



Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association

THE LEAVE-RITE NEWS

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Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association - Henderson, Texas
Member of the Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs
(www.tamdc.org)



2017 RCTHA OFFICERS

President - Jonathan Sellers (903) 241-5502
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Board Member - Thomas Davis (903) 426-6048

Meeting Place: South Main Church of Christ (back parking lot building) 402 S. Main St. Henderson, TX
Meeting Time: 7:00 P.M. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Visitors welcome.
Email Contact: Jonthandsellers@yahoo.com, Ccoskey@gmail.com

2016 Christmas Banquet & Award Ceremony

We had our Christmas banquet at the Dec. 13th, 2016 meeting. There were 29 in attendance. We had great food, fellowship and a lot of awards and Certificates of Appreciation were given out. Congratulations to all who received the awards and certificates. Mike Ross was named Digger of the Year!



Congratulations Mike! Jake Barnett won the 1/10 oz. U.S. American Eagle gold coin. Congratulations Jake! We had an exciting white elephant gift exchange and finished the night with a wonderful video that Michael put together. Thanks Michael.

I also want to take time to recognize Michael Heim for all he has accomplished the past three years as our President of the club. What an asset he has been to this club. This club has grown tremendously since he has been at the helm and we truly appreciate everything, Michael. We hope we can build upon where you have brought us to. Now that he is the President of the

Texas Association of Metal Detectors, I am sure he will bring that Association to a new level as well.

You can check out all the Christmas Banquet pictures on our Facebook page or at www.rctha.org.

God bless and happy hunting!

If you would like to submit an article, story, or pictures of your adventures in metal detecting to "The Leave-Rite News" please submit to Ccoskey@gmail.com by the 1st of each month.

...And the Year-End Award Winners Are!!!

Pre 1900 Coin Treasure Hunter of the Year:	James Kilgore
Post 1900 Coin Treasure Hunter of the Year:	Thomas Davis
Gold/Jewelry Treasure Hunter of the Year:	Mike Ross
Silver Jewelry Treasure Hunter of the Year:	Mike Ross
Token Treasure Hunter of the Year:	Jake Barnett
Relic Treasure Hunter of the Year:	Thomas Davis
Judges Choice Treasure Hunter of the Year:	Jake Barnett
Toy Treasure Hunter of the Year:	Jake Barnett
Park Token Hunter of the Year:	Joel Barton
RCTHA Diggers of the Year:	Mike Ross
The Best Find of the Year:	Michael Heim

All information to determine the RCTHA Year-End Awards is solely based off the *Finds of the Month* competition. Wins are determined by points and in case of a tie the one who has the most total wins will be the Digger of the Year.

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR 2017 MEMBERSHIP



Yearly Individual Due: \$25
Yearly Couples Due: \$35

Dues are to be paid by March 1st



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



(Dates and Times are Subject to Change)

For more information on these and other events, log on to www.rctha.org or www.tamdc.org

TAMDC Winter Satellite “Token” Hunt February 11, 2017, Galveston, TX, Stewart Beach
in Partnership with HARC Open Hunt (see tamdc.org for flyer registration)

6th Annual Piney Woods Open Relic Hunt March 11, 2017, Lake O’ the Pines Area
(see tamdc.org for flyer registration)

Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt April 1-2, 2017, Diamond Don’s in Jefferson, TX
in partnership with TAMDC (see Garrett.com or tamdc.org for more info)

TAMDC Treasure Show April 21-23, 2017, Mayborn Center, Temple, TX



Bi-Monthly Giveaway 4 Silver Eagles



The next drawing will be held on February 14th

Note: Make sure every time you purchase the Blue 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 do not apply.

WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH – December 2017

Coins	1 st	Charley Coskey	1895 Indian head penny
PRE 1900	2 nd	NA	
	3 rd	NA	
	4 th	NA	



WINNERS of the FINDS OF THE MONTH Continued...

