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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:30 P.M. MARCH 11
AT THE WEST PALM BEACH GARDEN CLUB IN DREHER PARK
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA**

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MARCH 2010 MEETING

At our March 11th meeting, **Captain Bob Bouchlas** will speak on “**The Treasure Ships of the Treasure Coast.**” Capt. Bob will display genuine artifacts and other objects that he recovered from a number of shipwrecks – mainly the *Nuestra Señora de las Maravillas* that went down in 1656. Captain Bob is a treasure salvor and marine archeologist who in 1975 found the virgin wreck of the *Maravillas*. He has been searching for the 1,800-pound solid gold Madonna and Christ-Child statue that was in the *Maravillas*, then later recovered by one of several salvage ships sent to remove artifacts from the *Maravillas*. Tragically, hurricanes claimed all of the salvage ships before they could return to Spain with their cargo.

Capt. Bouchlas has been sharing stories about the *Maravillas*, other Treasure Ships, and the Treasure Coast for nearly 35 years, having spoken to students in more than 40 Palm Beach area schools, as well as schools in Fort Pierce and Vero Beach. He has also addressed a number of adult groups, including the Daughters of the American Revolution in Stuart, Florida. “We are also telling the Spanish story that goes along with the Gold and Treasure Coast,” he said. “That’s because they go ‘hand-in-glove’ with the Spanish movement in Florida. Our non-profit goals and missions are two-fold,” said Capt. Bouchlas. “One, to promote the truth surrounding the 1656 Spanish Galleon, the *Nuestra Señora de las Maravillas*; two, to assure that its historical relevance is preserved.” He adds, “Our interest is not silver or gold.”

Capt. Bob’s Historical Treasure Museum in Fort Pierce serves as the Western Hemisphere Headquarters for the Byzantine Order of the Holy Sepulcher, a Knighthood Order dating back to 324 A.D. Capt. Bouchlas is Grand Prior of the Grand Priory of Saint Michael International, which also sponsors St. Michael Academy, an online,

state-endorsed college that offers educational presentations on the history of Florida and takes into account Spanish cultural influences as they relate to the history of the Treasure Coast. The museum provides an outreach for the Academy in Fort Pierce. You can enroll or view courses offered by the college by clicking on www.stmichaelacademy.org.

“It is our intent,” Capt. Bouchlas said, “to give a proper burial ceremony to honor and memorialize human remains of unidentified brave Spanish soldiers (conquistadors), sailors, explorers, and royalty who were retrieved from Spanish shipwrecks by using the Holy Theotokos Shrine in Jensen Beach, Florida.”

For more info, call San Miguel Treasure Tours at (561) 835-3557, visit www.sanmigueltreasuretours.com, contact Capt. Bob via email: archangelmichael@msn.com, or better yet, meet him in person this Thursday night!

Thanks in advance to March’s Mystery Prize volunteer, **Stacey deLucia** and to **Les and Marilyn Batts**, **Ed D’Amato**, and **Jan Smirnow** who have volunteered to provide refreshments for what should be a great meeting.

JOIN US AT P.A. BBQ BEFORE THE MEETING!
Where: Back Room. **When:** 5:30 p.m. **Cost:** Dutch treat!

Park Avenue BBQ & Grille
2401 N. Dixie Hwy (US 1)
Lake Worth, Florida

JIM WARNKE MEMORIAL HUNT/ PICNIC

Join us for our annual hunt and picnic on Sunday, March 21. Planted items will be 50-year-old (and up) American coins, as well as some silver coins. Look inside this newsletter for more information about this member-only hunt. Don’t forget to sign up at the meeting!

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Dues are \$30 a year.
New members pay an
initiation fee of \$5, plus:
\$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

REILLY'S TREASURED GOLD offers a complete line of new & used detectors, scoops, cleaners, tumblers, and books. The shop also does custom metal working and laser detailing. For details, call 954-971-6102. Low prices plus 10% discount to members! See their website: www.rtgstore.com.

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FRANK NASH – Minelab and Fisher metal detectors for sale: palmbeachmetaldetectors.com. GCTC will receive 10% of the net profits of all new detectors purchased by club members. Call 561-743-5248. Metal detector available for rent. Call 786-269-5744.

JAN SMIRNOW – FOR SALE: White's Prizm V \$300; Shadow V with 3 coils \$500. Call 735-8921 and leave message.

LINDA BENNETT – new *Headhunter PiratePRO* won at GSBSO. Brand new, in box with two-year warranty. Retail at \$439; asking \$325. Call 561-352-4068.

