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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7:30 P.M. SEPTEMBER 13
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

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Or

"What I Did on My Summer Vacation"

Join us on September 13 for a special Round-Robin-Style-Meeting which will feature YOU – our club members – telling about your summer treasure hunting adventures and vacations. Many of us have traveled far and wide this summer and some have taken shorter road trips. Most of us brought along our detectors and have created some fun detecting memories. This month we ask those who wish to share their stories to feel free to bring pictures, their finds and their stories. Some of those travelers who will share tales about their adventures include: **John Lobota**, **Ken Lubinski**, **Ernie Bouyoucas** and **Stacey deLucia**. All are welcome to participate in this interesting "show and tell," even if they don't have much to show. To allow everyone a chance to speak, we will want to keep presentations brief, but fun. Thank you in advance to **Frank Nash** for offering to bring September Refreshments and to **Nikolay Malchev** for providing the Mystery Prize Stumper.

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**

Please remember to return any library books or videos that you checked out last month so that others can enjoy them. Thank you!

CLUB HUNT

Ben Smith and **Karen Larson** will be hosting the next club hunt on September 8 at Jupiter Beach. The hunt will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. Be parked and ready to hunt by 7:45 a.m. This is a FREE (No Fee) hunt. There will be nice prizes and surprises. Coins and other items will be planted less than 2 inches deep. Prizes will be awarded for certain items, so **dig everything!** Water, shade (a canopy) and a few chairs will be on the hunt field. NO baskets allowed! If you did not sign up for this planted hunt, you need to RSVP to Ben 775-3481 or e-mail bbsdob525@aol.com Hope you can all make it!

Directions to Jupiter Beach:

I-95 or the Turnpike to Indiantown Road exit in Jupiter. Go East on Indiantown Road to A1A. At A1A, turn north. Make the first right turn which is Jupiter Beach Road. Follow the road into the park and then look for the club banner.

**TREASURER'S REPORT
\$1,364.99**

TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2007 AS OF AUGUST 2007

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$3,709.22
PLATINUM: 2
GOLD: 103
SILVER: 173

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

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

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 needed - easy-to-install 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, Jeff Foss and Jan Smirnow.**

GAIL AND BETTY'S CORNER

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

DOOR PRIZES

- One Troy Oz Silver Round – **Ernie Bouyoucas**
- Ghost Town Book – **Jerry Laur**
- Pouch and digger – **Ken Lubinski**
- 24 Pack AA Batteries – **Paul Hamlin**
- 9 Pack 9v Batteries – **Linda Bennett**
- Foldable Magnifier – **Stacey deLucia**
- Shadow Box – **Karen Larson**

*Donations of items for our monthly drawings are always appreciated! Thank you for the following donations: Ghost Town Book by **Jan Smirnow**, digger in a pouch and magnifier by **Linda Bennett**, Shadow box by **Jim Sharp** and batteries by **Batteries Plus of Lantana**.*

*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!

Cheryl Petenbrink stumped the club with a small tin of Vick's vapor rub. Good job, Cheryl!

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

50/50 DRAWING

Cheryl Petenbrink won \$29 for her share of the 50/50 drawing.

IT PAYS TO PLAY, FOLKS!

And odds are a LOT better than the Florida Lottery!

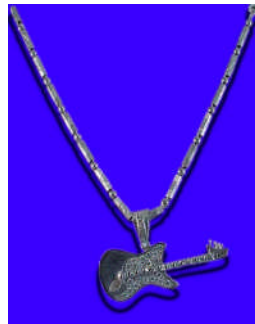


MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver half-dollar and certificate)

BEST GOLD – JASON PETENBRINK GOLD DIAMOND RING (NO PICTURE)

BEST SILVER – NIKOLAY MALCHEV



MOST UNUSUAL – JASON PETENBRINK



COSTUME JEWELRY-CHERYL PETENBRINK



BEST COIN – JOHN LOBOTA



BEST TOY- JASON PETENBRINK



AUGUST CLUB HUNT

Thirteen members participated in the club hunt held at Carlin Park on August 12. It was a scorcher, temperature wise, but the hunt and food made the event worth it.

Ken Lubinski did a great job with the hunt field and prizes. **Betty Laur** cooked up fantastic barbeque and brownies in addition to being the club photographer. **Jerry Laur** did his usual great job as supervisor.



Jerry Laur



Ken Lubinski

The hunt field had plenty of targets to dig. The heat drove off most of the hunters after only 30 minutes, but there were a few die-hard competitive hunters that lasted an hour.



Al Dillion



Nikolay Malchev, Richard Zabriskie, Linda Bennett

Planted in the field were silver dimes, clad dollars, nickels and pennies, Wheat pennies and various objects worth prizes. A few pieces of costume jewelry also were included. A total of 323 items were buried and only three items were not found.

