

THE SILVER SIGNAL

Official Newsletter of the Lone Star Treasure Hunters Club

Next Club Meeting
March 30, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.
Garden & Arts Center, Irving, TX

Club Website: <http://www.lonestartreasure.org/>

Executive Officers

Mike Reiter
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Robert Jordan

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Presidential Matters:

The sun is getting stronger and the air hotter. Snakes are starting to wake and sunburns are starting to happen. The weather is changing to my favorite part of the year. Let's make the most of this before the temps get into the 100's!

Mike

Speaker of the Month: Robert Jordan Topic: Our Club

Mark these 2018 club meeting and event dates on your calendar:

- April 27
- May 12 – LSTHC Spring Hunt
- May 25
- June 29 (4th of July Independence Day Potluck)
- July 27
- August 31
- September 28
- October 26
- October 27 – LSTHC Annual Open Hunt
- December 7

Club Collection Drives and Individual Collectors

Our club has great community spirit and supports many worthy causes. Below is a list of items we are collecting for different causes. You can bring your donations to the club meetings or give them directly to the person in charge.

Item	Cause	Person handling donations	Additional info
Golf balls, equipment	Oak Cliff Sunset HS	Frank Lawson	
Can tabs	Lion's Club camp	Dave Totzke	
Foreign coins	Lion's Club Camp		These will be passed to Keith Wills
Hotel soaps, shampoos, kits	"Missionary Barrel" and church outreach to homeless	Ellen Jackson	

Several of our members also have their own projects. They welcome donated items from other members. (We'll expand this list as we hear of more projects.)

Item	Person collecting	Additional info
Scrap metal	Dave Totzke/Bill Bourque	For recycle
Bullets and/or cases	Herman Denzler	For showcases at Treasure show

Bring your donations to the club meetings.

February Door Prize Winners

Door Prizes	Donated by	Winner
Ambush at Quitman Pass (book)	Rechey Davidson	Don Bennington

February Fundraiser winners

Fundraiser Prizes	Donated by	Winner
1869 3 Cent piece	LSTHC	Robert Jordan
1889 Seated Dime	LSTHC	Gary Nichols
1922 Peace Dollar	LSTHC	Rusty Curry
1923 Peace Dollar	LSTHC	Wesley Clark
1879 Morgan Dollar	LSTHC	Bob Turner
1882 Morgan Dollar	LSTHC	Roy Harston
1890 Morgan Dollar	LSTHC	Rick Anderson
1901 Morgan Dollar	LSTHC	Mike Reiter
1921 Morgan Dollar	LSTHC	Bill Abbott
1993 Silver Eagle	LSTHC	Gary Nichols
1993 Silver Eagle	LSTHC	Rick Anderson
2003 Silver Eagle	LSTHC	Richard Aguinaga
2017 Silver Eagle	LSTHC	Maureen Wright
2017 Silver Eagle	LSTHC	Rick Anderson

Marble Drawing: Chuck Howell \$5

Feb 23, 2017 Finds of the Month



Coin

1st Ivan Santos
2nd Wesley Clark
3rd Gary Nichols

1944 Half Dollar
1911-1936 Canadian Half
1851 Large Cent



Gold Jewelry

1st Ivan Santos
2nd Mike Reiter
3rd --

10K Gold ring w. diamond
12 K Gold Ring



Silver

1st Ivan Santos
2nd Richard Aguinaga
3rd ???

.925 Silver Bracelet
.925 Virgin Mary
???



Relic

1st John Wright
2nd --
3rd --

1910 Boy Scout Shoe Token
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Token

- 1st Earl Hitt
- 2nd Andy Mesaros
- 3rd Ivan Santos

1927 "Lucky Lindberg" Coin
 Palmolive Soap Token
 Six Flags "Log Ride" Token



Wildcard

- 1st Wesley Clark
- 2nd Earl Hitt
- 3rd Roy Harston

Silver Salt Spoon
 San Jacinto Medallion
 .925 Ring

Pictures of February Speaker: Bob Ridgon



Bob Ridgon spoke on past hunts at the ghost town Necessity, TX, and got us fired up for the March 3 Club hunt!

