Tom’s Tips

The Ground Hog saw his shadow and headed back in for 6 more weeks of winter. Sure couldn’t tell that being here in Florida these days. The water temperature is up to 70 degrees and it is only February. If you are a brave soul you could tolerate wading and hunting although I recommend a wet suit. You can still get hypothermic pretty quick. This weekend (February 24-26 9:00 am - 5:00 pm) there will be a civil war reenactment at Fort De Soto on the grounds in front of the fort. The Wally Swartz Memorial Silver hunt will be March 25th at Redington Shores Park. This is a free hunt for those club members who paid their 2017 dues before January 1, 2017. I look forward to seeing everyone at this month’s meeting. Happy Hunting Everyone!

Meeting

Date: February 27, 2017

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

Time: 7:00 PM

Program: Tom Jones
Metal Detecting Basics

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### Coming Events:

#### March 4th
**SRARC Metal Detecting Training Class**  
(See article page 3)

#### March 25th
**Wally Swartz Memorial Silver Hunt**  
10:00 am at Redington Shores Park  
182\textsuperscript{nd} Ave Gulf Blvd, Redington Shores

#### April 8th
**Fort De Soto Picnic & Fun Hunt**  
at Fort De Soto Park

### Meeting Minutes

**January 23, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.  
Jim Thobe gave a presentation on his trip to Haiti in search of pirate artifacts.

Break was taken at 7:55pm

Meeting was called back to order at 8:15pm.

The treasurer's report was given by Tom Killian. Winners of the competition table were announced. The raffle was held. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.
SRARC TRAINING CLASS

Land Hunting Basics
By Tom Killian

Saturday March 4, 2017 8:00AM - 10:30AM
Crisp Park (under pavilion) 37th. Ave.NE & Poplar St. NE St. Petersburg Free class/By Reservation only

Learn about land hunting with a metal detector.

We will have different brands of detectors, pin-pointers and treasure hunting equipment to demonstrate.

Where to hunt, safety, search patterns and how to retrieve coins without damaging property will be demonstrated.

Bring your own detector or use one of ours.

We will bury over 100 coins for practice.

We also talk about water hunting. We will have a water hunting class later this year.

Tom Killian 727-343-2041
Lost & Found
I Can't Believe I Did This

Katie called SRARC in desperation asking if anyone could help her find her lost wedding ring. She told Tom Jones that she had put both her rings on a shirt and while cleaning her child’s glasses she inadvertently picked up the shirt causing both rings to fall into the loose sand. She dug around and found her engagement ring but could not find her wedding band. After getting some information from Katie, Tom called Ed Osmar and asked if he and Rick Mygar could meet her at the beach and do a search for the ring. Ed met up with Rick and they called Katie and headed.

45 minutes after Tom had call Ed his phone rang and it was Ed calling. Upon answering Tom was surprised that the voice he heard was not Ed but Katie saying “Tom, thank you so much for hooking me up with this wonderful man.” Rick had found and returned her cherished ring.

Great Job Volunteers

The Club Coin Clues

Will be posted Wednesday Night 2/22/2017 on srarc.com
500 year-old shipwreck loaded with gold found in Namibian desert

Diamond miners recently discovered a ship that went down 500 years ago after draining a man-made lagoon on Namibia’s coast. While shipwrecks are often found along Africa’s Skeleton Coast, this one just so happened to be loaded with $13,000,000 worth of gold coins.

It also answers a centuries-old mystery and is what some archaeologists are calling one of the most significant shipwrecks ever found.

The wreck was first discovered along the coast near Oranjemund by geologists from the mining company De Beers in April 2008. One reason it took centuries to find is because it was underneath the ocean floor.
Suncoast Treasured Times
Suncoast Research & Recovery Club
Official Newsletter
Dedicated to Research, Recovery
And the Preservation of
Florida’s Historical Artifacts.

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.