



*Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association*

# THE LEAVERITE NEWS



## November-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.  
**Email Contact:** [michaelheim39@gmail.com](mailto:michaelheim39@gmail.com)

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## FALL SILVER HUNT

We had a great Fall Silver Hunt in October with 28 treasure hunters in the hunt for the loot. The weather was beautiful and everyone got their fair share of silver with five hunters getting the coveted prize tokens winning Silver Eagles. Thank you to Brandon Ellerbee, Wayne Adkison and Mike Ross for planting the coins. Thank you to Rick Hurlburt for setting up our hunt field. Thank you Mary Hurlburt and Jo Ann Dunn for taking care of the sign-in and ticket sales. Thank you to Sam Harris and Eastside Baptist Church for allowing us to use their restroom and field. Also, thank you to A.D. Clark for donating the three brass belt buckles and coins for door prizes.

Here are a few pics: (more pics at [www.rctha.org](http://www.rctha.org))



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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 MEMBERS

Michael Wells-Mineola  
Jeff Woodward-Bryan, TX

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*(Dates are subject to change)*

RCTHA Syrup Festival Fundraiser Set Up	Nov. 13, 10:00 a.m. @ Henderson Depot Museum
RCTHA Syrup Festival Fundraiser	Nov. 14, 8:00 a.m. @ Henderson Depot Museum
RCTHA Christmas Party/Awards	Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. @ White Oak Baptist Church

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### 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.

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## 4th Quarter Giveaway

Predator Detecting Shovel - Piranha \$112.00 Value



This is a great digging tool for metal detecting, relic hunting, gardening, nursery, landscaping, and rescue work. It is a great tool for making



clean-cut ground plugs. It tears right through the thickest of roots with its doubled-serrated edge. A great tool for relic hunters or for anyone else who needs a quality based digging tool. The Blade is Chrome-Molly 4130 Aircraft quality steel that has been heat treated and tempered, (one at a time) to give our customers nothing less than the best and strongest digging tools ever made. Size: 41" overall length with a 1" shaft and T-Handle. Measures 1 1/4 x 1 3/8". Blade measures 5" wide x 11 1/4 long. Weight: Approx. 3 lbs 2 oz.

**Drawing will be December 8, 2015**

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## 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	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)

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

Coin-	1st	Michael Heim	1944 Walking Liberty Half Dollar
	2nd	Tom Moss	1919 Mercury Dime
	3rd	James Barnett	1942 Wheat Penny
Jewelry-	1st	Tom Moss	Silver Jump Wings
	2nd	Michael Moore	Silver/Diamond Ring
	3rd	Michael Heim	9k Gold/Ruby Ring
Token-	1st	Tom Moss	Palmolive Soap Token
	2nd	Michael Heim	Late 1800’s Motel Check ID Tag
	3rd	Jo Ann Dunn	Pray Token
Relic-	1st	John Ramsey	Civil War Button
	2nd	Michael Heim	1864 2 Cent Coin
	3rd	Jake Barnett	Toy Gun
Judges-Choice	1st	John Ramsey	1800’s Padlock
	2nd	Tom Moss	1909 Pop Bottle
	3rd	Michael Heim	1910 Simmon’s Wireless Brass Lock
Consolation Winner-		Sue Anderson	9/11 Silver Bracelet



\* **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.

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**RCTHA Leading Diggers- Thru October**

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>88 Points</b>	<b>36 Wins</b>
Michael Heim	78 Points	39 Wins

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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 Winners:**

- Ticket Drawings:** Michael Heim, Dorris St. Claire (3x), Ada Worely
- Split the Pot Drawing:** No Winner
- Door Prizes Winner:** Margaret Logston, Michael Moore, Tom Moss, Joel Barton, James Hurlburt
- Park Tokens:** None
- Quarterly Prize Winner:** Will be announced at the December 8th Christmas Party
- 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 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 = 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 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.

**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.

**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.

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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

*December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.*

*White Oak Baptist Church  
117 S. White Oak Rd  
White Oak, TX  
75693*

## Annual Christmas Banquet & Award Ceremony

*We are asking everyone to bring a side dish and/or a dessert and the club will provide the meat.*

*Also, we will play the Santa Game and exchange gifts and there is a \$10 limit on the gift. If you haven't already placed your tickets through the year in the jar, make sure you sign the back of them and bring them with you for a chance to win a gold coin.*

