Tom’s Tips

Greetings from the Calgary Stampede

Once again I am out on the road “working” (getting paid to do what people pay to do). Had the good fortune to go the Calgary Stampede in Alberta, Canada.

I think most of you saw the front page story featuring our Ringfinders group in the Tampa Bay Times newspaper on July 7th. If you didn’t see the article you can use the link below to view it. [http://www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/search-and-return-their-goal-is-to-find-that-ring-you-lost-at-the-beach/2329292](http://www.tampabay.com/news/humaninterest/search-and-return-their-goal-is-to-find-that-ring-you-lost-at-the-beach/2329292).

July has been a very busy month for the volunteers of the Ringfinders group. If you are not on the call list and would like to be, go to our website, print and sign the rules form and turn it in at the meeting. [http://srarc.com/Forms/Ringfinders%20form.pdf](http://srarc.com/Forms/Ringfinders%20form.pdf)

Meeting

Date: July 24, 2017

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

Time: 7:00 PM

Program: Tom Jones
Beach Survey 2014-
Present How the beaches
Change and
understanding why

Club Mailing Address:
SRARC
6476 Fairway View Blvd.
St. Petersburg, FL 33707
Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.
The meeting was our annual social giving everyone a chance to visit and trade tips and information.
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.

Volunteers: The club needs volunteers to step up to help out with various duties in the regular operation of the club.

Coming November 11, 2017

Tom Dankowski

Mark your calendar now. We will be having Tom Dankowski here for a Saturday Seminar in November. If you have not had the opportunity to see him in person, you will not want to miss this. There will be an included dinner at no cost for club members.

Visit his website at: http://www.dankowskidetectors.com/index.htm
Coming Events

October 28th
Fort De Soto Picnic & Fun Hunt
Pavilion # 9

November 11th
Tom Dankowski Seminar
Our Savior Lutheran Church
5843 4th Ave S, St. Petersburg, FL 33707

November 28th
Annual SRARC Banquet
The Club at Treasure Island

Lost and Found

GPS HELPS RECOVER LOST ENGAGEMENT RING ON THREE ROOKER ISLAND

Steve & Audrey took their boat to Three Rooker Island to spend a relaxing day. As Audrey was getting out of the boat, her engagement ring fell into the water! Quick thinking Steve hit the “man overboard” button on the boat’s GPS and marked the spot. Steve found the SRARC website, contacted Tom Jones who passed the information on to Howard Metts. Two days later, Howard, Jeanine Metts, Ed Osmar and Dimitur Alipiev met with Steve on the boat ramp for a ride to the island. Using the GPS, Steve was able to position the boat very closely to where Audrey had lost the ring. After about ten minutes of water hunting, Howard got a good signal and the ring was in his scoop! Steve was ecstatic, and immediately called Audrey who was overjoyed her ring was found! Great teamwork everyone!

TWO RINGS SUCCESSFULLY RECOVERED ON COQUINA BEACH

Jennifer & Eddie of St. Petersburg, (formerly of New York) were with friends enjoying Coquina Beach when Jennifer lost two rings! Before going
into the water, Jennifer had safely stored the rings in a pouch on their beach umbrella. However, after packing up, she soon realized they were not in the pouch! The couple contacted SRARC and Ring Finder member Wayne Cree went on the hunt. Jennifer had the spot marked and Wayne thought he was super lucky when he immediately found a dime, then a penny! About five minutes later, Wayne found the first ring and thirty seconds later, the second ring. Needless to say, Jennifer & Eddie were thrilled. Way to go, Wayne. Keep the change!

Quick Ring Recovery On Pass-A-Grille Beach, Florida

Maria was at Pass-A-Grille Beach with family enjoying a hot July day when she suddenly felt her ring slip off her finger! Thinking quickly, Maria asked her cousin to stand where she thought she dropped the ring as the others tried to find it. Having no luck, Maria searched “lost ring help” and located SRARC on the Internet. Maria asked the cousin to stay in the water while she contacted team member, Stan Flack. Stan passed Maria’s phone number on to Joe Szemer. After speaking to Maria, Joe geared up and was at the beach within 30 minutes. Searching near the patient cousin, Joe decided to slightly expand the area and found the ring in just a few minutes. Everyone was elated with hugs and high fives all the way around! Nicely done, Joe!

Neighborly Assist In Ring Recovery, North Redington Beach, Florida

Like a good neighbor, Kenny is there! Eric was floating on a
paddleboard with his daughter, picking up shells in shallow water when he felt his ring slide off his finger! The ring immediately went out of sight. Fast forward 10 days later, when Eric mentioned to his neighbor, Kenny, that his ring was long gone and he was going to buy a new one. Last year, Kenny had witnessed SRARC in action when he watched them detect and find woman’s ring right at the hotel next to his condo. Kenny urged Eric to contact SRARC. Eric was reluctant and felt the ring was surely lost forever. Kenny, not giving up, walked to the Doubletree Hotel, made some inquiries about the metal detectorists he had previously observed. The desk clerk had SRARC’s card on file and provided the necessary contact information to Kenny. Stan Flack got the call and a team was formed. Stan and team members Ed Osmar, Paul Hill, Jerry Schneider and Mike Shuler met early on a Sunday morning and were determined to find that ring! After about 15 minutes, Mike called the guys over to show them he had indeed found the ring! Eric was stunned upon hearing the news that his ring, lost 10 days ago on a busy Fourth of July holiday, had actually been found! Mike is a Tampa fireman and made arrangements to meet Eric in Tampa to return the ring. Eric’s children joined him and were excited to be in the fire station. Great tenacity and team work, guys! Everyone should have a neighbor like Kenny!

Lost Ring Recovered in Redington Beach

John & his wife Kaylee were vacationing from Ft. Worth, Texas (he’s originally from Wesley Chapel) when John lost his wedding ring playing volleyball in the water. John contacted Tom Jones who passed the information on to member, Stan Flack. Stan promptly headed to the beach from his office. John’s mother-in-law, Zee, assisted in directing Stan where she thought she saw them playing. After an intense 45 minute hunt, Stan came up with the young engineer’s ring! John was very appreciative! Way to go, Stan.
The Club Coin Clues

Club Coin Clues are posted on the website

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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.