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

AUGUST MEETING

This month's meeting will include a presentation by **Donald Campbell**, Manager of the **Green Cay Nature Center**. An interesting Power Point presentation will be given, along with questions and answers, about the history of the Green Cay Wetlands, why it was built, and its benefits to the environment and to our community. Learn about this beautiful habitat for wildlife and opportunities for photography, bird watching, and outdoor enjoyment.

Prior to becoming Manager of the Green Cay Nature Center, Donald was a Naturalist with the County for ten years, at Daggerwing Nature Center and Okeetee Nature Center. This native Floridian earned his bachelor's degree in Zoology from Auburn University in Alabama.

Thank you in advance to **Gail and Steve Hoskins** for volunteering to bring the August refreshments and to **Cheryl Petenbrink** for volunteering to handle the Mystery Item. We encourage all members to become active in volunteering.

DON'T FORGET!

Bring EVERYTHING you found since the July 12th meeting, along with all the items you found on your "Scavenger Hunt" list. There will be prizes awarded, so don't miss out on the fun!

JOIN US FOR SOME PRE-MEETING FUN!

Each month, a group of us gather for dinner at 5:30 p.m. before the meeting. Everyone is welcome! Join us in the back room of PA BBQ. Dinner is Dutch Treat, meaning, we each pay our own way. (For directions, please check a prior newsletter.)

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

CLUB HUNT

Ken Lubinski, Betty Laur and Jerry Laur will be hosting this month's club hunt. Please arrive early at Carlin Park in Jupiter on Sunday, August 12. The seeded hunt will promptly start at 8 a.m. Fee is \$2.00 per detector. Refreshments will be served.

DIRECTIONS:

Take the Turnpike or I-95 to the Indiantown Road exit for Jupiter. Go east on Indiantown Road to A1A. Turn south and look for the entrance to Carlin Park on the left.

TREASURER'S REPORT
\$1,914.35

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2007 AS OF JULY 2007

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$3,165.44
PLATINUM: 2
GOLD: 78
SILVER: 144

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

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

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

THE GOLD COAST TREASURE CLUB, INC.

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Dues are \$30 a year
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

MEMBERS BUY AND SELL COLUMN

KEVIN REILLY offers a complete line of new and used detectors and also scoops, cleaners, tumblers and books. He also does custom metal working and laser detailing (call for details). 954-971-6102 or www.rtgstore.com
Has low prices plus 10% discount to members.

The new five sided scoops are now available. See my website. For member discount, you will have to go to the store to buy the scoop.

TOM LIEBERMAN: Ready to serve your real estate needs. Call 561-852-7409 or email: telieberman@aol.com

ED WESTON - WANTED: Collectable and antique fishing tackle. Lures, rods, reels. 561-622-9282.

PAULINE NASH - Farm fresh free ranging eggs for sale \$5 for two dozen. All money goes to Pauline's bank account for her "Eggucation Fund." Also available is a limited supply of fresh organic honey starting at \$3 a bottle to \$11 for largest size. Reserve your order for each meeting by calling 561-743-5248.

NIKOLAY MALCHEV – FOR SALE: Brand New in the box Fisher 1280-X Aquanaut turn-on-and-go detector with 10" coil. Waterproof to 250 feet! Saltwater, fresh, or land. Just won at Daytona GSBS. Two year Warranty. Great deal for only \$450! Call Nikolay at 561-309-1124.

JERRY LAUR – FOR SALE: Tesoro Cibola, 6 months new, \$285. Call Jerry at 561-694-7963.

LOST – REWARD OFFERED: Looking for a silver wedding band with initials "From AF to " lost in the water at Delray Beach – High Tide in 3 to 4 feet of water approximately 300 feet South of Boston's Restaurant located at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and A1A. A reward is offered – contact **Jan Smirnow** at 561- 735-8921.

WANTED: Handyman to give estimate on aluminum hurricane panels for sliding glass door. Contact **Stacey deLucia** at 561-687-2310 or sdeLuc823@aol.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:
Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia, John Lobota,
Jan Smirnow and Ernie Bouyoucas.

GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

One Troy Oz Silver Round – **Jerry Laur**

Flashlight – **Donna Russo**

Buried Treasure Book – **Nikolay Malchev**

24 Pack AA Batteries – **Jerry Laur**

Lottery Ticket – **Karen Larson**

Lottery Ticket – **Ken Lubinski**

Portable Battery Tester – **Cheryl Petenbrink**

\$25 Don Ramon Certificate – **Stacey deLucia**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you for the following donations: lottery scratch off tickets - **Ben Smith**; Flashlight by **Linda Bennett**; portable battery tester and batteries donated by **Batteries Plus of Lantana** and Buried Treasure Book donated by **Jan Smirnow**.*

*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 one of 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!

Bob Smirnow was determined that a club member would win this month! He submitted three items, one of which was “nuts.” A couple members had “nuts” on the table, but Stacey deLucia had the most - 4-5 nuts, and Stacey said, “no one has bigger nuts than mine,” so she won a silver half dollar and a round of laughter.

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

50/50 DRAWING

Richard Zabriskie won \$34 for his share of the 50/50 drawing.

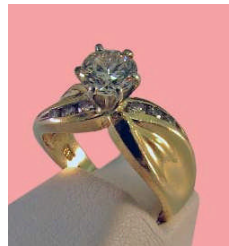
IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!

And odds are a LOT better than the Florida Lottery!

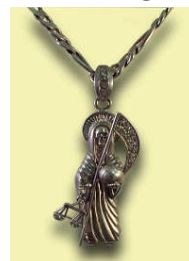
MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

BEST GOLD – MINDY SPIROCH



BEST SILVER – NIKOLAY MALCHEV



MOST UNUSUAL – PAULINE NASH



COSTUME JEWELRY – JAN SMIRNOW



BEST COIN – FRANK NASH



BEST TOY - GARY SPIROCH



JULY PROGRAM

Thirty-one members, one guest and one new member attended the July Meeting. The new member was **Allan Dillon** who was a guest of **Jerry Laur**. Before the meeting was called to order, just about everyone was outside waiting in lines to test their skills with their metal detectors as the three testing sites were being set up.

Richard Zabriskie had two hidden objects for testing pinpointing skills. The object: "See how close you can get to the hidden object." Many discovered that the center of coil is not always the pinpoint center. Our youngest member, **Pauline Nash** was the best at pinpointing.

Ken Lubinski had filled plastic film canisters with various objects for testing to see if members could understand what their machine was telling them. There were ten items concealed, ranging from foil, penny, ring, platinum, silver, pull tab, nickel, etc. **Jan Smirnow** tried it twice, once with the Super 12 coil on her DFX and once with the Double D coil on the DFX. She managed to correctly identify 7 out of 10 and won a gift certificate for \$25 to the Soup Kettle on Haverhill Road in West Palm.

Linda Bennett had spread out several blankets outside and placed various items from silver bracelets to platinum rings for everyone to see how their detectors registered. Some members quickly found out they were either not setting up their machines correctly or were using too much discrimination to find gold or platinum. Also, most didn't realize that gold chains without a pendant are almost impossible for the majority of machines to detect.

After a late start to our normal meeting time, our President called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance. **Karen Larsen** promoted the current raffle items: an \$80 pin pointer; \$30 soil digger; and a \$20 plastic scoop. All could be yours for the inexpensive ticket price of \$3! (Only forty spots will be sold.)

Dave Grix gave a brief report on his ten-year mission of fighting the Florida legislation regarding the size of the fishing net currently being used by commercial fisherman – the present size of the holes allow 49 small species to be caught to every one legal size fish – meaning the fishing industry present standards are killing the future of fishing, a slight ½ inch change in the net size would help the smaller fish to survive. Keep Up the Good Work Dave!

Ernie Bouyoucas earned \$25.00 for finding the Hidden Coin Cache. Plans are for Ernie to hide it again in October.

Thank you to **Linda** and **Trent Bowen** for the refreshments and to **Bob Smirnow** for handling the Mystery Item.

Also, thank you to **Jim Sharpe** for his time and effort on the presentation board with club highlights and information. That will be on display at every meeting.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

*Certificate presented for returning an item
to its rightful owner*

Bob Smirnow – Cell Phone

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!