Report on Club Hunt March 3, 2018 – Necessity, TX - By Bob Ridgon

There were 23 members at the hunt. There were a few military related finds. Mike Reiter found a very old military pin with an "S" for surgical. Earl Hitt found the CSA button. I found the 22nd Infantry, Company A crossed rifle insignia pin, a not-so-great 1893 Barber quarter, a not-so-great 1901 Indianhead cent, a very beat up 1883 "V" nickel, a clay marble, a couple of buckles, a very old fork, two spoons (one very bad, the other silver-plated with an engraved 1912), a bullet, and a couple of buttons.

On March 14, Earl organized a return hunt with Jorge Gonzales, Andy Mesaros and myself. We had modest success. Earl found a 1918 Standing Liberty quarter and some wheats, Jorge found some coins and the back off a very old pocket watch. I found an 1864 2-cent piece (only the 5th in

my 38 years of digging). It cleaned up very nice. I also found a 1859 Indianhead cent that cleaned up nice for pictures, a blue Bromo Seltzer bottle, a ceramic insulator stem, a very dirty ring with dog that turned out to be the TV dog "Lassie" (you had to mail in for it) from around 1952/1953. See pictures are on Lone Star Group website.

Report on HARC and TAMCD Hunts - By Ronnie Morris

Five people from Lone Star attended the HARC and TAMDC hunts in Galveston. There were a total of 23 detectors given away in the two hunts, 8 for Houston and the rest for TAMDC (possibly including probes in detector Set).

Frank Martinez won a Whites Coinmaster and Minelab Gold Tester. Terry Schlick won a Fisher F-22.

Dave Totzke, Frank Lawson and Ronnie Morris got just Silver and token prize.

The number of hunts and prizes make this combined hunt worth going to. Houston had three hunts Dime Hunt, Silver Hunt (Quarter & 40% Silver half's), and Main Hunt (silver dimes and clad dimes as tokens).

The TAMDC Hunt included 700 nickels (V & Buffalo), and tokens for 1/2 ounce silver rounds, silver rounds, silver bars, backpacks, probes and six detectors.

Report on the 2nd Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt – Jefferson, TX

Here's a quick initial report written the day after the hunt. At least 18 club members attended all or part of the three day event. We had perfect weather. The mix of hunts was great: Free range, Relic, Silver, Lights-out Night Hunt, and Kids. Some of us were lucky enough to find a coin cache. There were many token prizes in all the hunts. There were also 600 aluminum tokens planted in the Free range that we traded in for tickets for the final raffle. The raffle included all the unclaimed token prizes, of which there were dozens! The hunt fields were huge! People were finding stuff left in the ground from last year's hunt. Many of the Garrett YouTube stars were there: Nugget Noggin, Aquachigger, Ringy and KG, and Relic Recoverist.

We all gathered under a massive pavilion for the pre-hunt and post-hunt talks. Vaughn and Eleanor Garrett shared stories of Charles Garrett in earlier years. Rusty Curry was the Master of Ceremonies and did a great job keeping everything on schedule, making announcements and calling winners. Maureen also did a super job organizing and distributing prizes, and as the go-to person for any questions. Keith Wills was there and repaired a detector or two for members. TAMDC President Michael Heim was there and had raffles at his booth each day with some great prizes.

It would take pages to tell all the stories of the weekend. Come to the meeting Friday and you may hear some of them. The Garrett people will probably do a nice write-up in the next Garrett Searcher. We saw several of the Stars doing videos, so look for them on YouTube. Thank you Garrett family and company for organizing an excellent 2nd Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt!

Presentations to Outgoing Officers



Rechey Davidson and Janet Hall were honored with plaques for their two years of service in 2016 and 2017 as club treasurer and club secretary.

Pictures compliments of Eva Aquinaga

Member News

If you purchased Rechey's book "Ambush at Quitman Pass" on Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble you can help his sales by leaving a review. Go to the website, enter his name or book title, and click "review". Even a single word or short comment like "very entertaining", "interesting", etc, will raise the book's standing. Rechey also appreciates direct feedback on what you think about his book.

Members having recent surgery -- Keep them in your prayers!

- Herman Denzler is having surgery for kidney cancer at UT Southwest Hospital on Tues, Mar 27. He hopes to be home by the weekend.
- Frank Lawson also had surgery for skin cancer. Reconstructive surgery will follow.
- Mike Skinner is doing rehab following knee surgery.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming hunts!

