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

FEBRUARY MEETING

A few months back, immediate past president **Kurt Herring** showed a video about how the antiquities laws work over in England. The folks on the “other side of the pond” seem to have a good system that is fair to the treasure hunter while at the same time preserving historical artifacts for all to enjoy. On February 8, one of our own members, **Irving Smith**, will share with us his experiences treasure hunting in jolly old England. Irving is one of our snow birds, so we are happy to have him back in sunny Florida so we can learn from his vast experiences. (If you are new to the club and not sure who Irving is, just look for a fast moving blur on the beach – that’s Irving AKA “Speedy Gonzales.”)

The February meeting is also when we hold our much anticipated **ANNUAL BEST FINDS CONTEST**. This is a lot of fun and we hope every member will participate. See **Linda Bennett’s** write up about the Best Finds Contest and the various categories and rules on page five of this newsletter.

We still have a few more \$3 raffle tickets to sell for the White’s XLT and accessories donated in **Ed Berry’s** memory. Plan to buy your tickets in February. YOU might just walk away with a great gently used metal detector! Once that raffle is finished, we will start our next raffle for a rare foreign coin generously donated by new GCTC member **Nikolay Malchev** (also known as **The Bulgarian** to those who frequent the treasure

hunting forums). Forty tickets will be sold for only \$2 a piece.

Thank you in advance to **Jan Smirnow** for volunteering to bring Refreshments for the February meeting. A thank you also goes to **Cheryl Petenbrink** 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.

Don’t Miss the Pre-Meeting Fun!

A group of us get together for dinner at 5:30 p.m. right before each club meeting. Everyone is welcome! Just show up and look in the back room for our smiling faces. It is “Dutch Treat” (Bring money!) Directions:

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

Coming from the North

Exit I-95 at Forest Hill Blvd. West Palm Beach. Head East to US 1, turn Right (South) and go 1 mile. Park Ave. BBQ will be on your right.

Coming from the South

Exit I-95 at 10th Ave. Lake Worth. Go East to US 1, turn Left (North). Go 1 mile. Park Ave. BBQ will be on your left.

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

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New members pay an
initiation fee of \$5
and \$30 if joining between Jan 1st
and the end of June
or \$15 if joining between July 1
and Dec. 31

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

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

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STACEY DELUCIA – Thinking about hunting South Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Deerfield or Hollywood Beach, but don't want to make the trip alone and want someone to split the gas bill with? Your car or mine, I'm game! Call me at 561-687-2310 or e-mail: sdeLuc823@aol.com to set it up!

STACEY DELUCIA – FOR SALE: MINT Condition White's Surf PI Pro. Turn on and go underwater metal detector with 950 submersible coil. Less than one year old (two year warranty). Hardly touched! What a deal! \$450. Contact: 561-687-2310.

PAUL HAMLIN – WANTED: Hunting partners for new member. Excalibur experience preferred. 561-582-1295.

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, and Jan Smirnow.

GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

One Troy Oz Silver Round – **Stacey deLucia**

Gold Plated Silver Dime – **Willie Ray**

Watch – **Irving Smith**

Onion Slicer – **Jim Smith**

Laser Light – **Karen Larson**

Hat and Coin Pouch – **Jim Smith**

Prince of Wales Label Print – **Linda Bennett**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you to **John Lobota** for his donation of the Prince of Wales print and **James Wilhelm** for the onion slicer*

*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!

Jan Smirnow stumped everyone with a small round metal piece from South Beach's chairs.

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

50/50 DRAWING

Guest, **Barbara Rosenberg**, won \$57.50 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 – STACEY deLUCIA



BEST SILVER – JASON PETENBRINK



MOST UNUSUAL – RICHARD ZABRISKIE



COSTUME JEWELRY- BOB SMIRNOW



BEST COIN – JIM SHARP



MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember those members who are not able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger, Ted Rudd, Dorothy Mills, Bob Smirnow** and **Tom Lieberman**. Calls are always welcome!

DIRECTORY

The 2007 new club directory will be available at the next 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 or changes to the directory will be printed in the newsletter for you to add to your copy of the directory.

