



Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association

THE LEAVE-RITE NEWS



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6 MYTHS ABOUT METAL DETECTING

BY: CLARK RICKMAN

Don't believe everything you hear. Here are some common things we hear over and over that just aren't true:

Myth 1: ALL THE GOOD SITES WERE HUNTED OUT BACK IN THE DAY

Sure, they were probably hunted, and cherry picked, but with the technology available now, good basic detecting skills, and proper technique you can recover good targets from anywhere.

Myth 2: ONCE YOU HUNT A SITE TO DEATH, NO ONE WILL EVER FIND ANYTHING THERE AGAIN

No need to discourage anyone from hunting a site you are done with. Perhaps some brush or obstacle was moved. Perhaps, someone is better than you! Perhaps your skills are improved. Perhaps a different detector hits the ground differently. Perhaps you or someone else is lucky. One thing for sure. It may be difficult to find the remaining targets, but no good site is ever hunted out.

Myth 3: DISCRIMINATION ASSURES YOU ONLY HEAR AND SEE THE GOOD TARGETS

The ugly truth is that many desirable targets that are very deep and/or are partially masked by iron or trash can be discriminated out by your detector. As a result, you won't hear them, and you won't see them. Don't get us wrong, discrimination can be a very good thing on a good site with plenty of good targets, but as good signals become harder and harder to come by, we recommend turning your discrimination down towards the minimum you can stand. Hearing a little iron and trash probably won't kill you.

Myth 4: RUNNING SENSITIVITY VERY HIGH IS ALWAYS BETTER

I have buddies that run their sensitivity wide open all the time. I used to be one of these guys. With experience and practice in the test garden, you can prove to yourself under which conditions high or regular sensitivity make sense for you and your detector. I crank my sensitivity up when I am hitting a site that has been beat to death and I need depth. On regular sites, and in trash and iron, moderate sensitivity typically yields me better results. Sometimes too much sensitivity just causes good medium depth targets to be masked by deep iron, or otherwise can just cause your detector to just sound unstable. I like to feel like I'm clearly hearing objects under the ground, not trying to decipher noise.

Myth 5: THE BEST METAL DETECTOR IS THE ONE THAT COSTS MORE MONEY

I recently went detecting at a Civil War site for a three hour session with Bill, a seasoned veteran detectorist and officer in the Middle Tennessee Metal Detecting Club. I wielded my pimped out Minelab e-Trac, which I have about \$2000 invested in. Bill detected with a \$200 Teknetics Eutotech Pro. We each found 9 Civil War items, including 7 Minie balls each. And I think Bill was being easy on me. It's important to remember that a metal detector is a tool. We are metal detecting, not the machine. Some of the more expensive detectors do have features and power that can increase your results if you can master them, but with all due respect to the manufacturers, detectorist experience and skill, research and permission, coupled with familiarity with a particular machine always trumps detector brand, model or price.

Myth 6: YOU SHOULD USE A SPECIFIC SET OF OPTIMAL SETTINGS FOR YOUR DETECTOR FOR BEST PERFORMANCE

By searching the internet and talking to expert users of your model of detector, you can determine the best general way to setup your detector for the type of detecting you typically do. However, stubbornly sticking to specific settings can handicap you and cause you to miss

some great finds. Why? Different sites have different characteristics: Trash, iron, soil type, sources of interference, and scarcity of targets are just a few factors that we need to compensate for. If this isn't true, why would the detector even bother to have knobs, buttons and settings?

RCTHA Park Tokens - As of October 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

Club Auction for Fall Silver Hunt
 Fall Silver Hunt & Luncheon
 TAMDC-CTHC Open Hunt

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

6-oz. Silver Round

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— September

Coins	1 st	Charley Coskey	1916 Barber Dime
	2 nd	Bob Stegall	Coin Spill
	3 rd	Dennis Miller	1881 Indian Head Penny
	4 th	Michael Heim	1920 Wheat Cent

Gold/Platinum			
Jewelry-	1 st	Dennis Miller	10k Ring
	2 nd	Michael Heim	14k Bracelet
	3 rd	NA	
	4 th	NA	

Silver/Other			
Jewelry-	1 st	Bob Stegall	.925 Ring
	2 nd	Michael Heim	.925 Ring
	3 rd	Charley Coskey	SS Gold Toned Ring
	4 th	Gene Richardson	Boys Ring

Token-	1 st	Dennis Miller	Ft. Worth Army Token
	2 nd	Michael Heim	Drink Token
	3 rd	NA	
	4 th	NA	

Relic-	1 st	Michael Heim	1910 Rodeo Silver Spoon
	2 nd	Bob Stegall	Model T Valve Stem Cover

3rd Gene Richardson
 4th Dennis Miller

Necklace C Pin
 Aunt Jemima's Cast

Judges- 1st Dennis Miller
 Choice 2nd Mitchell Shelley
 3rd Dana Logston
 4th Bob Stegall

22 Revolver
 Old Bottle
 Brass Rosette
 Belt Adornment

Find of the Month Michael Heim

1910 Rodeo Silver Spoon

**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 September 2019

	Points	Wins
Michael Heim	128	42
Dennis Miller	66	23
Gene Richardson	53	22



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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 @easttexasmetaldetectors.

All RCTHA Members get 15% off metal detectors and accessories

July Club Winners:

Ticket Drawings: Dana Logston, Charley Coskey, Michael Moore, Gene Richardson, Bob Stegall

Split the Pot Drawing: Gene Richardson \$15

Door Prizes: NA

Bi-Monthly Prize Winner: October

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.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

November 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
