



THE LEAVERITE NEWS



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Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association * Henderson, Texas

Member of Texas Association of Metal Detector Clubs (TAMDC)

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SUGGESTIONS IN JUDGING AND VOTING FOR THE FINDS OF THE MONTH

In being a member of three different MD clubs in East Texas the one question I most often hear is “How did my item get beat out by a lesser item?” Of course, this will always be an issue since we leave it to club members to vote on the Finds of the Month. Voting for the Finds of the Month is a privilege we have for being a club member and one of the main events in a club meeting. Finds of the Months is a chance to showcase all the clubs finds over the past month and to attract new members as well. Since Finds of the Month is an important event in a club meeting, we must be careful that we always do this right so it never becomes an issue of unfairness, cheating and partiality. We must always seek to have the BEST item to win.



Therefore, when voting for the Finds of the Month we would like to remind everyone that this judging is not a popularity contest but a fun competition between those who get out and metal detect and place their finds on the Finds of the Month board. The wins from each competition will determine points and an award at the end of the year. We understand that if you place an item in a category then we expect you to vote for your item regardless if it's a lesser item. Why place items in a category if you don't vote for yourself? However, for all others who do not have items to place on the Finds of the Month board, or has just one or two categories to place in, here is a suggestion in voting. We ask that everyone vote fairly and impartially (not that you haven't)

for the best find in each category. How do you determine what is the best find in each category? Well, here are some suggestions in judging and voting for the Finds of the Month that might be helpful. Always vote for what has the most value and/or the most unique or rare, and/or the most historical meaning in each category. An example in each category:

Coins- Silver coins should always win over clad coins or copper coins, unless, the silver coin is a newer silver coin (1950-60's) and the copper coin is very old (1800's-early 1900's). In this case, not only consider the value but also the rarity as you vote. Last month, in the Smith County MD Club, a clad 2000's Presidential Dollar beat out a 1902 Barber Dime. Which coin has more value? Which coin is more unique? Which coin was more rare? Which coin is more historical? Which coin is more difficult to dig?

Jewelry- In jewelry gold should always win over silver, and silver should always win over gold-plated or gold-filled. The only time silver should win over gold is if the silver contains diamond(s) and the gold doesn't (ex. silver/diamond ring vs. gold wedding band). A few months ago in a club meeting a 14k gold ring was beat by two gold-plated rings. Which ring had more monetary value?

Relic- The oldest, the most rare, and unique relic should always beat a newer relic. A WW2 General Service Eagle Button should not win over a Civil War General Service Eagle Button. Which relic has more value? Which relic is more unique? Which relic is more rare? Which relic is more historical?

Tokens- The oldest, the most rare and unique tokens should always beat newer tokens. A 1930's lumber token should always win over modern day tokens. When voting for tokens by value and rarity vote in this order: saloon/bar tokens, lumber tokens, merchandise tokens, tax tokens, election tokens, transit tokens, all other older tokens and then modern tokens. Which token has more value? Which token is more unique? Which token is more rare? Which token is more historical?

Judges-Choice This is an open category and it will be difficult to determine what would be the most valuable, unique, rare and historical item since anything and everything can be entered. This category is truly whatever YOU think should win but we do ask that you go by the suggestions of what is the most valuable, unique, rare and historical.



Texas Lions Camp for Handicap Children

Kerrville, TX * June 17-18, 2015

For 17 years the TAMDC (Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs) and W|WATS (World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers) have visited the **Texas Lions Camp for Handicap Children** to teach over 100 handicap children to Treasure Hunt with Metal Detectors using foreign coins as treasure for them to find. Each week of campers will get to enjoy with their counselors this activity because of those that **donate thousands of foreign coins** each year that the children get to keep when they



find them. Donations of foreign coins are always needed and you're welcome to come visit the kids on June 17-18 this year.

If you would like to donate your foreign coins to the Texas Lions Camp for Handicap Children please bring them to our club meeting in May and June and give to Keith Wills.

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

Logan Thompson-Mineola, TX

RCTHA CALENDAR EVENTS

(Dates are subject to change)

Texas Lions Camp	June 17-18, Kerrville, TX
RCTHA Wounded Warrior & Veterans Project	June 27, 2015 @ the Dunn's place in Brachfield
RCTHA Surf & Turf 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 Beach Hunt (club outing)	Sept. 19, Lake Hawkins
RCTHA Fall Silver Hunt	Oct. 17 th @ Eastside Baptist Church, Henderson
RCTHA 21 Hunt (club outing)	Nov. 14 th @ TBA
RCTHA Christmas Party/Awards	Dec. 8 th , 6:30 p.m. @ White Oak Baptist Church

2015 Club Service Projects:

Texas Lions Camp: We are asking you to donate any foreign coins you may have to help set up a treasure hunt for handicapped children. Give to Keith Wills.

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 & Veterans Project: June 27, 2015. We will be putting on a hunt for the Wounded Warriors and for all veterans who have served our country. We will need volunteers to help.



3rd Quarter Giveaway

Fisher ID Excel Metal Detector

\$500 Retail Value

Donated by Keith Wills and East Texas Metal Detectors



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. **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	2	6	1
EBC, Henderson	9	6	3	1

Leader Board:

Joel Barton (4) A.D. Clark (3) Bob Brown (2) Dorris St. Claire (2)

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH – May 2015

Coin-	1st	K.A. Russell	Chinese Cash Coin
	2nd	Mike Ross	1890 Indian Head Penny
	3rd	Michael Heim	1917 British Penny
Jewelry-	1st	Michael Heim	14K White Gold/Diamond Ring
	2nd	Michael Moore	Silver Ring
	3rd	Dorris St. Claire	Silver Cross
Token-	1st	Mike Ross	1893 .25 Lumber Token
	2nd	Michael Heim	1923 Utah Tax Token
	3rd	Dorris St. Claire	Laundry Token
Relic-	1st	Bob Brown	Makeup Compact
	2nd	Dave Crocker	Stove Leg
	3rd	Mike Ross	Monopoly Piece
Judges-	1st	Michael Heim	10K Gold Pendant



Choice	2nd	Mike Ross	1893 .10 Lumber Token
	3rd	Joel Barton	Money Clip

Consolation Winner- A.D. Clark Antique Spoon

* **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- Thru May

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*.



Michael Heim	39 Points	18 Wins
Tom Moss	38 Points	16 Wins
Mike Ross	21 Points	10 Wins
Joel Barton	14 Points	8 Wins
Dorris St. Claire	12 Points	8 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 3-4 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 Ticket Winners:

Ticket Drawings: Michael Heim, Keith Wills, Bob Brown

Split the Pot Drawing: AD Clark

Door Prizes Winner: Keith Wills, Dave Crocker, Joy Andrews, Jr. St. Claire, Llyod Smith, Mike Ross, Joel Barton, Richard Greene

Park Tokens: Bob Brown, AD Clark

Quarterly Prize Winner: Will draw at June Club meeting

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 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 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!



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NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

July 14th @ 7:00 p.m., 402 South Main, Henderson, TX.

Guest Speaker- Keith Wills

-RUSK COUNTY TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION-