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President's Corner

by John Finnell



The Big month is finally here! There's a lot going on this month, both inside and outside of LSTHC. First, let me say thanks to everyone who donated to our garage sale. Also, a special **BIG THANKS** to: **Dave Totzke, Joe Hennig, Mike Skinner, Andy Mesaros, Frank Martinez, Mike Koenig, Herman Denzler, Ronnie Morris, Bill Austin, and Roy Harston** for giving up their Saturday to set up and run the sale. In case you did not hear, we raised a grand total of \$1015.76! I would also like to give **BIG THANKS** to **Keith Wills of East Texas Metal Detectors** for donating an assortment of goods including 6 "vintage" detectors. One kid that bought a detector showed back up a few minutes later with some goodies he had just found. We might just have another member soon. By the way, if you would like to personally thank Keith for his support, you will get your chance at the meeting on October 6th. Keith will be our guest speaker. Being the shy, unassuming person that he is; we will try to coax a few words from him on the WWATS hunt and activities in Austin. We may get a few stories about treasure hunting too. Keith will be taking entry fees and donations for the WWATS hunt as well. I know I don't have to remind anyone that our annual hunt is October 14th, but if you have not paid your entry fee, time is running out! We are paying 7-1 on silver exchange. Also, membership dues are officially PAST DUE so if you haven't paid up, now's the time! You can pay your membership dues with silver also. The officer nominating committee will be presenting their slate for next year's officers, and we will also ask for nominations from the floor. Be thinking of who you would like to represent our club as an officer, and throw their hat in the ring. Thanks again!



Hello again folks! Well we are entering one of the best times of the year. The holiday season! I love this time of year. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve are the best times in life. Mostly because of the family parties, and all of the love that comes pouring into your life. Speaking of love...John and I just shared our 12th wedding anniversary this past month. Yes. He has put up with me for twelve years. I want to make a little bit of a fool of myself on behalf of the man that makes my life complete. I am probably going to embarrass him to no end, but he has come to expect that by now. So if mushy stuff makes you blush, then cover your eyes or don't read, but I don't mind if you do.

Dearest Big John,

Thank you for the last twelve years. You are the reason I smile every morning. You are the reason I smile before I go to bed each night. You are the one man that has always been true to me, and loved me for who and what I am. Thank you for loving me through the good times and the bad times. I love you today, I will love you twice as much tomorrow, and I will love you ever more with each passing day. Here's to the next twelve years together.

Your Bear, Cathy

Okay you can all look again. We had a very successful garage sale. Everyone made great contributions, and we made some very much-needed funds for the club. Thanks to everyone who donated and participated! We have our annual October club hunt this month on the 14th. There is a letter from the huntmaster later in this newsletter. It contains vital info regarding what is needed for the hunt, and how you can help make it successful. We have another member spotlight this month. This month's spotlighted member has a lot in common with me. I hope you enjoy her article. If you have any announcements that need to be in the newsletter, send them in to me as well. Send all submissions to: newsletter@lonestartreasure.com.

Until next month, may good fortune and prosperity be yours, and HAPPY HALLOWEEN everyone!


October's "Shining Lone Star" Member Spotlight

This month's member spotlight is on a wonderfully active club member, Kelene Totzke. I say wonderfully active because Kelene is just like me, she doesn't actively treasure hunt, yet she supports the club in many ways. She is a pure Texas native from San Antonio. She is married to our club treasurer, Dave Totzke, and as for her age; she says she is younger than Dave.

The first time I sent Kelene her set of spotlight questions the answers I received puzzled me a bit. Particularly when I asked her what her favorite finds were, and what detector she preferred. If you have read my previous member profiles, I have been told about interesting items found while detecting, and what detector they use and why. The answer Kelene gave to all my questions, "Dave." Okay, I admit I try to make people laugh as often as possible because it is a way to share happiness, health, and friendship. I know Dave, and he is a nice guy, but that made ME laugh. I had to inquire further as to her brief response to my questions. After all I needed an article!

