



# THE LEAVERITE NEWS



## May, 2015

Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association \* Henderson, Texas  
Member of Texas Association of Metal Detector Clubs (TAMDC)

### 2015 RCTHA OFFICERS

President - Michael Heim (903) 241-4723  
Vice President – Rick Hurlburt (903) 445-9691  
Treasurer – Mary Hurlburt (903) 445-9591  
Secretary - JoAnn Dunn (903) 392-3575

Hunt Master – Wayne Adkison (903) 928-9135  
Board Member – Keith Wills (903) 734-7773  
Board Member – Larry Wilkinson (903) 720-4808

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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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### FLAG HUNT & SPRING SILVER HUNT

On April 18 we had a phenomenal Flag Hunt and club outing with 20 in attendance. The Flag Hunt was most unique and a great deal of fun. There were many great coins and prizes and our new and youngest member, Kaleb-Andrew Russell won just about everything! I wanted to give shout-out to Keith Wills and his donations of the many silver coins for the hunt. Also, on May 9 we had our annual Spring Silver Hunt at the



Dunn's place in Brachfield with 28 treasure hunters in search for the silver. Everybody got their fair share of silver with Brandon Ellerbee taking home the most silver dimes (28). We had lots of prizes and again I would like to say thank you to Keith Wills and his prize donations to our club and for purchasing the chocolate cake Mary Hurlburt made that sold for \$100! Also, thank you Mary Hurlburt for the cake and cookies to help raise money for the club. I want to say a big thank you to Wayne Adkison, Michael Moore and Rick Hurlburt for bending down and planting our coins-I bet you're very sore! Our prize winners were: Sam Harris, Gene Richardson, Michael Moore, Logan Thompson, Mary Hurlburt, Greg Spears, Jo Ann Dunn, Skipper Dunn, KA Russell, Ed Worley and Ada Worley. Our 1369 AD hammered silver coin, donated by Keith Wills, was won by Lloyd Smith. Our Silver Dollar Scratch-off was won by Jo Ann Dunn and our Silver Eagle Scratch-off was won by Brandon Ellerbee. Sam Harris won the ticket sales fundraiser, a Garrett Pro Pointer. All in all we had a great time and it didn't rain too much on us. And most of all, thank you club members for your participation and for donating all the items for the auction that raised money to make this hunt possible.

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# 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.

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## Serving Your Community

In April a local White Oak woman was pushing her son swinging in the backyard. Due to her recent weight loss her three 14K White Gold/Diamond wedding rings came flying off into the grass. She was able to find two of them but could not find the last one. She borrowed a detector from the school and her husband searched to no avail. A store owner in town who knew I detected gave her my name and number to see if I could help. After calling me I went over and asked what type of ring it was and about where she lost it. Her husband came out to see if I could find it, being a little skeptical since he couldn't, while the wife said she felt I could find the ring in less than 30 seconds. I turned on my Garrett AT Pro detector and within 10 seconds got a 54 signal and found her ring. She was most grateful and her husband was a little amazed. It's always good to give back to people and my community.



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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gene Richardson                      Kaleb-Andrew Russell  
Sheri Russell                              Alex Avila  
Logan Thompson

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## RCTHA CALENDAR EVENTS

*(Dates are subject to change)*

WWATS Rendezvous Hunt	May 22-24, Antlers, OK
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 <sup>th</sup> @ Lake Gladewater
WWATS Rendezvous Hunt	Aug. 20-23, Durango, CO
RCTHA Club Auction	Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup> , to raise money for the Fall Silver Hunt
RCTHA Beach Hunt (club outing)	Sept. 19, Lake Hawkins
RCTHA Fall Silver Hunt	Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup> @ Eastside Baptist Church, Henderson
RCTHA 21 Hunt (club outing)	Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup> @ TBA
RCTHA Christmas Party/Awards	Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m. @ White Oak Baptist Church

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### 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.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Giveaway

**Garrett Waterproof Pro-Pointer AT  
and a 48" Sand Scoop**



You can purchase tickets at each club meeting and events. Drawing will be June 9, 2015 just in time for our July's Surf and Turf Hunt at Lake Gladewater.

## 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	4	5	1

**Leader Board:**

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

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### WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH – April 2015

Coin-	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Moss	1889 V Nickel
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Heim	1908 Barber Dime
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dorris St. Claire	Republic of G. Quarter
Jewelry-	1st	Joel Barton	Gold Plated Ring/CZ
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wayne Adkison	18K Gold Plated Ring
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Ross	10K Gold Ring
Token-	1st	Mike Ross	1893 Lumber Token
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Moss	1900 Manufacturing Token
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Michael Heim	1930 Good Luck Token
Relic-	1st	Michael Heim	1930 Make-up Compact
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike Ross	Tootsie Toy Car
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wayne Adkison	Make-up Compact
Judges- Choice	1st	Dorris St. Claire	Daughters of Republic ?
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ed Worely	Gold/Diamond Ring
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	A.D. Clark	Cotton Gin Wheel
Consolation Winner-	Joel Barton	Boy Scout Neckerchief Slide	



\* **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.

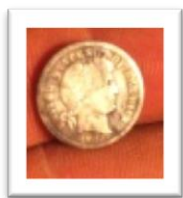


Leading diggers will change from month to month based on the points given with each win from the *Finds of the Month* competition. These points will determine in December who will be the *Digger of the Year*.



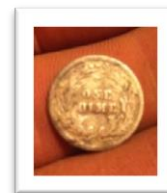
<b>Tom Moss</b>	<b>38 Points</b>	<b>16 Wins</b>
Michael Heim	30 Points	14 Wins
Joel Barton	13 Points	7 Wins
Mike Ross	13 Points	6 Wins
Terry Lemmon	10 Points	5 Wins

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### FIRST FIND

Congratulations **Brandon Ellerbee** on finding your first Barber Dime (1902)!  
There is no greater feeling than finding the “first” of something that has been  
on your bucket list. Keep up the great hunting!



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## 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:** Margaret Logston, Michael Heim, Sue Anderson, Ada Worely, Ed Worely

**Split the Pot Drawing:** Rick Hurlburt

**Door Prizes Winner:** None Drawn

**Park Tokens:** Joel Barton, Dana Logston

**Quarterly Prize Winner:** Will draw at June Club meeting

**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 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.

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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**

*June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m., 402 South Main, Henderson, TX.*

**Guest Speaker- Kenny Povey**

***-RUSK COUNTY TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION-***