



THE LEAVERITE NEWS



April, 2015

Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association * Henderson, Texas

Member of Texas Association of Metal Detector Clubs (TAMDC)

2015 RCTHA OFFICERS

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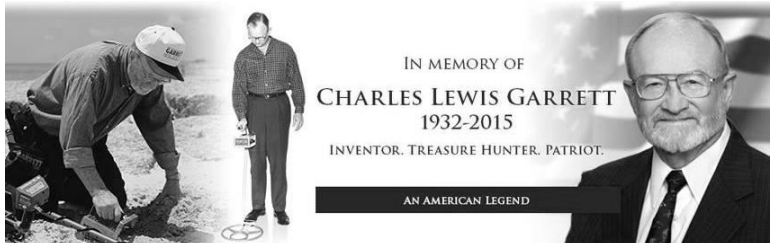
Meeting Place: South Main Church of Christ (back parking lot building) 402 S. Main St. Henderson, TX
Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Visitors welcome.
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THANK YOU!

I want to give a “Thank You” shout-out to everyone who helped work and provided decorations for our T.A.M.D.C. booth at the 2015 convention this past weekend. It was a great success and we had the best looking booth according to many. Also, I want to say a special word of thanks to Tom Moss for his donation of the 1800’s gun holster and Texas Ranger Badge and Keith Wills for his donation of the Colt .45 pistol used in the T.A.M.D.C. fundraiser and for the use of many of his display cases.



It is with great sadness that we share the news that Dr. Charles L. Garrett died on April 3, 2015. An inventor, entrepreneur, treasure hunter, patriot, author, husband, and father, Dr. Garrett and his wife Eleanor founded Garrett Metal Detectors in 1964. Through the couple’s vision and direction during the next 50 years, their original garage business grew to become the world’s largest manufacturer of metal detection equipment.



A U.S. Navy veteran and graduate of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, Dr. Garrett left an indelible mark on the metal detection industry. His early inventions pioneered the modern metal detector and his security detectors were the first to protect the Olympic Games in 1984. The ease of use of his hobby products helped invite many thousands of newcomers to try out the sport of treasure hunting.

We are grateful for the contributions Dr. Garrett made to our industry, and for the fine example he always put forth for others. The Garrett name will always be synonymous with high-quality metal detectors, including those used in security applications, law enforcement, military, sports, and outdoor recreational use. Although he will be dearly missed by many, his legacy will endure.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

No new members in March

RCTHA CALENDAR EVENTS

(Dates are subject to change)

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| RCTHA Flag Hunt (club outing) | April 18 th @ Montgomery School Playground/Henderson |
| RCTHA Spring Silver Hunt | May 9 th @ the Dunn's Place |
| WWATS Rendezvous Hunt | May 22-24, Antlers, OK |
| RCTHA Wounded Warrior Service Project | June 27, Pending |
| RCTHA Land & Water Hunt | July 25 th @ Lake Gladewater |
| WWATS Rendezvous Hunt | Aug. 20-23, Durango, CO |
| RCTHA Club Auction | Sept. 8 th , to raise money for the Fall Silver Hunt |
| RCTHA Fall Silver Hunt | Oct. 17 th @ Eastside Baptist Church, Henderson |
| RCTHA 21 Hunt (club outing) | Nov. 14 th @ TBA |

2015 Club Service Projects:

- Food Boxes:** Bring can foods and non-perishable food items to each club meeting for food boxes to be donated by the club during the 2015 holidays.
- Trash Buckets:** Don't throw away your metal trash after you're through detecting. Separate your aluminum, brass, copper and lead items and bring them to the club meetings and place in RCTHA Buckets. At the end of the year we will cash all the metals in and give a gift certificate for a kidney dialysis.
- Wounded Warrior:** More information will be given later

2nd Quarter Giveaway

Garrett Waterproof Pro-Pointer AT and a 48" Sand Scoop



You can purchase tickets at each club meeting and events. Drawing will be June 9, 2015.