April 20-22, 2018 – The 2018 Texas Treasure Show and Hunt at Mayborn Convention Center, Temple, TX. <http://www.tamdc.org/2018-TREASURE-SHOW.html>

May 5-6, 2018 – Three Forks Treasure Club 32nd National Open Hunt – Sapulpa, OK
<https://www.facebook.com/ThreeForksTreasureHuntersClub/>

May 12, 2018 LSTHC Spring Hunt – Samuell Farm Mesquite

May 26-27, 2018 – 47th Annual Indian Territory Treasure Hunt, OK

<http://www.itthc.com/2018huntyer.pdf>

June 28-July 1 – 2018 WWATS Rendezvous – 3 Day Open Treasure Hunt, Mancos, CO

<http://wwats.org/index.php/events/wwats-rendezvous-2017-mancos-co>

July 6-8, 2018 – Eureka! Treasure Hunters “Rush to the Rockies”

<http://www.eurekathc.org/rush-to-the-rockies-hunt>

October 6, 2018 – Cowtown Teasure Hunters Club “Betty Jordan and Roger Nickel Memorial Hunt” <http://www.tamdc.org/upload/Cowtown%202018%20Annual%20Fall%20Hunt%20Flyer.pdf>

October 27, 2018 – LSTHC 44th Annual Open Hunt

<http://www.lonestartreasure.org/Flyers/LSTHC44th.PDF>

November 10, 2018 – Austin Metal Detecting Club -- Veterans Day Open Hunt

<http://www.tamdc.org/upload/FinalFlyer2018.pdf>

Facebook Group Action

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Detector Sale List from Keith Wills, East Texas Metal Detectors

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~ The Bad Andy Chronicles ~

As relayed to and interpreted by that Chronicler of Chronicles...Hermanicus

It all started even before that young transplant from New York began searching for lost treasure here in the DFW area, in a time not so distant in the past...his quest, like ours, was to find... Well, let's let him describe in his own words...the thrill of the hunt...in

episodes that you are sure to enjoy. Read on, dear reader, as we explore the MAN, the MYTH, the LEGEND, of BAD ANDY MESAROS as told by him, in his own words, through...**THE BAD ANDY CHRONICLES.**

Episode I - Mosquito Coast

(originally published in the Lone Star THC Newsletter, Nov 1991)

Mysterious events happen in this land late in the evening. Grave-size diggings appear overnight. Strange insects engulf large tree limbs in monstrous webs. Needles from people with a problem litter the landscape. Ladies of the night ply their trade only a few blocks away. The first tennis court and an ancient abandoned ball diamond are used now by the ones that came from the mud flow after dark.

It's on any Dallas map.

When Odie Perez and I arrived at this place about two years ago, it was obvious from the start that no one had ever been here with a metal detector.

I want to clarify something for the record before I go on. Technically, Odie arrived at this site a day before the day I planned to arrive there to check it out for myself. Technically, he found the place, and doesn't believe that I was going to go there the next day...

...but now for the rest of the story.

I get a phone call (*Bad Andy doesn't believe in cell phones, so it's a real phone call*). Odie says he's found what might be a good spot. He couldn't stay long, but found a few wheats, so I went the next day, for about 45 minutes, and also found a few wheats, some new money and a nice, shiny Mercury dime! With this, I called Odie to tell him of my good fortune and we both had decided to it for a full day on the weekend. I don't remember (we should have kept records on this one, but didn't) exactly what we found that day, but I recall that we had about 10 silver coins between us, plus well over a hundred others.

After that, we hunted there just about every weekend, and even after work during the week when we had daylight until at least 8 o'clock.

In three different locations around the place, clusters of clad quarters were found. One contained about 16, and another, about 35. Both of these were found by Odie. I found the third, and for this, I did keep a record. I have a notebook where I jot down my good or unusual finds, and milestones reached.

Here is a list of my finds for the whole time spent at Mosquito Coast on April 18, 1990. I hunted for only about an hour and a half after work. (You don't want to be there after dusk! The place changes into the land that time forgot.):

Clad Quarters	30
Silver Quarters	1
Clad Dimes	2
Silver Dimes	1

Wheat Cents 3

Memorial Cents 5

26 of the Quarters were found in an area of 4' X 9', dates follow:

1965 9

1966 6

1967 6

1970 D 4

1950 D 1 (the only Silver Quarter in any of the three clusters)

In the course of our hunting, Odie found 3 Mercs in 1 hole, a Franklin Half and a Washington Quarter in 1 hole, a Silver Quarter, Dime and a few minor coins.

