

# THE SILVER SIGNAL

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## President's Corner

by John Finnell



This is how President Finnell felt after the annual hunt. He has actually been sick for a couple of weeks, and he bravely went to, and competed in, the hunt and the auction in spite of his condition. I believe our

President should be congratulated on his efforts, and his loyalty to the club.



Mr. President...all hunted out.



I hope everyone enjoyed the incredible edibles that were auctioned at the club's annual hunt last month. I know I did. I know with Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and my birthday coming my chocolate sweet tooth should be well satiated, and my diet obliterated. Everyone who attended and contributed to the success of this annual hunt are greatly appreciated. **HUGE THANKS** to all involved. We also know that our hunt would be in vain without everyone who donated items for hunt prizes, and to all who made the delicious goods for auction. **HUGE THANKS** to everyone who donated items, and took the time to cook for the auction.

We will not have a member spotlight this month. Instead I have two new articles that pertain to money safety, and for emergency preparedness. I hope you enjoy them. The information from the articles is presented from the Federal Reserve, the Department of Treasury, and the American Bankers Association.

If you have any questions or announcements that need to be addressed, send them in to me at the email address below. Send all submissions to: [newsletter@lonestartreasure.com](mailto:newsletter@lonestartreasure.com). Until next month, may good fortune and prosperity be yours, and **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** everyone!

<b>Birthday Drawing</b>		Frank Martinez
<b>Name Tag Drawing:</b>		Jesse Boedeker
<b>Marble Raffle:</b>		Norman Morris drew the green marble, and won \$233.00. Congratulations!

## Find of the Month Winners-October 2006

### COIN

Chuck Howell	800+ Clad coin cash
Jack Lowry	1914 Quarter
Rusty Curry	1936 Walking liberty half

### GOLD JEWELRY

Jack Lowry	14K wedding ring
Chuck Howell	Gold & diamond ring
Mike Koenig	Gold & onyx ring

### SILVER JEWELRY

Rick Anderson	Compass watch fob
Chuck Howell	Silver bracelet
Dave Totzke	Silver ring

### RELIC

Dennis Brasher	Bed roll buckle
Rick Anderson	Richmond lab confederate bullet
Floyd Caldwell	E&TH button

### TOKEN

Rusty Curry	1935 Texas Chauffeur badge
Ronnie Morris	1934 Opening day State Fair pin
Dave Totzke	Dallas railway token

### WILD CARD

Andy Mesaros	Brass armadillo
Dave Totzke	Lead soldier
Rusty Curry	National newsboys assoc. badge

## Door Prizes

Prize	Donated by	Winner
Garrett twister	Garrett	Chuck Howell
Garrett hat	Garrett	Joe Hennig
Garrett bags	Garrett	Kelene Totzke
Garrett visor	Garrett	Mike Skinner
Wood cigar boxes	Dave Totzke	Rusty Curry
Knife	Ronnie Murray	Ivan Santos
Digger & bottle	Jim Arrington	Dennis Brasher
Digger & probe	Charles Martin	Bill Abbott

**October Raffle Winners**

<b>Raffle Prize</b>	<b>Donated By</b>	<b>Winner</b>
10 oz. copper round		Bob Bruce
1847 Large cent		Joe Hennig
1840 Large cent		Terry Schick
1851 Large cent		Sam Washburn
1847 Seated half dime		John Finnell
1854 Seated dime		Mike Koenig
1832 Bust half dollar		Lewis Murray
1834 Bust dime		Dave Totzke
30 BC Greek drachma		Dennis Brasher
1815 Seated dime		Robert Jordan
1865 Three cent nickel		Terry Schick
1864 Two cent piece		Mike Skinner
Heart shaped necklace	Keith Wills	Jesse Boedeker
Freshwater pearl necklace	Keith Wills	Catherine Finnell
1854 Bust dime		Carol Brasher
Dos Pesos		Dave Totzke

**INFO TRIVIA**

The United States Mint is celebrating the 300th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth by creating two commemorative coins honoring him in 2006. These coins pay tribute to Franklin as a scientist with the "Scientist" design, and as one of our great leaders with the "Founding Father" design. You probably won't see these special commemorative coins in your daily change, but you still may come across a Franklin half-dollar still in circulation.

## The New \$10 Color of Money

As part of the United States government's introduction of new currency with enhanced designs and security features, a redesigned \$10 note was issued in early 2006. The new \$10 design retains three of the most important security features that were first introduced in the 1990's and are easy to check: color-shifting ink, watermark and security thread.

To see the thread hold the bill up to the light and look for the security thread, or plastic strip, that is embedded in the paper and runs vertically to the right of the portrait. If you look closely, the words "USA TEN" and a small flag are visible along the thread from both sides of the note. This thread glows orange when held under ultraviolet light. In the redesigned note, the thread has shifted slightly to the right of its location on older series \$10 notes.

