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Gold Coast Treasure Hunters – March 2018 Meeting Summary

The March meeting of the Gold Coast Treasure Hunters was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 7:00 pm in the Simi Valley Senior Center, located at 3900 Avenida Simi in Simi Valley, CA. Meetings are held at this location on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 18, 2018**. Visitors are always welcome!

Peter Ullrich spoke about events at the recent Keene prospecting meeting, plus he had a brochure describing an upcoming Alaskan prospecting trip.

Bill Watson explained the requirements and timing to get an annual senior beach parking pass for Santa Monica. NOW is the time for annual renewal.

The club will hold a hunt this coming Saturday, March 24, at 10 am at Zuma Beach. Details will be sent out to members before then. Prizes will be awarded if sufficient members attend.

Now that the U.S. Mint is once again accepting mutilated coins, Bill Watson will collect any such coins that members give him, and will send them in to benefit the club treasury. Bring your mangled coins to Bill at the next meeting to donate them. The coins have to be readily identifiable, not so mutilated that they are not recognizable.

Gary Hoffman spoke about an article he found that explained the causes of disappearing signals after digging an apparently good-sounding target. Causes include such things as the halo effect dissipating from digging, inaccurate pinpointing, and coins falling back into the hole and landing on edge.

Bill Bixler and Gary Hoffman introduced their new Minelab Equinox detectors, a model 600 and 800, respectively. Tom Rugg introduced his new Makro Multi Kruzer detector.

Marcos Frias demonstrated a support strap created by his brother to help bear the weight of hunting with a heavy detector. He also showed a backpack they are developing to carry metal detecting supplies, with provisions for attaching the strap in an alternate way.

This month's detecting contest winners with the best finds (pictured below) were:

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| Overall: | Norman Page |
| Coin/Token: | Peter Ullrich (1883 UK silver half crown) |
| Gold/Plat Jewelry: | Marcos Frias (14K ring) |
| Silver Jewelry | Bill Bixler (silver bracelet) |
| Misc. Jewelry | Norman Page (turquoise ring) |
| Unique/Unusual: | Norman Page (Greek bottle opener) |