Kelene's own biography of her club activity is much more entertaining and heart felt than anything I could dare come up with so I will let her speak for herself. Her second response to me read: "Most times people complain that brevity is impossible for me! I'll try to explain. I have not now, nor ever, even once, metal detected. Every sport needs a gallery, and that's what I am. I LOVE going to the hunts. I usually take a book and a chair, but rarely get more than a page read. There's always so much going on, people to talk to, stories to listen to, (and I'm sure I've NEVER heard ANY exaggeration), and goodies to gawk over, but I have no desire to enter. For one thing I'm way too competitive, and if the bug ever hit me, I'm afraid Dave and I would knock each other over trying to win. For another, I flat love watching everybody and cheering! And good grief Dave's showcase is already overflowing. One person adding to it is more than enough. So now you know why my answers were the way they were. I hate it when I only think I'm being clever."

I think Kelene is clever indeed. She does something for the club that few can do; she supports it even though she doesn't actively do the sport. Kudos Kelene for being a Shining Lone Star member, and an inspiration to all of us in the club who don't treasure hunt!

Birthday Drawing		Roy Harston
Name Tag Drawing:		Kelene Totzke
Marble Raffle:		Ray Walther drew the white marble, and chose the \$10 envelope.

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As we have always known, the Texas Historical Commission has and still wants metal detecting outlawed in the state of Texas. They are using the fact that Texas State Parks do not allow it so it should be outlawed in all city and county parks in the state. The THC is systematically taking out county parks across the state one at a time, starting with the most centrally located ones first. We must fight and defeat them. If we win this battle, then we as a metal detecting community, and recreational hobby within Texas, will set the precedence for future such cases the THC may bring against us. We must show them our numbers in both writing letters, and in our presence by being at the next hearing! This is very important and we need everyone involved. We must act now and act fast. Please write to the County Judge, and each Commissioner on this list. Thank you for helping keep metal detecting legal in Texas State Parks.

County Judge Samuel T. Briscoe 314 W. 11th St., #520
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- County Commissioners
- Ron Davis 314 W. 11th St., #510 Austin, TX 78701 - Precinct 1
- Karen Sonleitner 314 W. 11th St., #530 Austin, TX 78701 - Precinct 2
- Gerald Daugherty 314 W. 11th St., #500 Austin, TX 78701 - Precinct 3
- Margaret Gomez 314 W. 11th St., #525 Austin, TX 78701 - Precinct 4

HUNTMASTER DIGS

by Michael Koenig

We have a great club. I know this for a fact, as I am a member of a couple of clubs, and have visited many others. Other clubs recognize that we have a great club, and they have never been disappointed when they have visited with us. I want to thank everyone for being friendly to new members and visitors alike, and for being great representatives for our club.

This brings us to the present. We have an opportunity to show off our club again in October at our main club hunt. As a club we have always put on a great hunt, and the club needs your help to ensure that this year's hunt is great as well.

What can you do?

You can bring a donation to the October meeting.

You can come out and help us set up the hunt field.

You can bake a cake for our cake auction.

You can come out to the hunt and help out in any number of ways, whether you hunt or not.

You can sign in hunters.

You can sell tickets.

You can visit with others.

Help make the hunt become another success!

Our club is not made up of a dozen people. We have over 100 members and we need the support of each one of you to have a great hunt. Look at the list of things we need. I am asking you to do one thing on this list. If everyone does at least one, then we will have a great hunt this year.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who participates in getting our main hunt ready in advance. Without the hard work and dedication of our club members, we would not have a club.

See you on the field!