The oldest coin found was an 1881 Indian Head Cent. No Barbers were found. We pulled out about 6 silver rings.

Here is a list of what we found, to date. Totals are approximate, except for the Halves and Indian Head, which are accurate:

Wheat & Memorial Cents 800

Indian Head Cent 1

Clad Dimes 180

Clad Quarters 140

Nickels 5

Silver Dimes 110

Silver Quarters 20

Silver Halves 4 (2 Walkers and 2 Franklins)

That's my story. If you venture there to look for what's left, shower first in "OFF" spray, because if you haven't figured it out, all of the mosquitoes in Texas live there and are raising families. Oh, I forgot to tell you where it is. It's right where you left it.

Wouldn't you know...Odie and I went back a few weeks ago, and darned if I didn't find another Merc!

Episode II - How I Made a Hundred Swinging Off Lovers Lane

~ or ~

Treasure Hunting Mary Young's Place

(originally published in the Lone Star THC Newsletter, Jul 1996)

He said his parents bought the home in 1939. Back then, nobody wanted to visit because it was too far out in the country. I work with Gary Young who was born there in

1948. He's a very nice chap and is a perfect double for Wilfred Brimley of "Cocoon" and Quaker Oats fame.

Anyway, the house is up for sale and I got permission to hunt it. He grew up there and his parents were the original owners. He didn't think I'd find much because...as the story goes - "We didn't have any money to lose."

My first visit (**Jun 29**) was a hot Saturday afternoon. After walking around Canton for 1st Monday Trade Days for 7 hours, I headed for Mary Young's house. I arrived about 4 o'clock and hunted until 7. It was so hot I was seeing double. I guess seeing double isn't bad if you dig up a silver coin, but that's beside the point.

After 3 hours, I found 69 coins and a gold 1939 class ring (he won 2nd place in jewelry at the meeting, beat out by a 14K ID bracelet). The ring had the initials "J. H. D." inside the band. I showed Gary and he showed his Mom, but she had no idea who the ring belonged to. So, I guess the ring is mine now! Finders keepers, losers weepers or something like that.

Oh! Out of the 69 coins, twelve were silver and I found more Wheat Cents than Memorials.

I took the coins to work to show Gary and he couldn't believe all the silver I found.

I asked him if I could go back, he said, sure.

Second trip (**Jul 4**), 22 more coins, but only 1 silver, a 1940 Quarter.

That gave me 91 coins, total. Could I get a hundred? There was not a square inch of earth I thought I didn't cover. But wait! Under the carport. I had found a few coins there but newer ones. I hadn't covered it thoroughly, it was just unattractive, all small gravel and pebbles.

On my third and final trip (**Jul 6**) I lucked out and found 6 newer Cents under the carport. I got a Cent at the side of the house that I missed, a Wheat in the front yard under a metal part of the garden hose I failed to move prior to this and another Wheat in the backyard a couple of inches from a hole I already dug.

I had a hundred. I was tired. I went home.

Thank you, Mary and Gary Young, for residing in that beautiful little home off Lovers Lane and Inwood. Thanks also to all the friends who came to visit and play throughout the years.

Hey Gary - I think the reason you had no money when you were a kid was because you lost it all!!!

The Totals were:

38	Wheat Cents
43	Memorial Cents
4	Clad Dimes
2	Clad Quarters
5	Silver Mercury Dimes
6	Silver Roosevelt Dimes
<u>2</u>	<u>Washington Quarters</u>

100

KEEP SWINGING!!!!

Episode III - The Lot

~ or ~

SUPER BAD HITT

(November 12, 2005)

"You know how it is when you are out there swinging your coil and you get a real nice deep hit? Well this was a...**SUPER BAD HITT**...

While on my way to meet Rusty Curry one morning at the dump, instead of watching the road as well as I should be, my eyes were darting around as they were constantly looking for places to search. As I was about to exit the highway, my right eye caught what seemed to be a dirt lot I had never seen before (my right eye was looking in the other direction).

Gotta check this out. Wow! What a nice looking lot. Fresh dirt. They took down an old building right on the corner right in downtown.

I had about 15 minutes before having to meet Rusty, so I thought I'd give it a quick check. I looked for About 10 minutes and did not find a thing worth keeping, but I planned on coming back the next morning.

