



January 2018

2018 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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2017 Christmas Banquet

We had 24 members for our annual December Christmas Banquet meeting held at White Oak Baptist Church. We had great food, lots of awards, plaques of recognition, and certificates of appreciation. We had a great fellowship and a fun time with the Bad Santa gift exchange. Congratulations to A.D. Clark for winning the end of the year gold coin and congratulations to the following year-end award winners:

Individual Category Winners-

Pre-1900's/Post 1900's/Token/Toy Category	Charlie Coskey
Gold/Silver Jewelry Category	Kurt Kelley
Relic/Judges Choice Category	Gene Richardson

Yearly Winners-

2017 Find of the Year	Michael Heim
RCTHA Digger of the Year	Charlie Coskey

Special Recognition Plaques-

Co-Founder of RCTHA	A.D. Clark
Co-Founder of RCTHA	Keith Wills

Christmas Banquet Pics



Change in The Finds of the Month



December Finds of the Month began the 2018 Finds of the Month Competition Winners of Awards. There has been a change in the categories. The new categories for Finds of the Month entries are: Coins, Gold/Platinum Jewelry, Silver/Other Jewelry, Token, Relic, Judges Choice.

First-place winners in each category will be placed on the new Find of the Month Category. The Hunt Master, with an Officer/Board Member and a random chosen club member, will choose from the 6 first-place wins and choose one and that will be the Find of the Month.

No points are awarded for the Find of the Month category win, since points were already awarded in the individual category first-place win. At the end of the year, there will be 12 entries from the Find of the Month and those will qualify for the Find of the Year Award.

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 Preacherdigger49@gmail.com by the 1st of each month.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**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



Information on events, log on to www.rctha.org, www.tamdc.org

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 1-oz. Silver Eagles



Drawing will be at the end of the February 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—December 2018

Coins	1 st	Michael Heim	1900 Barber Dime
	2 nd	Doris St. Claire	Buffalo Nickel
	3 rd	Charley Coskey	Wheat Penny Spill
	4 th	Gene Richardson	1957 Wheat Penny
Gold/Platinum			
Jewelry-	1 st	Gene Richardson	12K Watch Link
	2 nd	Michael Heim	18K Gold-Plated Amber Stone Ring
	3 rd	NA	
	4 th	NA	
Silver/Other			
Jewelry-	1 st	Charley Coskey	12 Stone Sterling Ring
	2 nd	Doris St. Claire	Angel Pendant
	3 rd	Michael Heim	Catholic Silver Necklace
	4 th	JoAnn Dunn	Silver Ring
Token-	1 st	Michael Heim	1902 Ft. Worth Token
	2 nd	Doris St. Claire	Rolled Penny
	3 rd	Ada Worley	Party Central Token
	4 th	Charley Coskey	Phenix Dairy Token
Relic-	1 st	Charley Coskey	Masonic Watch Fob
	2 nd	JoAnn Dunn	Pocketknife
	3 rd	Michael Heim	Civil War Era Stirrup, Horseshoe, Casings
	4 th	Gene Richardson	Pocket Watch
Judges- Choice	1 st	Michael Heim	Standing Liberty Quarter
	2 nd	Charley Coskey	Toy Soldier
	3 rd	Doris St. Claire	.925 Rose of Texas
	4 th	Ada Worley	Toy Dog Tags

December's Find of the Month

Michael Heim
1900 Barber Dime



December- 1900 Barber Dime

January-
February-
March-
April-

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- December 2017

	Points	Wins
Charley Coskey	14	5
Doris St. Claire	11	4
Gene Richardson	6	3

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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: Keith Wills, Margaret Logston, Charley Coskey, Michael Moore

Split the Pot Drawing: NA

Door Prizes: NA

Bi-Monthly Prize Winner: NA

Annual Gold Coin Winner: A.D. Clark

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 November 2017 to be placed in January 2018. Finds of January 2018 must be found between club meeting in December 2017 and club meeting in January 2018. 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.

Rules for Finds of the Month Continued

- 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: All first-place monthly winners in each category will be placed on the Find of the Month Board. The Hunt Master, Officer/Board Member and a random club member will choose from the 6 items what will be the Find of the Month. No points are awarded for this win since they have already been awarded in the individual category. At the end of the year there will be 12 entries from the Find of the Month that will qualify for the Find of the Year Award. This runs December 2017 through November 2018 and the winner will be announced during the December 2018 Christmas Banquet.

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.

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.

Rules for Finds of the Month Continued

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.

FIND OF THE MONTH: All first-place winners in each category will be placed on the Find of the Month Board. The Hunt Master and two other random chosen club members will choose from the 6 items what will be the Find of the Month. No points are awarded for this win since they have already been awarded in the 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!



NEXT MONTH’S MEETING

*February 13, @ 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 402 S. Main Church of Christ
 Events Building in Back
 Henderson, TX 75652*



