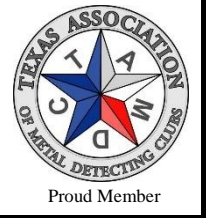




Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association

THE LEAVE-RITE NEWS



May 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



Annual Texas Treasure Show



On April 20-22, 2018, metal detectorists from all over the State of Texas converged on Temple, TX at the Mayborn Convention Center for the 2018 Annual Texas Treasure Show. Over 30 clubs, dealers, distributors, and manufactures set up their booth to display the latest technology, to sell their products or to host a fundraiser for their local club. Three people were invited from the Railroad Museum and Historical Society to be the judges in the Best Booth Competition. We say congratulations to the 2018 TAMDC Texas Treasure Show Best Booth Winners: 1st Place was Terry Smith and the Relic Hunters of Texas, 2nd Place was the Gold Prospectors Association of America out of Greenville, TX, and 3rd Place was Cowtown Treasure Hunters Club in Ft. Worth. At the Treasure Show the TAMDC held their annual business meeting and one item of discussion this year pertained to the election of Officers and Board Members. We say goodbye to Bobby Sullivan who has served faithfully the last two years as the VP/Huntmaster, and we welcome Board Member and past TAMDC President, Terry Smith, as our new VP/Huntmaster. Also, we welcome for the first time as new Board Members, Garren King, President of the Cowtown Treasure Hunters Club, and Wes Ingalls, VP of the San Antonio Area Metal Detectors Club to the TAMDC.

We give a very special “THANK YOU” to Jo Ann & Skipper Dunn, Bobby Pierce, and to Keith Wills for coming down and working the RCTHA Booth at the 2018 Texas Treasure Show. It looked great and we raised several hundreds of dollars.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

RCTHA MEMBERSHIP LOCATIONS

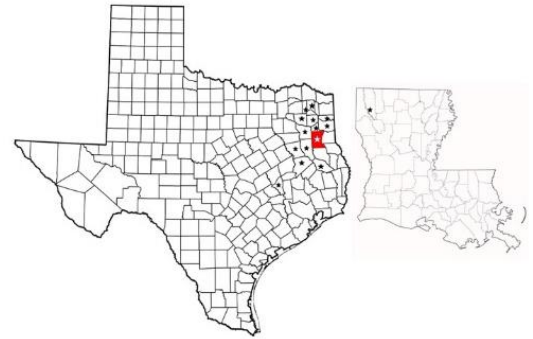
TEXAS: 15 Counties

- Angelina County
- Cherokee County
- Gregg County
- Houston County
- Nacogdoches County
- Rusk County
- Titus County
- Wood County

- Anderson County
- Franklin County
- Harrison County
- Marion County
- Panola County
- Smith County
- Upshur County

LOUISIANA: 1 Parish

- Bossier Parish



RCTHA Park Tokens - As of 4/11/18

Park Tokens are planted in the following parks (see below). 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 or yellow/white 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.**



		<u>Found</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Gregg County			
Longview	Flewellen Park	2	8
Kilgore	City Park	1	9
	Meadowbrook Park	1	9
Rusk County			
Henderson	Eastside Baptist Church	3	7
Smith County			
Arp	City Park	6	4

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Summer Spring Hunt** June 2, 2018, Henderson, TX, Cates Home
- Lion's Camp for Handicap Children** June 19-20, 2018, Kerrville, Texas
- Treasure Hunters Rush to the Rockies** July 6th-8th, 2018
- Cowtown Treasure Hunters Club** October 6th, 2018, Ft. Worth, TX
in partnership w/TAMDC
"Satellite Hunt"
- 2018 Rendezvous Open Hunt** October 13-14, Antlers, OK
- Lone Star Treasure Hunter's Club** October 27th, 2018
44th Annual Open Hunt
- Austin Metal Detecting Club** November 10, 2018, Roundrock, TX
Veterans Day Open Hunt
in partnership w/TAMDC
"Satellite Hunt"



Bi-Monthly Giveaway 4 1-oz. Silver Eagles



Drawing will be at the May 8th 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.

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH—April 2018

Coins	1 st	Gene Richardson	1929 Mercury Dime
	2 nd	Michael Beaver	1960's Canadian Dime
	3 rd	Charley Coskey	1913 Wheat Cent
	4 th	Michael Heim	Dateless Buffalo Nickle

Gold/Platinum

Jewelry-	1 st	Michael Beaver	14k Gold Jewelry
	2 nd	NA	
	3 rd	NA	
	4 th	NA	

Silver/Other

Jewelry-	1 st	Michael Beaver	.925 Ring
	2 nd	Bob Stegall	Cat Pin
	3 rd	Gene Richardson	.925 Ring
	4 th	Michael Moore	.925 Ring

Token-	1 st	Michael Moore	Tony Lama Token
	2 nd	Ed Worley	LA Tax Token
	3 rd	Michael Heim	1900-1910 White Sewing Token
	4 th	Charley Coskey	Cigarette Token

Relic-	1 st	Michael Heim	WW1 Army Dog Tag
	2 nd	Charley Coskey	Lead Ingot
	3 rd	Gene Richardson	Pocketknife
	4 th	Gloria Thomas	Double-Head Swamp Axe

Judges- Choice	1 st	Michael Heim	Civil War Canister Shot
	2 nd	Bob Stegall	1968 Special Olympics Medal
	3 rd	Gene Richardson	Belt Buckle
	4 th	Howard Thomas	1930's Coat Button

Find of the Month-		Michael Heim	WW1 Army Dog Tag
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GREAT FINDS!

Don't Forget to Bring All Your Finds to the Club Meetings to Show

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 April 2018

	Points	Wins
Charley Coskey	47	20
Michael Beaver	28	9
Gene Richardson	22	10
Bob Stegall	21	7



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 and like him on Facebook @easttexasmetal detectors. Give Keith a call today for all your detecting needs.

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Last Month's Club Winners:

Ticket Drawings: Cody Murray (2x), Bobby Pierce, AD Clark (2x), Rick Hurlburt

Split the Pot Drawing: NA

Door Prizes: NA

Bi-Monthly Prize Winner: NA

Annual Gold Coin Winner: Announced in December 2018

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.

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.
- 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

Rules for Finds of the Month Continued

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.

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!
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NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

May 8, @ 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. * 402 S. Main Church of Christ * Henderson, TX 75652
Events Building in Back Parking Lot * Speaker/Topic: TBA
