

# THE SILVER SIGNAL

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September 2006

## Lone Star Club Executive Officers

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Our next meeting is September 1st, at 7:30 p.m. We will be in our usual location at the IOOF hall. We hope to see you there.

## President's Corner

by John Finnell



Hello everyone! Well maybe you have already heard the talk, but it isn't gossip it's the truth. Club member Alice Branger came up with a wonderful idea. We are having a garage sale! Here is the plan.

We are asking you to take a look around your house for items that can be donated to the club. What kind of "items?" Well just about anything! We need men and women's clothing, baby clothes, costume jewelry, bags, belts, tools, electronics, furniture, appliances...just about anything. If you don't have any junk, prime garage sale items I should say, cash is always welcome. No items will be returned. The club will be disposing of anything that does not sell. So PLEASE donate in any way that you can!

Bring your Items to the next regular meeting to be held on September 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. Dave Totzke has offered to bring a truck to store the stuff until the sale. The sale will be held at the Oddfellows Lodge at 227 9th Street, Irving, Texas 75060 on Saturday, September 9th, 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The sale may continue until everyone leaves or until we run out of stuff to sell. We hope to have a huge turn out for this club function. We will see you there!



Hello again folks! August is halfway over, and I hope that September brings us some cooler weather. I am about to melt! We have some exciting upcoming events that should be fun for everyone. The club is planning its first garage sale! I don't know many of us that don't like to shop for a good sale. Also, the

WWATS free hunt is still on the calendar for October.

I would like to thank everyone for the positive comments I have received on the newsletter. I hope that you continue to enjoy reading it as much as I am enjoying putting it together for you.

Our spotlight article this month is going to shine on a man who is a lifetime member of our club, and who is also an active member with Golden Triangle. The member spotlight article appears later in this newsletter. I hope you enjoy getting to know our members better with each new article.

I am always looking for input from our members for upcoming newsletters. All articles, stories, pictures, jokes, artwork, etc. may be sent to me at my email address. Also if you have any announcements that need to be in the newsletter send them in to me as well. Don't be shy! All submissions are welcomed and appreciated. Send all submissions to:

[newsletter@lonestartreasure.com](mailto:newsletter@lonestartreasure.com).

Until next month, may good fortune and prosperity be yours.

### **UPDATE on Q&A The Nickel in Question**

Q. Why are there two varieties of the Buffalo nickel?

A. The answer to this question has a mishap in information. Rechey Davidson brought to my attention that indeed the original design shows the buffalo on a mound, which was then changed to a raised line. However, it was the five cents that was being eradicated, not the date. Thank you, Rechey, for the clarification!

## August's "Shining Lone Star" Member Spotlight

This month's member spotlight is on our lifetime member, Jack Lowry. He is a native-born Texan or Dallasite as he calls himself, and he is very proud of it. He said that the Air Force, and a later job reassignment, dragged him outside of Texas to Missouri, and a short stint in Omaha, Nebraska for 12 years. He said he got back to Texas as soon as he could. When asked his age Jack told me, "I was old when Lassie was a pup, but now I am old enough to blame errors on you youngsters."

Jack has been treasure hunting for 35 to 40 years in one form or another. When Jack's father had to be moved from his home into a nursing home facility his father lost a ring. It was a ring he got in 1946, and he called it his wedding ring. Jack said that other than a Cameo ring, it is the only ring he ever saw his father wear. His father lost it while picking up pecans in his backyard. After some time Jack finally found the ring in his father's back yard. As you can imagine this was his favorite find. Jack's most valuable find are some gold bars found in Mexico. Unfortunately, they are still in Mexico (safely re-hidden) since the Federales were trailing them. Jack says, "You don't want to oppose the Federales as they have no concern for human life other than their own." Jack didn't want to wind up in jail or dead. Now this sounds like a metal detectorist's tall tale, but I am just repeating the story as told to me. Those of you who know Jack better might be able to tell me if he is pulling my lower extremity or better yet; where I might find that stash of gold! His funniest find was when he came upon someone's upper plate (false teeth) with two of the teeth missing! Someone, somewhere, is gumming his or her corn on the cob I guess.

Jack generally uses Garret's high-end detector, but he also has a White's MXT that he is currently trying to master. Jack's best advice on treasure hunting as he says, "Practice, practice, and then practice some more. Become completely familiar with your detector and all of its features and functions. Then, I would suggest coin hunting for confirmation. If you can consistently find coins in a park or a playground, it is possible to find any item sought with only minor changes, and those are mostly between one's ears."

Member Spotlight cont'd.

Jack's favorite type of treasure hunting is cache hunting followed closely by beach or water hunting. This would explain his top choices of places to go hunting in the U.S.A., Hawaii or Alaska. Jack says his top picks for hunting elsewhere in the world would be Australia or Aruba. Can I go with you Jack? Pretty please?