July birthday celebrants **Linda Bennett**, **Betty Laur**, **Ben Smith** and **Richard Zabriskie** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month.

Happy Birthday!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Al Bergrud (8/17)

Stacey deLucia (8/23)

Steven Hoskins (8/9)

Philip Hujar (8/5)

Lela Rudd (8/13)

Jim Sharp (8/29)

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!

DONATIONS

Thank you to **Jon Consiglio** of **Batteries Plus** for the donation a visor light and a 24-pack of AA batteries. Batteries Plus is located at 6250 Lantana Road, Suite 1 (behind the Outback Steak House).

WATERPROOF BOXES

Otter Box waterproof cases are waterproof up to 100 feet deep and come in various sizes.

<http://www.otterbox.com/>

MEMBER TIPS

Jan Smirnow - Be sure to metal detect the sandy trails leading from the beach.

John Lobota and **Frank Nash** - Be sure to take your metal detectors on your travels, but know the laws.

EYEGLASSES, CELL PHONES AND INK CARTRIDGES

Club members are encouraged to bring in prescription glasses and sunglasses, which will be donated to underprivileged people suffering from vision problems. **Stacey** collects these during our monthly meetings so the club can donate them to the South Florida Lion's Club.

Jan Smirnow is collecting cell phones and ink cartridges. NOTE: All ink cartridges need to be kept enclosed in plastic baggies so the cartridges do not dry out. Donations can be placed in the box in the back of the room. Help save our planet AND raise \$ for GCTC!

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 or smirnow@comcast.net.

NEW MEMBER:

Allan G. and Jeanne Dillon

5166 SE Lost Lake Way

Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Tel no. 772-283-6210

Email: allandillon@aol.com

Archeological Resource Protection Act of 1979

Keith Wills, President of WATTS (World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers), has made contacts in Washington D.C. to find sponsors for an amendment that ARPA revised to state a "Fixed Year Date" instead of the 100 year rule. Currently items must be at least 100 years of age to be considered as having possible historical or archeological significance. Every year this rule changes and as it stands now, the 100 year rule means any item before 1907 could be considered significant. However, when Congress passed the original ARPA act in 1979, the 100 year rule it dated back to 1879. There was a reason for that, for after 1879 better records were kept on cultural, natural resources and life styles. There is little to be learned from an archeological stand point after 1879 and Congress knew that. So if a fixed date was established in ARPA law of say 1880, then government agencies would have less prosecutions and land grabs under the sub title of historic precedence. Also, Keith hopes to have the amendment require that all Federal and State agencies comply with the 100 year rule instead of making their own date. Florida currently states anything over 50 years old could be of historical or archeological significance.

THOUGHTS FROM JOHN LOBOTA

Of course we all know about the various locations for metal detecting. But what about other types of collecting for fun and profit? Preparing this list encouraged me to plan outings to try finding something new myself. Of course I will still bring my detector. There are thousands of websites with all the information you need to plan an enjoyable outing.

Here are just a few get you started:

Florida flea markets - we all know what can be found at flea markets. I can always find something to resell.

<http://www.fleamarketguide.com/FL.aspx>

Weekend morning garage sales - There is a gal that would post on the Troy forums and she would faithfully make the rounds to local garage sales. She developed a routine in asking for broken or unwanted gold and silver jewelry. To every one's amazement she would score several pieces of gold each weekend, often times for only a few dollars. She got better results at garage sales than with her Shadow x5.

Fossil Clubs in Florida

<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/orgs/club.htm>

Shell collecting in Florida - This site lists everything you need to know from beginners to advanced collecting.

http://www.manandmollusc.net/links_collecting.html

There is also a wonderful shell collection for viewing at the beachside historic **Sandoway House**, 142 S. Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. 561-274-7263.

Digging antique bottles - Here is a one stop resource:

<http://www.antiquebottles.com/>

FOREIGN COINS

Our club, along with the South Florida Treasure Hunter's club, collects foreign coins throughout the year to donate towards a summer camp hunt for handicapped children in Texas. Please continue to bring your donations to **Linda Bennett**.

