



Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association

THE LEAVERITE NEWS



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Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association * Henderson, Texas
Member of Texas Association of Metal Detector Clubs (T.A.M.D.C.)

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Meeting Place: South Main Church of Christ (back parking lot building) 402 S. Main St. Henderson, TX
Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Visitors welcome.
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Most Valuable Pennies

A List of 43 U.S. Pennies Worth Holding On To!

Wondering which pennies are worth more than face value? Which pennies you should be holding onto, rather than spending? Well here you go — a list of the most valuable pennies, each worth more than \$1 apiece. Use this cheat sheet to help you determine which pennies are worth saving and which ones are worth spending!

Of all the coins ever made by the United States Mint since 1793, arguably the most popular and widely collected among them are Lincoln pennies. The Lincoln cent (technically, only Great Britain officially has a denomination called the “penny”) is a favorite among collectors young and old, rich and poor. It’s also one of my favorite coins.



If you want to know what your U.S. penny is worth, then read on! Here’s a quick rundown of all the most important Lincoln pennies you should be keeping:

- All Lincoln wheat pennies made from 1909-1958
- All Lincoln Memorial pennies made from 1959-1981
- Copper Lincoln Memorial pennies made in 1982 (These weigh 3.11 grams versus 2.5 grams for the pennies made from copper-plated zinc)

So now you have a good idea of which types of pennies to keep. Are you wondering about specific dates? Well, here's a cheat sheet of the most valuable pennies to keep. Get ready... this is a long list! The dates listed below are worth *more* than just a few cents, unlike most of the ones referenced above. Values are for problem-free coins in a grade of Good or better, and uncirculated for those dated 1959 and later.

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| • 1909 — \$3 and up | 1909 VDB — \$10 and up |
| • 1909-S — \$85 and up | 1909-S VDB — \$750 and up |
| • 1910-S — \$15 | 1911-D — \$5 |
| • 1911-S — \$40 | 1912 — \$1 |
| • 1912-D — \$6 | 1912-S — \$20 |
| • 1913-D — \$3 | 1913-S — \$12 |
| • 1914-D — \$175 | 1914-S — \$20 |
| • 1915 — \$1.50 | 1915-D — \$2 |
| • 1915-S — \$20 | 1916-D — \$1 |
| • 1916-S — \$1.50 | 1921-S — \$1 |
| • 1922-D — \$15 | 1922 plain — \$650 |
| • 1923-S — \$2 | 1924-D — \$30 |
| • 1924-S — \$1 | 1926-S — \$5 |
| • 1931-D — \$4 | 1931-S — \$100 |
| • 1932 — \$1.50 | 1932-D — \$1 |
| • 1933 — \$1 | 1933-D — \$2 |
| • 1943-D boldly doubled mintmark — \$10 | 1944 D/S — \$125 |
| • 1946-S/D — \$35 | 1955 doubled die, obverse — \$1,200 |
| • 1970-S small date — \$30 | 1972 doubled die — \$300 |
| • 1983 doubled die — \$250 | 1984 doubled die — \$200 |
| • 1992-D close "AM" — \$500 | 1995 doubled die — \$25 |
| • 1999 wide "AM" — \$500 | |

As you'll notice, there are several dates missing here. The pennies that aren't on this list are worth only a nominal amount, which is usually between 3 cents and \$1. The list above also doesn't include proof Lincoln cents, which you wouldn't ordinarily find in circulation.

If you would like to submit an article, story, or pictures of your adventures in metal detecting to "The Leaverite News" please submit to michaelheim39@gmail.com by the 1st of each month.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

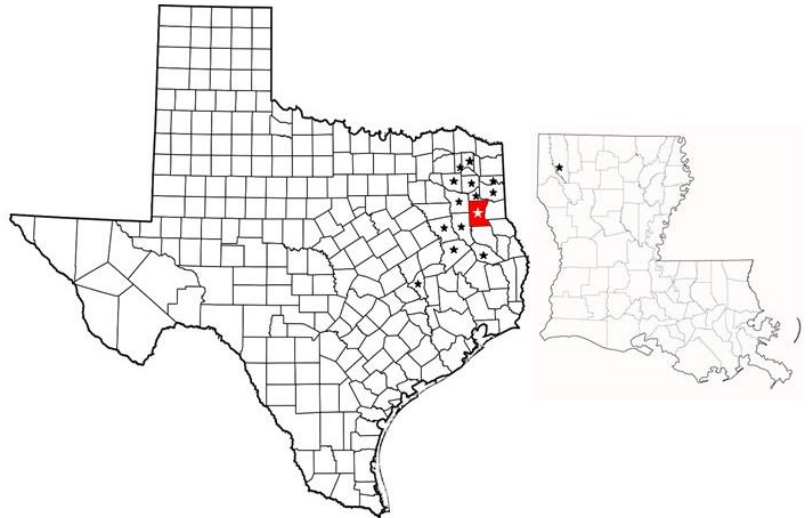
Ronnie Hearn-Longview

Thank you RCTHA members for your support. We are now at 62 members and growing!

