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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. MAY 10 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

MAY MEETING

Our May 10th meeting will feature a review of much of the fun we have shared together as a club in the last year or so. We will start out with a refreshment break so we can visit and vote on the Monthly Best Finds, then we will enjoy a sample of the 2006 GCTC DVD that Steve Hoskins put together that captures hundreds of photos of our club members in action throughout the year. You won't want to miss these fun photos! (Copies of the DVD will be available for sale at the meeting for only \$10.) After we get a taste of what's on the DVD, members who participated in the Great Southern Beach Shootout in Daytona Beach will provide a recap of the 5th Annual Event. Of the 23 participants from our club, we had several big winners. One thing was certain: everyone had a wonderful time. Come see what our members won (calling all participants, please bring what you found and/or won) and some will show off the competition baskets they made. This will be an informal recap of the weekend not to be missed!

We'd like to thank **Stacey deLucia** for volunteering to bring Refreshments for the May meeting and **Cheryl Petenbrink** for volunteering to stump us with a Mystery Item. Members, bring ALL the items you find for the Tall Tales Table. You could win a silver half-dollar. Also, please bring **all your pull tabs** to the next few meetings. **Jan Smirnow** will be collecting them for a "special"

club project," the details of which will be revealed in the near future. (Sounds like 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

Bob Dobski has volunteered to host a wild hunt on June 3 at South Beach. The time will be announced at the meeting, but it will be before sunrise. Not only does this allow time to hunt before the crowds arrive, it will save us money on parking since the meters do not have to be fed till 9 a.m. Usually after the allotted time to hunt and tallies are done, brunch is enjoyed at a local restaurant. Carpooling can also be discussed at the meeting.

Our meeting place will be at Lummus Park at Ocean and 10th. Take I-95 to Miami. Exit onto I-395, which will become 5th Street. At Ocean Drive, turn left and proceed to 10th and Ocean Drive. Parking will be on the right hand side of the street at the curb. Be sure you are parking in a designated parking space.

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

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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.

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

MITZI BERGRUD - Too Expensive living in South Florida? Consider the pleasant climate, cheap land, very low taxes in N. E. Alabama. Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountain range with Weiss Lake, one of the largest lakes in the S. E. and the least crowded lake in the region. Beautiful acre lots as low as \$13,500 or how about 3.79 acres for \$18,900 with financing (SOLD).

Gorgeous North Carolina mountain land. Spruce Pine is the mineral capital with gold prospecting too. Very private, gentle slope to rolling with a small creek tremendous mountain views. 3.25 acres for only \$75,900. Email for photos, more information, and driving directions. Mitzi and Al Bergrud 561-790-3997. southstar@earthlink.net

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 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 \$500! Call Nikolay at 561-309-1124.

FOR SALE: NORDIC TRACK SKI MACHINE. Excellent condition! Generously donated by PAUL HAMLIN to benefit the GCTC. All offers will be considered!!! Paul will even deliver it to you! Call (or see) Stacey (561-687-2310) with your offer! THANK YOU, Paul, for your generosity to our club!

STACEY DELUCIA – WANTED: Qualified painter / handyman for small household painting jobs and other small miscellaneous jobs. Call for details. (561) 687-2310.

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.

GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

One Troy Oz Silver Round – Pauline Nash
Cap Flashlight – Paul Hamlin
Lottery Ticket – Irving Smith
Battery Tester – Linda Bennett
Multi-tester – Frank Nash
Lottery Ticket – Jan Smirnow
Neck Cooler – Paul Hamlin
Treasure Map – Pauline Nash

Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you to **Ben Smith** for his donation of the lottery scratch off tickets, **Gail Hoskins** for the neck cooler, **Jan Smirnow** for the battery tester, **Stacey deLucia** for the multi-tester, **Linda Bennett** for the treasure map and **Richard Zabriskie** for his donation of the cap flashlight.

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!

Ernie Bouyoucas supplied the mystery item – a grommet. Two were on the tall tales table. Jan Smirnow had a grommet closest in size so she won the silver half dollar.

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

50/50 DRAWING

Ben Smith won \$54 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 – JASON PETENBRINK Necklace with Pendant

BEST SILVER – JASON PETENBRINK Ring

MOST UNUSUAL - KAREN LARSON



COSTUME JEWELRY – JASON
PETENBRINK
Necklace with Pendant

BEST COIN – PAULINE NASH





APRIL PROGRAM

President Ernie Bouyoucas welcomed speakers Tony Swicer and Ray Duclos from Rechant's Precious Metals. (Located at 1730 South Congress Avenue in West Palm Beach. Phone number: 561-964-8180.) Tony is the President of the Palm Beach Coin Club. Ray is the owner of Rechant's and also serves as Vice-president of the coin club. Rechant's buys pure gold on the open market in New York and services approximately 80 percent of the jewelry makers in southeast Florida. Rechant's also buys silver and gold from individuals.



