club members, selling raffle tickets at the meetings and holding the position of president for two years. Club members recognized his involvement and dedication to the club by selecting him Member of the Year in 1997.

Living in the Charleston, SC area after he retired from a career in the Air Force allowed him to pursue both passions for metal detecting and civil war history. His slave tag was one of his most treasured finds. He and his wife moved back to the area in late 2002 because of his health. Even after his move, Tom remained a member and kept in touch with the club through close friends, the newsletter and the website. Even though connected to oxygen 24 hours a day, he would drag his tank with him and detect on a limited basis. When he realized that his health was failing quickly, he found good homes for his metal detectors. He was placed into the hospice program and died at home at the age of 74 years.

The club expresses condolences to Tom's wife, Marilea and to his other survivors: two sons, Patrick Dooley of Indiana and Danny Dooley of Summerville; a daughter, Teena Dooley of Florida; three stepdaughters, Shirley Overman of Oregon, and Ruby Welinski and Bobbilea Muncy, both of Washington; a sister, Avis Brown; two granddaughters, Dina and Caitlin. Memorial services were held at Kingstree Masonic Lodge #46 AFM.

The family requests donations be made to: Kingstree Masonic Lodge #46 AFM, PO Box 1297, Kingstree, SC 29556.



Tom and Les Batts



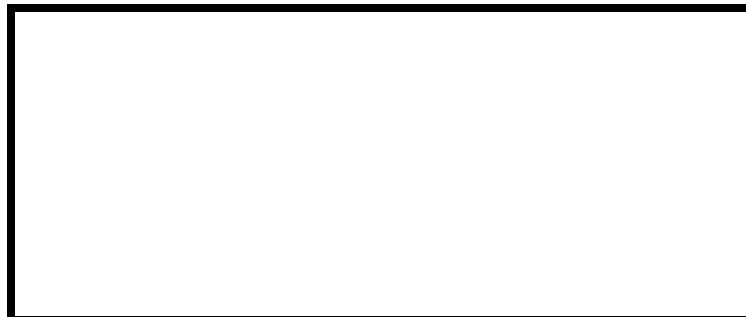
Tom's favorite truck with an airbrushing of him detecting at the beach



Tom and Richard Zabriskie

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER CLUB HUNT TO BE ANNOUNCED

October 12: Club Meeting

FMDAC Fall Convention and Treasure Expo on Nov 10 - 12 at Myrtle Beach, SC

2007: April 27-29: Great Southern Beach Shootout at Daytona Beach

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND SEE OUR NEWSLETTER IN FULL COLOR:

WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/GCTREASURECLUB/