Find of the Month Winners-September 2006

COIN

Dave Totzke	1842 O Half dime
Ivan Santos	1908 Barber dime
Herman Denzler	1943 S Walking liberty

GOLD JEWELRY

Herman Denzler	10K Gold ring w/diamond
Frank Martinez	14K Ring w/pink gem
Andy Mesaros	14K Gold ring

SILVER JEWELRY

Herman Denzler	Silver angel ring
Rick Anderson	Silver spider ring
Ronald Hankins	Silver cross

RELIC

Rusty Curry	Brown Bennington marble
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TOKEN

Rick Anderson	Zizka token
Dave Totzke	1910 Ft/Worth dog tag
Mike Skinner	Red goose 50 cent token

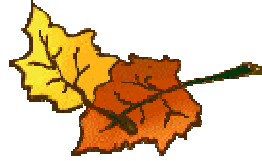
WILD CARD

Mike Skinner	Silver thimble
Floyd Caldwell	Toy spur
Dave Totzke	Toy pistol

Q & A

What is green slime and why should I fear it? Green slime is as nasty as it sounds! As a collector, it's one of your worst enemies. It will take a valuable coin and turn it into a sticky, worthless mess. Green slime is a chemical that's used to make plastics softer, and its real name is as horrible as what it does to coins. Polyvinyl chloride. How does PVC attack coins? By lurking in some of the flips and other holders used to store coins. Over time, the sticky film spreads from the container to your coin, eating into its surface. You NEVER want to store coins in anything made with PVC!

Spooky Season Word Unscramble



1. eslapp _____
2. ksupimprn _____
3. asyhaktc _____
4. crswocaer _____
5. edric _____
6. elsvae _____
7. erlcoo _____
8. nydwi _____
9. lfla ocrosl _____
10. gaeorn _____
11. rceootb _____
12. hiwct _____
13. keesnotl _____
14. kcabl tca _____
15. tgsohs _____
16. ossnase _____
17. ideayhr _____
18. rsshoe _____
19. dyacn oncr _____
20. uhssqa _____

A Special Five Word Scramble All In One

21. seaulubtehsoeuncnlrrtresat _____



September Raffle Winners

Raffle Prize	Winner
Gold nugget	Bill Austin
1849 Large cent	Joe Hennig
193-211 Roman den arias	Ivan Santos
1831 Bust dime	Olga Hankins
1821 Bust dime	Virgil Jones
1823 Bust half	Gordon Robinson
1845 Seated dime	Terry Schick
1841 Seated half dime	Dave Totzke
1877 Seated quarter	Olga Hankins
1842 Large cent	Joe Hennig
1986 U.S. Ellis Island set	John Finnell
1852 Large cent	Dennis Brasher
Dos Pesos	Ivan Santos

Door Prizes

Prize	Donated by	Winner
Garrett twister	Garrett	David Bennett
Garrett hat & bottle	Garrett	Bob O'Day
Garrett hat	Garrett	Melinda Bush
Garrett visor probe	Garrett	Roy Harston
Hallmark quarter	Rusty Curry	Andy Mesaros
Knife	Ronnie Murray	Bill Abbot
Digger	Jim Arrington	Ronald Hankins
Digger & pouch	Garrett	James Hardy
Fossil	Jesse Boedeker	Ronnie Morris

Announcements and Reminders

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

The next meeting is October 6th, 7:30 p.m. in our regular meeting place at the IOOF Hall.

****SNACK REMINDER****

Ivan Santos, Frank Martinez, Floyd & Susan Caldwell, and Tom Bush have agreed to bring snacks. To anyone else who brings snacks, they will be appreciated. Thank you for the munchies!

Our annual club hunt is October 14th. Time for payment to enter is running out!

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. We will also accept silver coins at a ratio of 7 to 1 trade in for your annual dues.

WWATS (World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers, Inc.) will have their annual open rally and FREE hunts at the same location as last year. The hunt dates will be Oct. 20-22nd 2006. If you need further information on WWATS or the rally, you can contact **Keith Wills**, 1495 FM 49, Gilmer, TX. 75644 Email: kwills@etex.net or you can go to the WWATS website at www.wwats.org or you can talk to him on October 6th at the club meeting. Keith will be taking donations and fees for their pay hunt and coin raffle.

Q&A submitted from U.S. Mint-Hip Pocket Change.

Deadline for submissions to the newsletter editor will be on the 15th of each month. Submissions after the 15th may not appear until the following month's newsletter. If you have an announcement that needs to be in the newsletter, please send them 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

Smart

My dad gave me one-dollar bill
'Cause I'm his smartest son,
And I swapped it for two shiny quarters
'Cause two is more than one!

