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Tom's Tips



SRARC Annual Dinner 2016

2016 was a great year for SRARC ending with the Annual Banquet at The Club at Treasure Island. We had 74 members present with great food and fun.

2017 is now in full swing with temperatures a little higher than normal. Although the last cold front we had dropped the water temperature about 8 degrees it is still above average. Even at 63 degrees you can still get hyperthermia pretty quickly. I suggest if you are going water hunting that you have either a Wet or Dry Suit or Waders.

I look forward to another great year at SRARC and thank you for your confidence in me as president again.

Happy Hunting!

Meeting

Date: January 23, 2016

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

Time: 7:00 PM

Program: Jim Thobe
Presentation on Trip to
Haiti
"Search for Pirate Treasure"

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Birthdays



Birthday Ambassador Joe Szemer

Carol Osmar	Matthew Cassistre
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Paul Lien	Gary Trabant
Debbie Kennedy	Ken Gunther
Ray Larsen	Vonda Smith
Jay Ganz	

Coming Events:

Wally Swartz Memorial Silver Hunt
Coming in February, date to be
announced.

Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2016

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

Elections were held for Officers and
Board Members

President, Tom Jones; Vice President
Joe Szemer; Treasurer, Tom Killian;
Secretary, Suzi Jones

Board Members Howard Metts, Stan
Flack, Paul Hill, Mark Prue and Mike
Miller.

Tom Jones then spoke about the year
just passed at SRARC.

Break was taken at 7:45pm

The treasurer's report was given by
Gerri Adams. There was no competition
table this month. The raffle was held.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Lost & Found

100 Wally's Returns

By Karen & Jay Ganz

A few years ago Karen & Jay dedicated their goal of returning 100 rings to the memory of their dear friend and past SRARC president Wally Swartz.



Congratulations, YOU MADE IT.

While vacationing with my daughter in FL, I took my ring off to put sunscreen on. I got up to attend to my three year-old and forgot my ring was on my lap. I didn't realize the ring fell into the sand until an hour later when we were packing the car to leave. My father and I went back and combed the beach with our hands and feet for over an hour with no luck. That night I was sick to my stomach...the ring wasn't a material possession, it was a ring I made for myself in 2014 when my

daughter and I moved back to NJ from WA state, a new 2-person duo. When faced with being a single mom I told myself, "You got this" and I traded in some jewelry I no longer used to have a hope ring made. Two years later the ring was now gone. The next morning, I texted the local Ring Finders chapter and a friendly voice called me back saying her name was Karen and her husband Jay and she would love to help. I asked about the fee and she said there's no charge but I could donate to their chapter if I wanted. They changed their existing plans and met me at Venice Beach not much later. In less than 5 minutes Karen found my ring. The next day was Thanksgiving and I couldn't help but be thankful for my path crossing with Karen and Jay...it wasn't the ring being returned that I was as grateful for, as it was meeting such genuinely giving people and knowing that selfless people still exist in the world. I thank them for finding my ring, but more importantly Karen and Jay showing me true kindness.



Congratulations Jay and Karen on 100 rings returned over your detecting careers. That is an AWESOME accomplishment!!!!!!!

One That Didn't Get Away



Dale was at the beach fishing on the evening after Thanksgiving. He had baited several of the hooks on his poles and placed them spaced out along the beach. He returned to his tackle box and grabbed his hand rag to wipe the bait slime from his hands. Soon he had a nibble which cleaned the bait off one of his hooks. He rebaited the hook and wiped off his hands again and so it went through the night.

A few hours later Dale decided to head for home. He picked up all his poles and gear, loaded it into his vehicle and jumped into the front seat. He then noticed his wedding ring was missing. Since it was dark he decided to return in the morning to look for it. He came back with a sand sifter and shovel and sifted through all the sand he thought the ring might be hidden in. After an

hour or so he gave up. When he returned home without his ring his wife was not a happy camper!!!. She found SRARC Ring Finders on Facebook and sent Paul Hill a message. Paul responded and a short time later Dale called Mike Miller. Mike contacted Mike Shuler who thought he would be able to fit a hunt into his schedule. He called Dale to try and schedule a time to meet but they were not able to connect except the next morning. Dale's wife was very concerned that it would be too late by then so he called Mike Miller back to see if he could help out.

Mike agreed to go out right away and headed for Clearwater. About an hour later Dale, Mike, and Jeffery Miller met at the location where the ring had been lost. After searching the general area that Dale laid out for about 30 minutes the ring was recovered.



SRARC is always happy to bring smiles to faces of those who have lost something valuable to them and also to help keep peace in the family.

Miracles and Mermaids



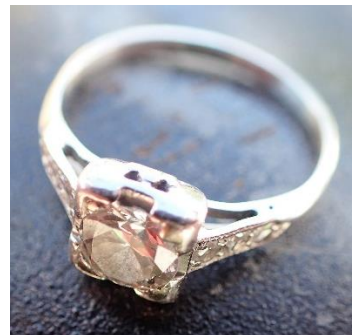
Caroline and her sister Katy along with several other cousins all gathered at Katy's house for the holidays. On Monday January 3rd they decided it would be fun to go up to Weekii Watchee Springs state park and see the mermaids perform. After the show they spent some additional time walking around the park and soon it was getting so warm they decided to go for a swim in the spring. Caroline went into the changing room and changed into her swimming suit. She covered herself with sun screen and in the process removed her rings and put them into her short's pocket and then put them on over her swim suit. After looking around a little more they headed over to the beach and found a

picnic table to store their things on. Caroline removed her shorts and laid them on the table then headed off to the water. After swimming for a while they returned to the table and Caroline found her shorts with the keys fallen out of the pocket but thought nothing of it.

They finished their day and headed home. After returning home she discovered both of her rings were missing. She and her sister rushed back to the park and searched in the sand under the table but could not find anything. One of Caroline's cousins remembered hearing about The Ring Finders and suggested she try finding someone to help.

She found the SRARC Ring Finders Service and contacted Mike Miller. Mike put out a request to the team and they all met at the site the next day.

As the team entered the park (Paul Hill, Ed Osmar, Rick Magyar, Mike Shuler and Mike),



the gate attendant mentioned that

they had just found a ring. We waited until Caroline arrived and they had her describe her lost engagement ring and sure enough it was hers. We all congratulated her and began to step away when she mentioned that the engagement ring was the only one that was important so don't worry about the other ring she had lost. We said "No Way" we came all this way to hunt so let's go see if we can find it. We discovered that the engagement ring was found nowhere near where she thought she had lost it and there was no sandy area in that location. We decided to split up with Caroline and Paul heading to the location that the engagement ring had been found and the rest of us, with Katy as our guide, headed to the beach area by the picnic table. After searching the sand around the picnic table for a short time Mike got a call from Paul and he informed us that Caroline had found the second ring. The boat Captain who found the engagement ring saw them looking and he showed them exactly where he had found it lodged between two dock planks. Caroline looked off to the side in the dirt and spotted the other ring

right away. We think she reached into her pocket for something and the rings popped out as she pulled out maybe her keys. Whatever, we are very happy she has her rings again and that we were able to give her moral support until they were returned to her fingers again.

When we left the park we all had great big smiles on our faces!!!!!!!!!!!!

Great Job Volunteers



The Club Coin Clues

Will be posted Tuesday Night
1/16/2017 on srarc.com

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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.