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Next meeting is 7:30pm Friday, March 3, 2006

Rosemary Rumbley will be our guest speaker.
.....Bring a donation for the silent auction!!!

President's Corner

by John Finnell

Brrrr! Hello everyone! Is it supposed to be this cold in February?

(Donations)



Wasn't Mike's talk on Geocaching great? I bet more than one of you (Donations) have looked into it or tried it for yourself. Ms. Rosemary Rumbley will be our guest speaker again this month. (Donations) Rosemary is a well-known Humorist and long-time Dallas resident with lots of entertaining stories about Dallas and the surrounding area. She has recently written a new book, "*Strolling Through the Park: The History of the Dallas Park Board*" and will have copies available at the meeting.

Texas Treasure Show: We (Donations) are rapidly running out of time for the TCTC show in Fort Worth! Please be working on getting together your display pieces and photos. Remember Mike Koenig will take photos (prints or digital) and scan them into the computer which will become part of (Donations) our display.

Bucks on the Brazos: We are hurting for prize **donations** so please be thinking about something you can bring. Remember your **donations** do not have to be related to Metal Detecting! The **donations** just need to be something that something that a well-deserving fellow club member would appreciate.

Remember to fill your holes! (Donations) Oh by the way, did I mention that I've been reading a book on subliminal persuasion?
..... Good luck and good hunting!!!

Upcoming Events

March 3, 2006	LSTHC Meeting
March 4, 2006	LSTHC Fun Hunt
April 1-2, 2006	East Texas 11th Annual Happy Trails Hunt at Rockin-L Ranch
April 7, 2006	LSTHC Meeting
April 8, 2006	LSTHC Fun Hunt
April 21-22, 2006	LSTHC "Bucks-on-the-Brazos" Hunt
April 29-30, 2006	TCTC Annual Treasure Show
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: None

Name Tag Drawing: Frank Lawson

Marble Raffle: Mary Penson drew the white marble
and picked the \$5 envelope.

Interesting Internet Site

Check out some of the great finds at:

www.kellycodetectors.com/Finds/gallery.htm

Technical Talk & Tips By Wayne R. Suite

This is the first in a continuing series of articles which I will be providing for the club newsletter with the goal of helping us to understand how our metal detectors think and what they are trying to tell us. If each of us, understands just a little more of how our machines think and operate we may be able to apply this to our field experiences which could result in more productive hunting.

Have you ever wondered how in the world there could be a dime near that quarter in the hole where you just couldn't decide whether you should dig it or pass it when you heard the broken up sound in your headphones?

You are using headphones, right? Headphones enable us to focus on the language of the machine and choosing the right ones or creating the right ones will go a long way in making our treks more productive and enjoyable.

Treks into the field, how enjoyable it is to hit the local playground on a cold day knowing that the soft wood filling the city so nicely provided will make easy pickings of coins lost by others during their entertainment. Coins, or rings, or maybe even a wad of paper money held together with a money clip or for that matter a paper clip could be just lying their awaiting us regardless of which machine or how much we paid for it as long as we know what it is trying to tell us.

The creation of the dreaded pull-tab in its endless shapes, sizes, densities, and mutations lurk in almost any area we hunt today. The manufacturers of detecting machines have designed our best friend and our worst enemy, and the name of this feature is discrimination! Discrimination can save your back and leg muscles at the end of a long hunting day, or it can cause you to pass right over that gold ring that Martha dropped in the playground while catching her 3 year old daughter at the lower end of the slide. Yes, discrimination can cause you to dig 8 inches only to find a corroded heavy metal pull-tab or it can speed your hunting by passing over 30 pull tabs in a soda rest area. Our best friend and worst enemy!

Here in this column these are only a few of the topics we will explore as the months see the hunting season weather arriving.

