

SRARC NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026



NOTE This month's club meeting is one of **URGENT** importance!
PLEASE consider attending if you can as your input is greatly needed, as the future direction of our club will be discussed- see **IMPORTANT** message from club President Bob Velarde.

JUNE MEETING

Monday, June 22nd 2026

@7pm at QUAKER STEAK & LUBE
10400 49TH Street North, Clearwater.
(Pinellas Park)

Please come early and
enjoy some great food as
Quaker Steak & Lube is
providing our meeting
room free of charge!



2026 Officers and Board Members

Rob Valarde – President

Jerry Miller – Vice President

Gary LeLand – Treasurer

Karen Payne – Secretary

Rob Clarke – Board Member

Joe Montione – Board Member

Rob Payne Board Member

Pete Hatzilias – Board Member

Phil Schiro – Board Member



President's Message:

Our next meeting is Monday, June 22nd at Quaker Steak & Lube. This Meeting is of vital importance as it has just been announced that the property that Quaker Steak & Lube sits on has been SOLD and THE LUBE is permanently closing it's doors on July 5th. This will be our LAST meeting at this location!

And yes, it was a godsend finding this location, as it has been PERFECT for our meetings, pretty much meeting all our needs being centrally located with a private dining room, great food, AV equipment and great servers!

I called an emergency Board meeting and we met at THE LUBE Thursday the 18th to start the search for a new meeting locale. Also, the LUBE was our primary pick for our Christmas banquet, and that is now lost also.

Several board members have already started contacting other restaurants, sports bars and various community centers in search of a new locale and a few of those are being followed up for closer review, but we NEED YOUR INPUT to help find our next best location for the club to meet long term.

I hope to see you at the meeting on Monday the 22nd.

Rob Valarde

Editor's



worth:

Hello everyone - I just want to reiterate what club President Rob V. has announced: We are losing this dang near PERFECT meeting locale as the property is being sold and the Sports Bar is closing. Myself and several board members have already started calling around to find us another locale on a permanent basis, but we may need to try a few places out until the right fit presents itself. There are a few places that are readily available for next month's meeting, but, will they work long term?

Do we want to go back to a Community clubhouse type room with coffee and donuts like we did at Bill Jackson's years ago? Or, do we want to find another sports bar type restaurant to sit and have a relaxing dinner during our meetings? All this needs to be discussed and we NEED your input.

Another question- Would you be willing to go to the Clearwater or Dunedin area if a good fit was found there?

If you have a meeting place idea but cannot attend the meeting next week, please call Rob V. or another club Officer and let them know your idea!

Thank you.

Rob Clarke, editor

UPCOMING SRARC EVENTS

Next meeting is Monday, June 22nd 2026, 7pm @ Quaker Steak & Lube.
Get there early to set up your awesome finds on the display tables and grab some great food for dinner before the meeting starts!

***NOTE* We are going to take up a collection for our regular waitress Sydney, to send her Off with a big THANK YOU for taking great care of us these last few years. If everyone donates a dollar or two we can let her know what she's meant to us!**

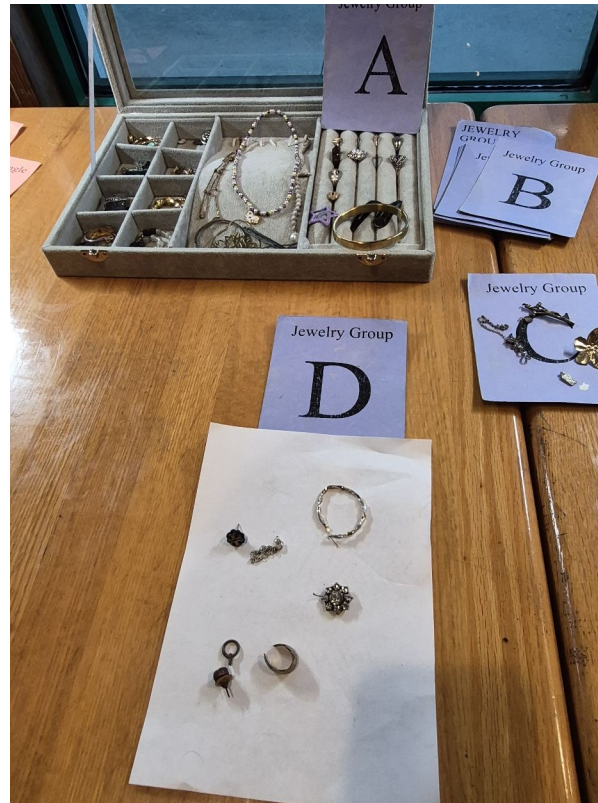
June club speaker will be acclaimed Treasure Hunter Fred Banke, author of the book:
THE REALE DEAL – Metal Detecting the Florida Treasure Coast



Competition Table results:

As of MAY 2026:

Rob Valarde:	58 points
Rick Avriett:	36 points
Rob Clarke:	32 points
Denise Kidder:	21 points
Steve Feld:	17 points
Jerry Miller:	9 points
Rod Hudson:	7 points
Julie Martin:	4 points
Rita Mulberry:	4 points
Gary LeLand:	3 points
Mike Shuler:	3 points
Mary Shuler:	3 points



JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

Tom Gajentan	6/1
Jerry Miller	6/2
Robert Earhart	6/8
Dimitur Alipiev	6/12
Jim Adams	6/20
Jocelyn Myers	6/25





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