



*Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association*

# THE LEAVERITE NEWS



## March-2016

Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association \* Henderson, Texas

Member of Texas Association of Metal Detector Clubs (T.A.M.D.C.)

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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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## Coin Shooting Tips & Tricks

One of the most common things people use their metal detectors for is searching for coins, a hobby also known as "coin shooting". Coin shooting can be a good way to enjoy your hobby while making legitimate, cold hard cash at the same time. I have always said, if you are a diligent metal detectorist and get out frequently enough, you can easily and completely pay for your metal detector within one year's time. If you don't get out as often but still go relatively frequently, you can pay for a detector in 2-3 years pretty easy. There are several tips and trick for metal detecting coins that will help you recover more coins quicker. Here are a few:

1. Know your machine and how each coin reads under your search coil. Do a bench test and learn how it reads audibly and on the visual read out (if you have one).
2. If you are truly coin shooting, discriminate out everything but coins. Coin shooting is a lot about using your time effectively. Digging up a bunch of trash is a serious waste of time when you are looking for money. If you are hoping to find any nickels, make sure

you don't discriminate them out. On a lot of metal detectors, nickels read much like a small aluminum piece. If your metal detector only has a discrimination knob, you may be best foregoing the nickels and only look for more valuable coins. Metal detectors like the Garrett AT Pro, ACE 400, as well as other brands, allow you to discriminate out individual items and be very selective of your targets.

3. Decide if you want to waste time digging up pennies. Newer pennies are worth one cent and that is it. What is your time worth? Keep in mind, however, pennies made before 1984 are solid copper and worth between 3-4 cents each, while key date Wheat Cents are worth even more!
4. Use a pinpointer. Many coins are small and can be hard to find in a pile of loose soil. A pinpointer like the Garrett Pro Pointer is a good option.
5. **DOUBLE CHECK YOUR HOLES!** Don't dig up a coin and just walk away. This may be the most important rule to recovering lots of coins metal detecting. I have dug several times and found a coin only to check the hole again and recover, one, two, three, or more in one hole. This is known as a coin spill and they happen frequently. Double check your hole and make sure you recovered all of the valuables!
6. Check the dates on the coins you recover. It can be very telling of an area. Typically, the older the better. Even if you are finding pennies, it can tell you what era the property was most heavily used. For instance, if you are in a park and only finding coins from the 1990's and newer you may not have much luck finding silver coins, which date pre-1964. However, if you find Wheat Pennies or other coins from the early 1900's you are much more likely to find silver coins.
7. Don't scuff the coins or clean them too much. You can literally destroy a valuable coin by trying to over-clean a coin. You can find coin values on a handy website called Cointracker ([www.cointracker.com](http://www.cointracker.com)). It is recommended that the harshest cleaner you use on coins be either straight water or water with a little soap. Also, be careful digging if you think you targeted a coin; a small trowel or spade can put a significant scar on soft silver or gold.
8. Know a coin dealer you can stop in and visit to give you information on coins. It can take a lifetime to learn the values of all of the many coins out there. These guys do it for a living and stay up to date on current pricing.

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**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](mailto:michaelheim39@gmail.com) by the 1st of each month.**