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GARY MCNEW – WANTED: Any unwanted finds, such as electronics, whole or in pieces, unwanted jewelry in any condition and even “cauliflower” pennies. I'll have a container at the meeting for you to drop stuff in. Also wanted, “Dead or Alive,” old computers and video games. 561-718-5523.

STACEY deLUCIA – FOR SALE: Handcrafted custom-made-to-order beaded jewelry featuring your favorite semi-precious gems or beads. Design your own, or let me design a one-of-a-kind piece especially for you or a loved one. Want to see some samples of my work? Call 561-687-2310 or e-mail sdeLuc823@aol.com.

JACK SAINT – FOR SALE: Bounty Hunter Pioneer 505. Used only once! Asking \$150 OBO. (Sale price at Kellyco is \$299.99.) Includes DVD and “Finds Bag.” Call 561-629-2420 or e-mail jack_saint2001@yahoo.com.

ED D'AMATO – FOR SALE – The Kingdom Slot Machine with tokens. Pays out! \$450 new. Will sacrifice for \$350. Call Ed D'Amato at 561-370-3346.

Club members may advertise items for sale or items wanted, free of charge. The club does not profit unless noted in the ad. Sometimes ads will need to be edited due to available space. Items do not have to be related to metal detecting. Contact Stacey deLucia (sdeLuc823@aol.com) to place your ad.

MONTHLY BEST FINDS CONTEST

(Winners receive a silver quarter and certificate)

PLATINUM – Steve Hamedl
Wedding Band



BEST GOLD WITH STONES – Jim Sharp
10 Kt Gold Diamond Ring



BEST GOLD – Steve Hamedl
14 Kt Gold Expandable Ring



BEST SILVER – Jim Sharp
Caviar Ring



MOST UNUSUAL – Cheryl Petenbrink
Gator Eating Pencil



COSTUME JEWELRY – Jack Petenbrink
Heart-Shaped Ring



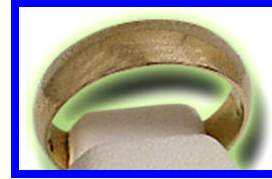
BEST COIN – Paul Hamlin
1919 Wheat Penny



Second Place for Monthly Best Finds

(Runner up receives a silver dime and certificate)

Gold – Gary McNew (14 Kt Ring)



Silver – Gary McNew (Tiffany & Co. Ring)



Most Unusual – Tom Lieberman (Fan Mister)



Costume – Gary Spiroch (Ladies Seiko Watch)



Coin – Stacey deLucia (Unknown Foreign Coin)



MONTHLY FIRST PLACE WINNERS



**Paul Hamlin, Cheryl Petenbrink, Jack Petenbrink,
Steve Hamedl, Jim Sharp**

***Remember: Only current members can participate
in the Monthly Best Finds Contest!!!***

Good Will Ambassadors Performing Random Acts of Kindness

The GCTC recognizes members who provide selfless service to our community. The first time a member returns an item, that individual receives a metal detecting pin (handcrafted by **Steve Hoskins**) to wear on his or her hat, in addition to a certificate of appreciation. Future returns are recognized by additional certificates. Kudos to **all** club members who go out of their way to return items to their rightful owners. The actions of each of our “Ambassadors of Good Will” enhance the public’s perception of our hobby! Way to go, gang!

Returns Recognized at January Meeting:
Paul Hamlin: (3) a silver necklace, sunglasses, and a 14 Kt white gold wedding band.

Gary McNew: (2) a professional makeup brush and a gold ring with a Sapphire (see story in column two).

Tom Lieberman: (1) a diamond earring, which took three trips, two detectors, a few hours, and a lot of moved chairs to locate.

UNSUNG HEROES

Returns Recognized at February Meeting:



Gary Spiroch: House Keys; **Jim Sharp:** Platinum Ring; **Paul Hamlin:** Silver Ring; **Gary McNew:** Cell Phone

THE AMERICAN DREAM

“Salvaging Spanish Sunken Treasure”

Bob “Frogfoot” Weller Summer Seminars

Don’t we all dream of finding sunken treasure? Your dream can come true, with a little help from the experts. **Margaret “Lady Gold-Diver” Weller** is honoring the legacy of her husband, the late **Bob “Frogfoot” Weller**, by continuing to offer his Sunken Treasure Seminars. Divers, scientists, beach hunters, historians and other professionals will serve as lecturers, as in years past. Treasure diving seminars slated to run in late May and early June will fill up fast, so interested parties will want to secure their reservations soon.

