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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. NOVEMBER 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

NOVEMBER MEETING

Join us on November 8th to hear **Bill Landry** talk about his passion – antique bottles. Bill spent 20 years in the Navy, where in 1969 a shipmate's wife invited him to a bottle club meeting in Jacksonville. He had such a great time that he attended a club dig that weekend and has been a self-proclaimed "bottle junkie" ever since. After retiring, Bill moved to Delaware and for 10 years dug privys in Philadelphia, the epicenter of early bottles. He went back to school, majored in accounting, worked for the IRS and became a licensed auctioneer in MA and FL. Bill was chosen to be auctioneer at the national bottle show twice. Now he's a backup auctioneer for U-Haul Storage Auctions in Florida. **Karen Larson** met Bill at the Great Southern Beach Shootout, where Bill had a fascinating bottle display. He's one of us - Bill purchased his first detector in 1970! Bill will tell us about privy diving and will look at member's bottles to give estimates of their worth. Sounds like fun! Refreshments will be provided by **Les** and **Marilyn Batts**. The mystery item will be selected by **Ken Lubinski**. Don't miss this one!

JOIN US FOR SOME PRE-MEETING FUN!

Some of us will meet the program presenter, **Bill Landry**, for supper at 5:00 p.m. at Shell's Restaurant at 2015 Okeechobee Boulevard. From I-95, exit at Okeechobee Blvd. (exit 70), head west and stay in your right hand lane. Shell's will be the first right turn. From the Turnpike, exit onto Okeechobee Blvd. and go east - it will be on your left hand side just before I-95.

NOTE FROM OUR LIBRARIAN: We would like to have all CD's, DVD's, videos and books returned to the Library by the November meeting! Members can begin checking items out again in January. Thank you!

CLUB HUNT

Rumor has it that **Ken Lubinski** will be camping out in a campground in the Miami area for Thanksgiving. His plans include extensive searching in the local area. The hunt master thinks it is a great idea to crash in on his fun. The date will be Saturday, November 24th. Meeting time and place will be announced on Friday, November 23 by email or telephone only if you had previously RSVP'd at the meeting or left Linda a message by email or telephone. The meeting time will be early!!!

HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

Volunteers are welcome to assist on the Holiday Committee! The planning meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on November 6 at **Linda Bennett's** house. Call Linda to RSVP and for directions: 561-791-7682.

TREASURER'S REPORT

\$ 1,168.33

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

Pens with Club Name: \$3.00
Club Towels: \$3.00
Club Patches: \$5.00
GCTC Travel Cups: \$8.00
DVD of 2006 Club Pictures: \$10.00

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2007

AS OF OCTOBER 2007

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$4,678.13
PLATINUM: 3
GOLD: 128
SILVER: 212

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.

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 OR TRADE: 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.

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, Ernie Bouyoucas, Ben Smith,
Jason Petenbrink and Jan Smirnow.**



GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

One Troy Oz Silver Bar – **Joseph Keely**
Morgan Silver Dollar – **Ed Weston**
Angel Alert – **Ken Lubinski**
Visor Headlight – **Jerry Laur**
Money Pouch – **Jerry Laur**
Lotto Scratch Offs – **Karen Larson**
Pumpkin Decorator Kit – **Jan Smirnow**
Shadow Box – **Cheryl Petenbrink**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you for the following donations: money pouch by **Karen Larson**, visor headlight donated by **Bob Smirnow**, lotto scratch offs by **Jerry Laur**, Angel Alert by **Paul Hamlin**, shadow box by **Jim Sharp** and pumpkin decorating kit by **Linda Bennett**.*

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

Just WHAT is a Mystery Item? Each month one club member volunteers to help stump fellow members by choosing a secret item that remains hidden from EVERYONE, board members included, until revealed. 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 just win a prize!

Donna Russo stumped the club with a pair of handcuffs found at the beach. She donated them to Linda for future use??

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

50/50 DRAWING

Les Batts won \$28
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 – NIKOLAY MALCHEV



BEST SILVER – JIM SHARP



MOST UNUSUAL – PAUL HAMLIN



COSTUME JEWELRY – JAN SMIRNOW



BEST COIN – PAUL HAMLIN



BEST TOY – PAUL HAMLIN



OCTOBER PROGRAM

The October meeting was called to order by President **Ernie Bouyoucas**, who greeted two guests, **Elayne Lynch** (**Richard Zabriskie's** sister) and **Chris Jackson** (a friend of **Cheryl Petenbrink**). New members **Joe** and **Joanne Keely** were introduced and welcomed to the club. Twenty-seven members attended.

