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Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association

THE LEAVE-RITE NEWS



Proud Member

November 2018

2018 RCTHA OFFICERS

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Board Member – Gene Richardson	

Meeting Place: 402 South Main Church of Christ (back parking lot building) Henderson, TX
Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Visitors welcome.
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RCTHA NEWS

We had a great time out at the RCTHA Fall Silver Hunt hosted at Skipper and Jo Ann Dunn's home on November 3rd. It was a beautiful day with 35 people in attendance with 30 detectorists going for over 600 silver and clad coins and 40 token prizes. We raffled off a silver bar, Morgan Dollar and an AT Max donated by Garrett Metal Detectors. We finished off the day with hotdogs and bratwurst lunch and headed home with our loot in tow.



Thank you, members, for your support of our hunts. I also would like to recognize and thank the Dunn's for hosting the hunt out at their place, Terry and Marie Smith for donating the water bottles and the military buttons for door prizes, and Keith Wills for donation of prizes.

Our next event will be our Christmas Banquet hosted at White Oak Baptist Church in White Oak, TX, December 11 @ 6:00 p.m.

For more pictures check out our Facebook Page: RCTHA- Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association.

At the November meeting, we will be nominating new Club Officers and Board Members for the 2019 year. We will vote on and announce the new Officers at the December Meeting Christmas Banquet. Please consider serving.

Our President started a new YouTube Channel called Preacher Digger documenting all his treasure hunting adventures and more. Please check him out on YouTube and Like, Subscribe, and Share. Enjoy!



For more information check out our website.

RCTHA Park Tokens - As of 10/11/18

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 other tokens will be a brass stamped RC numbered tokens or yellow/white numbered tokens. **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	8	2
Kilgore	City Park	3	7
	Meadowbrook Park	5	5
Rusk County			
Henderson	Eastside Baptist Church	5	5
Smith County			
Arp	City Park	9	1

RCTHA Christmas Banquet

Our Christmas Banquet is set for December 11 from 6-8 pm at White Oak Baptist Church in White Oak, TX. The club will provide the meat and drinks, we are asking all club members to bring a side dish and/or a dessert. If you plan on participating in the Bad Santa Game, please bring a wrapped gift with a minimum value of \$10. This year, in order to save time, we will not have the Finds of the Month, however, you can keep your finds and use them in January.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Informational Hunt Flyers can be downloaded online at www.rctha.org, www.tamdc.org or located on the RCTHA Officers Desk

RCTHA Christmas Banquet December 11, 2018, White Oak, TX
White Oak Baptist Church

Houston Archeology and Recovery Club Feb. 16, 2019, Galveston, TX
in partnership w/TAMDC "Satellite Hunt" East Beach, Apffel Park

ETTHA Open Relic Hunt March 2, 2019, Lake O' the Pines

Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt March 29-31, 2019, Jefferson, TX

Texas Treasure Show April 26-28, 2019. Carthage, TX



Bi-Monthly Giveaway

4 1-oz. Silver Rounds

Silver rounds may or may not be what is shown in picture



Drawing will be at 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 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.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS – NOVEMBER MEETING

FINDS OF THE MONTH— October 2018

Coins	1 st	Michael Heim	1868 Indian Head Penny
	2 nd	Bob Stegall	1943 Mercury Dime
	3 rd	Gene Richardson	1925 Wheat Penny
	4 th	Charley Coskey	1949 Wheat Penny
Gold/Platinum			
Jewelry-	1 st	Charley Coskey	1931 Gold Class Ring
	2 nd	Ronnie Hearn	Butterfly Brooch
	3 rd	NA	
	4 th	NA	
Silver/Other			
Jewelry-	1 st	Charley Coskey	.925 Ring
	2 nd	Michael Heim	.925 St. Christopher
	3 rd	Gene Richardson	Butterfly Ring
	4 th	NA	
Token-	1 st	Bob Stegall	Unknown Token
	2 nd	Michael Heim	1929 Palmolive Token
	3 rd	Gene Richardson	LA Gaming Token
	4 th	Charley Coskey	Stop, Drop, and Read Token
Relic-	1 st	Michael Heim	1860's Naval Button
	2 nd	Terry Smith	McCormick Bottle
	3 rd	Bob Stegall	1928 Wheat Penny
	4 th	Charley Coskey	Pulley
Judges- Choice	1 st	Michael Heim	1850-1900's Ladies Brooch
	2 nd	Gene Richardson	Skeleton Head
	3 rd	Howard Thomas	Unknown Item
	4 th	Charley Coskey	Tootsie Toy
Find of the Month		Charley Coskey	1931 Gold Class Ring

WINNERS

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 October 2018

	Points	Wins
Charley Coskey	99	42
Michael Beaver	64	21
Bob Stegall	52	19
Gene Richardson	47	25
Jo Ann Dunn	46	17



Keep digging! Points begin new in January! There will be no Finds of the Month in December, but you can carry your finds over to the January meeting.

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 @easttexasmetaldetectors.



Give Keith a call today for all your detecting needs.

All RCTHA Members get 15% off metal detectors and accessories

Last Month's Club Winners:

Ticket Drawings: Bob Stegall, Charley Coskey, AD Clark, John Whitehead

Split the Pot Drawing: Ronnie Hearn \$31.00

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.

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.

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-Christmas Banquet

December 11, @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 White Oak Baptist Church
 117 S. White Oak Rd.
 White Oak, TX 75693