For more information, call Margaret at **Crossed Anchors Salvage**, 561-588-2903, e-mail her at bobfrogfoot@comcast.net, or check out the website at: <http://home.att.net/~enrada/graphics/2010SemPromo.pdf>

GARY MCNEW – RIPPED FROM THE FORUMS

The ring that I found Saturday was returned to its owner

Posted Nov 24, 2009

Here's the story...

I was out hunting one of my favorite beaches on Saturday. This time of year all the easy targets are gone, so I was working a section of the beach with a loose dune to surf grid, to see if I could find a pay line. After a couple of hours of this, the targets were coming very scattered, with no definite line at all, so I just continued with the grid. As I was going along I got a solid hit with a VDI of 29 on my DFX, which is exactly the same as a pull tab. But when I shook the sand from my scoop I was surprised to see this large men’s ring with a pretty star sapphire. I placed it in my pouch and continued with my hunt.

A little further down the beach was a Life Guard stand. As I was working in front of the stand the Life Guard stopped me and asked me if I was looking for the ring that had been lost the day before. I told him that I had not heard of anyone losing a ring. He then told me that there was a young lady there yesterday that had lost a wedding ring that she wore on a chain around her neck. I told him that if he had any contact information or more details of where the ring was lost, that I would be glad to try and find it for her. He said that he would have to contact Headquarters to get the information and he would let me know.

So, the day went on and I returned to see the Life Guard about three hours later. He said that he had talked to Headquarters, but the person there did not know anything about the ring. So I gave him my name and number and told him that if anyone found her info to give her my number.

On Sunday the life Guard called me and told me that they had found her contact information and he had called her and gave her my number. I got home from work on Monday and had a message, it was her. So I called her back, she answered, and I told her who I was and that I heard that she had lost a ring. She started to describe the ring and at first my heart sank, she was describing the Men’s ring that I had found on Saturday. I really loved that ring, it even fit me perfectly. But, as the story goes, this was a ring that her Dad wore. He had passed away about six years ago and she said that this ring was the only thing that she had left from her Dad.

I then told her that I had her ring, I heard her gasp, and then she started to cry. She could not believe that I had the ring and that I was willing to return it to her, she thought it was gone forever. So she came to my apartment to get the ring, I asked her if I could get a picture of her and if it was ok to post it here, she said that was fine.

So, here is the picture, and, yes, I did get a big hug from her.



2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We thank **Jan Smirnow** for maintaining and keeping our Membership Directory up-to-date. You will find the most recent edition of our directory in this newsletter. Remember, our directory is for the *exclusive* use of club members and should not be shared or used to solicit members for any reason. Please help us ensure accuracy by notifying Jan by e-mail (Smirnow@comcast.net) if you have any changes or corrections to your listing.

CLUB HUNT

A very productive hunt – in terms of recovering both trash and buried items - was held on February 21 at Tanah Keeta Boy Scout Camp. From 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 20 GCTC members, along with five members from the TCAS club in Sebastian, enjoyed wonderful weather, friendship and great finds. **Tom Lieberman** spent the entire day digging an impressive collection of rusted junk to finally unearth a small, but much coveted, Boy Scout item that he has needed for years to complete one of the Challenge Levels.

Jan Smirnow and **Paul Hamlin** were asked to help look for lost keys, which were eventually found in a child's knapsack. The duo also helped some Cub Scouts find grommets from old flags that had been burned as per protocol. By using their metal detectors, Paul and Jan found the grommets quicker than had they sifted through the debris of the fire pit.

A total of \$123.80 was found in lost change. The top three hunters were: **Gary McNew** (\$23.53), **John Presslein** (\$17.46), and **Irving Smith** (\$17.20). Nine Wheaties were found: **Irving Smith** (3), **Gary McNew** (2), **Mindy Spiroch** (1), and **Kathy Ayon** (1). Only one silver coin was found: **Gary Spiroch** – a 1939 dime. Eight pieces of silver jewelry were found by: **Gary McNew**, **Eddie D'Amato**, **Gary Spiroch**, **Linda Bennett** and three of the TCAS members. Forty-six Boy Scout items were found in all.

Trash items ranged from rusty old tools to typical aluminum cans. Since this was a community service project for the GCTC, the day fee of \$12 was waived. All attending were required to have garbage bags and collect any trash that was found whether by metal detecting or by sight.