Volunteers for a Nominating Committee for the board election were requested; none came forth. President Ernie advised that the current Board of Directors is willing to stay on for another year, and nominations from the floor will be welcome at the November meeting.

Members voted to start the evening program immediately with the movie "The Search for Mount Sinai." **John Lobota** did an excellent job of recommending and presenting the movie. The 50 minute DVD was a true adventure of two men in their quest for Mount Sinai. Using the Bible as their basis and old maps and various interpretations of the languages involved, they succeeded! Thanks go to **Kurt Herring** for lending us the projector equipment.

Ken Lubinski announced the Raffle of a "Strike Alert" Lightning Detector. It really works as an early warning. Forty chances will be sold for \$3 each.

The Secretary reported that the sale of member-donated ink cartridges raised \$16 for the club.

Thanks to **Jan Smirnow** for the Halloween-themed refreshments.

October birthday celebrants **Gail Hoskins**, **Jerry Laur**, **Jan Smirnow** and **Bob Smirnow** each received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month. In appreciation for loaning his projector, **Kurt Herring**, who was unable to attend due to work, will receive his birthday quarter.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Leslie Batts (11/27)
Mitzi Bergrud (11/13)
Linda Bowen (11/5)
Joan Bracco 11/25
James Gilliece (11/22)
Dave Grix (11/4)
Gay Konnagan (11/14)
Tom Lieberman (11/8)
Paola Nash (11/1)
Frank Nash (11/14)
James Wilhelm (11/12)
Norman Zuckerman (11/20)

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!

MEMBER TIPS

Paul Hamlin demonstrated a way to avoid the high cost of button-style batteries for visor lights. Save the batteries from the cell phones you find on the beach (a lot of the phones are broken or can be donated to the club). With a simple wiring job, some Velcro and phone charger you can have a rechargeable light! (See Paul for details.)

Bob Smirnow showed a new visor light that is on the market. It's an LED, powerful and takes three AAA batteries. See Bob about where to buy one.

John Lobota hosts the Florida History & Antiquities Index. This site is full of great information and links on Florida history in addition to general information on Florida. Check it out at:

<http://www.apex-ephemera.com/floridahistory/>

HAVE DETECTOR, WILL TRAVEL

Recently the Associated Press posted an article about a couple digging at the Crater of Diamonds State Park. The man found a 3.92-carat white stone. The day before, he had found a 1.49-carat stone. His fiancée also found a 1.47-carat stone and some smaller gems. More than 700 diamonds have been found at the park this year. The Crater of Diamonds park is the world's only diamond-producing site open to the public and visitors can keep the stones they dig up.

Jason Petenbrink and his Dad, **Jack** recently visited the park. Below is Jason's report:

"Yes we did get to go dig for diamonds but your best bet for diamonds is in the Miami area. But if you want broken pieces of glass, Arkansas is the place to go. Just to give you an average: two out of 100 people found diamonds. Plus the field is clay muck and you lose your shoes when it is wet. Nothing like the muck down here; it is much worse up there. If you do go they have yellow boots you can put over your shoes. GET THEM, it is worth it, otherwise the mud just keeps collecting on your feet and it never comes off and then you lose your shoes. If you want the experience it is worth it. Otherwise stay here and when you find a diamond ring it is already in a setting."

Treasure Quest Metal Detecting Forum

We would LOVE for YOU and ALL CLUB MEMBERS to visit us at:

<http://www.treasurequestxlt.com/community>

Tell them PAPPY sent you when registering.

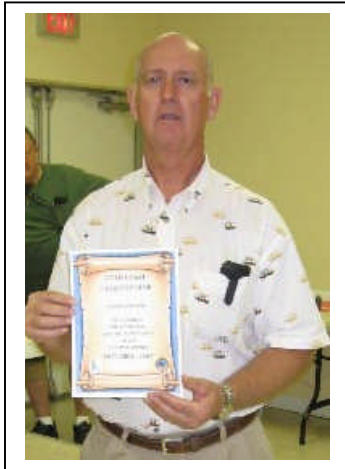
THANKS AND HAPPY HUNTING!

