

# THE SILVER SIGNAL

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## **Next meeting is 7:30pm Friday, April 7, 2006**

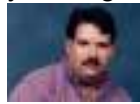
Mr. Troy Galloway will discuss improved searching by use of various coils and discrimination settings.

.....Remember to bring a donation  
for the silent auction!

### **President's Corner**

by John Finnell

Hello everyone. Well this has been a busy month. I hope you all got a few chances to do some hunting in between the rain.



The treasure hunting hobby got a terrific plug this month in the form of an article in Life Magazine featuring Texas' own Keith Wills of Gilmer. If you did not get a chance to see it, I will have a copy at the meeting.

Everyone (all 4 of us) who braved the rain (two whole minutes of it) had a great time hunting the beaches at Lake Limestone. We all came away with jewelry. The photo shows the rings a beginner like me found, so you can imagine how well Mike, Ray and Dave did. April looks like another busy month, busier than March probably with Bucks on the 22nd and TCTC on the 29-30th.

Speaking of Bucks, we will once again hold a silent auction to raise more money for token prizes to be given away. The first one was a great success having raised just over \$160.00. If you have any more donations please bring them in. If we don't get them into this action they will certainly get used later on.

Remember that time for signing up for Bucks is drawing to a close, at the \$30.00 level that is. The \$30.00 deadline is April 8<sup>th</sup> and thereafter the cost will be \$50.00. You can sign up the day of the hunt.

And finally, please, if you have display cases for the booth at TCTC but do not plan to attend, or photos for the slide show, please bring them to the meeting this month! Good Luck and Good Hunting!

## Upcoming Events

April 7, 2006	LSTHC Meeting
April 8, 2006	LSTHC Fun Hunt
April 1-2, 2006	East Texas 11th Annual Happy Trails Hunt at Rockin-L Ranch
April 21-22, 2006	LSTHC "Bucks-on-the-Brazos" Hunt
April 29-30, 2006	TCTC Annual Treasure Show
May 5, 2006	LSTHC Meeting
May 6, 2006	LSTHC Fun Hunt
May 20, 2006	Friends of the East Texas Children Hunt
May 27-28, 2006	Arkoma "Spring Cabin Fever" Hunt at KRiver
June 3, 2006	Waco Hunt

**Birthday Drawing:** Velma Solcum

**Name Tag Drawing:** Jesse Boedeker

**Marble Raffle:** James Hardy drew the white marble  
and chose the \$20 envelope.

## Interesting Internet Site

Learn more about Indian trail trees at:

<http://www.mountainstewards.org/indiantrailtrees.htm>

## **Technical Talk & Tips** By Wayne R. Suite

This month we will look at metal detector display readouts. When I refer to a display readout I am talking about either a meter or LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) screen. The meters as we are familiar with have a pointer that generally rests at the left and deflects to the right or stays in the center and deflects either to the left or right to indicate the type or quality of metal the coil is passing over. The LCD screen however generally provides additional information, which the meter usually cannot provide. The information displayed on the meter or on the screen is governed of course by the make, model and manufacturer of your detector. Some detectors rely only on sound and do not have any visual indications. These detectors that rely only on sound will not be discussed this month.

The meter information regarding the type of metal the coil is over is derived from a reaction in the coil as you pass the coil over the metal. The detector coil has a field that extends out from the coil into the ground. Detectors that allow ground balance adjustment are adjusted so that this field is neutral when the coil is at operating height and there is no metal under it, in the ground. Detectors not having a ground balance adjustment are set at a fixed determined value, sort of like welding your gas pedal in your car half way down and then calling it a cruise control. This value is fixed at a point that allows the detector to be used in MOST ground conditions with good results.

So when the coil passes over a metal object the field is disturbed. The detector then analyzes this disturbance and the resulting disturbance is given a value. This value is then changed into a voltage that then causes the meter needle to deflect to indicate the type of metal that is under the coil. In the case of the LCD screen this voltage is further converted into a fixed value and passed through a ladder filter to cause the appropriate segment or value to be displayed on the screen. Stay tuned....