Mindy and Gary Spiroch



Gary McNew



Three of the five TCAS group – Skip Watson, Frank Hansen and Mitch King



Paul Hamlin and Jan Smirnow



Tom Lieberman

Hunt Master comments: Unfortunately, there are always a small number of people who do not follow the rules. The camp ranger had to ask one of our hunters - not once, but twice - to leave an occupied camp. Also, one of the camp leaders observed another member digging up some junk, but not carrying it out. This is not acceptable behavior, even if we were not doing a community service project and had paid the daily camp use fee. The GCTC has had a good relationship with the Gulf Stream Boy Scout Council for more than 10 years. I personally would hate to lose permission to hunt their campsites. It is very embarrassing to me to have to apologize for this immature behavior. In the future, maps will be marked with occupied sites to remind all to stay away. I am also of the opinion that we should have to pay for this privilege. I am also considering giving the ranger a walkie talkie so he can call me about these types of problems when they present themselves.

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TALL TALES TABLES TOTALS FOR 2010

As of February:

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$601.16

PLATINUM: 2

GOLD: 30

SILVER: 38

FEBRUARY MEETING

President **Mindy Spiroch** welcomed 50 members and guests to the February 11th meeting. **Paul Hamlin** asked everyone to look under their chairs. Four hearts representing Valentine's Day were hidden there. Each person who found one (**Al Swartz, Val Wilson, Brenda Squire, and John Lobota**) won a beautiful shell-encrusted treasure box. **Val Wilson** then presented a much anticipated and potentially life-saving CPR program with assistance from her father, **Frank Skorupa**. Frank shared his personal story about his heart attack and by-passes, urging everyone to pay attention to how they feel. Val demonstrated the latest CPR techniques and discussed training options. **Linda Bennett** announced that she could arrange for a CPR certification class with a 6-person limit for \$30 each.

John Presslein was the lucky winner of the \$25 Park Avenue BBQ gift card. Congratulations! And **Irving Smith** reported that he had found the Coin Cache that **Cheryl Petenbrink** had hidden, earning him \$25. (See this page for Irving's first clue to find the hidden cache.)

Mindy thanked **Gary and Heather McNew** for providing Valentine's Day-themed refreshments and **Radina Malchev** for bringing the Mystery Item – a diamond-shaped fishing lure. Radina stumped the crowd with this one, as no one had a match. WTG, Radina!

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Addendum to program: Some CPR experts now recommend doing only chest compressions and no rescue breathing, as this video demonstrates:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5huVSebZpM>

Linda Bennett, RN, expressed concern that in the video "emphasis was not put on allowing recoil on the chest (allowing a brief lack of pressure on the chest. If there is constant pressure on the chest, then the heart can't fill up with blood)." Linda also noted that the rescuer was going faster than 100 times per minute. Still, until new CPR guidelines are announced later this month, we felt that some information is better than none.

50/50 DRAWING

Stacey deLucia won \$62 in the 50/50 drawing. All it took was the purchase of ONE \$1.00 ticket! Don't miss YOUR chance to win it big at the next meeting!

ON THE MEND

Gail Hoskins is recuperating from emergency surgery, but we understand that she is doing well and is open to calls or visits. Gail is expected to be home from rehab soon. Additional information will be available at the March meeting or by calling **Steve** at 561-967-2923.

ELAYNE AND HEATHER'S CORNER DOOR PRIZES

"And the Winners Are..."

- Insulated White's Cup & GCTC Towel – **Karen Larson**
- Decorative Candle in Glass Container – **Mindy Spiroch**
- Plastic Garrett Scoop & White's Apron – **Irving Smith**
- Bounty Hunter Pouch with Goodies – **Marilyn Smith**
- Swiss Army Style Pocket Knife – **Irving Smith**
- Silver Quarter – **Gary McNew**
- Silver Dime – **Linda Bennett**
- Scratch-Off Ticket – **Pete Schneider**
- Coffee in Plastic Container – **Allen Schwartz**
- Coffee in Plastic Container – **Phil Hujar**
- Coffee in Plastic Container – **Betty Laur**

*Donations for our monthly drawings (and other events) are always appreciated! Thank you to the following donors: **Mindy & Gary Spiroch:** Coffee; **Ben Smith:** Scratch Off Ticket.*

BURIED COIN CACHE

[FIRST CLUE:](#)

**Take Southern off Rte 95.
It will be about 2 miles+ when you arrive.
Search to the west
and hope for the best.**

**Rhyme Time:
The signal it gave me was very fickle
So I capped off with a nickel
After checking the new signal several times
I swapped the nickel for two dimes.
Irving Smith**

Item buried is a small vitamin container 2 3/4" long and 1 1/2 " in diameter. It is placed in a Ziploc® bag.