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

Pens with Club Name: \$3.00

Club Towels: \$3.00

Club Patches: \$5.00

GCTC Travel Cups: \$8.00

JANUARY HUNT

Great location, great weather and great friends! A club hunt just can't get any better even without having any special finds. Tanah Keeta Boy Scout Camp had not been hunted since February 2005. Clad money was numerous with a total of \$134.91 found by twenty hunters in a 4 ½ hour hunt. **Richard Zabriskie** led the pack with \$21.22 followed closely by **John Presslein** at \$19.65. **Irving Smith** and **Jack Petenbrink** were not far behind at \$14 and \$13.22 respectively. Older coins were found, with Wheaties being the number one denomination found. **Pauline Nash** (1952); **Richard Zabriskie** (1946); **Cheryl Petenbrink** (1952); **Ken Lubinski** (1957); **Stacey deLucia** (1953); **Jerry Laur** (1953); and **Karen Larson** (1945) each found a Wheatie. Silver coins were found by **John Presslein** (1936 quarter), **Ken Lubinski** (1964 dime – his first silver coin!) and **Richard Zabriskie** (1964 dime). **Linda Bennett** found a silver Spanish coin replica lost from a pirate weekend celebration. Twenty nine Boy Scout items were found and that doesn't include the numerous tent stakes found. Tent stakes in good shape were given to the ranger for future use. The camp ranger was on hand to see how much trash was found by club members. The club's application states that the club will aid in the removal of metal debris to improve the safety for the campers and that goal was met with a trash bag full of cans, bullets, wires and other unrecognizable objects.

JIM WARNKE MEMORIAL SILVER HUNT

The annual silver hunt and picnic will be held on Sunday, February 18 at Jupiter Beach Park. A hunt orientation meeting will be held at 8:30 AM. The hunt will be followed with awarding of prizes and a picnic. The club will provide the hot dogs, buns, condiments, beverages and all eating and drinking accessories. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish. Also bring your chair, table and other items that make a picnic enjoyable. Entry fee for the hunt is \$10 per metal detector if paid before the hunt. At the hunt, cost will be \$12.00. With the cost of silver so high, you should find enough silver to get back your entry fee. Please RSVP by February 15 to **Jan Smirnow** (561-735-8921) with the number in your party and what side dish or dessert you will bring. This will allow the club to provide enough silver and food. Members only may participate. **Sorry, No coils over 12" or PI detectors allowed!**

Directions to Jupiter Beach are as follows: I-95 or the turnpike to the Jupiter Exit. Go east on Indiantown Road till it ends at A1A. Go north on A1A and turn at the first right onto Jupiter Beach Road. It will end at the Jupiter Jetty. As you drive into the park watch for the club sign on the back of Linda's car. If you get lost, call Linda on her cell phone at (561)-352-4068.

NEW CONTEST

WHAT TO DO WITH OUR FINDS

Crank up those creative juices and enter this contest! Do you have a great way to display your finds or have you created something wonderful out of your treasures? Some ideas are to make a wreath, a clock or jewelry using your finds. Judging will be held at the February meeting and silver prizes will be awarded in three categories: **Most Creative**, **Best Display** and **Most Unusual**. So, start thinking about what YOU can do to give your finds new life. Members are not limited to the number of entries that they can submit.

TREASURER'S REPORT
\$1,455.70



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

2006 YEARLY BEST FINDS TO BE HELD AT FEBRUARY MEETING

Bring your best finds recovered in 2006 for the Best Finds Contest. The entries were displayed on the Tall Tales Table January 2006 through January 2007. Your entry had to have been found while you were a member of the GCTC.

Categories will be: **Best Gold; Best Silver; Best Costume Jewelry; Best Toy; Best Token; Best Foreign Coin; Best Relic; Best Non Jewelry; Most Unusual; Oldest American Coin.** The Oldest American coin will be broken down into subcategories of oldest penny, nickel, dime, quarter, half dollar and dollar. Winners for the 10 major categories will receive a silver round/bar, a certificate and picture of your find on the website for a year. (The picture on the website is optional.) Winners of the American coin subcategories will each receive a silver half dollar, a certificate and picture of the find on the website. Each member is allowed one entry per category. Winners are decided by the same voting system that is used for the monthly best finds. Of course, voting on the Oldest American coin is not necessary.

CONVERT TRASH INTO CASH

We are still collecting unwanted cell phones and used ink cartridges so they can be recycled. Donate yours to the GCTC and we will convert them into cash while protecting the environment. Each month, bring in your used printer cartridges and unwanted cell phones and deposit them into the collection box at the back of the room. All brands of printer cartridges (except Epson) and all cell phones (no phone accessories) can be recycled. It's easy to help our club and our community! For more information, call **Stacey** (561-687-2310).

ALSO WANTED: EYEGLASSES

Club members are also 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. Please remember to bring any unwanted eyeglasses to the next meeting and deposit them into the collection box at the back of the room. Thank you!

TALL TABLE TOTALS FOR 2007 AS OF JANUARY 2007

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$659.12

PLATINUM: 0

GOLD: 15

SILVER: 28

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, along with the South Florida Treasure Hunting Club's donation. Thank you to **Jerry Turner** and **Gerald Beaulieu** for their donation of foreign coins

Silent Auction Items Needed!

It's time once again to 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" become someone else's "treasure!" This event is one of our favorites. All auction proceeds go back into our club. Did someone give you a gift that just "isn't you?" **DONATE** it to the GCTC! Desirable items: *working* electronics, metal detecting equipment, coins, books, videos, DVDs, CDs, tools, household items, arts and crafts, jewelry, sports equipment, hobby items, wines, gems and minerals, etc. If in doubt about an item, e-mail **Stacey**: sdeLuc823@aol.com.

TCAS 20TH ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian will be holding its competition hunt on Saturday, March 10 at the Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida. Hunt applications will be available at the GCTC meetings.

For further information regarding the hunt contact

Mitch King, Hunt Coordinator at

mking11@earthlink.net or

www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/8480/

5th GREAT SOUTHERN BEACH SHOOTOUT

APRIL 27 - 29, 2007

Held every year at Daytona Beach, Florida, the GSBS has quickly become known as the world's largest beach metal detection event! This year's Great Southern Beach Shootout will feature several competition hunts, plus a kid's hunt! As always, thousands of coins, prizes and cash awards will make this GSBS an event not to be missed by any metal detecting enthusiast! Information and application forms will be available at the meeting.

CHECK OUT THIS SITE:

<http://www.gsbs.adepphoto.com/>



DONATIONS

Thank you to **Bob Weller** for his donation of a large number of coins to the club.

BIRTHDAYS

January birthday celebrants **Jack Petenbrink**, **Irving Smith** and **Ed Weston** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month. **Happy Birthday, gang!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Carmelo Basilico (2/19)

Linda Boyd (2/01)

Richard Cosgrove (2/23)

Carlos Delgado (2/5)

Vera Hujar (2/5)

Cheryl Petenbrink (2/13)

Bill Rogers (2/20)

Ted Rudd (2/1)

Marilyn Smith (2/5)

Irene Zuckerman (2/20)

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!

TIPS FROM MEMBERS

Tom Lieberman is a big advocate for not only collecting trash from the beaches as he hunts, but also to make the public aware of this service. He wears a plastic bag from the grocery store on his belt. That way he can keep items separate from his goodies, but also the large amount of trash is visible and shows a responsible hunter who is willing to help clean the beaches.

BURIED COIN CACHE CLUE NUMBER ONE

CLUE ONE

"The cache is hidden in an area named after a variety of aromatic flowering tropical shrubs. If you dine at the Dune, you are close to the find!"

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

ILLEGAL TO MELT PENNIES AND NICKELS

Given rising metal prices, the pennies and nickels in your pocket are worth more melted down than their face value. That has the government worried.

U.S. Mint officials said Wednesday they were putting into place rules prohibiting the melting down of 1-cent and 5-cent coins.

The new regulations prohibit the melting of 1-cent and 5-cent coins, with a penalty of up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000 for people convicted of violating the rule.

