



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.)

2016 RCTHA OFFICERS

President - Michael Heim (903) 241-4723
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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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2016 T.A.M.D.C. Convention

I want to say thank you to all the club members and officers who came and helped work our booth this past weekend at the convention. We had a great time and even though we did not break even with our fundraiser, we have reached 4-5 new prospective members and talked with several former members who stated they would be coming back. I want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Tom Moss and Keith Wills for loaning RCTHA display items for our Civil War themed booth. We didn't win best booth this year but we did set the standard last year that three other clubs got very creative this year to win. At the convention elections were held and the new 2017-2020 Officers were elected. They are: Michael Heim, President, Bobby Sullivan, VP, Margaret Logston, Treasurer, Secretary (pending), and Board Members are Dana Logston (ETTHA), Larry Vickers (AMDC) and Byron Whitiker (HA&RC). Also, when and if you get a chance, please tell the current TAMDC board for a great job they have done over the last four years- the TAMDC Board is the current ETTHA Board.



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

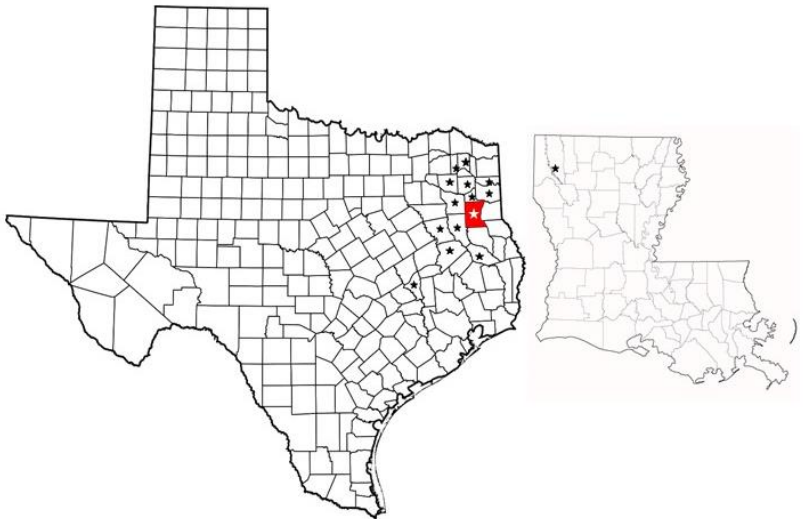
Harold Bobbit- Overton
Cory Bobbit- Overton
Carson Bobbit- Overton



RCTHA MEMBERSHIP LOCATIONS

TEXAS: 14 Counties

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



LOUISIANA: 1 Parish

- Bossier Parish

Calendar of Events

(Dates and Times are subject to change)

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| Latvia Mission Benefit Silver Hunt | April 30, Penick Park, White Oak |
| Spring Silver Hunt | May 14, The Historic Cates Home on N. Marshall |
| Surf & Turf Hunt | July 16, Lake Gladewater |
| Beach Flag Hunt | September 17, Lake Hawkins |
| WWATS Hunt | October 15, Antlers, Oklahoma |
| Fall Silver Hunt | October 29, Eastside Baptist Church |
| Syrup Festival Work Day | November 11, Henderson Depot Museum |
| Syrup Festival | November 12, Henderson Depot Museum |
| Christmas Banquet | December 13, White Oak Baptist Church |



Bi-Monthly Giveaway

5 oz. Silver Bar

Drawing will be June 14, 2016 club meeting.
 Tickets can be purchased at any regular club meeting or club hunt. 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	4	4	0
City Park, Kilgore	8	5	3	0
EBC, Henderson	9	8	1	0

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH – March 2016

PRE 1900 Coins	1 st	Gene Richardson	1880 Indian Head Penny
	2 nd	Tom Moss	1889 Indian Head Penny
POST 1900 Coins	1 st	Tom Moss	Garden Coin Spill
	2 nd	Thomas Davis	1908 Barber Dime
	3 rd	James Kilgore	1900 Indian Head Penny
	4 th	Dorris St. Claire	Canadian 50 Cent
Gold/Platinum Jewelry-	1 st	Mike Ross	14k Gold Ring
	2 nd	Tom Moss	Gold Plated Ring
Silver/Other Jewelry-	1 st	Mike Ross	Pendant
	2 nd	Thomas Davis	James Avery Silver Ring
	3 rd	Mary Hurlburt	Texas Medallion
	4 th	Michael Heim	Black Rose Ring
Token-	1 st	Mike Ross	Louisiana Tax Token



	2 nd	Tom Moss	Old Age Tax Token
	3 rd	Bob Brown	Good Luck Token
	4 th	Rick Hurlburt	Hallsville Garage Token
Relic-	1 st	Dorris St. Claire	Blood Bleeder
	2 nd	James Kilgore	Watch Fob
	3 rd	Jo Ann Dunn	1840 Musket Balls
	4 th	Rick Hurlburt	1918 Compass
Judges- Choice	1 st	Michael Heim	\$15,000 Cash Cache
	2 nd	Gene Richardson	Bottles
	3 rd	Jake Barnett	Pocket Knife
	4 th	James Kilgore	Arrow Head
Toy-	1 st	Tom Moss	Toy Gun
	2 nd	Thomas Davis	Doll Spoon
	3 rd	Dorris St. Claire	Toy Helicopter
	4 th	Jake Barnett	Toy Jet

RCTHA Leading Diggers- Thru March

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.



Mike Ross	34 Points	13 Wins
Dorris St. Claire	23 Points	9 Wins
Jake Barnett	17 Points	10 Wins
Michael Moore	14 Points	4 Wins
James Kilgore	14 Points	6 Wins
Thomas Davis	13 Points	6 Wins

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.

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 Winners:

Ticket Drawings: Jake Barnett, Thomas Davis, Richard Greene, Skipper Dunn

Split the Pot Drawing: A.D. Clark

Door Prize Winners: Skipper Dunn, Mike Ross, James Kilgore

Park Tokens: Mike Ross (Silver Dollar Token)

Bi-Monthly Prize Winner: Rick Hurlburt

Hidden Special Prize Winner: Judy Barnett

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.
- 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.

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

May 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

South Main Church of Christ (back parking lot building)

402 S. Main St. Henderson, TX

Guest Speaker: TBA