Look at the number "10" in the lower right corner on the front of the note. When you tilt the note up and down, the color-shifting ink changes color from copper to green.

Hold the bill up to the light and look for the watermark, or faint image, similar to the large portrait of Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton. The watermark is part of the paper itself and can be seen from both sides of the note. A blank oval has been incorporated into the new \$10 design to highlight the watermark's location.

The most noticeable difference in the newly designed bill is the addition of subtle background colors of orange, yellow and red. The front of the note also included images of traditional icons of Americana-also called Symbols of Freedom. Two images of the torch carried by the Statue of Liberty are printed in red on the front of the bill. A large image of the torch is printed in the background to the left of the portrait of Hamilton which has also been moved up, and the shoulders extended to the border.

The background colors differ with each denomination to help distinguish them. Both new and old designs of U.S. currency will circulate together, and will maintain their full face value.

## Announcements and Reminders

We would like to give a resounding “**THANK YOU**” to everyone who participated in the annual club hunt. Everyone who worked, and/or donated helped to make our hunt a HUGE success!

### **\*\*SNACK REMINDER\*\***

**Ivan Santos, Jack Ellett, and Rechey Davidson** have agreed to bring snacks. To anyone else who brings snacks, they will be appreciated. Thank you for the munchies!

The meeting time is 7:30 on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the IOOF hall.

The second annual Amigos silver hunt is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. The fee is \$60 after November 1st. There will be both silver and prizes to be found and/or won. This is the largest non-profit hunt of the year. It will be held in Canton, TX. at the Trades Day campground area. Seven metal detecting clubs in Texas sponsor the Amigos hunt. Golden Triangle Explorer's Society-Dallas, Lone Star Treasure Hunter's Club-Dallas, Rusk County Treasure Hunter's Assn.-Henderson, East Texas Treasure Hunters-Longview, Cowtown Treasure Club-Ft. Worth, Smith County Metal Detecting Assn.-Tyler, and East Fork Treasure Hunters Assn.-Mesquite. Camping is available at \$15 per night. Let's all show up and represent our club this November!

Annual club dues are now PAST DUE. Payment can be made at the next club meeting or you can send them in to Dave Totzke.

If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, please contact the editor, Catherine Finnell at the address below. On a personal note, I would love to get some **pictures** from some of the hunts going on to add to the newsletter. If you have an announcement that needs to be in the newsletter, please send them in along with any other submissions to the following email address or you can give them to John Finnell at the next meeting. Please **hand print** announcements for John or email them to: [newsletter@lonestartreasure.com](mailto:newsletter@lonestartreasure.com)

## **YOUR BANK IS PREPARED ARE YOU?**

The nation's banks play a vital role in supporting the communities that they serve so they have developed systems that protect themselves and us in the event of emergencies. Certain items are imperative when a disaster happens. It is better to be prepared.

Listed here are some important items to have on hand in the event of an emergency:

1. Keep forms of identification handy. They include driver's licenses or state issued i.d. cards, insurance cards, Social Security cards, passports and copies of birth certificates.
2. Your checkbook with enough blank checks and deposit slips to last several weeks. Your need will vary depending on how many checks you tend to write.
3. ATM cards, debit cards, and credit cards will give you access to cash and the ability to pay bills.
4. A small amount of cash. The amount will depend on many factors including the number of people in your family, your ability to use an ATM or credit cards to get more cash. Please remember that cash on hand is easily stolen compared to being safely deposited in your bank.
5. Key phone numbers of family and friends, as well as local and toll-free phone numbers for your bank, credit card issuers, and insurance companies.
6. Selected account numbers including bank and credit card numbers, and homeowner's policy numbers.
7. The key to your safe deposit box is mandatory. If you don't have your key your bank cannot access your box no matter how much i.d. you may have.

Many additional steps can be taken to assure that you and your family is safe and capable of survival. These may include but are not limited to:

1. Make backup copies of important original documents.
2. Determine what to keep at home and what to store in a safe deposit box at your bank.
3. Seal important documents in airtight and waterproof containers to avoid damage.
4. Prepare one or more emergency evacuation bags or boxes; these should contain much of the items previously mentioned as well as prescription medications, a first aid kit, flashlights, food, water, and anything related to personal safety. Be sure to keep your emergency kit up to date. Old checks and credit card numbers are of no use to you.
5. Sign up for direct deposit on payroll or SSI checks.
6. Use automatic bill pay from your bank account.

These steps should help to prepare for possible emergency situations. While we hope that you never have to confront an emergency, remember that it's important to be prepared.

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