RCTHA MEMBERSHIP LOCATIONS

TEXAS: 14 Counties

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| Angelina County | Anderson County |
| Brazos County | Cherokee County |
| Franklin County | Gregg County |
| Harrison County | Houston County |
| Marion County | Rusk County |
| Smith County | Titus County |
| Upshur County | Wood County |



LOUISIANA: 1 Parish

- Bossier Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Dates and Times are Subject to Change)

- Surf & Turf Hunt
- TAMDC Satellite Hunt
- Beach Flag Hunt
- TAMDC Satellite Hunt
- WWATS Rendezvous Hunt
- Fall Silver Hunt
- Syrup Festival
- Christmas Banquet

- July 16, Lake Gladewater
- July 23, Corpus Christi
- September 17, Lake Hawkins
- October 8, Jefferson
- October 15-16, Antlers, OK
- October 29, Eastside Baptist Church
- November 12, Henderson Depot Museum
- December 13, White Oak Baptist Church



Next Bi-Monthly Giveaway



4 Silver Eagles
1 oz. .999 Silver

Drawing will be August 9, 2016 club meeting.

Tickets can be purchased at any regular club meeting.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

PARK TOKENS REPORT

NOTE: Remaining Club Tokens are still good for silver and are placed in Longview's, Flewellen Park on Judson Road across from Posado's Mexican Restaurant, Kilgore City Park, and Eastside Baptist Church in Henderson. There will be a time at each monthly club meeting in exchange for silver coins. **If you find one of our old non-marked tokens you can turn them in for a silver dime.**

Park	Tokens	Found	Remaining	Special Tokens
Flewellen Park, Longview	8	6	2	0
City Park, Kilgore	8	5	3	0
EBC, Henderson	9	8	1	0

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH – June 2016

PRE 1900 Coins	1 st	James Kilgore	1898 Indian Head Cent
POST 1900 Coins	1 st	Earl Norrod	1912 V Nickle
	2 nd	Warren Garlock	1904 Indian Head Penny
	3 rd	Thomas Davis	Canadian Dollar
	4 th	Jake Barnett	1937 Wheat Penny



WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTINUED

Gold/Platinum

Jewelry-	1 st	Mike Ross	14k Gold Ring
	2 nd	James Kilgore	12k Gold Bracelet
	3 rd	Dorris St. Claire	10k Gold Ring

Silver/Other

Jewelry-	1 st	Mike Ross	Jewish Ring
	2 nd	Dorris St. Claire	Watch
	3 rd	James Kilgore	Kindergarten Ring
	4 th	Jo Ann Dunn	James Avery Ring

Token-	1 st	Mike Ross	LA Tax Token
	2 nd	James Kilgore	Texas State RR Token
	3 rd	Bob Stegall	OK Tax Token
	4 th	Thomas Davis	Play Money

Relic-	1 st	James Kilgore	1800's Saddle Stirrup
	2 nd	Warren Garlock	WW2 Lead Toy Rifle
	3 rd	Thomas Davis	.54 Minnie Ball
	4 th	Mike Ross	Model T Ford Hub Cap

Judges- Choice	1 st	Dorris St. Clair	Jr. Fire Marshall Badge
	2 nd	Thomas Davis	WW2 Army Air Corp Insignia Button
	3 rd	Jake Barnett	Brass Bell
	4 th	Dana Logston	Toy Tractor

Toy-	1 st	Jake Barnett	Toy Police Badge
	2 nd	Dorris St. Claire	Old Car
	3 rd	James Kilgore	Toy Fire Truck
	4 th	Mike Ross	Toy Car

RCTHA Leading Diggers- Thru June

Leading diggers will change from month to month based on the points given with each win from the *Finds of the Month* competition. These points will determine in December who will be the *Digger of the Year*. In case of a tie the winner will be determined by the total number of wins. In case points and wins are a tie, winner will be determined who had the most first place wins.

