



Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association

THE LEAVE-RITE NEWS



January 2018

2019 RCTHA OFFICERS

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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 30 members at our December Christmas party meeting. We had a lot of great food and everyone enjoyed the feast! Awards were given, and the Digger of the Year Award went to Charley Coskey for the second time in a row. I believe Charley ultimately received 6 different plaques for all his awards. Michael Heim received the Find of the Year award. Michael Moore won the Year-End 1/10 Gold Coin Drawing. Congratulations to all our winners. Please see the pictures of the winners at www.rctha.org. After the awards ceremony, everyone had a good time with the Santa gift exchange and we finished the evening out with a year-end video.



Note: There are some changes made in the Finds of the Month Competition and can be read in the back of the Newsletter under information pertaining to Relics.

In other news, 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!



RCTHA Park Tokens - As of December 2018

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	6	4
Rusk County			
Henderson	Eastside Baptist Church	5	5
Smith County			
Arp	City Park	9	1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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| Houston Archeology and Recovery Club
in partnership w/TAMDC "Satellite Hunt" | Feb. 16, 2019, Galveston, TX
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-oz. Silver \$100 Dollar Bill

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



Drawing will be at 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 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.

FINDS OF THE MONTH– November 2018

Coins	1 st	Terry Smith	1780 Maria Teresa Thaler Coin
	2 nd	Michael Beaver	1898 Barber Dime
	3 rd	Gene Richardson	1924 Wheat Penny
	4 th	Bob Stegall	1944 Washington Quarter
Gold/Platinum Jewelry-	1 st	Michael Beaver	10K Gold Ring
	2 nd	Jo Ann Dunn	15k Gold Ring
	3 rd	Ronnie Hearn	1900 Gold-plated cufflink
	4 th	Michael Heim	Gold-plated Heart Locket
Silver/Other Jewelry-	1 st	Jo Ann Dunn	.925 Ring
	2 nd	Michael Moore	.925 Ring
	3 rd	Gene Richardson	Copper Ring
	4 th	Michael Heim	1940's Silver Mickey Mouse Ring
Token-	1 st	Michael Heim	1890's Ice Company Token
	2 nd	Gene Richardson	Hospital Token
	3 rd	AD Clark	Game Token
	4 th	Michael Beaver	Game Token
Relic-	1 st	Michael Heim	1900 Watch Fob
	2 nd	Gene Richardson	Church Attendance Pin
	3 rd	Skipper Dunn	1830's Button
	4 th	Jo Ann Dunn	.41 Caliber Casing
Judges-	1 st	Gene Richardson	Arrowhead

WINNERS

Finds of the Month

Choice	2 nd	Terry Smith	Wheat Penny Cache
	3 rd	Jo Ann Dunn	Monopoly Thimble
	4 th	Michael Heim	1920's Texas Seal Medallion

Find of the Month Terry Smith 1790 Maria Teresa Thaler Silver Coin

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.



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 @easttexasmalldetectors.



Give Keith a call today for all your detecting needs. Here is a list of available Used and Demo Metal Detectors:

DEMO TEKNETICS T2 Classic	Like New	\$500.00
DEMO FISHER F75	Like New	\$500.00
Used FISHER 1280X Underwater (great shape w/ hardcase) s/n 14377		\$550.00
DEMO MINELAB X-TERRA 705 (never turned on-Photo Shoot)		\$550.00

DEMO FISHER F19 green/brown Camo		\$500.00
GARRETT GTI 2500 used once w/ 2 coils	Excellent Shape	\$875.00
GARRETT GTAx 750	Like New	\$350.00
DEMO FISHER F22	Like New	\$229.00
DEMO FISHER F2	Like New	\$100.00
WHITES DFX s/n 8067-0284-068	Great Shape	\$650.00
Used ELDORADO s/n134219	Great Shape	\$325.00
Used GARRETT TRACER PROBE w/ extras	Great Shape	\$200.00
FISHER 440	Like New	\$150.00
TESORO Silver Sabre UMAX	Like New	\$225.00
FISHER F44	Like New	\$375.00
FISHER Gold Bug	Like New	\$399.00
FISHER Gold Bug Pro	Like New	\$475.00
FISHER F19 Camo w/ white DD coil	Like New	\$424.00

All RCTHA Members get 15% off metal detectors and accessories

November Club Winners:

Ticket Drawings: Michael Heim, Dana Logston, John Whitehead, Sue Harley, AD Clark, Gene Richardson

Split the Pot Drawing: Michael Moore \$20

Door Prizes: Terry Smith, Michael Heim, Michael Moore, Margaret Logston, AD Clark, Bobby Pierce, Ronnie Hearn, Earl Norod, Bob Stegall, Michael Beaver, Mark Harley, Brenna Foxworth, Richard Green, Dana Logston, Bob Brown, Jo Ann Dunn

Bi-Monthly Prize Winner: Skipper Dunn

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.

Rules for Finds of the Month Continued

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. 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 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 through November and the winner will be announced during the December Christmas Banquet.

Rules for Finds of the Month Continued

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 the JUDGE'S CHOICE category. No coins can be placed in the RELICS 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, palladium, and gold-plated 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. No tokens can be placed in the RELICs category.

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/seeded competition hunts can be used in this category. No coins or tokens can be placed 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM RCTHA

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 12, @ 7:00-8:30 p.m.
South Main Church of Christ (Events Building in rear of church)
402 S. Main St.
Henderson, TX 75652
