



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 (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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HENDERSON SYRUP FESTIVAL

We had a great time at our annual booth at the Henderson Syrup Festival on November 14. Thank you to everyone who came out and worked the booth and we raised over \$500! Congratulations to A.D. Clark for winning the Fisher Metal Detector we were raffling off.

Here are a few pics: (more pics at www.rctha.org)



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

No new members in November

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Dates are subject to change)

New events will be announced in the January Newsletter

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.

1st Quarter Giveaway



Predator Tools

The Highest Quality Digging Tools Made

A Division of Pamela Lesche Enterprises, Inc.

The Raptor Digger * \$60.00 Value

The Raptor is a great all around digging tool. With a nice cushion off set handle that keeps your fingers out of the dirt. With the dish shape body on the blade you can move a good amount of soil. At hunt digs this is a must have, and they are super great to have gardening. Super Strong and made to last for many years. They are made from Chrome-moly 4130 air craft quality steel heat treated and then temper to make them super strong. Quality is the word you would use with this tool. Dimensions 14" long weight 16 oz. with a Cadora sheath The blade is 3 1/2" at the widest point and 8" long.



Drawing will be March 8, 2016

PARK TOKENS REPORT

NOTE: Tokens are good for silver until January 1, 2016 where will will dig the remaining tokens up and replant them at other locations. Park tokens will be announced at the January or February club meeting and newsletters. **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	3	5	1
EBC, Henderson	9	8	1	0

Leader Board:

Joel Barton (4) Bob Brown (3) A.D. Clark (3) Dorris St. Claire (2) Dana Logston (2)
 Jo Ann Dunn (1)

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH – November 2015

Coin-	1 st	Tom Moss	1903 Barber Dime
	2 nd	Michael Heim	1916 Barber Dime
	3 rd	1958 Cinco Centavos	Jake Barnett
Jewelry-	1 st	Bob Brown	Miracle Pendant
	2 nd	JoAnn Dunn	Silver Ring
	3 rd	Dorris St. Claire	Gold Cross
Token-	1 st	Michael Heim	1892 Lumber Token
	2 nd	Tom Moss	1892 Manufacturing Token
	3 rd	Jake Barnett	Game Token
Relic-	1 st	Tom Moss	1882 Machine Tag
	2 nd	Michael Heim	1886 SLA & TRR Padlock
	3 rd	Bob Brown	Metal Button
Judges- Choice	1 st	Tom Moss	1946 Lead Toy Soldiers
	2 nd	Michael Heim	Indian Chief Arrowhead Watch Fob
	3 rd	JoAnn Dunn	Thimble
Consolation Winner-	Tom Moss	Infant Gold Ring	



* **The Consolation Winner** – Starting in December 2015 there will no longer be a Consolation Winner. This will be replaced by adding 3 new categories in the Finds of the Month competition and adding a 4th place winner in each category.

RCTHA Leading Digger- Winner will be announced during Christmas Banquet

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*.



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.

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 Winners:

- Ticket Drawings:** Kay Vest, Sam Harris, Gene Richardson, Bob Brown, Michael Heim
- Split the Pot Drawing:** No Winner
- Door Prizes Winner:** NA
- Park Tokens:** Bob Brown
- Quarterly Prize Winner:** Will be announced at Christmas Banquet
- 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 dug or found while metal detecting or treasure hunting 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 = 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 is.

COINS: Must be dug while in the process of metal detecting or while treasure hunting (i.e. prospecting, dredging, mining, 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 dug while in the process of metal detecting or while treasure hunting (i.e. prospecting, dredging, mining, 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 dug while in the process of metal detecting or while treasure hunting (i.e. prospecting, dredging, mining, 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 dug while in the process of metal detecting or while treasure hunting (i.e. prospecting, dredging, mining, etc). 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 or while treasure hunting (i.e. prospecting, dredging, mining, 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 dug while in the process of metal detecting or while treasure hunting (i.e. prospecting, dredging, mining, 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

January 12th @ 6:45 p.m.

*South Main Church of Christ (back parking lot building)
402 S. Main St. Henderson, TX*