Tony Swicer and Ray Duclos

The program was broken into two parts. The first part was presented by Tony, who demonstrated how to clean coins and jewelry. Tony warned, "don't clean if you don't know what you are doing!" There are three groups of coins: those in circulation, those in the ground, and sea salvage. Clean coins to look like they were not cleaned. The least harmful way to clean is to use acetone with a cotton swab. Dip the swab and gently clean the coin. Ammonia can be used to clean coins, but it can change the color of the coin. Various products for cleaning coins or jewelry can be purchased at Rechant's. Nickeleen is a product that will dramatically enhance the date on old nickels that appear to not have a date.



Tony Swicer shows members how one does NOT have to dress in order to safely clean coins or jewelry

Ray discussed the metals used in jewelry and how to test for their content. He mentioned that the test kits that use the scratch method are not as reliable as the kits which require filing a small area of the metal object. Ray named a few trusted companies for making jewelry for those who'd like to make custom jewelry out of their finds.

Ray and Tony invited GCTC members to come to the Palm Beach Coin Club meetings, which are held at 7 p.m. at the same location as our meetings, on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

MEMBER UPDATES

Please remember those members who are not able to metal detect – **Don Caplinger, Irving Smith, James Wilhelm** and **Dorothy Mills**. Calls are always welcome!

Irving is recuperating nicely from a knee replacement. He wants to be in shape for his metal detecting trip to England in September.

Our friend, **James Wilhelm**, is in Houston, Texas for 6 weeks of chemotherapy. We will all miss his smiles and friendship at the next few meetings and expect to welcome him back when his treatment is complete. Keep James in your prayers during this time and send him a note, as he would love to hear from you all.

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2007 AS OF APRIL 2007

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1,986.57 PLATINUM: 2 GOLD: 43 SILVER: 95

*FROGFOOT'S SUMMER SEMINARS 2007: "The American Dream" Salvaging Spanish Sunken Treasure

For the 13th year Crossed Anchors Salvage will schedule three seminars to "open the door" to those who dream to someday recover their "own" gold or silver coins. Each year the seminars have improved the list of salvagers that provide the intimate lectures on their own recoveries. This year the lecturers include **Dr. Eugene Lyon:** "The Trouble With Treasure," National Geographic June 1976, and "Treasure From The Ghost Galleon," National Geographic February 1982. **Tracy Bowden:** "Graveyard of the Quicksilver Galleon," National Geographic December '79. **Bill Mathers:** "Track of the Manila Galleons," National Geographic September '90. **Burt Webber:** "Gleaming Treasure from the Silver Banks," National Geographic July '96.

The dates of the 2007 seminars are as follows: June 11-14; June 25-28, and July 10-13 (reserved for "alumni").

Sign up now; these classes fill up quickly! Call "Frogfoot" at 561-588-2903 or e-mail him: BobFrogfoot@Comcast.net.

For scheduled program and more details: http://home.att.net/~EnRada/bulletins.htm

APRIL MEETING

Ernie greeted guests **Mindy and Gary Spiroch** of Lake Worth, **Norbert Gutzmore** of Loxahatchee and **Bill Moss** of Palm Beach Gardens. Mindy, Gary and Norbert all joined that evening. Welcome, gang! Ernie and our members wished **Jim and Nina Smith** a fond farewell, as they prepared to move to Axton, Virginia. The death of our club founder, **Ted Rudd**, was recognized and a card sent around for notes of condolence.

Bob Smirnow told this cautionary tale – **Kevin Reilly** returned a pair of Fisher head phones that stopped functioning, despite being less than a year old, to Fisher for repair only to be informed of a \$55 charge to repair them and a \$15 charge for return. The headphones cost \$80 new. Is this a thing of the future with Fisher?

The club's raffle of an ancient Roman coin, donated by **Nikolay Malchev**, quickly sold out. This rare coin, "Venus with cupid at her feet," dated AD 204, was valued at *more than* \$60. The lucky winner was **Bob Dobski**. Thank you, Nikolay, for donating this special coin!

Thank you to **Donna Russo** for providing the refreshments.

See prior page about our program and speakers from Rechant Metals.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Certificate presented for returning an item to its rightful owner

Ken Lubinski – Prescription eyeglasses Stacey deLucia – Keys Stacey deLucia – Keys Cheryl Petenbrink – Silver earring Jason Petenbrink – Cell Phone Jason Petebrink - 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 TWO

(CERTIFICATE AND SILVER DIME)
Ken Lubinski

LEVEL THREE

(CERTIFICATE AND SILVER QUARTER)
Stacey deLucia
Linda Bennett

April birthday celebrant **Karen Larson** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during her birthday month. **Happy Birthday, Karen!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Trent Bowen (5/8)
Louis Brozyna (5/2)
Barbara Dobski (5/13)
John Lobota (5/14)
Maryanne Lubinski (5/31)
Nancy Rogers (5/5)
Nancy Stephens (5/27)
Kazhie Zabriskie (5/27)

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!