Prizes were awarded before refreshments.

Scratch off tickets:

Linda Bennett (who won \$1)

Richard Zabriskie

Al Dillion

Nikolay Malchev

Ben Smith

Top three prizes-choose an envelope:

Richard Zabriskie - \$20

Nikolay Malchev - Scratch off Lottery ticket

Bob Smirnow - \$20



Bob Smirnow choosing his prize envelope

Nikolay headed toward the water as the morning ended. He must have been skunked, since nothing had been posted on the forums by that evening.

TOP HUNTERS

Dimes:

Bob Smirnow (10)

Linda Bennett (9)

Nickels:

Nikolay Malchev (25)

Linda Bennett (23)

Wheat Pennies:

Linda Bennett (11)

Nikolay Malchev (10)

Clad Dollars:

Linda Bennett (12)

Ben Smith (10)

Clad Pennies:

Nikolay Malchev (32)

Linda Bennett (18)

MEMBER UPDATES

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

Our friend, **James Wilhelm**, is in Houston, Texas for continued medical treatment. Hopefully he will be home by mid September. Keep James in your prayers during this time and send him a note, as he would love to hear from you all. (James sends his thanks and misses us!)

Send mail to:

James Wilhelm

**3000 Murworth Drive, Apt. 1809
Houston, TX 77025**

RICHARD'S TIP

Keep you eyes and ears open while detecting South Beach, especially when it is dark. If you see anything suspicious, call 911. Local police use ATV's to patrol the beach and they are there to assist us if needed.

MEMBER TIPS

Cheryl Petenbrink pins a flashing red light on her back. This makes her visible to her hunting partners in the dark. From the front, her headlight is visible.

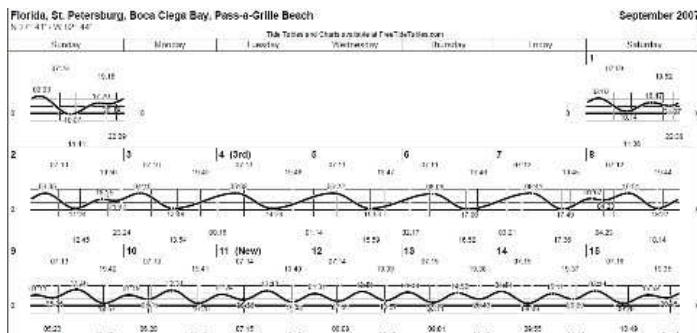
TIPS FROM THE INTERNET

Posted by GuyInBack on TreasureNet forum

I really like this website. I can print out a graph for the entire month which is very easy to read. I print different ones depending on where I'm sailing to. Great, easy, and best of all....FREE!

Search around the site and find the cool things you can do and print.

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



GOOD WILL AMBASSADOR

Nikolay Malchev found and returned two lost items to their rightful owners all in one day of hunting. He will be recognized at the September meeting for his good deeds. Below is what he posted on The Treasure Depot forum.

“Went to the local beach for short hunt. Jumped directly into the water, where met with two other hunters. The ocean was a little rough. After 30 min. in the water I found 2-3 coins. So I almost give up when this guy asked me if I can help to find a lost earring. He showed me his wife and told me that she lost her earring somewhere in the water. So I said no problem and went to find it. And I did.”



“That wasn't everything. On the parking lot I found a cell phone next to my car. I tried to call the last number but the phone was disconnected. So I went home and called from my home phone. It turned out that the phone belongs to a guy from Ohio. He and his girlfriend are on vacation in WPB. I tracked him down and returned the phone. Hi was so happy because the phone turned out to be his business phone.”



WAY TO GO, NIKOLAY!

AUGUST PROGRAM

Our program for the month of August was presented by **Eva Matthews**, Naturalist of the Green Cay Nature Center, located on Jog Road in Boynton Beach. Eva explained how the land was originally farm land and sold to Palm Beach County for one third of its' value for environmental development. The project was started in August of 2004 and is 100 acres devoted primarily to reclamation of waste water. It costs 16 million dollars and reclaims water from 177 square miles, which at present has 430,000 people. The water is partially treated and is suitable for sprinkling lawns. At present, several golf courses use the water at a considerable savings; they do not need to fertilize. The center, which has raccoons, birds of all kinds, six alligators and lots of butterflies, is a great place for photographers. For info or tours call 561-966-7000. A special program will be held on October 20th about Migration – try to go, Eva promised it would be terrific!