Stay tuned Happy Hunting to all ☺

Number 29 or Number 17

Another Day to Store away in My Memories

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006 By Earl Hitt

On Friday, at the club meeting, I had talked to Andy Mesaros about doing some metal detecting on my next couple of days off from work. Andy called on Sunday and said he had been up for a long time and was not going to be able to meet on Monday, but would like to meet on Tuesday. Andy mentioned that he had talked to Dave Totzke and knew that Dave was also not going to be able to hunt on Monday.

We made plans to meet at a lot that we had hunted a few times before. Louis Murray and I had hunted this lot before and I had found a 1919 Canadian Quarter on it. I knew that Andy had found a Silver Roosevelt Dime on the lot and I believe Dave had found some silver on the lot also. There had been some Wheat Pennies found on the lot and several new coins.

I told Andy that I would call Dave and let him know of the plans to meet on Tuesday. On Monday morning I gave Lewis a call and asked him if he wanted to go hunting. He was not going to be able to hunt on either day. I didn't have any particular place in mind, but was planning on going somewhere. I called Dave and told him what the plan was for Tuesday. Things did not work out for Monday. I ended up doing chores around the house, so I was ready to hunt on Tuesday.

On Tuesday morning, I was the first to arrive at the lot. I had already started hunting as I saw Andy pull up. Then Dave drives up. He tells Andy, that a friend of his has told him about a fresh lot that is not too far away. We drive over there and cannot find it. While driving around, I see a lot and suggest that maybe that's the lot that Dave's friend had seen. Andy says that the lot I spotted was an old lot and had been hunted already. We drive back to the first lot.

Dave wants to know, are we going to put in a dollar for the oldest coin? I reluctantly agree as I always do, because when hunting with these guys, I usually go home a dollar short. We hunt for a while and nobody is finding anything except new coins. Dave announces that he has found a 1918 wheat penny. I am thinking to myself, well there goes my dollar. Every once and a while I look over at Dave. He appears to be smiling. I look over at Andy and he is kicking a dirt clod. Well at least I am not the only one that doesn't like Dave any more.

We get tired of that lot and decide to go over to the lot that I had spotted earlier. When we got there, I noticed that it wasn't as fresh as I first thought it was. I saw dig holes. They had been covered back up, but you could tell someone had been there before. We hunted for a little while and found more new coins. Andy says it's time for him to go. He pays Dave his dollar. Dave and I continue to hunt. Dave says, I bet you can find a hundred memorial pennies on any of these lots around here. Bingo, I find a wheat penny. When I tell Dave that I found a Wheat Penny, I think I see him starting to shiver and shake. I can almost read his mind. He is thinking, is it older than my 1918? A sigh of relief comes over him as I tell him it's a 1944. We continue to hunt. A short time later, Dave says he has to leave. He has to get to work. I'm not sure, I think the pressure is starting to get to him. He is probably thinking that my next Wheat Penny may be older than his 1918. I tell Dave, that I don't have any money on me, that I am going to have to owe him the dollar. He doesn't fall for it. I pay up and he leaves. I think I see him laughing as he is driving away. Now, I know I really don't like him.

I turn around and continue to hunt. It has not been more than 10 minutes since Dave left and I have not gone more than 15 feet. I get a signal. It's a solid signal. It seems to be a little weaker than some of the other signals. I dig and out pops an Indian Head Cent. The date is hard to see.

After I get it home and clean it up a little bit, the date turns out to be 1894. I thinking to myself, I sure am glad those guys had to leave and I was the one that got to dig it up. I am Happy again and you know Dave's not such a bad guy after all.

It is my 29th Indian Head Cent and the 17th pre 1900 coin that I have found.

There are thousands of those old lots all over the city. I am sure you know the ones I am talking about. The ones that everyone drives by and says that's an old lot, It's been hunted already. Those lots got hunted when they were fresh and then forgotten about. Now ask yourself this? Who hunted it and how thorough did they hunt it? Did they hunt real quickly and then race off to the next lot? What did they miss? Maybe they missed an 1894 Indian Head Cent.

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Finds of the Month - February 2006

COIN

Rusty Curry 1897-O Barber Quarter
Floyd Caldwell 1942 Mercury Dime
Ivan Santos 1944 Mercury Dime



GOLD JEWELRY

Jesse Boedeker 18K Pendant w/diamonds
Dave Totzke 14K Pendant
Floyd Caldwell 14K Gold Ring



SILVER JEWELRY

Dave Totzke Italian Silver Necklace
Rusty Curry Sterling Peacock Ring
Jack Lowry Indian Pendant



RELIC

Andy Mesaros 1860's US Army
Sword Plate
Ivan Santos 1988 VAW
National Meet
Mike Koenig PSB Button



TOKEN

Rusty Curry Cigar Token
Ivan Santos 1962 Grand Prairie
Dog Tag
Andy Mesaros Theodore Roosevelt Medal



WILD CARD

Rusty Curry 1918 Chief Messenger Tag
Mike Koenig Hop-A-Long Cassidy Ring
Frank Martinez False Teeth



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 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 15th 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.**

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That's all that I have thought about all week long. I know that I only hunted about half of that lot and cannot wait for my next day off. Andy, Dave and I had made plans to meet at this lot on Tuesday Morning, Feb 14th. One of my coworkers became ill and my boss asked me to work, so I was not able to make it.

Andy gave me a call Tuesday evening and tells me that he found a 1912 Barber Dime on the lot.

We are meeting again on Wednesday Morning. I hope I can get some sleep tonight, because I'm ready to go.

Well, now it is Wednesday afternoon and I knew I should not have gone hunting with those guys. Andy has taken our dollars again. This time he found a 1906 Indian Head Cent. I don't think he felt bad about taking our money at all.

We have hunted the lot pretty hard. If you want to know where the lot is located, come to the next LSTHC meeting and we will be glad to tell you.

"They is US" By Larry Armstrong

One of the oldest legends in history is the story of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, who appear just before some great catastrophe, as a warning to the entire world. From time immemorial, the Four Horsemen have stood for War, Famine, Pestilence and Death. Today, in these apocalyptic times, the Four Horsemen appear before hobbyists as completely different entities.

The first Horseman as determined by the hobbyist/collector is the archaeologist. He is very jealous of anything old and believes that everything should be discovered by and recovered by him. He has also been known to occasionally have a collection of wonderful finds hidden down in his personal basement. The archaeologist is the only horseman that I feel has any right to dissuade our hobby. He is one who should be tolerated because his work is actually needed. However, but he is an overachiever. It is "all or nothing" for him and you know which one of those he preaches.

The second Horseman is the environmentalist. He covets everything green (or brown, or gray). He is also known as a Tree-hugger, and for good reason. The fact that he loves all things that he attributes to Nature, is heightened by his fight to keep everyone else from them. Flora and fauna alike are his religion. No one else should ever touch his precious treasures and that means no detecting, no prospecting, no off-roading, no hunting no fishing and no anything else.

The third Horseman is the vote - crazed politician. This animal will do anything that he believes will gain him one more vote. Consequently, he caters to the "Greenies" and the "Archies" to gain their respect and he bad-mouths the poor hobbieist He is power - hungry and will sell his soul for a vote. May the Powers That Be cast him to the deepest, darkest abyss for his beliefs.

The final Horseman is the most fearsome. To paraphrase Pogo's theorem, "**We have seen the enemy and they is us.**" Oh yes it is! We leave holes with trash beside them. We jump fences and go onto property when we know it is verboten. We leave gates open. And if we are of the Chosen Few that don't do these things, we are the ones who don't chastise the guilty parties. Consequently, we create ill will with almost everyone and then cry and gnash our teeth and wail because not everyone loves us.

Now, let us digress just a bit.

Sometime ago, Daniel Simons and Christopher Chabris of Harvard University conducted a study. In it, subjects watched a video of two teams of three people--one team in white shirts, the other wearing black-- passing a basketball among themselves.