PARK TOKENS REPORT

NOTE: Tokens are now placed in Longview's, Flewellen Park on Judson Road across from Posados Mexican Restaurant, Kilgore City Park, and Eastside Baptist Church in Henderson. There are 8-9 tokens in each park and are good for either silver dollars, silver halves, silver quarters or silver dimes. There will be a time at each monthly club meeting in exchange for silver coins.

| Park | Tokens | Found | Remaining | Special Tokens |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|----------------|
| Fluellen Park, Longview | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| City Park, Kilgore | 8 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Eastside BC, Henderson | 9 | 3 | 6 | 1 |

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH – March 2015



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| Coin- | 1st | Tom Moss | 1899 Indian Head Penny |
| | 2nd | Michael Heim | 1736-1797 Chinese Coin |
| | 3rd | Jo Ann Dunn | Beach change |
| Jewelry- | 1st | Michael Heim | Vintage Silver/Diamond Ring |
| | 2nd | Tom Moss | Name Tag Holder |
| | 3rd | Joel Barton | Gold Ring |
| Token- | 1st | Mike Ross | .5 Lumber Token |
| | 2nd | Tom Moss | Cigarette Token |
| | 3rd | Dorris St. Claire | Car Wash Token |
| Relic- | 1st | Michael Heim | 1793-1840 Half Penny Saloon Token |
| | 2nd | Terry Lemon | Murray Hubcap |
| | 3rd | Tom Moss | 1913 Dog Tax Tag |
| Judges- Choice | 1st | Tom Moss | .54 Caliber Minnie Ball |
| | 2nd | Terry Lemmon | Soup Spoon |
| | 3rd | Michael Heim | WW2 Dog Tag |

* Consolation Winner- Dorris St. Claire Silver Bracelet

* **The Consolation Winner** in the *Finds of the Month* is determined by the Hunt Master and 2 Board Members. This is an award given to a person whose object in the *Finds of the Month* did not get voted on, for whatever reason, but was worthy of a win. The Consolation Winner will earn no points for the Digger of the Year competition.

RCTHA Leading Diggers: 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*.

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| Tom Moss | 33 Points | 14 wins |
| Michael Heim | 24 Points | 11 Wins |
| Joel Barton | 10 Points | 6 Wins |
| Terry Lemmon | 10 Points | 5 Wins |

TICKETS, BINGO CARDS & SPLIT THE POT DRAWING

Each month we will have tickets and Bingo Cards (every other month) 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 drawings each club meeting for quality coins and sometimes even a gold coin.

Quarterly Giveaway- each quarter we will have a drawing for great prizes such as detectors, silver bars and 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.

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.

Last Month's Ticket Winners:

Ticket Drawings: Larry Wilkinson, Fuzzy Harmon, Mike Ross, Bob Brown

Split the Pot Drawing: No Winner-the pot grows

Door Prizes Winner: Joy Andrews, Dorris St. Claire, Keith Wills, Fuzzy Harmon, Michael Heim, Sue Anderson

Park Tokens: Bob Brown, Dorris St. Claire, A.D. Clark

Quarterly Prize Winner: Larry Wilkinson (AT Pro)

BINGO Winners: -

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 dug or found while metal detecting 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 metal detecting on the surface of the ground needs to be placed in the JUDGE'S CHOICE category. All other bottles dug while metal detecting is to be placed in the

- RELICS or JUDGE’S CHOICE categories. If placed in RELICS, it must be 75 years old or older.
- 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 = 3 Points, Second Place = 2 Points and Third Place= 1 Point. There will be a monthly score sheet listed in the newsletter who the leading digger is.

COINS: Must be dug while in the process of metal detecting. 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.

JEWELRY: Must be dug while in the process of metal detecting. 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.

TOKENS: Must be dug while in the process of metal detecting. 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.

RELICS: Anything 75 years old or older and must be dug while in the process of metal detecting. No items found in planted competition hunts can be used in this category.

JUDGE'S CHOICE: Anything dug while in the process of metal detecting, bottles, relics, additional coins, additional jewelry and additional tokens. No items found in planted competition hunts can be used in this category.

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



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!



2015 Coin & Relic Show



NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

May 12th @ 7:00 p.m., 402 South Main, Henderson, TX.

Guest Speaker- The Coin Investor

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