RCTHA Leading Diggers Continued

Mike Ross	59 Points	23 Wins
James Kilgore	48 Points	15 Wins
Dorris St. Claire	44 Points	18 Wins
Jake Barnett	38 Points	20 Wins
Thomas Davis	35 Points	14 Wins

YOUR LOCAL DEALER: Keith Wills is the owner of East Texas Metal Detectors out of Gilmer. He is the only local dealer in the area that repairs detectors. He sells all major brands. He has all the metal detecting accessories you need for both land and water hunting, gold dredging and panning. Drop by and see his store, meanwhile you can check out his website at www.brokendetector.com. All RCTHA members get 15% off metal detectors and accessories.



Keith is also the Vice President of WWATS (World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers), www.wwats.org. The Focus of WWATS is to be an information center, providing special training as necessary to understand our relationships with, and to openly approach, our government agencies, seeking ways our hobby can co-exist within the rules and regulations used to govern public lands today. Pick up the WWATS Flyer for the Fall Hunt on the Officers Table.



TICKETS, BINGO CARDS & SPLIT THE POT DRAWING

Each month we will have tickets and Bingo Cards (various months) sales to raise funds for the club. Tickets and BINGO cards are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You can buy tickets for the following:

- Coins** - there will be 3-4 drawings each club meeting for quality coins and sometimes even a gold coin.
- Bi-Monthly Giveaways**- every other month we will have a drawing for great prizes such as detectors, silver bars, coins and other items.
- Bingo Cards**- Occasionally we will have a Bingo Night during the time allotted for a speaker. The cards are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. There will be nice quality prizes to be won.

TICKETS, BINGO CARDS & SPLIT THE POT DRAWING CONT...

Split the Pot- Write your name or initials on a \$1 bill, or as many as you like, and place in the 50/50 Bucket and at the close of the meeting we will draw for a winner. If we draw your name, you win and split the pot with the club.

Hidden Prize Winner- Each month there will be a hidden silver coin and one lucky winner.

Last Month's Club Winners:

Ticket Drawings: Bob Stegall, Thomas Davis, Ronnie Hearn, A.D. Clark, Rick Hurlburt

Split the Pot Drawing: No Winner

Door Prize Winners: Earl Norrod, A.D. Clark, Jr. St. Claire, Judy Barnett, Wayne Adkison, Dana Logston

Park Tokens: NA

Bi-Monthly Prize Winner: Daniel Sellers

Hidden Special Prize Winner: NA

BINGO Winners: NA

RCTHA Rules for "Finds of the Month"

- 1) To enter any item(s) in the **Finds of the Month** you must be a member of RCTHA and club dues must be current for the year.
- 2) Finds of the month consist of what you have found while in the spirit of treasure hunting (no purchases from stores, garage sales, etc) from the club meeting of the previous month to the current club meeting. For example, you cannot use an item that you found in June 2013 to be placed in January 2014. Finds of January 2014 must be found between club meeting in December 2013 and club meeting in January 2014. Only finds found from the monthly meeting until the next monthly meeting will qualify for the Finds of the Month. **Finds of the Months can only be used once.**
- 3) Any item in any category may be removed by the Hunt Master and one other Board Member or Officer at their discretion if the item does not comply with the Finds of the Month rules. Only one item per member for each of the categories will qualify.
- 4) Any bottle found while in the process of treasure hunting on the surface of the ground needs to be placed in the JUDGE'S CHOICE category. All other bottles found is to be placed in the RELICS or JUDGE'S CHOICE categories. If placed in RELICS, it must be 75 years old or older.

RCTHA Rules for "Finds of the Month" Continued

- 5) If you find multiple items of the same category, the first one must go in the applicable category. The additional item(s) can be placed in JUDGE'S CHOICE or RELICS. If placed in RELICS it must be 75 years old or older.
- 6) Pictures and descriptive materials may be substituted for an item if the item is unavailable for display.
- 7) Any current member can vote on Finds of the Month. You are allowed ONLY one vote per category.
- 8) **You must be present at the club meetings** to submit your finds for The Finds of the Month.

FIND OF THE YEAR: Only items entered in the "Finds of the Month" and winning **first place** during the year may be entered in the Find of the Year competition. This runs December through November each year and the Board members will elect and announce the winner during the December club meeting.

DIGGER OF THE YEAR: The Digger of the Year Award will be determined by total amount of points won from the years Finds of the Month competition. First Place = 4 Points, Second Place = 3 Points and Third Place = 2 Points, Fourth Place = 1 Point. There will be a monthly score sheet listed in the newsletter who the leading digger(s) are.