Experience + research = success

Good Will Ambassadors Performing Random Acts of Kindness

The Gold Coast Treasure Club recognizes members who go out of their way to provide selfless service to our community. The first time a member returns an item, that individual receives a metal detecting pin (crafted by **Steve Hoskins**) to wear on his or her hat, in addition to a certificate of appreciation. Future returns are recognized by a certificate. Kudos to you for advancing our hobby by returning items to their owners!

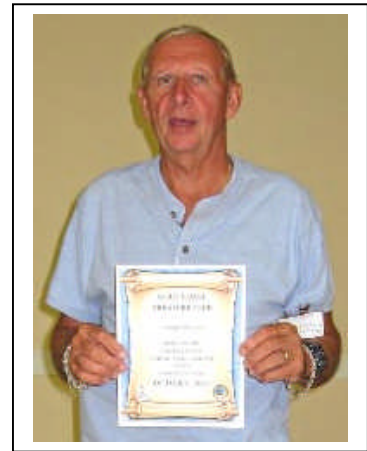
REPEAT GOODWILL AMBASSADORS



Paul Hamlin
Returned Personal ID



Jan Smirnow
Returned a set of Keys



Ken Lubinski
Returned a Medic ID

THE HIGH COST OF SILVER

The continued high cost of silver is putting a budget crunch on the club's finances. Every month the club uses at least one - and sometimes two - pieces of 1oz silver as a door prize (or prizes). In addition, the monthly best finds awards require six silver half dollars. The mystery stumper prize earns the winner a silver half dollar. Birthday attendees each receive a silver quarter. The challenge levels include various silver coins as awards.

Now for the yearly silver needs. The annual best finds awards require ten new silver dollars and five silver half dollars for the individual coin categories. If we repeat the "What to Do with Your Finds" Contest, then that calls for another three silver dollars to be awarded as prizes. Also, silver half dollars and silver dollars are used for other events as they come up throughout the year.

The biggest silver expense has historically been the club's annual silver hunt. This event rivals the Holiday Party in the budget breakdown. The board is always looking at ways to reduce the budget without short-changing our members. The cost of the newsletter had been cut by 2/3rds when emailing was instituted. Unfortunately, the cost of rent to the Garden club will increase in January. The club will continue to award one 1 oz silver bar or round as a door prize each month, as well as the birthday quarters and awards for the mystery stumper and the challenge levels. Starting in January, silver half dollars will be awarded to the monthly best finds winners in the gold, silver and coin category. The categories of best costume jewelry, best toy and most unusual will each earn a silver quarter. Please contact Linda if you have silver coins that you would like to sell to the club. Linda would also like to hear suggestions from club members about the silver hunt. What do *you* think will help with the budget? What are *your* suggestions for door prizes and raffles?

A special thanks goes out to **Ed Weston** for helping the club once again with our silver needs! For the second consecutive year, all proceeds from Ed's raffle of a Holiday tree will be applied to the silver hunt. Thanks Ed!

MEMBER UPDATES

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

James Wilhelm was able to attend the October meeting for a short time. It was really great that he is back home after months of medical care in Houston. Welcome home, James!

DIRECTORY

The directory is for your personal use only. 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.

NEW MEMBERS

Joe and Joanne Keeley
52 Live Oak Circle, Tequesta, FL 33469
Tel No. 561-575-5226
email: 2keeleys@bellsouth.net

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 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!

FOREIGN COINS

Our club continues to collect foreign coins to donate towards a summer camp for handicapped children. This is a year-round project. The coins will be mailed in May, along with the South Florida Treasure Hunting Club's donation. If you have coins to donate, please see **Linda**.

BEN SMITH'S INDEPENDENT HUNT

Ben Smith has planted various parts from an appliance at Ocean Reef Beach on Singer Island. If you can ID the appliance, then e-mail Ben at bbsdob525@aol.com and bring the parts to the November meeting. The first member to contact Ben with the correct ID and who comes to the November meeting with the parts gets a prize of a new silver dollar. The area to hunt will be between the life guard stands and little fence along the dunes and the racks that the life guards put the surf boards on. Ben has also planted other objects of interest. Good Luck!

BURIED COIN CACHE

CLUE ONE

To find the cache you'd best take a stroll,
somewhere close by - how 'bout Lake O.

Not the one to the North and West,
look here in town, it'll be for the best.