Mitzi Bergrud read a letter that she recently received from **James Wilhelm**, who is currently undergoing treatment for Sarcoma Cancer in Houston, Texas. Even though the treatments are really tough, James' spirits are high and he is looking forward to returning to us shortly. All of us miss you James, we are praying for your recovery and looking forward to your return home!

After the program, refreshments were served by **Gail Hoskins**. Following the break, several members shared stories about recent hunting experiences. **Stacey deLucia**, who said her detecting was often interrupted by people who want to talk was instructed by **Jason Petenbrink** to keep her mouth closed and head down while hunting and **Nikolay Malchev** expressed interest in Shark deterrents.

Only five members participated in the July – August Scavenger hunt.

WINNERS WERE:

1st Place – Bob Smirnow – won a treasure chest with \$15 in quarters

2nd Place – Jan Smirnow – won a treasure chest with \$10 in quarters

3rd Place – Paul Hamlin – won a RJ Gators Restaurant \$10 Certificate

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Certificate presented for returning an item to its rightful owner

Richard Zabriskie – Keys

We recognize members 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!

August birthday celebrants **Al Bergrud**, **Stacey deLucia**, **Steve Hoskins** and **Jim Sharp** received a silver quarter for attending the meeting during their birthday month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

Ernie Bouyoucas (9/25)

Robert Dobski (9/21)

Harry Fravert (9/10)

Sam Frost (9/13)

Jonathan Lobota (9/10)

Gary Spiroch (9/11)

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 of a 12-pack of 9v batteries and a 24-pack of AA batteries. Batteries Plus is located at 6250 Lantana Road, Suite 1, behind Outback Restaurant.

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 MEMBER

Glenn and Dixie Gamble

714 East 52nd Street

Hialeah, FL 33013

Tel. No. 305-688-4492

E-Mail: jebedig@aol.com

New Cell Phone Directory

At the September meeting please sign up on the Cell Phone Number List. The information is for the Club Membership as well as the Board Members. If you do not wish to let your cell phone number be known by all the members, but only for the Board Members, please indicate that on the circulating list.



EYEGASSES, 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!

UK Praises Metal Detectorists

By Frank W. Pandozzi
Executive Producer

Exploring History's Treasures TV Series

We live in the greatest country in the world. However, we're behind the times and the proverbial eight-ball when it comes to our rights as treasure hunters.

Every one who metal detects, treasure hunts, digs bottles or picks up rocks should read this piece.

I also ask the Archaeological community in the US to not only read this piece, but to also ask yourselves why there is a working relationship with detectorists in the UK, yet a distrust for them in this country?

"Culture Secretary David Lammy of the UK has praised the 'responsible approach' of amateur metal detectorists in reporting finds. As reported in the BBC News. They were the 'unsung heroes of the UK's heritage.'" He reported.

Why does he say this? Here's why. In 2005/2006, there were 57,566 finds reported to the government-funded Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) compared with 39,933 in 2004/2005.

Speaking at the British Museum on Wednesday, he said: "Thanks to the responsible approach they display in reporting finds and the systems we have set up to record them, more archaeological material is available for all to see at museums or to study online. It is through the work of metal detectorists that we are encouraging the next generation to be interested in our history."

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ANOTHER AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL

Pauline Nash traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico in August with her father. While hunting from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. on a local beach, she found a working cell phone and was able to return it to the owner. The rest of the story will be told at the September club meeting.



Pauline returning a cell phone to its rightful owner.

Way to go Pauline!

DONATION THANK YOU

During dinner at the Park Ave. BBQ & Grille before the August club meeting, **Bob Weller** stopped by to donate five of his recent books, ink cartridges and reading glasses. He said to say hello to everyone. Thank you Bob for the donations. The five books donated were:

- **SALVAGING SPANISH SUNKEN TREASURE**
- **FAMOUS SHIPWRECKS OF THE FLORIDA KEYS**
- **GALLEON HUNT**
- **GALLEON ALLEY**
- **TRUE STORIES OF SUNKEN TREASURE, THE BEST OF BOB (FROGFOOT) WELLER**

Experience + research = success

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

Helpful Tips from John Lobota

Cleaning Coins Part 1 - Copper or Bronze Coins, Buttons and Medals

This information is geared toward metal detector finds. Some of the coins we find while detecting can be so cruddy that some form of cleaning is required. I am going to focus mainly on older coins that one would want to display or that have some collectible or keepsake value. I will also test the methods I describe and show my results at coming meetings. Please do the same and share any new cleaning methods with everyone.

First and foremost, don't clean a coin if you don't have to, especially if it is a valuable coin. Look it up in a coin guide or check with a coin dealer if you are not sure. If you discover a valuable coin and it can be cleaned, let a professional do it.

