



Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association

THE LEAVE-RITE NEWS



September 2019

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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Our President Made the American Digger Magazine “Just Dug” Section



“[In March 2019] I had the chance to detect with a friend of mine, Terry Brown, at a south Texas ghost town dating back to the 1840s... I asked Terry if it would be okay to bring Nugget Noggin (Michael Bennett) along with me to the ghost town and he said there wasn't any problem. We arrived, set up camp, and started detecting. Within 15 minutes, I had found my first target, a Civil War-period 'clover' heel plate. Just five minutes later I got my second target...a 14-15 on my Minelab Equinox 800. I dug down about four inches, popped the plug, and saw a button lying on top of the ground upside down. I reached down and turned it over slowly but couldn't make out what it was. After some light cleaning, I noticed it had a script 'A' on the front. Still not dawning on me what I had found, Nugget Noggin came over and informed me that this was a very rare

Confederate artillery script 'A' button. After talking with many relic hunters and asking if they had ever dug a Confederate artillery script 'A' button, I began to see just how rare of a button it really was. That was a great day detecting an old ghost town! Check out the video here:

<https://youtu.be/3k4Scqfvou8>.” Michael Heim, aka “Preacher Digger”



RCTHA Park Tokens - As of August 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.**

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

Beach Hunt
 Keith Wills Seminar
 Club Auction for Fall Silver Hunt
 Fall Silver Hunt & Luncheon
 TAMDC-CTHC Open Hunt

September 14, Lake Hawkins
 October 5, Gilmer, TX
 October 8, Regular Club Meeting
 November 2, The Dunn's Place
 October 5, Ft. Worth, TX, see www.tamdc.org for flyer

TAMDC-AMDC Open Hunt

November 9, Roundrock, TX, see
www.tamdc.org for flyer

TAMDC-HARC Open Hunt

February 29, Galveston, TX, see
www.tamdc.org for flyer

Texas Treasure Show

March 13-15, 2020, Brazos County
Expo, Bryan, TX



Bi-Monthly Giveaway

3 1-oz. Silver Eagles

Drawing will be at the October club meeting. Tickets can be purchased at any regular club meeting. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

FINDS OF THE MONTH— August

Coins	1 st	Charley Coskey	1906 V Nickle
	2 nd	Dennis Miller	1916 Mercury Dime
	3 rd	Gene Richardson	1959 Rosie Dime
	4 th	Michael Heim	1917 Wheat Cent

Gold/Platinum			
Jewelry-	1 st	Michael Heim	2012 Gold Class Ring
	2 nd	Mitchell Shelley	10k Religious Pendant
	3 rd	Dennis Miller	Plated Tie Pin
	4 th	NA	

Silver/Other			
Jewelry-	1 st	Dennis Miller	Ladies Pin
	2 nd	Ronnie Hearn	Silver Ring
	3 rd	Gene Richardson	Silver Ring
	4 th	Mike Moore	Stainless Cross

Token-	1 st	Dennis Miller	Car Wash Token
	2 nd	Michael Heim	Texas Lottery Token
	3 rd	Charley Coskey	Kens Pizza Token
	4 th	NA	

Relic-	1 st	Charley Coskey	WW1 Hat Pin
	2 nd	Dennis Miller	Silver Cigarette Lighter Case

	3 rd	Bob Stegall	Yale Jr. Lock
	4 th	Gene Richardson	Buckle
Judges-	1 st	Dennis Miller	Tootsie Toy Train
Choice	2 nd	Charley Coskey	Cheerleader Medal
	3 rd	Michael Heim	Gold/Silver Ring
	4 th	Ronnie Hearn	Silver Ring

Find of the Month Charley Coskey WW1 Hat Pin

**To view the winner's pics,
please check out our website @ 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 August 2019

	Points	Wins
Michael Heim	114	37
Terry Smith	53	15
Dennis Miller	51	18
Gene Richardson	50	20



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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.

All RCTHA Members get 15% off metal detectors and accessories

July Club Winners:

Ticket Drawings: NA

Split the Pot Drawing: Gene Richardson

Door Prizes: NA

Bi-Monthly Prize Winner: Charley Coskey

Annual Gold Coin Winner: Announced in December 2019

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.
- 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.

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 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!

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

CLUB AUCTION

October 8, @ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

South Main Church of Christ

(Events Building in rear of church)

402 S. Main St.

Henderson, TX 75652
