



Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association

THE LEAVE-RITE NEWS



December-2016

Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association * Henderson, Texas
Member of the Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs
(www.tamdc.org)



2016 RCTHA OFFICERS

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| President - Michael Heim (903) 241-4723 | Hunt Master – Wayne Adkison (903) 928-9135 |
| V.P./Webmaster – Rick Hurlburt (903) 445-9691 | Board Member – Keith Wills (903) 734-7773 |
| Treasurer – Mary Hurlburt (903) 445-9591 | Board Member – Larry Wilkinson (903) 720-4808 |
| Secretary - JoAnn Dunn (903) 392-3575 | |
| 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. | |
| Email Contact: michaelheim39@gmail.com | |

Welcome New Officers and Board Members

We had 33 people in attendance at our November's meeting. We had a great turnout even though it was election day. During our meeting, we had our own election for next year's officers and board members. Congratulations to the new officers and board members elected and coming in for the new year. Our new officers are President elect: Johnathan Sellers, Vice President elect: Keith Wills, Secretary elect: Charlie Coskey, Treasurer elect: Paula Davila, Hunt Master elect: Michael Heim, Board members elect: Thomas Davis and Skipper Dunn, Webmaster elect: Rick Hurlburt. New Officers and Board Members will take over in January.

Also, on November 12, we set our annual booth up at the Henderson Syrup Festival and had a great time. We raised over \$600 and signed up our 72nd club member with many prospects for 2017. There were many children digging for the 15 lbs. of foreign coins and we gave out over 50 silver dimes for the Kids Treasure Chest Hunt. A special thank you Keith Wills for paying our booth fee and congratulations to Paula Davila, our new Treasure Elect, for winning the ACE 350 raffle. Again, thank you to everyone who came out and helped in the sandbox and help set up and tear down, especially thank you to those who made the sacrifice and stayed all day...that's what makes our club great!

On November 19th, the TAMDC had its satellite Tukey Day Hunt in Canton with 57 people in attendance and 52 hunters going for \$4000 in prizes and coins. There were 15 members present from RCTHA.

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



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Paola Davila- White Oak
Daniel & Brandy Deason-Henderson
Brandon Ellerbee-Mineola**

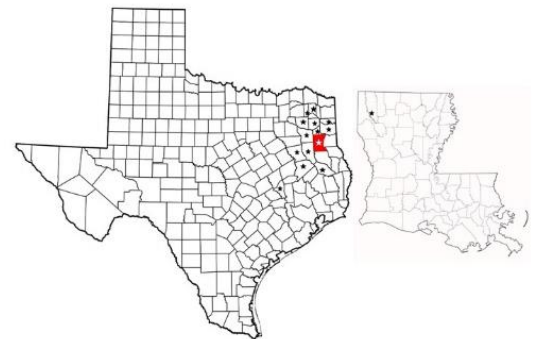
**Thank you RCTHA members for your support. We achieved 73 members in 2016!
RCTHA MEMBERSHIP LOCATIONS**

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)

For more information on these and other events, log on to www.rctha.org or www.tamdc.org

TAMDC Winter Satellite "Token" Hunt February 11, 2017, Galveston, TX, Stewart Beach
in Partnership with HARC Open Hunt (see tamdc.org for flyer registration)

6th Annual Piney Woods Open Relic Hunt March 11, 2017, Lake O' the Pines Area
(see tamdc.org for flyer registration)

Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt April 1-2, 2017, Diamond Don's in Jefferson, TX
in partnership with TAMDC (see Garrett.com or tamdc.org for more info)

TAMDC Treasure Show April 21-23, 2017, Mayborn Center, Temple, TX

Gold Coin Drawing



Drawing will be tonight, December 13.

Make sure every time you purchase the blue tickets at our regular club meetings you place your name on the back and turn them in for a chance to win a 1/10 oz. U.S. American Eagle gold coin at the RCTHA Christmas Banquet in December.

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	9	9	0	0
City Park, Kilgore	8	7	1	0
EBC, Henderson	9	8	1	0

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH – November 2016

Coins	1 st	Michael Heim	1766 Mystery Coin
PRE 1900	2 nd	NA	
	3 rd	NA	
	4 th	NA	

Coins	1 st	Thomas Davis	1907 Barber Half
POST 1900	2 nd	Mike Ross	1911 Barber Dime
	3 rd	Daniel Sellers	1964 Gold Plated Half
	4 th	Sue Anderson	1954 Franklin Half



Gold/Platinum Jewelry-	1 st	Daniel Sellers	14k White Gold Ring
	2 nd	Michael Heim	Gold Plated Cross
	3 rd	Mike Ross	14k Gold Ring
	4 th	NA	

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH Continued...

Silver/Other

Jewelry-	1 st	Michael Moore	Silver Ring
	2 nd	Thomas Davis	Silver Pendant
	3 rd	Sue Anderson	Arrow Head Charm
	4 th	Mike Ross	Silver Ring

Token-	1 st	Michael Heim	Early 1900's Token Spill
	2 nd	Thomas Davis	Carlsbad Token
	3 rd	Jake Barnett	Burger King Token
	4 th	Charley Coskey	Isle of Capri Token

Relic-	1 st	Michael Heim	1879-1886 Wabash R.R. Check Tag
	2 nd	Bob Stegall	Model T Ford Hub Cap
	3 rd	Charlie Coskey	Brass Tag
	4 th	Daniel Sellers	Lipstick Case

Judges- Choice	1 st	A.D. Clark	Wire Pulley
	2 nd	Dalton Smith	Alarm Clock
	3 rd	Gene Richardson	Knife
	4 th	Daniel Sellers	Button

Toy-	1 st	Charley Coskey	Police Badge
	2 nd	Thomas Davis	Toy Car
	3 rd	Daniel Sellers	Toy Car
	4 th	Mike Moore	Toy Tractor

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*. 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. Finds of the Month points will also determine who will win the (8) individual category awards. The Digger of the Year will be announced along with other winners at the December meeting.

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.

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Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs presents

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**TREASURE
SHOW**

Mayborn Convention & Activity Center
3303 N. 3rd Street • Temple

**APR
22-23**



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.



Banquet Speaker Continued...

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

Also, making appearance will be Michael Bennett, a.k.a. “Nugget Noggin”. Meanwhile, check out his YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/nuggetnoggin>

Nugget Noggin is a twenty-something YouTube Celebrity with over 200,000 YouTube subscribers and nearly 50 million views. Nugget Noggin takes his viewers along on his metal detecting adventures and shows them what he has found.

Garrett Metal Detectors is the current sponsor of his weekly adventures on YouTube.



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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 Continued

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- Some months there will be a hidden silver coin and one lucky winner.

Last Month's Club Winners:

Ticket Drawings: Thomas Davis (2x), Bob Brown (2x), Paula Davila, Dalton Smith

Split the Pot Drawing: A.D. Clark

Bi-Monthly Prize Winner: NA

Door Prize Winners: Jack Byron, Dave Crocker, Jo Ann Dunn

Park Tokens: NA

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

RCTHA Rules for "Finds of the Month" Continued

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 Officers and 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

RCTHA Rules for "Finds of the Month" Continued

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

*January 10, @ 7:00 p.m.
402 S. Main Church of Christ
Henderson, TX 75652*