Coins	1st	Michael Heim	1906 Barber Dime
POST 1900	2nd	Ed Worley	1952 Silver Quarter
	3rd	Thomas Davis	Clad coin spill
	4th	Mike Ross	1910 Wheat Penny

Gold/Platinum

Jewelry-	1 st	Michael Heim	Gold Plated Ring
	2 nd	Thomas Davis	Gold Ring
	3 rd	NA	
	4 th	NA	

Silver/Other

Jewelry-	1 st	Thomas Davis	Flower ring
	2 nd	Mike Ross	Clasp
	3 rd	NA	
	4 th	NA	

Token-	1 st	Mike Ross	1930 Commerce token
	2 nd	Gene Richardson	La. tax token
	3 rd	JoAnn Dunn	Token
	4 th	Thomas Davis	Car wash token

Relic-	1 st	Gene Richardson	1879-1886 Wabash R.R. Check Tag
	2 nd	Michael Heim	1850s Flat button
	3 rd	Ed Worley	Ladies compact
	4 th	Charley Coskey	Hammered Key

Judges- Choice	1 st	Michael Heim	Ladies compact
	2 nd	Charley Coskey	Thimble
	3 rd	Ada Worley	Crooked Spoon
	4 th	JoAnn Dunn	Door knob

Toy-	1 st	Michael Heim	Lone Ranger badge
	2 nd	Charley Coskey	Tootsie Toy dragster
	3 rd	Thomas Davis	Toy car
	4 th	NA	

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 (8) individual category awards.

Thomas Davis	12 Points	5 Wins	Charley Coskey	11 Points	4 Wins
Mike Ross	8 Points	3 Wins	Gene Richardson	7 Points	2 Wins

YOUR LOCAL DEALER: 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 sells all major brands. 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, meanwhile you can check out his website at www.brokendetector.com. All RCTHA members get 15% off metal detectors and accessories.





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Banquet Speaker:



Beau "Aquachigger" Ouimette

Banquet Speaker Continued...

Beau is a treasure hunter in the Maryland area and his videos can be found on YouTube where he has over 345,000 subscribers and over 50 million views. He spends most of his time in the water (Aquachigger) and rivers of the area searching for Civil War relics and other treasures.

He travels around the U.S. and Europe on treasure hunting expeditions as well. His videos cover an array of topics and treasures and always instructional and informative, not to mention entertaining and family friendly. His videos are meant to be fun, educational and informative. They are his own experiences and observations as he travels through this wonderful life.

"I am a lifelong treasure hunter and nature enthusiast. I enjoy creating fun and educational videos of my adventures and sharing them with people of all ages. My videos are family friendly and devoted to treasure hunting, metal detecting, nature, outdoor adventure, and education. It is my goal to have fun in life and make interesting and educational videos. I hope to spark the interest and desire of children and adults alike to learn and explore."

– Beau Ouimette

Also, making appearance will be Michael Bennett, a.k.a. "Nugget Noggin". Meanwhile, check out his YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/nuggetnoggin>

Nugget Noggin is a twenty-something YouTube Celebrity with over 200,000 YouTube subscribers and nearly 50 million views. Nugget Noggin takes his viewers along on his metal detecting adventures and shows them what he has found.

Garrett Metal Detectors is the current sponsor of his weekly adventures on YouTube.



Tickets, Bingo, Cards & Split the Pot Drawing

Each month we will have tickets and Bingo Cards (various months) sales to raise funds for the club. Tickets and BINGO cards 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 a 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.

Hidden Prize Winner- Some months there will be a hidden silver coin and one lucky winner.

Last Month's Club Winners:

Ticket Drawings: Daniel Sellers, Richard, Keith Wills, Sue Anderson and Rick Hurlburt

Split the Pot Drawing: NA

Bi-Monthly Prize Winner: NA

Door Prize Winners: NA

Park Tokens: Daniel Sellers

Hidden Special Prize Winner: NA

BINGO Winners: NA

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 June 2013 to be placed in January 2014. Finds of January 2014 must be found between club meeting in December 2013 and club meeting in January 2014. 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 75 years 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: Only items entered in the "Finds of the Month" and winning **first place** during the year may be entered in the Find of the Year competition. This runs December through November each year and the Officers and Board Members will elect and announce the winner during the December club meeting.

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. All coins predating 1900 must be placed in the PRE-1900 Category and all coins postdating 1900 must be placed in the POST-1900 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 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.

Rules for "Finds of the Month" Continued...

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.

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.

TOY: Any toy 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. If more than one toy is found, additional toys may be placed in JUDGE'S CHOICE or in the RELICS category if it is 75 years old or older.

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 14, @ 7:00 p.m.
402 S. Main Church of Christ
Henderson, TX 75652*

