

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.)



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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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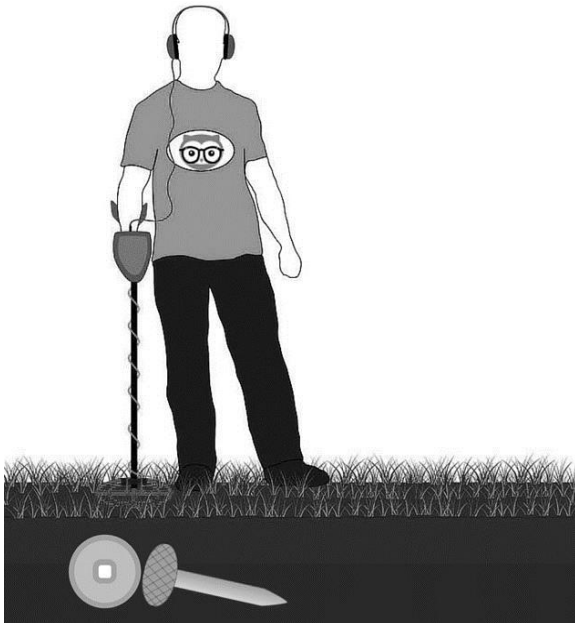
What is the Best Metal Detector?

Ok so all entry-level selection aside, let's talk about what is the best metal detector. Quite honestly, there is no best detector. A lot of people think certain machines will find better stuff or get better depth. And yes this can happen if we're comparing a \$100 machine with a \$2,500 machine in neutral ground. But for the most part, the 'best' metal detector is (sort of) a trick question. The better question would be, what is the best metal detector for me? Because the 'me' part of that question has a lot of variables such as:

What is the Best Metal Detector continued...

- * Where do you live - meaning what part of the country (or what country in the world for that matter)?
- * What type of hunting do you want to do (coin, relic, beach, gold, etc)?
- * What's your budget?
- * What's your experience level with metal detecting?
- * How tech-savvy are you?

For simplicity sake, I am going to tell you that all metal detectors do the exact same thing -detect metal. What makes certain machines more expensive than the others is the additional features and different technologies. It's really that simple.



If I put a silver coin in front of you and hand you both a \$100 machine and a \$2,500 machine, they're both going to tell you there's a silver coin in front of you and that you best pick it up.

Now let's say I also put an old rusty nail next to that coin. The \$100 machine will detect metal, but it won't be sure what the target is. The \$2,500 machine will go so far as to tell you there are two targets in front of you, one that is a coin and one that is trash.

That is just one example of how the entry level machines differ from the more expensive ones. Make sense? Good. You can't go wrong with any of the ones I mentioned above so take your pick and get out there!

Article was taken from www.smarterhobby.com



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

Thank you RCTHA members for your support. We are now at 63 members and growing! 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





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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| RCTHA Beach Flag Hunt | September 24, Lake Hawkins (download flyer @ www.rctha.org) |
| WWATS Rendezvous Hunt | October 15-16, Antlers, OK |
| RCTHA Fall Silver Hunt | October 29, Eastside Baptist Church |
| 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) |
| 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 |



Next Bi-Monthly Giveaway

4 Silver Eagles

Drawing will be October 11, 2016 club meeting.
 Tickets can be purchased at any regular club meeting.
 Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

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 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| City Park, Kilgore | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| EBC, Henderson | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 |

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH – August 2016

Coins 1st
 PRE 1900 2nd No Entries
 3rd
 4th

Coins 1st Tom Moss 1904 Indian Head Penny Ring
 POST 1900 2nd Thomas Davis 1916 Walking Liberty Half
 3rd Jake Barnett 1952 Wheat Cent
 4th Charlie Coskey 1942 Mercury Dime



Gold/Platinum
 Jewelry- 1st Charlie Coskey 14k Gold Ring
 2nd Mike Ross 18k Necklace
 3rd Michael Moore 10k Gold Ring
 4th Dana Logston Earring

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH continued...

Silver/Other

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| Jewelry- | 1 st | Tom Moss | WW2 Sharp Shooter Badge |
| | 2 nd | Michael Moore | Silver Bracelet |
| | 3 rd | Thomas Davis | Silver Ring |
| | 4 th | Dorris St. Claire | Silver Cross Ring |

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| Token- | 1 st | Jake Barnett | Token Spill |
| | 2 nd | Thomas Davis | 27 th Presidential Token |
| | 3 rd | Dorris St. Claire | Iron Mike Token |
| | 4 th | Charlie Coskey | 1968 Rice University Token |

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| Relic- | 1 st | Tom Moss | 1800 Key |
| | 2 nd | A.D. Clark | Pocket Watch |
| | 3 rd | Charlie Coskey | Star Badge |
| | 4 th | Thomas Davis | 1896 Name Plate |

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| Judges-Choice | 1 st | Tom Moss | Stirrup |
| | 2 nd | Earl Norrod | Car Emblem |
| | 3 rd | Mike Ross | Gun Part |
| | 4 th | Dorris St. Claire | Necklace |

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| Toy- | 1 st | Michael Moore | Marble |
| | 2 nd | Jake Barnett | Toy Grader |
| | 3 rd | Mike Ross | Toy Truck |
| | 4 th | Dorris St. Claire | Toy Hummer |

RCTHA Leading Diggers- Thru August



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.

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| Mike Ross | 78 Points | 30 Wins |
| Jake Barnett | 57 Points | 27 Wins |
| Dorris St. Claire | 53 Points | 23 Wins |
| Thomas Davis | 53 Points | 21 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: Dorris St. Claire (2x), Bob Stegall, Mike Ross, Charlie Coskey

Split the Pot Drawing: Dana Logston

Bi-Monthly Prize Winner: Dorris St. Claire

Door Prize Winners: NA

Park Tokens: NA

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>**



NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

*October 11th, @ 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*



