




*Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association*

# THE LEAVE-RITE NEWS



Proud Member

## August 2019

### 2019 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.  
**Website:** www.RCTHA.org  
**Facebook:** RCTHA- Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association  
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# SUMMER DETECTING: BEAT THE HEAT!

Article taken from Detecting 365 by Clark Rickman



It is always easy to come up with a reason not to detect. Raining, too cold, a good movie is on. Kind of the opposite of being a mailman. And with much of the United States under intense heat advisories with heat indices well above 100, you’d have to be crazy to get out there and hunt, right? Wrong. We’re hunting year-round. Here are some tips for hunting in the heat you might not have thought of:

### GO BANANAS

A legendary middle Tennessee detectorist recently shared this tip with Detecting365. Bananas are sweet in taste and cold in nature. They are able to clear intestinal “heat,” adding moisture and eliminating toxins. For best results, eat a banana about 15-20 minutes before actually starting detecting, that way it kicks in out in the field and the positive effects last the longest.

### START EARLY OR LATE

On the hottest days, we will try and get permission in advance, and get started at daylight, with the goal of quitting before lunch. If we don’t have advance permission, we will start cruising around early and try to catch a property owner outside to avoid knocking too early. Likewise, sometimes it is best to wait until late in the afternoon and hunt an hour before dark until an hour after dark. Substitute an all-day hunt, with three or four such short hunts per week.

**PERMETHRIN**

With the heat comes ticks and chiggers. Permethrin is the only thing I’ve found that will keep them off of me. Be very careful just to treat your clothes with it, and not get it on your skin. It will last a couple of washings.

**DRESS APPROPRIATELY**

Cotton is the worst material to wear in the heat. It soaks up sweat and holds moisture against your skin like a wet towel, which makes your body temperature increase. Evaporation cools the skin. Your clothing should allow sweat to evaporate. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes. Avoid dark colors — dark clothes absorb the heat, while light colors reflect light and heat. Moisture-wicking stuff are great. Baseball caps aren’t a good idea – try to go with something wide-brimmed and well ventilated.

**HIT THE WATER**

To me, it doesn’t matter how hot it is if I am knee-deep in water. Obviously, swimming holes, creeks, and beaches are places where you can detect in the water.

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**RCTHA Park Tokens - As of July 2019**

Park Tokens are planted in the following parks (see below). 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 or an orange and white Putt-Putt token, and other tokens will be a brass stamped RC numbered tokens, yellow/white numbered tokens, Putt-Putt numbered tokens, and/or silver numbered tokens. If you dig a 2018 Park Token, please turn it in for a silver dime. They are not redeemable for other silver coins. **All tokens are redeemable at any club meeting, and you must be a current paid dues member of RCTHA to redeem them.**



<b>Gregg County</b>		<b><u>Found</u></b>	<b><u>Remaining</u></b>
Longview	Flewellen Park	2	8
Kilgore	City Park	2	8
	Meadowbrook Park	7	3
<b>Rusk County</b>			
Henderson	Eastside Baptist Church	10	0
<b>Smith County</b>			
Arp	City Park	9	1

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Informational Hunt Flyers can be downloaded online at [www.rctha.org](http://www.rctha.org), [www.tamdc.org](http://www.tamdc.org) or located on the RCTHA Officers Desk

Fossil Hunt with CTHC, ETTHA

August 24, Ladonia Fossil Park, North of Commerce, TX, 8:00 a.m.

TAMDC-CTHC Open Hunt

October 5, Ft. Worth, TX, see [www.tamdc.org](http://www.tamdc.org) for flyer

TAMDC-AMDC Open Hunt

November 9, Roundrock, TX, see [www.tamdc.org](http://www.tamdc.org) for flyer

TAMDC-HARC Open Hunt

February 29, Galveston, TX, see [www.tamdc.org](http://www.tamdc.org) for flyer

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## Bi-Monthly Giveaway

**1-oz. Silver/Gold-Plated \$100 Dollar Bill**

Drawing will be at the August club meeting. Tickets can be purchased at any regular club meeting.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

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## FINDS OF THE MONTH—July

Coins

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Heim
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ronnie Hearn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mitchell Shelley
- 4<sup>th</sup> Gene Richardson

- 1660's Latvia Coin
- 1926 Standing Liberty Quarter
- No Date Standing Liberty Quarter
- 1920 Wheat Penny

## Gold/Platinum

Jewelry-	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Moore	1969 Gold Class Ring Charm
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mitchell Shelley	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	NA	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	NA	

## Silver/Other

Jewelry-	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Heim	14 <sup>th</sup> Century Brass Ring
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ronnie Hearn	Vintage Sterling Ring
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Stegall	Earring
	4 <sup>th</sup>	NA	

Token-	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ronnie Hearn	LA Tax Token
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Stegall	Lucky Token
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	NA	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	NA	

Relic-	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gene Richardson	19 <sup>th</sup> Century Gas Valve
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Heim	14 <sup>th</sup> Century Silver Thimble
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Stegall	1800's Iron
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Howard Thomas	Buckle

Judges- Choice	1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael Heim	1600's Latvian Coin
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ronnie Hearn	Ring
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gene Richardson	Toy German Pistol
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Moore	Bracelet

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**To view the winner's pics,  
please check out our website @ [www.rctha.org](http://www.rctha.org) for all the pics**

## 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 July 2019**

**Michael Heim**  
Terry Smith  
Gene Richardson

Points	Wins
<b>105</b>	<b>33</b>
53	15
45	17



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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 @easttexasmetaldetectors.

**All RCTHA Members get 15% off metal detectors and accessories**

**July Club Winners:**

**Ticket Drawings:** Taylor Matlock, Ronnie Hearn, Skipper Dunn, Margaret Logston

**Split the Pot Drawing:** No Winner

**Door Prizes:** Skipper Dunn, Michael Moore, Caleb Chapman, Howard Thomas, Bob Stegall, Laine Kleinhofa-Pruse, Mitchell Shelley, Myles Chapman, Earl Norrad

**Bi-Monthly Prize Winner:** NA

**Annual Gold Coin Winner: Announced in December 2019**

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## **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. 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. 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. 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.

**Rules for Finds of the Month Continued**

- 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.

**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.

**Rules for Finds of the Month Continued**

**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 landowner'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 landowner 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**

September 10, @ 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
 South Main Church of Christ  
 (Events Building in rear of church)  
 402 S. Main St.  
 Henderson, TX 75652

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