COINS: Must be found while treasure hunting (ie. metal detecting, dredging, prospecting, mining, magnet fishing, bottle hunting, etc.) No coins found in planted competition hunts or won by previous wins in the Finds of the Month can be used in this category. If more than one coin is found, one coin must be placed in the COINS category. Additional coins may be placed in JUDGE'S CHOICE of any date or in the RELICS category if it is 75 years old or older. All coins predating 1900 must be placed in the PRE-1900 Category and all coins postdating 1900 must be placed in the POST-1900 Category.

JEWELRY: Must be found while treasure hunting (ie. metal detecting, dredging, prospecting, mining, magnet fishing, bottle hunting, etc.) No jewelry found in planted competition hunts can be used in this category. If more than one piece of jewelry is found, one piece of jewelry must be placed in the JEWELRY category. Additional pieces of jewelry may be placed in JUDGE'S CHOICE or RELICS if it is 75 years old or older. All gold, white gold, platinum and palladium must be placed in the GOLD/PLATINUM JEWELRY category and all silver and other jewelry types must be placed in the SILVER/OTHER JEWELRY category.

TOKENS: Must be found while treasure hunting (ie. metal detecting, dredging, prospecting, mining, magnet fishing, bottle hunting, etc.) No tokens found in planted competition hunts can be used in this category. If more than one token is found, one token must be placed in the TOKENS category. Additional tokens may be placed in JUDGE'S CHOICE or RELICS if it is 75 years old or older.

RCTHA Rules for "Finds of the Month" Continued

RELICS: Anything 75 years old or older and must be found while treasure hunting (ie. metal detecting, dredging, prospecting, mining, magnet fishing, bottle hunting, etc.) No items found in planted competition hunts can be used in this category.

JUDGE'S CHOICE: Anything found while treasure hunting (ie. metal detecting, dredging, prospecting, mining, magnet fishing, bottle hunting, etc.) Bottles, relics, additional coins, additional jewelry and additional tokens. No items found in planted competition hunts can be used in this category.

TOY: Any toy found while treasure hunting (ie. metal detecting, dredging, prospecting, mining, magnet fishing, bottle hunting, etc.) No items found in planted competition hunts can be used in this category. If more than one toy is found, additional toys may be placed in JUDGE'S CHOICE or in the RELICS category if it is 75 years old or older.

METAL DETECTOR'S CODE OF ETHICS

1. Respect the rights and property of others
2. Do not detect without the land owner's permission
3. Observe all laws, whether National, State, or Local
4. Aid Law Enforcement Officials whenever possible
5. Never destroy historical or archeological structures
6. Never destroy, damage or deface public or private property, or what is left of ghost towns or deserted structures
7. Leave land and vegetation as it was
8. Remove and properly dispose of all trash and litter when you leave
9. Leave gates and enclosures as found
10. Do not tamper with land owner signs, structural facilities, or equipment
11. Take precautions when digging towards a target where underground conditions are unknown.
12. You may be judged by the example you set so always be courteous with consideration for others.
13. ALWAYS COVER YOUR HOLES!



NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

August 9th @ 7:00 p.m.

South Main Church of Christ (Events Building-west side parking lot)

402 S. Main St., Henderson, TX 75654

Guest Speaker: TBA





SAVE THE DATE

2017 TAMDC Convention

Mayborn Convention Center/Temple, TX

April 21-23, 2017

Banquet Speaker: Beau “Aquachigger” Ouimette

Beau is a treasure hunter in the Maryland area and his videos can be found on YouTube where he has over 345,000 subscribers and over 50 million views. He spends most of his time in the water (Aquachigger) and rivers of the area searching for Civil War relics and other treasures.

He travels around the U.S. and Europe on treasure hunting expeditions as well. His videos cover an array of topics and treasures and always instructional and informative, not to mention entertaining and family friendly. His videos are meant to be fun, educational and informative. They are his own experiences and observations as he travels through this wonderful life.

“I am a lifelong treasure hunter and nature enthusiast. I enjoy creating fun and educational videos of my adventures and sharing them with people of all ages. My videos are family friendly and devoted to treasure hunting, metal detecting, nature, outdoor adventure, and education. It is my goal to have fun in life and make interesting and educational videos. I hope to spark the interest and desire of children and adults alike to learn and explore.”

– Beau Ouimette