The next day, I'm there for about 45 minutes and still nothing but 1 wheat cent. I am feeling a little down now because I am sure there has to be something nice here somewhere. After a bit, I decide to leave and maybe try somewhere else. As I'm approaching my truck, I notice a black disc lying on the ground. It's a 1945 D Washington quarter. Now, this is a small lot. I was surprised I had not seen it before. I still decided to go and give this place some thought.

That night Earl, the Hittman (**his name is Earl Hitt, great guy by the way**) calls: "I'm off tomorrow, got any place to hunt?" "No", I said, "except for this 1 lot I got a blackened silver quarter at". We meet there the next morning and even before I get there, Earl finds a Buffalo Nickel.

After a short while and moving the dirt around a bit. We started finding some coins. Dimes and quarters were all silver. All cents were finding were wheats. It seems there were a lot of coins down a few inches underneath all the junk.

We started raking and we started digging. There were coins everywhere. Most of them were in the 1940's. more than half of the nickels found were war nickels. Earl started digging in an area where there may have been an old drain. Coins. Coins. Coins. Sometimes, on top of each other. Not only were there coins, but the usual assortment of tokens, a few medals. I found a silver boot tip. Many little keepables.

This went on for a few visits until coin finds dwindled. I talked to Super Dave Totsky (**his spelling, not mine**) who I thought was out of town. He stopped by on one of our last days there and did find some silver and other coins.

Now if you see this lot you will notice the lower part of the cement Wall of the building and brick foundation. We had it all dug up...down 5, 6 inches. Earl was down 4 feet at his drain site or so it seemed.

Just as we were going to call this a "done" with this lot, an SUV pulls up. a gentleman gets out and announces that this was his property and asks what are we doing. He didn't look happy. I told him we were trying to save some Dallas history and we were going to have to charge him extra for the renovations we did to his storefront property. He didn't look happy. We left the site.

By the way, the story I told you about the property owner was a fib. I used some artistic license. We did talk to the owner and he gave us his blessing. He told us the building he had torn down was a variety store at first and later on was taken over by the shoe store next to it. The store had a wooden floor and was built in 1927. Now we know where all those coins came from.

Don't forget, always, get permission before you excavate and don't forget to fill in your holes. Earl Hitt does (**his words, not mine**)."

Yours truly, Bad Andy Mesaros

Total coin count: (just the good stuff is listed, but 152 coins in all, 44 silver)

51 - Wheaties

1 - V nickel (1903)

9 - Buffalo Nickels

(silver)

19 - War Nickels

23 - Mercs

9 - Rosies (silver)

12 - Washington Quarters

1 Mexican coin

Episode IV - "George Washington"

~ Release date Mar 17, 2018 (yep, St. Patrick's Day) ~

George Washington
4209 Eastridge End
Ft. Worth, TX 02659

By: "Bad Andy" Mesaros

It all started with a phone call on a Friday, of no particular significance to the rest of us, but one that now has the dubious distinction of being part of The

Bad Andy Chronicles. So, what happened? Let's hear it from the Man / Myth / Legend himself as he relays his tale...

January 20, 2017

Got back from Lilly's Fun Palace at 2 PM. I was tired. Noticed I had a call from Ray Martin while I was out. As I listen to his message, he says he's just found 258 quarters on one lot. I replayed his message. Yes, that's what he said, 258! I thought I'd call him back the next morning and see what the deal was.

January 21, 2017

Before I could call him, he called me. He says he's been back to the same lot for an hour and he has 82 more quarters. "They are all over the lot. My back hurts from all of this bending over. Come over and help." I joined him and at the end of the day, Ray had found a total of 206 for the day. I had found 53 of them. (quick math: **\$129.25 for a total between the two**)

I failed to mention in the middle of this, a gentleman in a pickup truck stopped by. After saying hello, he points across the way to an apartment complex. He says he and his young sons lived there until about 5 years ago. One day, they (**his sons**) came home from playing with about \$30 in quarters. Questioning them as to where they got them, they said: "From the woods in the old house lot across the way." The guy said: "After that, whenever his kids asked him for some spending money he would tell them to go to the woods and get your own spending money." (quick math: **\$159.25 at least, and counting**)

This went on for many months, until they moved about 10 miles away. He kept track and said his kids found right about 1,500 quarters in the woods scattered all over the place. [By the way, these quarters were clad, covering all years up to 2016.] (quick math: **\$129.25 for Ray and Bad Andy and \$375 for the kids...for a total of \$504.25...this equates to over 3ea, 1/10 oz gold coins...thus far**)

Now back to my original story. After the second day at the quarter lot, Ray had had enough. He was just tired of picking up new change (**We should all have this problem. Ray actually went back 2 more times.**).

