

# THE SILVER SIGNAL

Next Club Meeting Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2014 7:30 p.m.

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Message from the Prez..... Ellen Jackson

Last month I was out of town and missed our belated Christmas dinner, but I heard there was a large attendance and great food, gifts and prizes. Thanks to all who contributed to make the evening a success! Thanks to Ronnie for running a great fund raiser. Thanks to Robert Jeffrey and Floyd & Susan Caldwell for contributing prizes, and to everyone who supported the club by buying tickets! Robert Jordan did his usual outstanding job announcing the year-end awards. Congratulations to Ivan Santos who won the 2013 Hunter of the Year award, and to Mike Skinner and Ronnie Morris who both won the 2013 Member of the Year award!

This Friday, Feb 28, will be our first regular meeting of the year. We hope to see a good number of outstanding finds on the Boards! Please remember that you need to be paid-up on your dues to put items on the Boards. We'll have a current membership list for you to check, and Robert Jordan will be happy to take your dues.

Congratulations to Janet Hall on being featured in an article in the Denton Record-Chronicle. Janet found and returned a 1951 gold class ring to a Denton resident. Her story can be found online: <http://www.dentonrc.com/local-news/local-news-headlines/20140110-lost-ring-returns.ece>

Four of our members headed south this past weekend for the Houston Archaeology and Recovery Club open beach hunt in Galveston. Dave and Ronnie made a good haul of silver and tokens—10 prize tokens for Dave alone! And if that wasn't enough, they are off to the Piney Woods Relic Hunt in Longview this weekend along with a few others. We'll miss them at the meeting, but wish them well!

Spring weather is finally here and it's time to start planning our participation in the TCTC Treasure Show in Sweetwater April 4-6 and our Lone Star Spring Hunt for members. We'll talk about those events at our meeting.

Hope to see you Friday night. Happy hunting and let people see the good side of metal detecting

Robert Jeffrey's finds from the Galveston hunt. He also found 1 token for a carry all bag.



## Found & Lost

One fine day as I was hunting, I got a penny signal, I thought to myself, Oh well, It is a penny, so I dug it up. Once I dug the clod out of the ground I noticed it was not a penny, it was gold colored. As I removed the dirt I saw it was a Texas A&M Ring. I was overjoyed. I looked at the ring and saw it was 10k GOLD!!!! It was solid gold with no stone in it. I also notice there was a name enscribed on the inside of the ring. Just my luck??? I really was undecided about what to do with the ring, I mean, I am a Texas Longhorn, and the Aggies are not our friends.

Naturally, I had a while to think this over. I took the ring to the Lone Star Meeting for the Find of the Month, and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the gold jewelry category. The ring haunted me. I mean, it was almost one ounce of gold worth \$650 at the time.

My honor came through, I called the guy that owned it and left a message that I had found his ring. He came by that night and gave me a reward of \$50 for the ring. A nice gesture I thought. It just goes to show that it is better to have found and lost, than not to have found at all.



## Lost ring returns



Left-Janet Hall gives Charles Hopkins his long lost class ring that she found while using her metal detector, during their lunch at the Smokehouse on Friday in Denton.

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Right- Charles Hopkins' long lost Denton High School class ring, which was found by Janet Hall, is shown Friday in Denton.

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She found the 1951 Denton High School class ring he lost about 60 years ago.

He bought her a barbecue lunch. Denton resident Charles Hopkins and Janet Hall of Flower Mound met for the first time early Friday afternoon at the Smokehouse.

Hall had been using her metal detector on a treasure hunt with friends along the western shore of Lewisville Lake last Saturday when she unearthed a class ring. She posted the find on Facebook.

A friend and former co-worker, Sheryl McNeely Shaw, saw it and once she realized it was a Denton ring, she knew she could help her friend find the owner. A 1972 Denton High School alum, she reached out to others on Facebook and within a few days, friends sleuthed out the likely owner and sent her phone numbers.

"That's the hard part, everyone's gone cell now," Shaw said.