And then I took the quarters
And traded them to Lou
For three dimes -- I guess he don't know
That three is more than two!

Just then, along came old blind Bates
And just 'cause he can't see
He gave me four nickels for my three dimes,
And four is more than three!

And I took the nickels to Hiram Coombs
Down at the seed-feed store,
And the fool gave me five pennies for them,
And five is more than four!

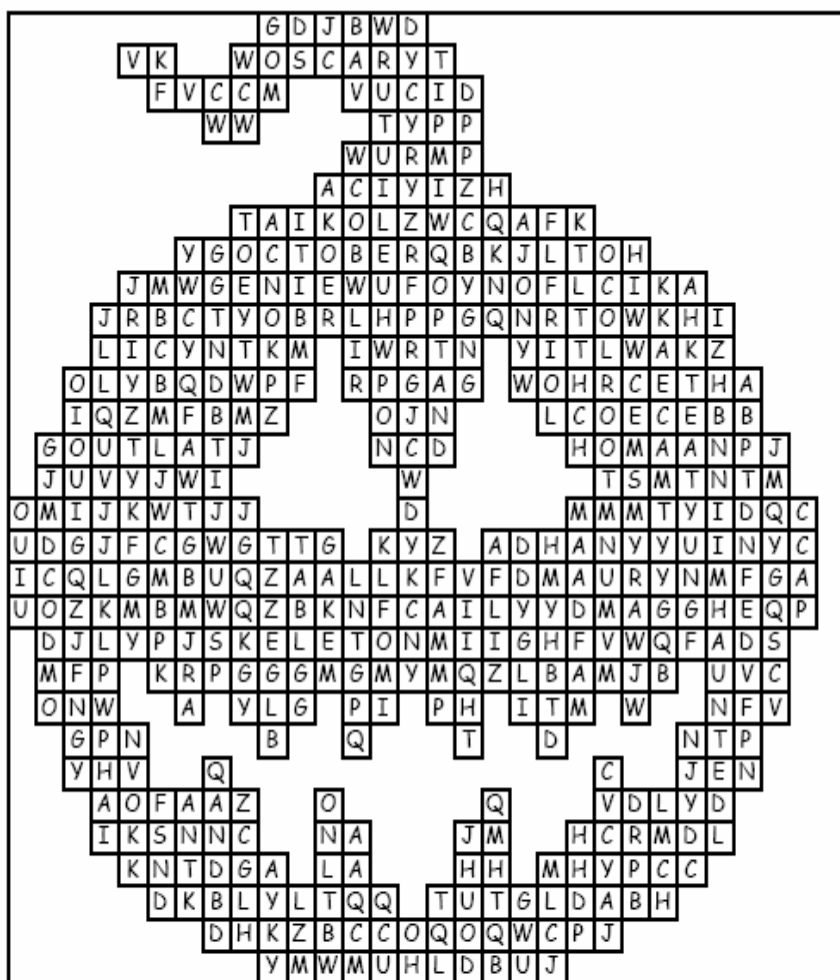
And then I went and showed my dad,
And he got red in the cheeks
And closed his eyes and shook his head--
Too proud of me to speak!
- Shel Silverstein

Word Scramble Answers

1. Apples
2. Pumpkins
3. Haystack
4. Scarecrow
5. Cider
6. Leaves
7. Cooler
8. Windy
9. Fall Colors
10. Orange
11. October
12. Witch
13. Skeleton
14. Black Cat
15. Ghosts
16. Seasons
17. Hayride
18. Horses
19. Candy Corn
20. Squash
21. Lone Star Treasure Hunters Club

I think there is only one scary on the word search on Pg.11. It was pre-made; so sorry. If you can find the second one, let me know!

Happy Halloween Word Search



HALLOWEEN
HAUNTED
SKELETON

CANDY
GHOST
GENIE

TRICK OR TREATING
COSTUMES
WITCH

SCARY
OCTOBER
SCARY

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