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBER

James Kilgore-Troup

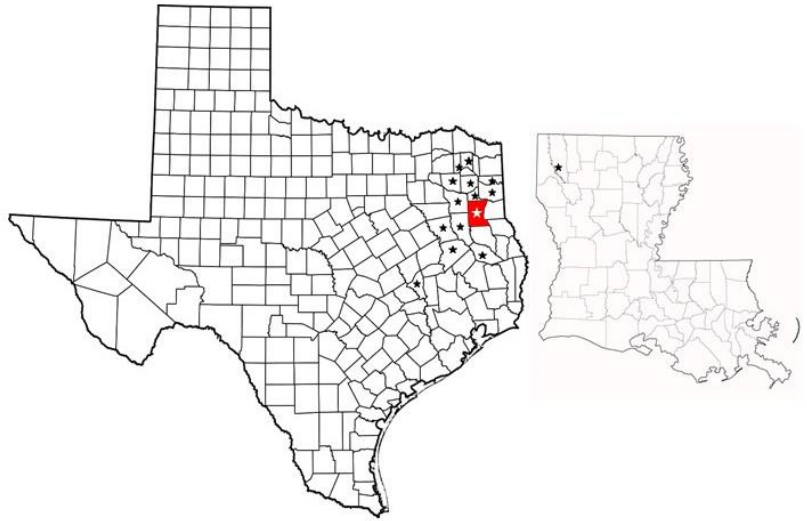
## RCTHA MEMBERSHIP LOCATIONS

### 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



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## Calendar of Events

*(Dates and Times are subject to change)*

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| E.T.T.H.A Open Relic Hunt | March 12, Near Lake O' the Pines         |
| T.A.M.D.C. Convention     | April 8-10, Maude Cobb Convention Center |
| Spring Silver Hunt        | May 14, TBA                              |
| Surf & Turf Hunt          | July 16, Lake Gladewater                 |
| Beach Flag Hunt           | September 17, Lake Hawkins               |
| Fall Silver Hunt          | October 15, 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    |

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# Bi-Monthly Giveaway

**3 Silver Eagles & 1928 Set of Coins \* \$100.00 Value**

The next bi-monthly giveaway fundraiser will be a set of 3 Silver Eagles and a 1928 Proof Set packaged in a nice display box. The total value at current silver prices is \$100.00.

**Drawing will be April 12, 2016**

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## 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	3	5	1
EBC, Henderson	9	8	1	0

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## WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH – February 2016

Coins	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Heim	1808 Silver Spanish 1 Reale
PRE 1900	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Terry Lemmon	1851 3 Cent
Coins	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mike Ross	1907 V Nickel
POST 1900	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dorris St. Claire	Republic of California
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	James Kilgore	2 Walking Liberty Half Dollars
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Jake Barnett	1949 Wheat Cent
Gold/Platinum			
Jewelry-	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mike Ross	14k Men's Ring
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	James Kilgore	Gold Plated Silver Ring
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom Moss	14k Earring
Silver/Other			
Jewelry-	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Heim	Silver Ring, Necklace & Prayer Pendant
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Terry Lemmon	Silver Ring
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Ross	Charm
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Jake Barnett	Necklace
Token-	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Moss	1889 World's Fair Token



	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Heim	1898 Lumber Token
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Ross	1937 Daytona Token
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ed Worley	Party Token
Relic-	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Moss	Spanish Buckle
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	James Kilgore	Watch Fob
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael Moore	Stamp
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Ross	Railroad Lead Seal
Judges- Choice	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Heim	Sterling Army Captain Insignia Bars
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dorris St. Claire	Necklace
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jake Barnett	Coin Spill
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Moss	Bottles
Toy-	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Moss	1910 Toy Gun
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Heim	1920's Ladies Collectible High Heel Shoe
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dorris St. Claire	Toy Car
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Davis	Dodge Toy Car

**RCTHA Leading Diggers- Thru February**

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.



<b>Mike Ross</b>	<b>22 Points</b>	<b>10 Wins</b>
Dorris St. Claire	16 Points	6 Wins
Jake Barnett	15 Points	8 Wins
Michael Moore	14 Points	4 Wins
James Kilgore	8 Points	3 Wins

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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.

**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:** Sam Harris, K.A. Russell, Mike Ross, Judy Barnett, Thomas Davis, James Kilgore

**Split the Pot Drawing:** No Winner in February

**Door Prizes Winner:** Thomas Davis, Jr. St. Claire, Bob Brown, Sam Harris, Sue Anderson

**Park Tokens:** NA

**Quarterly Prize Winner:** Will draw in March

**BINGO Winners:** NA

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### 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.

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## 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

*April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.*

*South Main Church of Christ (back parking lot building)*

*402 S. Main St. Henderson, TX*

*Guest Speaker: TBA*