It helped, too, that the ring was engraved with the initials "C.E.H."

Hopkins doesn't remember when he lost the gold ring with the red gemstone. But he got several calls this week from people who said they saw the Facebook posts showing his old class ring had been found, so he was ready when Hall called to arrange a visit.

Hall belongs to the Lone Star Treasure Hunters Club, which meets to compare finds and share tips on using metal detectors.

Many hobbyists skilled with their metal detectors will help people find lost items for free through the website [lostmystuff.net](http://lostmystuff.net), she said.

"Most of us are looking to find historical things — and when we do, we wonder who lost it and who they were," Hall said.

She has found two other class rings, but this was the first time she was able to return one to the owner.

The find triggered a few memories for Hopkins. He may have paid \$18.75 for it. He had been a cabinetmaker with his father back then, and made about \$28 per week.

As she pulled the ring from a plastic sandwich bag and handed it over, Hall fussed a little. She had cleaned the ring as best she could, but she told Hopkins she thought it might need to be polished.

Hopkins looked at it and said he thought it was size 9. He'd weighed 128 pounds when he was in high school, he said. He was able to slip the ring over his pinkie finger.

"This is one of the — no, it's the most unusual thing that's happened to me," Hopkins said.

Hall beamed.

"Now don't lose it," she said. "But if you do, call me and I'll go find it again."

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## Upcoming Events

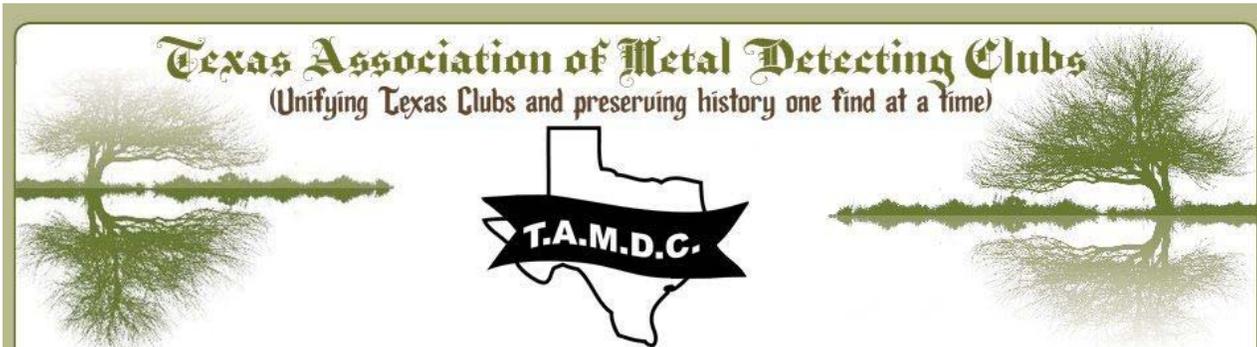


### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt Sponsored by the East Texas Treasure Hunters Association Longview Texas

One-Day Open Hunt  
Saturday March 1, 2014 (Rain or Shine)

See [http://www.tamdc.org/upload/Piney Woods Relic Hunt March 2014.pdf](http://www.tamdc.org/upload/Piney_Woods_Relics_Hunt_March_2014.pdf)  
For all the details

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### ***Metal Detecting, Artifacts, Relics & Coin Show 2014*** ***April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>***

*Nolan County Coliseum / Annex Building*  
*1699 Cypress Street, Sweetwater Texas*  
*Admission: \$2.00 / kids 12 & under free*

See [http://www.tamdc.org/upload/TAMDC Show 2014 Flyer.pdf](http://www.tamdc.org/upload/TAMDC_Show_2014_Flyer.pdf)

For all the details

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# 2014 WWATS Rendezvous

## One Day Open Hunt

May 24th – 26th 2013

(Memorial Day Weekend)

K River Campgrounds—Antlers, Oklahoma

See <http://www.wwats.org/> for all the details

Thanks to all who help organize and sponsor the hunts.



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