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Tom's Tips

April and warm weather are here.

I apologize for getting the newsletter out so late. I took a trip to central Texas



to visit family to find that I had very limited phone and internet service. Although somewhat frustrating it was nice to relax and avoid interruptions. I highly recommend trying that sometime even if everything is stacked up when you get back.

I received a bit of disturbing news when I returned that Denny Cole who spoke at our March meeting and leading the Macdill relic hunts is undergoing treatment for throat cancer. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Of course with this news the Macdill relic hunts are postponed until further notice.

Meeting

Date: April 24, 2017

Place: Bill Jackson's
Outdoor Adventure
9501 US 19 N
Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Time: 7:00 PM

Program: Stan Flack
Latest England Hunt

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Birthdays



**Birthday Ambassador
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Linda Flack	

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Denny Cole, Macdill historian gave a presentation on finds from WWII era dump sites on the Airforce Base

Break was taken at 7:50pm

Meeting was called back to order at 8:10pm

The treasurer's report was given by Tom Killian. Winners of the competition table were announced. The raffle was held. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.



Lost & Found



Nellie and Her husband Austin were on Anna Maria Island from Battleground, Washington for spring break and a family reunion. The whole family had walked to the beach for a little fun in the sun Florida style. They set up camp on the beach and soon Nellie's mother walked into the water. Feeling a little frisky Nellie followed her in and knowing the water was a little cool, She started to splash it up on her mother and the reaction was as you would expect.. A short time later, after things calmed down, Nellie sensed her hand felt a little lite. Looking down she saw that

her wedding set was missing. The whole family gathered around and searched frantically for the ring. After an hour Nellie's brother did a search for lost rings on the internet and up popped SRARC. Mike Miller and Paul Hill were available to meet the family right away while they were still at the beach and after receiving instructions they went to work. In just a few minutes Mike was the lucky one to find the ring. He held it up and they couldn't believe it had been found. Everyone on the beach cheered and clapped and Mike got a big hug from Nellie. Austin got the ring and went down on his knee and proposed to Nellie all over again. We were all smiling about this perfect ending. SRARC is happy to bring a happy ending to the reunion and give them a story to talk about at their next reunion.





Steve and Emily were visiting Anna Maria Isand from Chicago for a little R & R from the winter weather. They set a couple of lounge chairs up on the beach and sat down to put on their sun protection. Steve pulled his wedding ring off and set it on his lap, then proceeded to apply the lotion. A few minutes later he felt the urge and got up to go to the the restroom. About 20 steps later he remembered he had not returned his ring to his finger. He quickly returned to his chair and began searching the sand for his wedding ring. His wife, Emily, soon joined the search sifting through the sand with her fingers. They had no luck so Steve googled "metal detector rental" and up popped SRARC. He called Mike who was

in downtown Bradenton at the time and they agreed to meet as soon as Mike could get down to the beach. Thirty minutes later Mike arrived and Steve lead him to the spot where they had been sitting. In a few swings, bada bing, and the ring was returned to Steve. We had lots of smiles and some cheering from the beach crowd as he returned it to his finger.



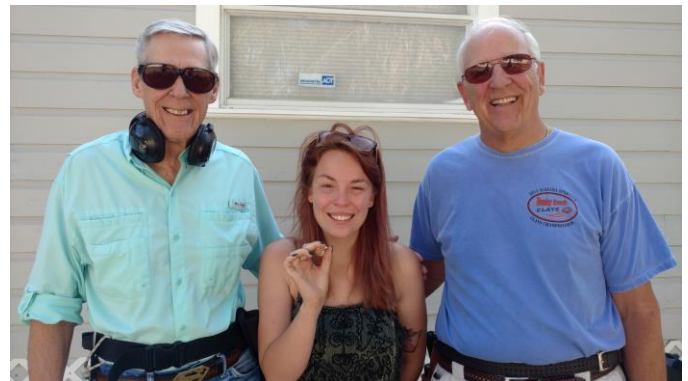
John, Christine and their family were visiting from Stone Mountain, Georgia. Sunday afternoon they were enjoying a day on the beach, Christine was in the water throwing a football when she felt her ring come off. She screamed out that she had lost her ring. Her

daughter saw the ring fly through the air and into the water.

The ring she had just lost was a family heirloom that John had given her upon their engagement. The whole family and friends started searching frantically for the ring but to no avail. John decided to search for professional help and his google search led him to theringfinders.com website and eventually to SRARC. He called Tom Jones and asked for help. Tom called Joe Szemer and immediately headed out to the beach. Upon arrival they met up with John, Tom headed to the beach with a detector and Joe started the arduous task of finding a parking spot.

Tom went into the water with John and Christine to the location that they felt the ring should be. Tom told Christine to stand in that spot and not move so he could use her as a reference point. He circled around her and John and gridded the area first east and west then north and south. After 30 minutes Joe finally enters the water to start hunting as he is searching his way out toward Christine, Tom noticed

Christine heading to the beach with her head down and her face in her hands. As she walked away Joe moved into the spot she was standing and got a target. After a couple of scoops he looked up at John and asked "What does the ring look like?" It was in his scoop. A scream was let out and everyone came running out into the water.



Chelsea spent the day in her backyard, first creating a small garden and then preparing the rest of the area for grass. She finally finished the prep work and seeded the area. She got out the hose and hand water everything and then as she was putting away the hose she noticed her necklace was broken. When she checked she found

that the gold pendant with an image of Jesus on it that her grandfather had given to her for safe keeping was gone. Her grandfather had worn the pendant his whole life and when he recently was confined to the hospital he wanted her to keep it safe for him. When she discovered it was lost she was devastated. She got down on her hands and knees and cried as she searched for hours. When she did not find it, she decided she needed to rent a metal detector. When she googled "metal detector rental" SRARC came up and she called Mike Miller. Mike explained that we do not rent metal detectors but we would be happy to come out and search for the pendant. Mike call for a hunt the next day and Wayne Cree agreed to meet him at the site. Wayne and Mike searched for about 5 minutes and then Mike got a good hit close to where the new garden was. Sure enough it was the pendant. Chelsea was so relieved and happy she gave us a big hug and a giant smile. SRARC is so happy to have returned this special keepsake to Chelsea and we



wish her grandfather a quick and complete recovery.



Erik and his family were enjoying a game of volleyball on Madeira Beach when his wife felt her Platinum 3 ring set slip off her finger. They gathered to whole family around the area and started searching for the rings. One of the group happened to see something shining which was the post and diamond of the engagement ring. After this they started searching with small sifters and found a second ring. They had no luck finding the third. Erik asked someone to google metal detectors and one of the members

found a detector APP and downloaded that and hunted with his phone. Then they searched for metal detectors that they could buy. In that search they came across the ringfinders.com and called SRARC, talked to Mike Miller then called Tom Jones. Tom agreed to meet them at the beach after dinner. He and Joe Szemer headed out and met up with Erik and his son Jackson. Erik led them to the volleyball court and drew a square in the sand where the first two rings were found and hopefully the third would be found. Tom and Joe started hunting and within minutes the ring was in Tom's scoop and returned to Erik. Jackson wanted to go back to the condo and trick his mother into thinking that the ring was not found. "Not Recommended".



The Club Coin Clues

Club Coin Clues will be posted on the website Friday Evening. 4/21

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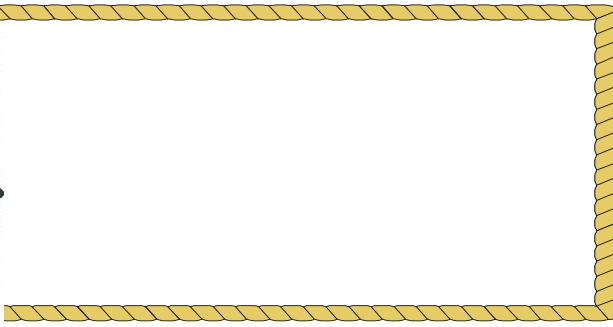
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Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics

I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the permission of the property owner.

I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife and private property.

I WILL fill all my excavations, remove and properly dispose of all trash that I find.

I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times, leaving gates as I found them.

I WILL assist law enforcement and other government agencies or private citizens as needed.

I WILL NOT litter.

I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.

I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.