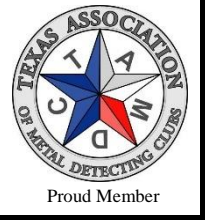




Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association

# THE LEAVE-RITE NEWS



## February 2018

### 2018 RCTHA OFFICERS

President– Michael Heim (903) 241-4723	VP/Webmaster–Rick Hurlburt (903) 445-9691
Treasurer – Margaret Logston (903) 987-4301	Secretary – Charley Coskey (903) 279-8633
Hunt Master – Keith Wills (903) 734-7773	Board Member – Skipper Dunn (903) 889-2245
Board Member – Gene Richardson	

**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:** [Preacherdigger49@gmail.com](mailto:Preacherdigger49@gmail.com)

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## Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs

### Polley Mansion “Gives Back” Project

January 13, 2018 \* Sutherland Springs, TX

*“Unifying Texas Clubs & Preserving History One Find at a Time”*

What an awesome time we had at the Polley Mansion, aka Whitehall, "Gives Back" Project, Saturday, January 13, 2018. We had 12 T.A.M.D.C. metal detecting clubs represented, from Dallas to Houston, to Austin to San Antonio, from East Texas to South Texas, with 60 detectorists in attendance and 80 people overall. We also had 10 archeologists from The Texas Historical Commission, The Center for Archeological Studies, Terracon, the City of San Antonio, and the Southern Texas Archeological Association present as well. One archeologist said, *"It was a great day, where archaeologists and metal detecting enthusiasts joined forces to record the archaeological record of an important piece of Texas' history. It was great seeing such partnership between detectorists and archeologists."* The detectorists unearthed and flagged hundreds of targets, and the archeologist tagged and bagged them. It truly was a pleasure to work alongside these dedicated professionals. The T.A.M.D.C. even presented each archeologist with a copper round as a token of our appreciation. Looking forward to doing it again and possibly working in the future with our new archeological friends.



There were several clubs represented, (AMDC, CMDC, HARC, BVMDC), one dealer (CS Sales), and the Polley Mansion, donated silver coins, silver rounds, copper rounds, t-shirts and Minelab Pinpointer for a raffle and 5 category winners at the end of the day. The T.A.M.D.C. was able to raise \$345 from the raffle and gave this money back to the Polley Mansion for their future preservation of the Polley Mansion.

At the end of the day it was announced that within a year the T.A.M.D.C and the Polley Mansion will once again partner, along with the archeologists, to try and find more history on this historical Texas location.

For more pictures and the rest of the story log on [www.tamdc.org](http://www.tamdc.org) or the TAMDC Facebook Events page.

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### **Our Sympathy to the St. Claire Family**

Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 a.m. Dorris St. Claire passed away. She was a faithful wife, a good mother, and a competitive metal detectorist...who seemed to always win the raffles. She was a committed member of RCTHA, ETTHA, SCMDC, and the TAMDC. She will be missed but she now walks on the streets of gold. Our prayers and sympathy go out to Junior and family during this time of grief. Junior and Dorris were married for 62 years.



**Dorris St. Claire  
Feb. 27, 1935-Feb. 6, 2018**



*-May Dorris rest in peace and may God comfort the family-*

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Michael Beaver**

**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



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**RCTHA Club Hunt**

February 17, 2018, Quitman, TX

**TAMDC Satellite Hunt**

February 24, 2018, Galveston, TX

in Partnership with HARC & GITHC

(Flyers [www.tamdc.org](http://www.tamdc.org))

**Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt**

March 23-24, 2018, Jefferson, TX

in Partnership with TAMDC

(Flyers [www.tamdc.org/garrett.com](http://www.tamdc.org/garrett.com))

**TAMDC Texas Treasure Show**

April 20-22, 2018, Temple, TX

(Flyer & Forms [www.tamdc.org](http://www.tamdc.org))

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## Park Tokens



Park Tokens will be planted by February 16 in the following parks:

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|--------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Gregg County | Longview  | Flewellen Park                 |
|              | Kilgore   | City Park, Meadowbrook Park    |
| Rusk County  | Henderson | Eastside Baptist, Overton Park |

We may plant additional tokens in other parks as the year progresses; you will be notified at the club meetings if we do. There will be 10 tokens in each park worth either a silver dime, quarter, half-dollar, or dollar, and there will be one special token in each park worth a silver round. The Special Token will be a gold stamped Lost Treasure numbered token and will ring up on an AT Pro at 78. The other tokens will be a brass stamped RC numbered tokens and will ring up between an 80-82 on the AT Pro. **All tokens are redeemable at any club meeting, and you must be a current paid dues member of RCTHA to redeem them.**



# Bi-Monthly Giveaway

4 1-oz. Silver Eagles



Drawing will be at the March 13<sup>th</sup> 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 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 are not eligible for the year-end gold coin drawing.

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## WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH—January 2018

<b>Coins</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Heim	1893 Barber Dime
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Curt Kelley	Ike Dollar/Kennedy Half Coin Spill
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charley Coskey	1920 Walking Liberty Half
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Gene Richardson	1918 Wheat Penny
<b>Gold/Platinum</b>			
<b>Jewelry-</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Curt Kelley	10K Gold Ring
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ann Kelley	Gold Earring
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charley Coskey	Gold Plated Locket
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Beavers	Costume Jewelry
<b>Silver/Other</b>			
<b>Jewelry-</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Curt Kelly	.925 Ring
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gene Richardson	1936 Buffalo Nickel Jewelry
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Doris St. Claire	Ring
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Charley Coskey	James Avery Cross
<b>Token-</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Moss	Morgan Bros. Mill Token
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Heim	1902 “Sage of Monticello” Token
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charley Coskey	1933 Ford Token
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Doris St. Claire	Franklin Pierce President Token
<b>Relic-</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Heim	1861 29 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Coat of Arms
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charley Coskey	1873 Indian Head Penny
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom Moss	1898 Clarke & Boise Sawmill Token
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Kelley	Tractor Ring

Judges-Choice	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Heim	1841-1865 Texas Star Button
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Curt Kelley	Whistle Cross
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charley Coskey	Hunting Dog Compact
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Moss	Fish Spear

Find of the Month- Tom Moss Morgan Bros. Mill Token

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## 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 (6) individual category awards.

### RCTHA Leading Diggers- Through January 2018

	Points	Wins
Charley Coskey	26	11
Curt Kelley	14	4
Gene Richardson	10	5



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

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 has all the metal detecting accessories you need for both land and water hunting, gold dredging and panning. Drop by and see his store, or check out his website at [www.brokendetector.com](http://www.brokendetector.com) and like him on Facebook @easttxasmetaldetectors. Give Keith a call today for all your detecting needs.

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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 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:** Charley Coskey (2x), Michael Beaver, Larry Wilkinson

**Split the Pot Drawing:** Michael Heim

**Door Prizes:** Doris St. Claire, Larry Wilkinson, Jr. St. Claire, Michael Beaver, Bob Brown

**Bi-Monthly Prize Winner:** NA

**Annual Gold Coin Winner:** Announced in December 2018

## 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.

**Rules for Finds of the Month Continued**

- 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:** 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.

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### 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

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

*Speaker Topic: How to Research and Get Permissions*