A nickel is 25 percent nickel and 75 percent copper. The metal in one coin costs 6.99 cents for each 5-cent coin. When the Mint's cost of producing the coins is added, the total cost for each nickel is 8.34 cents.

Modern pennies have 2.5 percent copper content with zinc making up the rest of the coin. The current copper and zinc in a penny are worth 1.12 cents. The cost of production drives the cost of each penny up to 1.73 cents. Pennies made before 1982, which are still in circulation, would be even more lucrative to melt down because they contain 95 percent copper and only 5 percent zinc. The metal value in those coins is 2.13 cents per coin, Mint officials said.

The new regulations are being published in the Federal Register and will go into effect as interim rules which will not become final until the government has a chance to consider possible modifications based on public comments.

TIP FROM THE INTERNET- PROTECTING YOUR COIL

To protect your coil use epoxy instead of a coil cover. Coil covers can trap dirt or salty sand and can cause the metal detector to "false" or act erratic. But an exposed coil is prone to wear and tear and can split on the seams or even wear a hole in the coil from rubbing. The epoxy functions as a coil covering without the pitfalls of a cover.

You apply it with a small brush, like the little aluminum-handled utility brushes (also called acid brushes) or any cheap disposable brush. Just mix up the epoxy and apply a uniform coating to the entire coil, trying to keep it as smooth as possible and at least an 1/8 inch thick. When it wears down or if it chips, you can reapply it as needed.



JANUARY MEETING

The January 11th meeting was called to order by new President **Ernie Bouyoucas**. Ernie welcomed new members **Donna Russo, Nikolay Malchev, Jimmy Chodan, Paul and Marjorie Hamlin** and **Steve Carr**. Several guests were present, including representatives from the South Florida Club: **Stan Millman, Steve Hamedl, Willie Ray** and **Gary Tassin**.

Bob Smirnow presented Hunt Master **Linda Bennett** with her own Dubious Award for 2006 (creatively constructed by **Steve Hoskins**). The Award was a stuffed gardener's glove with a red ribbon tied on the index finger as a reminder to Linda to actually BRING the items to plant for future hunts. (Those who attended the Boynton Beach "Hunt from Hell" may never let Linda live down forgetting the planted items for the "planted hunt!")

Ernie introduced **Bob "Frogfoot" and Margaret Weller**, well known treasure hunters who assisted in the discovery of the 1715 Lost Spanish Fleet off the coast of Florida. Bob, a famous author, publisher of "Quest" magazine, and treasure hunter, was once President of the Gold Coast Treasure Club.

Bob and Margaret have a time-share by the beach in Cancun that they visit. "This past trip, the first thing I did upon our arrival was to shed my travel clothes, don my trunks, grab my metal detector and head for the water. It was unbelievable. I got hits right off the bat! First thing I found was a 24kt diamond ring! I don't think they metal detect in Cancun! And proof of that is right there on the table!" Bob had a display of gold rings, a huge mound of various coins (which he donated to the club) and several silver pieces. Bob said he "Never looked on the dry sand; too much in the water!" He passed around a seven pound gold disk and a gold doubloon and told the story of finding an eleven foot long gold chain as Margaret assisted. (Valued at over \$200,000)

When Bob introduced his latest publication, "True Stories," club members quickly snatched up all available copies. Slow pokes had to place their orders. As in past presentations, Bob and Margaret were spell binding with their stories, books and gold and silver displays!

Thanks to **Mitzi** and **Al Bergrud** for the refreshments for January.

President Ernie introduced a new membership committee, headed by **Jim Sharp** and **John Lobota**. He asked for volunteers for the committee. Anyone interested in helping, please call Jim (561-966-6986) or John (561-433-3138).

A special thanks goes to **John Lobota** for helping Bob Weller load up his car with seemingly "tons" of treasures, including lots of gold, an 80 pound silver bar from the Atocha, etc. before the meeting and afterward.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 8: Meeting (Annual Best Finds)
Feb 18: Jim Warnke Memorial Silver Hunt
March 8: Meeting (Silent Auction)
March 10: TCAS Annual Competition Hunt in Sebastian
April 27-29: Great Southern Beach Shootout at Daytona Beach

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