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THE LEAVE-RITE NEWS



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November 2017

Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association -Henderson, Texas
Member of the Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs
(www.tamdc.org/Facebook-TX Association of Metal Detecting Clubs)



2017 RCTHA OFFICERS

President-Jonathan Sellers (903) 241-5502	Hunt Master –Michael Heim (903) 241-4723
Vice President - Keith Wills (903) 734-7773	Webmaster–Rick Hurlburt (903) 445-9691
Treasurer –Paola Davila (903) 371-3124	Board Member –Skipper Dunn (903) 889-2245
Secretary –Charley Coskey (903) 279-8633	Board Member –Thomas Davis (903) 426-6048

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: Jonthandsellers@yahoo.com, Ccoskey@gmail.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 Ccoskey@gmail.com by the 1st of each month.

Annual Fall Silver Hunt This Saturday!

Our annual Fall Silver Hunt will be held this Saturday at 710 N. Marshall St. in Henderson. The entry fee is \$25 and must be a RCTHA member. If not a member, then membership can be purchased at the hunt.



Sign in begins around 8:00 am and the hunt begins at 9:00 am and is over at 10:30 am. Afterwards, we will redeem 31 numbered tokens for prizes.

This year we have over 850 targets in the ground consisting of 31 numbered prize tokens, other types of tokens and coins, 30 SS rings, 200 clad half dollars/gold dollars, and 350 silver dimes. Prizes tokens will consist of 3 Garrett detectors, Garrett Propointer II, Garrett MS2 headphones, headphones, detector bags, pouches, diggers, Garrett Retriever II, Home-made knife donated by Larry Wilkinson, 5 Morgan silver dollars, 5 silver 1 oz. rounds, 2 silver rounds donated by Jewelry & Coin Exchange, 5-10 silver dime caches, ring case and other prizes donated by Keith Wills/East Texas Metal Detectors. Our raffle will be an AT Pro donated by Garrett Detectors.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Chris & Christopher Robinson-Overton, TX
Jacob Meadows-Overton, TX

Thank you RCTHA members for your support
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, www.tamdc.org

- RCTHA Fall Silver Hunt** November 18, 2017, Henderson, TX
(pick up flyer or download from www.rctha.org)
- RCTHA Christmas Banquet** December 12, 2017, 6:30 p.m., White Oak Baptist Church (bring side dishes and dessert, \$10 gift if playing Bad Santa Gift Exchange)
- TAMDC Hearn-Glidden Project** December 16, 2017, Kosse, TX. See TAMDC Facebook Events for more information (grid & recover artifacts from an 1897 Home)
- TAMDC Polley Mansion Project** January 13, 2018, San Antonio, TX. See TAMDC

Facebook Events for more information (grid & recover artifacts from an 1897 Home)

TAMDC Satellite Hunt February 24, 2018, Galveston, TX
in Partnership with HARC & GITHC (download flyers from www.tamdc.org)

Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt March 23-24, 2018, Jefferson, TX
in Partnership with TAMDC

TAMDC Texas Treasure Show April 20-22, 2018, Temple, TX



Bi-Monthly Giveaway

4 Silver Eagles
4 oz. fine .999 Silver



Drawing will be at the end of the November Club Meeting

Tickets can be purchased at any regular club meeting.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Note: Make sure every time you purchase the Blue Raffle tickets at our regular club meetings you place your name on the back and turn them in for a chance to win a gold coin at the RCTHA Christmas Banquet in December. Bi-Monthly tickets do not apply.

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH—October 2017

October 2017

Coins	1 st	Michael Heim	1863 Indian Head Penny
PRE 1900	2 nd	NA	
	3 rd	NA	
	4 th	NA	

Coins	1 st	Michael Heim	1921 Morgan Silver Dollar
POST 1900	2 nd	Gene Richardson	1904 Indian Head Penny
	3 rd	Charley Coskey	\$1000 Peso
	4 th	Kurt Kelley	\$100 Peso

Gold/Platinum

Jewelry-	1 st	Michael Heim	Gold-Plated Earring
	2 nd	NA	
	3 rd	NA	

Silver/Other

Jewelry-	1 st	Kurt Kelley	Silver Ring
	2 nd	JoAnn Dunn	Silver/Turquoise Pin
	3 rd	Michael Moore	James Avery Ring
	4 th	Michael Heim	Music Festival Necklace
Token-	1 st	Skipper Dunn	St. Louis Independence Token
	2 nd	Michael Heim	1920's Trade Token
	3 rd	Charley Coskey	Branson Track Token
	4 th	Kurt Kelley	Chuck E. Cheese Token
Relic-	1 st	Kurt Kelley	Skeleton Key
	2 nd	Charley Coskey	Lead Toy Soldier
	3 rd	Gene Richardson	Pill Box
	4 th	Michael Heim	1902 Watch Fob
Judges- Choice	1 st	Michael Heim	1900 Barber Half Dollar
	2 nd	Ann Kelley	Locket
	3 rd	Kurt Kelley	Zippo Lighter
	4 th	Michael Moore	Stainless Steel Ring/Diamonds
Toy-	1 st	Charley Coskey	Tootsie Toy
	2 nd	Bob Stegall	Toy Car
	3 rd	Michael Moore	Piece of a Broken Heart
	4 th	Michael Heim	1960 Toy Car

RCTHA Leading Diggers

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 (8) individual category awards.



RCTHA Leading Diggers- Thru October

Charley Coskey	104 Points	39 Wins
Kurt Kelley	59 Points	24 Wins
Gene Richardson	79 Points	25 Wins

BEFORE YOU BUY ONLINE- CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL DEALER AND FELLOW CLUB MEMBER:

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.



Keith now has in stock the new aftermarket Garrett AT series extra support bracket for holding the console on the rod in case it is dropped. Give him a call for pricing. Also, Keith has the AT Max's in stock as well as all the wireless Z-Links and cables.

All RCTHA members get 15% off metal detectors and accessories.

Tickets, Bingo, Cards & Split the Pot Drawing

Each month we will have tickets sales to raise funds for the club. Tickets 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.

Last Month's Club Winners:

Ticket Drawings: Christopher Robertson, Earl Norrod, AD Clark, Sue Anderson

Split the Pot Drawing: Skipper Dunn - \$20.00

Door Prizes: Larry Wilkinson, Debbie Crosby, Gene Richardson, Earl Norrod, Charley Coskey, Christopher Robertson, Jonathan Sellers, Sam Harris, Skipper Dunn, Ada Worley

Bi-Monthly Prize Winner: 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 75years 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. Children 11 years of age or younger, must be accompanied by an adult while voting.
- 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 Officers and 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 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
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!

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING



RCTHA Christmas Banquet
December 12, @ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
117 S. White Oak Rd
White Oak, TX 75693



Note:

- 1) At the Christmas Banquet we will eat, vote on the Finds of the Month, vote & announce new 2018 Officers, pass out awards & special recognitions, play the Bad Santa Game, and watch our year-end video. If you plan on playing the Bad Santa Gift Exchange Game, please bring a \$10 gift wrapped....and maybe put a surprise in it to make the game exciting.
- 2) The club will furnish the meat & drinks, we are asking the club members to provide and bring the side dishes and desserts