Jack is definitely a "Shining Lone Star member, and quite the character to know!" I want to thank Jack personally for his spotlight interview. I hope everyone enjoys our monthly spotlight interview. Stay tuned to read about more of our members and their love of the activity of treasure hunting!

<b>Birthday Drawing</b>		<b>July and August:</b>
July-Chuck Howell		August-Floyd Caldwell
<b>Name Tag Drawing:</b>		Terry Schick
<b>Marble Raffle:</b>		Rusty Curry drew the white marble, and chose the \$10 envelope.

**!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!EMERGENCY NOTICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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 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 each County Judge and Commissioner on this list.
- Samuel T. Briscoe 314 W. 11th St., #520 Austin, TX 78701 County Judge
  - 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

## Find of the Month Winners-August 2006

### COIN

Rick Anderson	1917-S Walking liberty half
Dennis Brasher	1908 Barber ten cent
Rusty Curry	1899-0 Barber ten cent

### GOLD JEWELRY

Floyd Caldwell	1927 Class ring
Dennis Brasher	14K Ruby & diamond
Jesse Boedeker	14K Necklace

### SILVER JEWELRY

Roy Harston	Sterling Silver cross
Jesse Boedeker	Gold tone necklace with stones
Ed Verboort	.925 Silver spinnex ring

### RELIC

Rick Anderson	Large Blue Bennington marble
Ivan Santos	Steel Case lock
	Tie for third place
Mike Skinner	Brown Bennington marble
Floyd Caldwell	Button hook

### TOKEN

Rick Anderson	The Model clothing token
Rusty Curry	Saloon token-Simmons Lobe bar
Ivan Santos	Good for Crystal Cocoa soap token

### WILD CARD

Rick Anderson	1901-O Morgan dollar
Steve Stover	Kiwanis Club watch fob
Rusty Curry	Woodman of the World badge

**August Raffle Winners**

<b>Raffle Prize</b>	<b>Winner</b>
2006 Proof set	Bill Abbott
1803 8 Reale	Mary Penson
1853 Seated quarter	Ronnie Murray
1802 Large cent	John Finnell
1825 Bust half	Gordon Robinson
1883 Gold nickel	Floyd Caldwell
1841 Half dime	Frank Lawson
1835 Bust dime	Jesse Boedeker
1693 Irish penny	Andy Mesaros
1854 Seated dime	Rechey Davidson
1864 Two-cent piece	Rechey Davidson
Dos Peso	Rechey Davidson

**Door Prizes**

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Donated by</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Tatum 2006 box	Lewis Murray	Bill Abbott
Grab bag	Lewis Murray	Jennifer Kinsey
Garrett hat	Garrett	Carol Brasher
Garrett digger	Garrett	Velma Slocum
Pocket knife	Ronnie Murray	Mike Skinner
Garrett hat	Garrett	Roy Harston
Display box	Dennis Brasher	Alice Branger
Digger	Jim Arrington	Ivan Santos
Sharpening stone	Lewis Murray	Jeanne Verboost

## Announcements and Reminders

The next meeting is September 1<sup>st</sup>, in our regular meeting place. Snacks brought to the meeting for intermission will be appreciated!

WWATS (World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers, Inc.) will again have their annual open rally and FREE hunts at the same location as last year, K River Campgrounds just north of Antlers, S.E. Oklahoma on the Kiamichi River. Dates will be Oct. 20-22nd 2006. Start making your reservations at the campgrounds on the kriver website at: [www.kriver.com](http://www.kriver.com) now. You do not need to be a member to participate, but membership in WWATS is free for a three-year period! This is a free hunt, but they do take donations to help in the continuance of this hunt as well as WWATS. 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](mailto:kwills@etex.net) or you can go to the WWATS website at [www.wwats.org](http://www.wwats.org)

Q&A and Trivia submitted from Coin Clinic 2 by Alan Herbert.

Deadline for all 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, send them along with any other submissions to the following email address or you can give them to John Finnell at the next meeting. No advertisements or sale items will be placed in the newsletter. Please **hand print** announcements for John or email them to: [newsletter@lonestartreasure.com](mailto:newsletter@lonestartreasure.com)

The Houston Archeology and Recovery Club, HARC, is having its 25<sup>th</sup> annual open hunt at the AV Bull Salas Park covered rodeo arena. This is an HARC sponsored hunt near Houston, Texas. For details on the hunt, fees, and admission deadlines go to: [www.texasCouncil.com](http://www.texasCouncil.com) or email [gailrmt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gailrmt@sbcglobal.net), or call Buster Toland at: (281)-345-6899

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