## **The Beginners Corner** By Wayne R. Suite

The best tip for a beginner is that it is not the cost or model of detector purchased which determines your success in the hobby it is the swing of the coil over the metal object which provides results. In other words the most expensive detector will not result in any finds if it sits in the closet corner most of its life!! HH ☺

## Finds of the Month - March 2006

### COIN

**Earl Hitt** 1894 Indian Head Cent  
**Andy Mesaros** 1912-D Barber Dime  
**John Finnell** 2 Wheaties in 1 Hole



### GOLD JEWELRY

**Dave Totzke** Man's 14K bracelet  
**Floyd Caldwell** 14K Ring  
**Jack Ellett** 14K Ring



### SILVER JEWELRY

**Dave Totzke** Silver Ring  
**Floyd Caldwell** James Avery Ring  
**Andy Mesaros** Silver Ring

### RELIC

NONE

### TOKEN

**Jesse Boedeker** Witchita Commercial Club  
Watch Fob 1910  
**Floyd Caldwell** St. Christopher Wings  
**Dave Totzke** 1954 Ft. Worth Dog Tag



### WILD CARD

**Dave Totzke** WWI Spotlight Man  
**Jesse Boedeker** Shoe bottle (circa 1910)  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place 3-way tie*  
**Earl Hitt** False Teeth  
**Andy Mesaros** Lead Duck  
**Floyd Caldwell** Silver bracelet



## Huntmaster sez . . . . .

by Mike Koenig



The details for the annual members only “Bucks on the Brazos” hunt have been set.

However, as many of you may have already heard, the camp site is now closed to the public pending its possible sale. If that sale does happen, there WILL BE last minute changes which are out of our control.

You are helping to make this a great hunt by bringing a donation for the silent auction during the next meeting because all proceeds of that auction are going toward the cash prizes for the “Bucks” hunt. This means that your donation goes to whoever wants it most and the hunt’s prizes just get that much better.

This year “Bucks” will start on Friday evening with the night hunt. The official start time has been set at “**Dark 30**”. The night hunt will include at least a \$50 cash token.

The entry fee for the “Bucks” hunt is \$30 and the club will match another \$20. Sign up early cause after April 8<sup>th</sup> there is a \$20 late entry fee.

Here is your checklist:

- Pick out your donation(s)
- Get your silent auction shopping list ready
- Bring your entry fee money
- Come to the next meeting

### Photos Needed

We still need your photos of club outings, Club members past and present, or photos of yourself treasure hunting, bring them to the club meeting so that I may scan them for use at the Council show.

. . . . . **See you in the field.**

## March Door Prize Winners

<b>Door Prize</b>	<b>Donated by</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Knife	Ivan Santos	Andy Mesaros
Garrett Cap	Garrett	Robert O'Day
Magnifier	Charles Martin	Maurine Martin
Tracker Knife	Ronnie Murray	Alice Branger
Probe	Jim Arrington	Earl Hitt
Digger	Jim Arrington	Paul Creech
Garrett Cap	Garrett	Mike Koenig
Apache Knife	Ronnie Murray	Dave Kisselburg
Garrett Package	Garrett	Ronnie Murray
Roman Coin	Andy Mesaros	Bob Solcum

## March Raffle Winners

<b>Raffle Prize</b>	<b>Winner</b>
2003 Coloried Quarter Set	Joe Hennig
WTC Silver Round	Roy Harston
1878 3 Cent Nickel	Rick Anderson
1854 Seated Half	Floyd Caldwell
1827 Large Cent	O.L. Summers
1883 Seated Dime	Cameron Stover
1832 Bust Dime	O.L. Summers
1857 Seated Half Dime	Gordon Robertson
1800 2-Reale	Mike Koenig
1861 Seated Quarter	James Hardy
1853 3-Cent Silver	Dick McNamara
1867 2-Cent Piece	Jack Lowry
Dos Peso Gold Coin	Ronnie Morris

## Hold it Down!

The club board members have been getting many complaints about disruptive and unnecessary talking during the meeting. Each one of us wants to have a good time and we do! But for many of us, it is hard to hear, especially when the furnace or air conditioner is running.

There are only a half dozen or so who like to share a comment with their neighbor, and at the board meeting those names came up. The problem is that the six talkers turns into 12 because your neighbor doesn't want to seem rude so he responds, and soon we have a low rumble in the background! Then with more noise, the speakers need to talk a little louder! At some point, this has got to stop.

We average over 60 at our meetings and most of these people want to hear what is going on. Like everyone, they enjoy the fellowship. I look forward to the meetings because it gives me a chance to hang out with about 60 of the best people in the world! I don't want even one member to stop coming to the meetings just because of the noise.

We have our meeting program well thought out, I think. There is some genius behind it all. If you show up at 6:30 and help set up, you can chat for a half hour before the meeting starts. Then in the middle of the meeting we have a long break and refreshment time. This offers another opportunity for fellowship.

I believe our president will address this at the meeting. I just wanted to let you know that this is a very serious issue for many of our members.

(Editor's Note: The above article was from another club but its message applies to all of us!)

***Detecting the Net*** By Wayne R. Suite

Treasure Depot site - <http://www.thetreasuredepot.com/>

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