RICHARD'S TIP

Be sure to move trash and then recheck area for lost items. Also check areas within throwing distance from the trash for lost items. Many times people sit and then throw cans away from their sitting area.

MEMBER TIPS

Bob Smirnow informed members of a new local business called "Batteries Plus." It is located on Lantana Road West of Jog on the Southeast side behind Jiffy Lube. Bob reports that they have reasonable prices. They carry every battery possible and rebuild rechargeable batteries, including those for the Minelab Excalibur. At present, Batteries Plus does a considerable business rebuilding rechargeable batteries for the county schools.

Jerry Laur mentioned the making of competition baskets and that they might be available at the Daytona Shootout.

Paul Hamlin found a fairly valuable watch that was in bad shape. On advice from Linda and Cheryl, he sent it back to the manufacturer. For \$25 he received a brand new working watch! Moral, do not trash it, check into it, it may be the best find of your year!

John Presslein's tip was to follow the tire tracks of the beach buggies. The compacted sand allows coins to respond better to the detector energy field. This results in a better reflected signal and more finds.

Errors in grammar and spelling are added for those who like to find them.

Linda Bennett newsletter co-editor

BURIED COIN CACHE

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!"

CLUE TWO

You will know the name of the park when you solve the jumbles below. The answers to the jumbled words are things you will find when metal detecting.

R U T S A R Q E
EOTNSK
S C N A
G L E T I R H
C K I NF J E K A
L UTLPBA
E L C C A K E N

CLUE THREE

Look for the Mother In Law Tongues, the cache is buried nearby to one of them.

CLUE FOUR

In the playground, on the rise towards the beach, when one sits at one of the picnic tables, it acts as a seesaw. Look to the North of that table, you will find a quarter near your quest.

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

DONATIONS

Thank you to **Irving Smith** and **Jan** and **Bob Smirnow** for their donation of foreign coins. Also thank you to **Bob Dobski** for his donation of a wood box.

NEW EDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY!

Bob and **Jan Smirnow** donated two copies of the 6th Edition of the Fisher M-Scope Intelligence by **Tom Dankowski. Linda Bennett** donated a book - *Florida's Bubbling Springs*.

FOREIGN COINS

Our club collects foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp hunt for handicapped children in Texas. The coins are mailed in May, along with the South Florida Treasure Hunting Club's donation.

VOLUNTEER WANTED TO TAKE OVER RECYCLING EFFORT

Unwanted cell phones and used ink cartridges are collected each month for recycling. (Keep 'em coming, gang!) Donations will be converted into cash to benefit the club, while protecting the environment. We need a volunteer to organize the effort. For info on how you can help, call **Stacey** (561-687-2310).

ALSO WANTED: EYEGLASSES

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

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

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

NEW ADDRESS: Jim and Nina Smith

NEW MEMBERS: Norbert Gutzmore

Mindy, Gary & Jarrett Spiroch

TREASURER'S REPORT \$1,844.17

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL



Wear your shirt or hat with the club patch proudly in your travels, just like Nikolay Malchev.

Only at South Beach!
Stacey gets German tourists to help her with the digging!



"I don't ALWAYS find gold and diamonds on the beach...but this wasn't bad.... a decent find, I'd say!"

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

STACEY DELUCIA – Hunting / Travel buddies - 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!

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

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to the following contributors: Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia, Jan Smirnow, John Presslein, Richard Zabriskie, Paul Hamlin, Bob Smirnow and Jerry Laur.

UPDATE ON OREGON LAW

This Oregon Bill is already a dead issue. **Mark Schuessler** with FMDAC has been working on that for some time and here is his response to one of the forum posters on FMDAC website:

"This is a bill that passed the Oregon Senate in 2005. It was headed for the house this year but never made it. It died. It no longer exists. Even if it was active it would have an HB designation for the house. As it already passed the senate it does not exist there anymore. However there very well may be some bill with an SB64 number this year which would confuse those legislators who would get any contacts. I posted alerts on this site (FMDAC) and many others concerning this bill when it was active. I will do so again if it is resubmitted. Please do not make any contacts as it is a dead issue."