I want to say, before I go on, that although there were many, many quarters laying on top of the ground, under the leaves and wood chips, many, many more had to be dug up. There were quarters up to 3-4" deep. It was

obvious all these quarters were being thrown all over this lot for many years. Many of the ones laying on the top were shiny, right out of your pocket, new coins. Like I mentioned, there were quarters dated 2016.

For the next 3 visits to the lot, I found another 132 quarters. (quick math: \$537.25 and climbing)

January 28, 2017

The Hermanator and Super Dave Tutzke joined me for about an hour (we only left because it was getting real dark). We found 32 quarters total. (quick math: \$8)

I went back 7 more times between 2/3/2017 and 2/27/2017 and found 66 more quarters. (quick math: \$16.50)

By this time, Frank Lawson would join me and also go on his own, whenever it struck his fancy. When it was all said and done for him, he would find 174 quarters on this lot. (quick math: \$43.50)

I went back 4 more times between 3/11/2017 and 4/7/2017 for 61 more. (quick math: \$15.25)

[So, if my math serves me correctly, at this point we are sitting on: \$620.50 recovered, thus far, in just quarters...yep, there's more. And, many of you may remember Ray Martin's Wildcard submission at the January 2017 meeting where he had a wire mesh basket displaying 600+ quarters in one lot...he got 1st place for that.]

New Side Story:

On 4/1/2017, I was taking some photos of the lot to show a few friends back East what the lot looked like. A gentleman comes out of his house, and since I didn't want to tell him the quarter story, I said a friend might be interested in buying this lot and that I was going to send him some photos. Then I realized I was going to hunt the lot again after finishing with the photos, I mentioned having a metal detector and was going to give the lot a try.

He told me the following: "About a month ago before they cleaned up the lot, where the wood chips are, it was all wooded. A lot of homeless people lived in them for many years. You might find something there."

(Bad Andy's mind is racing: "Do you think? Ha! Finally, somewhat of a clue.")

Again, the gentleman: "I've been living in this house for nearly 40 years and it has always been an empty lot."

Back to the Original Story:

Frank Lawson and myself went over there 4 more times between 4/17/2017 and 5/14/2017. Frank continued to add to his total and I added 20. None of us went back there for the next 10 months except to drive by and see if anything was happening there. I drove by on 3/8/2018 and noticed they had recently pulled up all the tree trunks, leaving depressions and fresh dirt scattered around. I hunted for an hour and found probably my last 2 quarters. (quick math: approximately \$626 in quarters, all told)

But here's Bad Andy's official count (keep in mind, this is just the clad quarters):

The Kids	1,500
Ray Martin	606
Bad Andy	350
Frank Lawson	174
Hermanator	16
<u>Super Dave</u>	<u>13</u>
Total	2,659 (\$664.75)

Bad Andy's Theory on how these coins came to be:

This is the best I could come up with.

Those homeless people who lived there for years went out begging every day. They saved all the paper money and for some unknown reason discarded the change. The reason, to my way of thinking as to why all those quarters compared to the smaller change, was that's what people gave them.

The Bad Andy Corollary or Axiom: "If you're going to give a homeless person outside your car window money and you're not going to give them a dollar of two, you're going to give them quarters before you hand out pennies or nickels. You don't want to insult anyone with maybe 13 cents."

That's my theory. Other thoughts? (I think he's tight on.)

And now...the rest of the story...

Oh! I did find 2 Mercury Dimes and a nice .925 silver ring that were left by Treasure Hunters many years before all that change arrived.

I'm sure you had to be wondering, ALL QUARTERS!! Not quite. There were pennies, nickels and dimes. Not anywhere as much as the quarters ([Bad Andy's Corollary](#)). At the beginning, we kept track, but after a while didn't even bother. I estimate:

Lincoln cents	250
Jefferson nickels	35
Clad dimes	200
Wheaties	25-30

Thank You, Ray Martin (lot finder)! IT WAS FUN

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