Experience + research = success

MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember those members who are not able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger, Irving Smith, James Wilhelm, Dorothy Mills and Jerry Laur**. Jerry just had surgery on July 30 on his “swinging the metal detector” shoulder. Calls are always welcome!

Our friend, **James Wilhelm**, is in Houston, Texas for continued medical treatment. Keep James in your prayers during this time and send him a note, as he would love to hear from you all.

Send mail to:

James Wilhelm

3000 Murworth Drive, Apt. 1809

Houston, TX 77025

RICHARD’S TIP

Cigarette butts are a clue to where people have been sitting and therefore can indicate a good site on the beach to hunt. Concentrate on a 3 to 4 foot area around the butts.

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

Ernie Bouyoucas - On Saturday, July 21st, a couple of members of the club up there (Virginia Historical Preservation Society) took me to a school ground in Hamilton, Virginia. It was the grounds of the original school for the town dating back to the 1840s. After about 20 minutes of “THing,” one of the guys found an 1856 Large Cent in great condition. I found a beer can remnant in the same area. (What's new?) After about 3 hours of hunting I had found a bunch of coins, but only 1 Wheatie & 1 silver dime. Just then someone pulled up in an SUV & asked us what we were doing. We replied we were just coin shooting the school grounds. He asked if we had crossed over the fence into the next property. We replied no because it was private property and we didn't have permission. He asked us if we would like to hunt the property and said he was the owner! We said sure and followed him to his front door. He explained the property was the site of the last skirmish of the Civil War. It was between Union troops & Rebs under the command of Col. John Mosby (The Grey Ghost). He pointed out the battle site and told us to have a ball. He himself was a relative of General Jubal Early. Anyway, we only hunted about an hour because one of the other guys had to leave. The other guys found one minnie ball and one .58 caliber bullet. I found a piece of a buckle with "PAT Dec 16 1879" on it. Not a Civil War artifact but an interesting find anyway. We all have permission to search the property any time. I will probably be up again in September so I might try it then. The owner has 150 beautiful acres so we will never search it out.

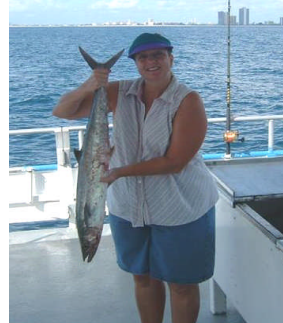
John Lobota - I was invited to visit fellow club member **Gerard Beaulieu** in his homeland of Newfoundland. I spent two weeks exploring old fishing

villages. It was quite an adventure. I started writing about the trip, but we did so much it would take 10 pages for it to make any sense. That being the case, I thought I would bring some finds and some pictures to the meeting and share for a few minutes if anyone is interested. Below is a picture of Gerard hunting.



Stacey deLucia – Like many of our club members, I have amassed treasure hunting buddies from around the country thanks to “online treasure hunting forums” such as Surf & Sand and Beach & Water. We get to know people who share our passion for our hobby and sometimes we even get to meet them and hunt together. Such was the case recently when fellow forum buddy "**Scoutingbear**" (**Gary Yerkes**) from San Diego came to our area. **Frank Nash** and I met up with Gary on Singer Island to hunt, but none of us had any luck. Gary and I then went to Juno Beach. Again, no luck. That Sunday, **Nikolay Malchev** and I picked Gary up and headed down to South Beach. Both Gary and I were experiencing “falsing” problems with our machines, but “The Bulgarian” was – as usual – raking in the goodies. Gary and I mumbled all the way home about our Excalibur’s and getting skunked, while Nikolay happily sat in the back admiring his treasures!

Determined to ensure that Gary had fun in South Florida, he and I took a half day drift boat fishing trip on the Blue Heron Fleet out of Riviera Beach. I caught the three largest fish I ever caught in my life, one of which was only half a pound away from winning me the pool for biggest fish! I got the second and third largest fish on the boat! What great fun that was. In fact, I will organize a drift boat fishing event in the coming weeks and I hope that club members and their families will join us!



Stacey’s 8.5 lb Kingfish
Almost won the pool.