*Burial of cache and the clues are provided by **Irving Smith**. If found by a club member, that person will receive a \$25 prize AND earn the right to bury the next cache! Good luck everyone! Start digging! Please fill all holes!*

Want to see a video clip of a "live" coin cache recovery that will leave you drooling? Check it out:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02fZZTtAHbk&feature=email>

February birthday celebrants **Amy Hamedl, Carmelo Basilio, Cheryl Petenbrink, Marilyn Smith, and Mindy Spiroch** each received a birthday dollar at the February meeting. **Happy Birthday!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO:

- Kathy Ayon (3/13)**
- Marilyn Batts (3/14)**
- Marjorie Hamlin (3/15)**
- Joe Keeley (3/19)**
- Nikolay Malchev (3/14)**
- Rumy Malchev (3/30)**
- Radina Malchev (3/30)**
- Heather McNew (3/5)**
- Warren Megibow (3/14)**
- Jason Petenbrink (3/2)**
- John Presslein (3/9)**
- Barbara Sharp (3/2)**
- Bev Warnke**

GARY McNEW'S TIP OF THE MONTH

“Walk the Line”

We have all been on a beach and have seen the tractors scraping the seaweed and other wrack away from the high tide line. As these tractors move along the beach, they leave a trail of sand behind as it escapes from the sides of their blade. Hunt these trails, because coins and jewelry will tend to concentrate there as the sand escapes. So when you see these trails, Walk the Line, and have fun.

CONTEST COMING IN AUGUST!

“WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR FINDS”

Our ever-popular “What to Do with Your Finds Contest” will be here before you know it. Members will be challenged to submit entries made out of things they’ve found while detecting. In years past, we’ve seen some pretty creative entries and we expect this year to be just as interesting. 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. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Newsletter corrections and/or suggestions are welcomed by the editor

JIM WARNKE MEMORIAL HUNT/ PICNIC

This annual hunt and picnic will be held on Sunday, March 21 at Jupiter Beach. Planted items will be American coins more than 50-years-old. Some of the coins will be silver. Unfortunately, due to the cost of silver coins and current difficulty to obtain them, the club had to switch from an all silver coin hunt to older American coins. A hunt orientation meeting will be held at 8:15 a.m. The hunt will be followed by a picnic. The GCTC will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, beverages and all eating and drinking accessories. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish. Also, don’t forget to bring a chair, table and other items that make a picnic enjoyable. The entry fee for the hunt is \$8 per metal detector if paid prior to the hunt. If paid at the hunt, the cost will be \$10. (Congratulations to **Nikolay Malchev**, who won a FREE Memorial Hunt entry at the Holiday Party for his perfect attendance in 2009!) Sign up at the March club meeting or RSVP by March 18 to **Linda Bennett** (561-290-5112) with the number in your party. This will allow the club to provide enough coins and food. Only current members may participate. **Sorry, NO coils over 12” or PI detectors allowed! Also, headphones are required!** This is a standing club policy for planted hunts!

Directions to Jupiter Beach Park: I-95 to FL-706 East Indiantown Road via Exit 87A toward Jupiter. Take Indiantown Road till it ends at A1A, turn north on A1A. The first right is Jupiter Beach Road. Follow the road to the Jupiter Inlet. Look for the GCTC Banner.

TCAS 23rd ANNUAL BENEFIT HUNT

The Treasure Coast Archeological Society in Sebastian will be holding its competition hunt on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Kiwanis-Hobart Park, Wabasso, Florida. The cost is \$85 for the whole day. All hunts, plus lunch, are included in the fee. 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

<http://www.tcas.us/tcashunt.htm>

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

We thank **John Lobota** for redesigning, hosting and maintaining our new website. It’s still a work in progress, so check back frequently for updates. Check it out at: <http://www.apex-ephemera.com/gctc/>.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 11: Club Meeting – Treasure Ships of the Treasure Coast, Capt. Bob Bouchlas
March 13: TCAS Competition Hunt in Wabasso
March 21: Jim Warnke Memorial Hunt & Picnic at Jupiter Beach
April 11: Boy Scout Camp in Sebastian
May 15: Virginia Beach Competition Hunt

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