

Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association

THE LEAVE-RITE NEWS



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Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association * Henderson, Texas
Member of the Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs
(T.A.M.D.C.)



2016 RCTHA OFFICERS

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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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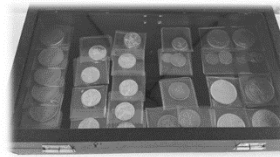


Lake Hawkins Flag Hunt



September 24, 2016

Those that missed our September Lake Hawkins Flag Hunt missed out on a chance to win lot of big silver. As one RCTHA member said, 'It's just more for us!' We had a great time at Lake Hawkins with 15 in attendance with 26 prizes up for grabs of which 24 were big silver coins...but you did have to work for it!



Congratulations to Keith Wills and Gene Richardson who won the Silver Eagles ticket raffles. Afterwards, a few of us went and ate at The Taste of Italy on the Lake. Overall, it was a great hunt and a good time. Check out our website www.rctha.org for all the photos or check them out on our Facebook Pages.

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

Aaron & Linda George - Alto, TX
Jonathan Sellars - White Oak, TX

Thank you RCTHA members for your support. We are now at 66 members and growing!
RCTHA MEMBERSHIP LOCATIONS

TEXAS: 14 Counties

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| Angelina County | Anderson County |
| Brazos County | Cherokee County |
| Franklin County | Gregg County |
| Harrison County | Houston County |
| Marion County | Rusk County |
| Smith County | Titus County |
| Upshur 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

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| WWATS Rendezvous Hunt | October 15-16, Antlers, OK |
| RCTHA Fall Silver Hunt | October 22, 701 N. Marshall, Henderson, TX |
| Henderson's Syrup Festival | November 12, Henderson Depot Museum |
| TAMDC Fall Satellite "Turkey Day" Hunt | November 19, Old City Park, Canton, TX (see tamdc.org for flyer registration) |
| RCTHA Christmas Banquet | December 13, White Oak Baptist Church |
| TAMDC Winter Satellite "Token" Hunt in Partnership with HARC Open Hunt | February 11, 2017, Galveston, TX, Stewart Beach (see tamdc.org for flyer registration) |
| Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt in partnership with TAMDC | April 1-2, 2017, Diamond Don's in Jefferson, TX (see Garrett.com or tamdc.org for more info) |
| TAMDC Convention | April 21-23, 2017, Mayborn Center, Temple, TX |

Drawing for Gold Coin



Drawing will be December 13, 2016 club meeting.
 Make sure every time you purchase the blue tickets you place your name on the back and turn them in for a chance to win a 2 Peso gold coin at the RCTHA Christmas Banquet.

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

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH – September 2016

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| Coins | 1 st | Tom Moss | 1848 Large Cent |
| PRE 1900 | 2 nd | NA | |
| | 3 rd | NA | |
| | 4 th | NA | |
| | Coins | 1 st | Thomas Davis |
| POST 1900 | 2 nd | Michael Heim | 1943 Mercury Dime |
| | 3 rd | Mike Ross | Lake Coin Pocket Drop |
| | 4 th | Dorris St. Claire | Mexican Coin |
| | Gold/Platinum | | |
| Jewelry- | 1 st | Charlie Coskey | 14k Gold Ring |
| | 2 nd | Mike Ross | Cross with gold |
| | 3 rd | Michael Heim | Gold Plated Silver Ring |
| | 4 th | NA | |



WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH continued...

Silver/Other

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| Jewelry- | 1 st | Michael Heim | Vintage Silver Diamond Ring |
| | 2 nd | Tom Moss | Silver Hem Ruler |
| | 3 rd | Bob Stegall | Heart Pendant |
| | 4 th | Thomas Davis | James Avery Heart Necklace |

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| Token- | 1 st | Tom Moss | \$10 Gold Counterfeit Coin |
| | 2 nd | Jake Barnett | Freedom Game Token |
| | 3 rd | Michael Heim | 1998 Mardi Gras Token |
| | 4 th | Charlie Coskey | Mystery Token |

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| Relic- | 1 st | Tom Moss | Field & Staff Button |
| | 2 nd | Michael Heim | 1918 God Bless America Heart |
| | 3 rd | Charlie Coskey | Brass Shoe Nails |
| | 4 th | Jake Barnett | Harmonica Reed |

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| Judges- Choice | 1 st | Mary Hurlburt | Gold & Silver Nuggets |
| | 2 nd | Jake Barnett | Mane & Tail Comb |
| | 3 rd | Mike Ross | Tungsten Ring |
| | 4 th | Michael Heim | Bracelet |

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| Toy- | 1 st | Charlie Coskey | Toy Gun |
| | 2 nd | Jake Barnett | U.S. Badge |
| | 3 rd | Michael Heim | Toy Army Truck |
| | 4 th | Dorris St. Clair | Toy Car |

RCTHA Leading Diggers- Thru September

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 individual category awards.



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| Mike Ross | 85 Points | 33 Wins | Jake Barnett | 69 Points | 31 Wins |
| Thomas Davis | 58 Points | 23 Wins | Dorris St. Claire | 55 Points | 25 Wins |

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.



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.

Hidden Prize Winner- Each month there will be a hidden silver coin and one lucky winner.

Last Month's Club Winners:

Ticket Drawings: Charlie Coskey (2x), Keith Wills, Jake Barnett, Bob Brown, Jo Ann Dunn

Split the Pot Drawing: Jo Ann Dunn

Bi-Monthly Prize Winner: NA

Door Prize Winners: NA

Park Tokens: Daniel Sellers, Thomas Davis

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 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

Rules for "Finds of the Month" Continued

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.

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



METAL DETECTOR'S CODE OF ETHICS continued...

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!

***SAVE THE DATE***

2017 TAMDC Convention
 Mayborn Convention Center/Temple, TX
 April 21-23, 2017

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.

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 Bennet, 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.

NEXT MONTH’S MEETING

*November 8, @ 7:00 p.m.
South Main Church of Christ (Events Building-west side parking lot)
402 S. Main St., Henderson, TX 75654
Guest Speaker: TBA*