Photo: Blue Heron Fleet staff



Gary Yerkes and Stacey deLucia
About to hit South Beach

Photo by Nikolay Malchev

FLORIDA TREASURE EXPO

After working 65 hours plus a week since May, and not swinging the coil since Feb-March, I decided it was time for a rest. The wife and I took a 3-day weekend and drove from South Florida to Tampa and toured the Excellent Odyssey Exhibit for the SS Central America.

Then, after spending an afternoon with relatives in Orlando, we headed to Cocoa Beach and spent the next two days just down the street from world famous Ron-Jon's Surf Shop, at a Treasure Expo. The Ocean was flat on Saturday, but some swells on Sunday. Nonetheless, I was able to water hunt a few hours before returning to the Expo, no spectacular finds, however.

At the Expo, I found a large room filled with professional salvors and Underwater Archaeologists. I haven't seen a gathering like this since the 1986 Shipwreck Symposium in Ft. Lauderdale. I was able to meet and swap stories with several salvors, view their displays and even pick up a few items for my collection. We had visitors from as far away as North Carolina and Missouri, yet, out of all the treasure/relic clubs in Florida, only three were represented and only one exhibited.

Nevertheless, it was a great event and I was able to meet old friends, one of whom I have not seen since the early 1980's when he was a guest speaker at our detecting-historical preservation club, the South Florida Historical Preservation Society.

The highlight of the event was when I was invited to dive on a newly discovered wreck. Realistically, though, because of work responsibilities, I had to turn them down. Here are a few pictures of what can be seen at the Florida Treasure Expo. I hope to see every Florida club represented there next year. *Submitted by Ken Hughes, member of the South Florida Treasure Hunter's Club and former member of the GCTC.*



Ken Hughes displaying a 70lb+ silver bar recovered from the Santa Margarita.

www.thetreasuredepot.com/cgi-bin/surfandsand/ss_config.pl?read=106072

For more pictures on another forum:
forum.treasurenet.com/index.php/topic,100477.0.html

"HOW CLOSE IS TOO CLOSE?"

"How close is too close when detecting around beach goers? My fellow hunting friend and I have discussed the distance you should stay away from people and their space on the beach while detecting. We say a foot or more away from their belongings."

This was posted on the Surf and Sand forum of the Treasure Depot (www.thetreasuredepot.com) and the Beach and Water Detecting forum on Find's Treasure Forums (www.findmall.com). The majority who replied stated between 6-10 feet is the closest. Below are some of the comments (*quotes – as submitted*).

- Common sense should rule here, if you get a "Look" that is saying "why don't you go away," you're too close.....
- If people seem "stiff," or, 'close up' with you around, back off. You're crowding. A foot is only 12 inches you know, anyone waving a wand that close to my towel with my watch lying there, is gonna get run off, quick! Wait till it thins out. Irritate enough people, and some of these eager beavers will be wondering why they don't allow any metal detecting period. As I understand it, wasn't there something about a high tide line rule??
- I say 10 feet is close enough. First, I don't want the close attention if I happen to find an item. I also don't want to be accused of stealing. Here in South Florida, the tourists are from different countries. Each culture has their different beliefs in "personal space." I try to hunt either early in the morning or early evening to avoid most of the crowds.
- if you think you are to close.....then you are! State beaches up here do not allow detecting before 6pm. Reason: "Beach goers cause problems by accusing detectorists of stealing lost change and jewelery." Just remember there are a lot of idiots out there looking to cause a scene, the farther you stay away, the better.
- I very seldom detect around people in dry sand, especially if the wind is blowing, (unless someone asked me to help find something). In the water I stay away from boogie boarders and Surfers do not want any one hurt, me or them. If to many people are walking the wet sand I avoid them by going in water knee deep. Put yourself in their place if you think you would be annoyed then don't go there.
- For me, waiting until everyone is pretty much gone is my method. Early morning and late evening bring little attention to what I want to do.
- If the only time you have to detect is during the depositors "sun and swim" time; I agree on the further away, the better! I detect 90%+ of the time early mornings and evenings just for that reason alone - I don't want to give anyone any reason to complain about me - all it will take is enough of those complaints for them to make regulations to keep detectors off the beaches entirely.