CLUE TWO

Here are the numbers you'll need to see,
Follow them 'round to the cache for thee.

Look carefully and you might arrive,
Watch for 2520, 30, 11-5, 30 and 11-5.

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

HOW TIME FLIES!

Recently **Linda Bennett**, along with her husband **Karl**, braved the potential dangers of lake hunting to find a heirloom watch that had been pitched into the water. The Lucien Piccard Swiss watch (gold with diamonds) was bought in 1961 by **Carl Durso's** grandfather. The grandfather passed it to his son, who then passed on to his son, Carl.

Anyone who has lived in South Florida knows that all bodies of water have the potential not only for at least an alligator, but also snapping turtles and snakes. Karl decided to join Linda to keep a lookout for predatory animals. Linda took the view that it decreased her odds of being bitten by those predatory animals by 50%. Karl also helped with retrieval of items since the six foot edge of the lake was full of vegetation. The first three signals were various pieces of junk. But the fourth signal produced the watch. Carl and his wife Diane were ecstatic that the watch was found, but waited till Linda and Karl were out of the water for hugs and thanks.

Diane donated \$20 to the club in appreciation for the time and effort put in by Linda and Karl.



Carl and Diane Durso with Linda Bennett

Picture by Karl Bennett

WATCH OUT FOR THIS CONTAGIOUS BUG!

The temperatures are starting to dip into the 70's and South Florida sees an end to the hot humid winter temperatures. Spring is in the air and you are feeling pretty good! Then this fever hits..... Or is it a strange METAL DETECTING BUG?? If you experience any of the following symptoms, you may be catching that bug that's going around the Metal Detecting Community - and watch out - it's contagious!

- You gladly get up at 5:00 A.M. to go detecting at the crack of dawn
- Batteries for your detector are a regular item on your shopping list
- You feel real withdrawal if you haven't swung that detector in a few days
- You begin to feel faint – then realize you've had so much fun detecting you forgot to eat!
- You plan your vacation to include hunting sites along the way
- You would rather go metal detecting than to the mall, to a movie, or to your in-laws
- In your dreams, visions of caches dance in your head
- Every time you hear a “beep, beep” you think it's your coin signal
- The back seat or trunk of your car is full of detectors, shovels and probes
- You beg your spouse or significant other to stop every time you pass a promising detecting site

So what is the prognosis? Not to worry! The doctor says the bug is friendly and if you catch it, it will actually help your soul.

Henry David Thoreau said it best: “Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing it is not the fish they are after.” I believe Henry was talking about the total outdoor experience and using nature to escape our worries and daily stress. This is true with our hobby of metal detecting. It is the anticipation of a find, and the experience of being in the outdoors, often in solitude with nature, that brings us such joy.

The above article was taken from the I DIG IT NEWS, which is the newsletter for AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB located in Austin, Texas.

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

Membership Renewal Form

Name _____

Address _____

City and State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

Email _____

Please _____ DO _____ DO NOT

Include my name, address, phone # & Email
address in the new club directory.

(Note: directory goes to members ONLY.)

MAIL TO:

Gold Coast Treasure Club

Ken Lubinski

PO Box 1818

Hobe Sound, FL 33475

HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Ed Weston has made another one of his fabulous Holiday Trees and donated it to the club to be raffled off at the Holiday Party. All proceeds will be applied towards the silver hunt. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

At the September meeting Ed said, “There is a secret message written on the tree somewhere.” **Linda Bennett** offered a Silver Quarter to the finder. **Pauline Nash** found it right away!



CLUB T-SHIRTS

Sign ups for club t-shirts began at the September meeting. Orders will be placed after the December meeting. The shirts, which will feature an 8-inch silk screened club patch on the front, will be crew neck style made out of 50/50 cotton and polyester. You have a choice of white or royal blue. Sizing is based on men's sizes. Cost will be \$12 for small, medium, large and extra large. XX large and larger sizes will be \$15. Shirts should be available by the January meeting. Either sign up at the club meetings or contact **Linda Bennett** by email or telephone to place your order.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 8: Club Meeting – Bottle Digging by Bill Landry

November 24: Club Hunt in Miami

December 13: Holiday Party

January Hunt: TBA by John Lobota and Ernie Bouyoucas

February Hunt: Silver Hunt

TH Expo 2008: TBA

April 25-27, 2008: Great Southern Beach Shootout (Don't miss it this year!)