Some subjects were told to count the number of passes by either the black or the white team. Others were told to keep separate mental counts of bounce Passes and aerial passes.

During the video, a woman carrying an umbrella walks through the scene of basketball passes. Another version shows a woman in a full gorilla suit walking through the teams. In a third video, the gorilla stops in the middle of the scene, thumps its chest, and walks off.

Amazingly, only 54 percent of the subjects saw the umbrella woman or the gorilla in the first two versions, and just 50 per cent saw the gorilla in the third version!"

People concentrating on one task do not see something unrelated because they aren't expecting it. The intuition people have is that something different will jump out at them and they will notice it. But their intuition is wrong."

It's no stretch to apply the same thinking to metal detector hobbyists. They are so involved in their hobby that they simply don't see the gorilla. And, in our case, they are so intent on blaming and cursing the first three Horsemen that they can't see the forth, and most devastating one, ourselves.

In short folks, we simply must clean up our act if we want to continue this wonderful hobby. Otherwise, the great catastrophe shall befall us and it shall happen in the very near future.

February Door Prize Winners

Door Prize	Donated by	Winner
Roman Silver Coin	Floyd Caldwell	Dave Totzke
President Set	Floyd Caldwell	Robert Jordan
Digger	Jim Arrington	Roy Harston
Garrett Cap	Garrett	John Finnell
2-Men Shirt	Dave Totzke	Alice Branger
Garrett Bag	Garrett	Bill Abbott
Knife	Ronnie Murray	Floyd Caldwell
Garrett Cap	Garrett	Charles Martin
Pig Jar	Jesse Boedeker	Wayne Suite

February Raffle Winners

Raffle Prize	Winner
2001 Platinum Quarter Set	Jesse Boedeker
1852 3 Cent Silver	Ronnie Morris
1853 Seated Quarter	Earl Hitt
1823 Seated Dime	Lewis Murray
1888 2 Reale	Lewis Murray
565AD Byzantine Coin	Dave Totzke
1831 Bust Dime	John Finnell
1842 Seated Dime	Jesse Boedeker
1846 Seated Dollar Repro.	Dave Jones
1881 3 Cent Nickel	Andy Mesaros
1864 2 Cent Piece	Jack Lowry
1951 Large Cent	Kelene Totzke
1858-O Seated Half	Mary Penson
Dos Peso Gold Coin	Dave Jones

What's New? By Wayne R. Suite

Entering 2006, we see several new entries released in the past several months prior to the year's end from several well known manufacturers. Recent entries from White's include the MXT, and the M6. Rumor has it that White's will be coming out with a new line soon. Tesoro has recently released 3 models in the newest format. The Cibola, Vaquero, and the Tejon. Minelab released the Xterra series model 30 and the model 50 with VFLEX technology allowing a frequency change based on a microprocessor in the coil as well as the control box. Rumor also has it that Garrett is working on a new machine to be released soon as well. So it appears this will be a great year for the advancement in detector modernization.

The Beginners Corner By Wayne R. Suite

Have you observed the spectacle during the recent Holiday season? Those Garrett yellow machines were flying out the doors of all detector distributor's throughout the country faster than the trucks pulled up to deliver the next load! Talk about promoting a hobby! I think the word is out, that the little yellow feller is one of the best entry level machines with the most features available for beginners to experience high end machine features with a low investment of cash to enter the hobby! The resale value is staying high on the ACE 250 allowing beginners who decide against the hobby to regain most of their investment due to the high demand for this unit. Keep watching here in the upcoming newsletters for information and help for those just entering or those recently entering this great hobby of detecting. Remember, no matter how much you pay for a detector it won't help you find more if it spends most of its life in your dark closet! Happy Hunting!

Detecting the Net By Wayne R. Suite

This area will provide some information on Internet sites and links that will enhance your detecting experience. Here is one to get us started for this month. HH.

Find's treasure forums: <http://www.findmall.com/>

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