APRIL CLUB HUNT

Six early birds had breakfast at Cracker Barrel before joining the remaining eleven hunters at Juno Beach Pier by 8:00 a.m. Even though designated a wild hunt, Hunt Master Linda did hide some rings, pairs of earrings, marked clad coins, and a dog tag. Two nonmember metal detectorists had been on the beach since 6:30 a.m. and their pouches were bulging, so the finds were not as good as expected. But jewelry was found: Jerry Laur (hoop earring); Stacey deLucia (bracelet); Mindy Spiroch (silver ring with stones); Gary Spiroch (Necklace with pendant). Planted rings (donated by Richard Zabriskie) were found by Betty Laur, Jerry Laur, Karen Larson and Gary Spiroch. The dog tag and marked clad coins were worth money.

The winners were: Gary Spiroch - \$10 Betty Laur - \$5 Steve Hoskins - \$5

Pauline and **Frank Nash** continued the hunt for the pair of earrings after the group left. A hint was given for the general area. Frank successfully found the earrings later that day.

Tip from Metaldetectivesusa.com - Don't Offer to Locate Property Line Survey Stakes

Doing so can create problems for you that you do not want. As innocent as it may appear on the surface, it may be considered by some as surveying without a license. All states require surveyors to register and pass strict tests before they can obtain their license. If you are asked to locate a survey stake or survey monument you should refer the person to a licensed professional surveyor.



5th Annual Great Southern Beach Shootout Daytona Beach, Florida April 27th thru April 29th, 2007

Twenty-three members traveled to Daytona Beach to attend the GSBS which has become known as the world's largest beach metal detecting event! A total of 160 hunters competed. Seven great hunts were held: four main hunts on Saturday and Sunday, a Kellyco sponsored hunt on Friday evening, a kids' hunt on Saturday afternoon along with an all new Saturday evening hunt sponsored by Dixie Metal Detectors! Thousands of U.S. silver coins and the new "George" dollar coins were buried in the four main hunts on Saturday and Sunday, along with targets for cash, gold coins, detectors and silver rounds. Cash prizes totaled \$11,000 including a grand prize of \$5000.00. Both Kellyco and Dixie Metal Detectors planted various coins in addition to tokens worth metal detectors and other accessories. Dixie also planted Civil War relics from the Siege of Vicksburg. This year's Hunt Headquarters was located at the Plaza Resort and Spa, situated directly on the ocean. Also, manufacturers, distributors and vendors were set up. Various seminars were held, including one by a favorite club speaker, Thomas Dankowski.

Sixteen members participated in the competition hunt:

Linda Bennett, Stacey deLucia, Bob Dobski, Paul Hamlin, Karen Larson, Betty Laur, Jerry Laur, Ken Lubinski, Nikolay Malchev, Frank Nash, Bob Smirnow, Jan Smirnow, Ben Smith, Gary Spiroch, Mindy Spiroch and Richard Zabriskie

Three children participated in the kids' hunt:

Radina Malchev, Pauline Nash and Jarrett Spiroch

Four wives who were great supporters:

Barb Dobski, Marjorie Hamlin,

Rumy Malchev and Paola Nash

Dates have already been set for 2008: April 25th-27th.

Check out more pictures at:

www.gsbs.adephoto.com





Karen Larson, Linda Bennett

Jerry & Betty Laur





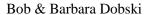
Ken Lubinski, Richard Zabriskie Bob Smirnow, Ben Smith

Stacey deLucia



Jan Smirnow, Bob Dobski







Frank & Paola Nash



Marjorie & Paul Hamlin



Rumy & Nikolay Malchev Mindy, Jarrett & Gary Spiroch

SCENES FROM THE HUNT FIELD





Stacey deLucia, Paul Hamlin, Nikolay Malchev



Kellyco Hunt Winners Richard Zabriskie – Garrett 1500 Metal Detector

Dixie Metal Detector Hunt Winners

Ben Smith – Hat

Nikolay Malchev - \$10 Certificate towards

accessories

Jan Smirnow – Apron

Stacey deLucia – Apron

Gary Spiroch – Apron

SCENES FROM THE KIDS' HUNT



TOP 50 TOKENS



Mindy Spiroch Gold Coin



Bob Smirnow
Ace 150 Metal Detector

SPECIAL TOKEN



Paul Hamlin
Walnut Box with Silver Rounds

RAFFLE WINNERS



Richard Zabriskie - \$336 50/50 Winner



Nikolay Malchev Fisher 1280 Aquanaut

Winners of White's Silver Rounds Linda Bennett

Betty Laur
Pauline Nash
Bob Smirnow
Gary Spiroch
Jarrett Spiroch
Richard Zabriskie

Kellyco Raffle Winner Stacey deLucia: T-shirt and Hat

Event Planners



Deyton and Belle Peyton



Ray and Lona Leist

Photos submitted by Betty Laur, Jan Smirnow, Karen Larson, Stacey deLucia, Nikolay Malchev and Linda Bennett. Additional photos will be added to the club website.