The only coins I clean are those that would generate no interest or value unless cleaned. Those that would otherwise look like a black or brown disk or have absolutely no eye appeal. If I can give an old coin some eye appeal, it then makes for an interesting find that I can now display and viewers can identify and enjoy.

I will note the mildest methods for cleaning first and then follow with harsher methods for the toughest coin cleaning jobs.

1 - The safest way to clean mildly dirty copper or bronze coins is to wash with warm soapy water and rub gently. Note that loose dirt or sand can scratch a coin. If more cleaning is necessary, then soak it in warm soapy water several hours or more. It is always best to use distilled water in all coin cleaning processes.

2 - An even better way is to soak copper or bronze coins in olive oil for weeks or even months to soften grime and corrosion. Then go back to method one for final cleaning. This way is preferred by professionals.

The following methods are harsher and can affect the surface of the coin, but may be necessary to get the results you want without waiting months for olive oil to do its job.

3 - Toothpaste is a mild abrasive; use only your fingers to lightly rub the coin. Using a toothbrush might leave minute scratches.

4 - For heavily caked on dirt or corrosion a toothpick or dental tool can first be used to carefully break away debris. The goal is to remove dirt without scratching the coin.

5 - A soft bristle toothbrush can be used with soap or any cleaner you are working with to get the desired results.

Chemical Treatments

6 - Lemon juice or white vinegar or baking soda & vinegar will act chemically on the surface of the coin. Try each to see which works best. Here you only soak the coin for a minute or less and rinsing thoroughly with soapy water. Repeat as needed until coin is cleaned sufficiently.

7 - Baking soda in hot water: Take a heat-resistant glass container and fill it with about 2 inches of water in the bottom, then put it into the microwave oven, or over the stove, and heat to a boil. Using a pencil or a wooden stick, place a precut piece of tin foil at the bottom of the hot water container. Put in a couple of teaspoons of baking soda, and drop the coins on the tin foil, paying attention that they don't touch one to each other. The reaction starts with baking soda foaming and frizzing, and the water color turns to light gray/brown. Let it set until solution is returned to room temp. Now you can take off the coins and inspect them. If you are not satisfied with the result yet, repeat the cleaning in a fresh solution.

Next month I will cover another truly effective method of cleaning copper and bronze coins along with getting the desired patina and color back to the coin.

Tip from Jeff Foss: How to Forward Emails

Do you really know how to forward e-mails? This was written by a system administrator for a corporate system. It is an excellent message that ABSOLUTELY applies to ALL of us who send e-mails.

Every time you forward an e-mail there is information left over from the people who got the message before you and sent it to you, namely their e-mail addresses and names. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds and builds. All it takes is for someone to get a virus, and his or her computer can send that virus to every e-mail address that has come across their computer. Or, someone can take all of those addresses and send junk mail to them or sell them to spammers in the hopes that you will go to the site and they will make five cents for each hit that they sell.

How do you stop it? Well, there are the easy steps:

(1) When you Forward an e-mail, DELETE all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top). *Highlight them and delete them or backspace them or cut them - whatever it is you know how to do. It only takes a second. You MUST click the "Forward" button first though and then you will have full editing capabilities for the body and headers of the message.*

(2) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do NOT use the To: or Cc: columns for adding e-mail address. Always use the BCC: (Blind Carbon Copy) column for listing the e-mail addresses.

This way the people you send to only see their own e-mail address and no one else's. *If you don't see your BCC: option, click on where it says To: and your address list will appear.. Highlight the address and choose BCC:*

When you send to BCC: your message will automatically say "Undisclosed Recipients" in the "TO:" field of the people who receive it, providing extra security and privacy to all the people in your Address Book.

(3) Remove any "FW:" in the subject line. You can re-name the subject if you wish or even correct spelling.

(4) ALWAYS hit your Forward button from the actual e-mail you are reading. Ever get those e-mails that you have to open 10 FW: pages to read the one page with the information on it? By Forwarding from the actual, final page you wish someone to view, you stop them from having to open many e-mails just to see what you sent. (Many people will not open all those emails for fear of getting a virus so your message may go unread.)

(5) Have you ever gotten an email that is a petition? It states a position and asks you to add your name and address and to forward it to a number of people or your entire Address Book. The email can be forwarded on and on and can collect thousands of names and email addresses.

FACT: The completed petition is actually worth a couple of bucks to a professional spammer because of the wealth of valid names and email addresses contained therein. If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the intended recipient(s). Your position may carry more weight as a personal letter than a laundry list of names and email address on a petition - and, again, you will protect the privacy of those in your Address Book and provide them additional security against viruses and spammers.

So please, in the future, let's stop the junk mail and the viruses by working together and respecting the privacy and security of one another.