



THE LEAVERITE NEWS



August, 2015

Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association * Henderson, Texas

Member of Texas Association of Metal Detector Clubs (TAMDC)

2015 RCTHA OFFICERS

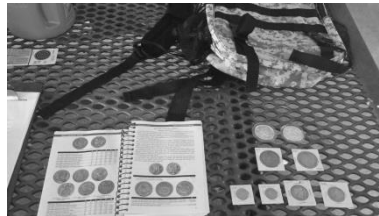
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Board Member – Keith Wills (903) 734-7773
Board Member – Larry Wilkinson (903) 720-4808

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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Surf & Turf Hunt

On July 25 we had our annual Surf and Turf Hunt with 20 in attendance. Even though the weather was hot, hot, hot we had a great time together. There were over 550 targets buried with 10 prize tokens up for grabs, as well as, 30 rings for our water hunters. Everybody seemed to get their fair share and Brandon Ellerbee would be the one member who seemed to find and win all the coins and prizes. Below are a few pictures:



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 by the 1st of each month.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

No New Members in July

RCTHA CALENDAR EVENTS

(Dates & Times are Subject to Change)

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

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.



3rd Quarter Giveaway

Fisher ID Excel Metal Detector

\$500 Retail Value

Donated by Keith Wills of East Texas Metal Detectors
Drawing will be September 8, 2015



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 | 6 | 3 | 1 |

Leader Board:

Joel Barton (4) A.D. Clark (3) Bob Brown (2) Dorris St. Claire (2) Dana Logston (2)

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH – July 2015

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| Coin- | 1st | Tom Moss | 1865 Quarter |
| | 2nd | Michael Heim | 1939 USSR Coin |
| | 3rd | Michael Moore | \$5 Mexican Coin |
| Jewelry- | 1st | Wayne Adkison | Silver Ring |
| | 2nd | Joel Barton | Pocket Watch |
| | 3rd | Tom Moss | Hair Clip |
| Token- | 1st | Tom Moss | Salt Co. Good Luck Token |
| | 2nd | Bob Brown | Mazzio Game Token |
| | 3rd | Joel Barton | Game Token |
| Relic- | 1st | Tom Moss | 1850 Gold Coin |
| | 2nd | Joel Barton | 1780 Rev. War Button |
| | 3rd | A.D. Clark | Snuff Spoon |
| Judges - Choice | 1st | Tom Moss | Civil War Button |
| | 2nd | Michael Heim | WW2 Eagle Service Button |
| | 3rd | Wayne Adkison | Ring |
| Consolation Winner- | | Michael Heim | Silver/Sapphire/CZ's Ring |



* **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*.



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| Tom Moss | 63 Points | 26 Wins |
| Michael Heim | 53 Points | 25 Wins |
| Mike Ross | 23 Points | 11 Wins |
| Joel Barton | 19 Points | 11 Wins |
| Dorris St. Claire | 12 Points | 8 Wins |
| Wayne Adkison | 12 Points | 8 Wins |
| Terry Lemmon | 10 Points | 5 Wins |

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: K.A. Russell, Skipper Dunn, Richard Greene, Terry Lemmon

Split the Pot Drawing: No Winner

Door Prizes Winner: Richard Greene, Dorris St. Claire, Rick Hurlburt, Dana Logston, Judy Barnett, Skipper Dunn

Park Tokens: Dana Logston

Quarterly Prize Winner: Next Drawing September 8, 2015

Cake Auction: Michael Heim, Mary Hurlburt, Terry Lemon

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 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.

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

September 8th @ 7:00 p.m., 402 South Main, Henderson, TX.

Speaker: TBA

-RUSK COUNTY TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION-