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President's Corner

by John Finnell



Hello Everyone! As you know October is always a busy month for Lone Star Treasure Hunter's Club and this one is no exception. So let's get right to it. Our guest speaker for October will be **Mr. Keith Wills** of **East Texas Metal Detectors**. Keith always has an interesting presentation for us, and I am certain this time it will be as well. By the way, if you get an opportunity to visit the Texas State Fair, look Keith up at the **Garrett Metal Detectors** booth.

The nominating committee has met, and will present their slate of officer nominations this month. Please note that nominations from the floor will also be accepted at this time. Self-nominations are permitted as well.

You may recall from last month, that the club will have a booth at the **North Texas Earth Science Fair** on the 13th and 14th of October. The plan is to have a few display cases with typical finds, along with a few detectors for demonstrations. We still need some volunteers to man the booth.

Our fall garage sale went very well even though there were noticeably fewer participants. We were able to raise \$575. Thanks to everyone who helped out, and those of you who donated items are appreciated as well.

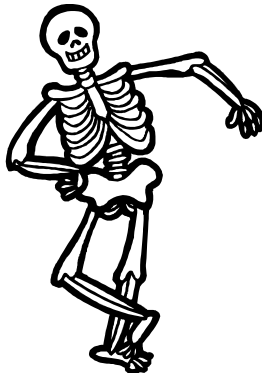
President's corner cont'd.

Membership dues are owed again. Actually, they were due last month. Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$25 for families. If you have not re-upped by this month, we will have to drop you from the membership roles. If preferred, dues can be paid with silver coin. The current exchange rate is 9 times the face value. Bullion silver is \$12.50 per ounce. This rate will remain until after the fall hunt.

If you have not signed up for our fall hunt, your time is running out. Late entry fees will be assessed after the October meeting. Sign-up sheets are available online at our website, and will be available at the meeting.

A suggestion was made last month that we include a recent donation of a crystal treasure chest in our hunt raffle, (thank you **Floyd and Susan Caldwell**) and that to further sweeten the prize; it would be nice if everyone could donate a silver dollar to fill it up. Even if we all kicked in a silver dollar, the chest would still look kind of bare. So instead of just dollars, let's fill it up with silver coins of any denomination. If you have any old coins like Indian head pennies or V or Buffalo nickels that are a little too worn to have collectable value, they would look good in our treasure chest. We will see you at the meeting.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD HUNTING!



Birthday Drawing
Name Tag Drawing:
Marble Raffle:



Roy Harston
Troy Galloway
Rechey Davidson drew
the white marble, and the
\$10 envelope.

HEAVY THINKING 101

If youth only knew; if age only could.

----S. Freud

URBAN DICTIONARY

Millionaire: a person without any money of their own

Q & A

Q. How far back do wooden “nickels” go?

A. Wooden money traces back to the Byzantine Empire (395-1425 CE).

Q. Which actual coins were called doubloons?

A. The name and term was applied to the 2-escudo coins of Spain, and those were struck at several of the North and South American mints. Doubloon stems from dobla and means big double or in this case, a double escudo.

The Cat Box

by Catherine Finnell, Editor

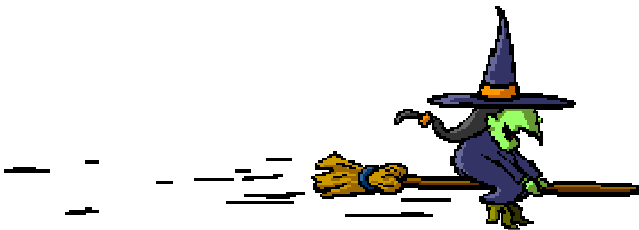


Hello again friends! This month we have Columbus Day. This day celebrates the person who really *didn't* discover America or so history now says. Of course this month also has one out of my top three favorite holidays...Halloween!

The observance of Halloween, which dates back to Celtic rituals thousands of years ago, has long been associated with images of witches, ghosts, skeletons, and hobgoblins. In the United States, the first official citywide Halloween celebration occurred in Anoka, Minn., in 1921. Over the years, Halloween customs and rituals have changed dramatically. Today, many of the young and "young-at-heart" take a more light-spirited approach. They put on scary disguises or ones that may bring on smiles when they go door-to-door for treats or attend or host a Halloween party. The kids get to collect all the candy they can get and eat. I like to dress as a witch every year. John might say that is in character for me, but I am just having fun.

Everyone needs to get ready for LSTHC's annual club hunt this month on October 20th. I am sure it will be exciting. We also have the Earth Sciences Fair at Brookhaven coming up soon. Well I'm flying out of here until next month. So everyone have fun at the hunt, and have a very

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



HALLOWEEN JOKES

What do you call a dog owned by Dracula?
A bloodhound

Why does Dracula have no friends?
Because he's a pain in the neck

Why did the vampire take up acting?
It was in his blood

What's a vampire's favorite drink?
A bloody mary

What was the vampire's favorite dance?
The fangdango

What kind of street does a ghost like best?
A dead end

What do ghosts dance to?
Soul music

Why didn't the skeleton go to the party?
He had no body to go with

How did the skeleton know it was going to rain?
He could feel it in his bones

What's a skeleton's favorite drink?
Milk-it's good for the bones



Raffle Winners October 2007



1876 Seated half dollar
1854 O Seated quarter
1877 Seated dime
1 oz. Silver round
1876 Seated half dollar
1853 Seated quarter
1846 Large cent
1873 3-cent nickel
1854 Seated half dollar
1820 Large cent
1857 Flying eagle cent
1834 Bust dime
Dos Peso

Bob O'Day
Ronnie Morris
Earl Drake
Mike Skinner
David Bennett
Herman Denzler
Lewis Murray
Roy Harston
D.N. Lewis
Robert Jeffrey
Terry Schick
Joe Hennig
Peter Krel

Door Prize Winners



Chuck Howell
Mike Voirin
John Finnell
Terry Schick
Jack Ellett
Jack Lowry
Shelby Kinsey
Rechey Davidson

Garrett headphones
TX Council hat & coin holder
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TX Council hat & coin holder
Cigar box
Cigar box
Digger
Atlas

We would like to give our **THANKS** to **Garrett Metal Detectors, Dave Totzke, and Terry Schick** for their support with donations. These generous donations to the club's door prizes are greatly appreciated.

Announcements and Reminders



SNACK REMINDER

Mary Penson agreed to bring snacks to the meeting October 5th. She is the only one on the “list” so once again; **please** consider bringing a snack item to the meeting for everyone to enjoy a good break. Thank you for your contribution and for making the club’s meeting a success.

The meeting date is October 5th, at 7:00 p.m., at the IOOF lodge. **Keith Wills** will be the speaker. Finds of the month, raffles, and door prizes will be done at this meeting as usual.

The fun hunt will be held on October 6th, unless otherwise indicated at the meeting. The time and location will be announced at the club meeting. Come join us for fun, practice, and camaraderie.

We still need volunteers to make cakes and donate prizes for the October annual club hunt. Time is UP! If you intend to bring a cake, and supply the prize now is the time to speak up. Please show *your* club spirit, and sign up to support LSTH club’s annual hunt! The sign-up sheet will be at the main table at the club meeting.

We have been contacted by **Brookhaven College** to host a booth in their Earth Sciences Fair October 13th and 14th. Anyone who is interested in being a volunteer for this activity should sign up at the next meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front table.

Annual club dues for 2008 are now past due! Anyone who has not paid their dues at this meeting will be dropped from the membership list. Silver coin can be used to pay your dues at an exchange rate of nine times the face value.

LSTHC's October Annual Hunt Rules and Information

1. All targets will be buried shallow so be sure and fill your holes.
2. Only hand tools will be allowed in all hunts (no chopping hoes or picks permitted.)
3. Headphones **must** be used in all hunts.
4. Tokens will be clad dimes stamped with numbers on one side, and painted on the other side.
5. The Huntmaster and assistant will bury all tokens and large bills. They will not hunt in any hunts.
6. Huntmaster will start and end each hunt, and everyone must stop at that time unless they are digging a target.
7. No unsportsmanlike conduct or language will be allowed.
8. This years' tokens will be the only ones accepted for prizes.
9. **No hunting of hunt fields allowed before or after the hunt.**
10. Anyone breaking the above rules will be escorted from the hunt field by the Huntmaster or his assistant.
11. **All decisions** by Huntmaster or assistant shall be final.
12. Save your name tags and these will be used in a drawing for any prizes not redeemed by a token.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2007

North Texas Earth Sciences Fair

October 13th-14th

Lone Star Treasure Hunters Annual Hunt

October 20th

Glenn Heights Park, Exit I-35 at Bear Creek Road

Glenn Heights, TX

TCTC Satellite Hunt

November 10th

For information email Scott Hegel, TCTC Treasurer at

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Hunt held in Canton, TX. at the Trade Days Campground



FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

The Dallas Baptist Royal Ambassador's sent the club the greeting card shown on page 11 of this newsletter. It shows how much our club is appreciated when we go out and perform public charitable presentations. I thought everyone might enjoy seeing the reflection of thanks from this group. I know reading the sentiments from this picture might be difficult so I am typing them for everyone to read. (edited) This card was received in August, and everyone who participated should be proud of themselves! I'm just sorry it took me a while to get it out to you in the newsletter! Catherine

-I enjoyed meeting your group at your monthly meeting and really had a great time with the campers when you were at Mt. Lebanon. Thanks so much, *Mark Boucher*

-Thank you for the wonderful presentation, *Roland Gomez*

-Appreciated your time and effort, it was a blessing, *Niles Dale*

-Your time was deeply appreciated! *Mark Beck*

-Thanks for all you do, *Melton Schmidt*

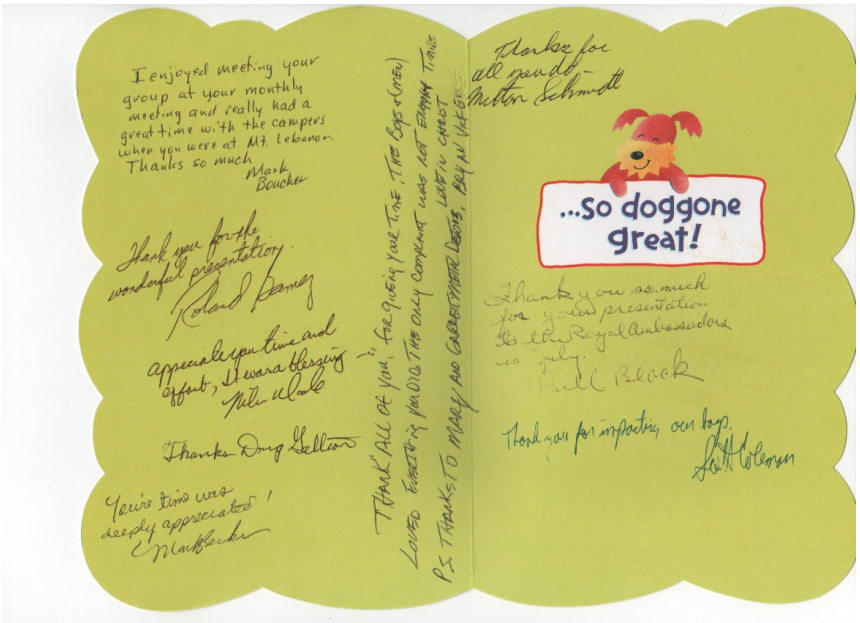
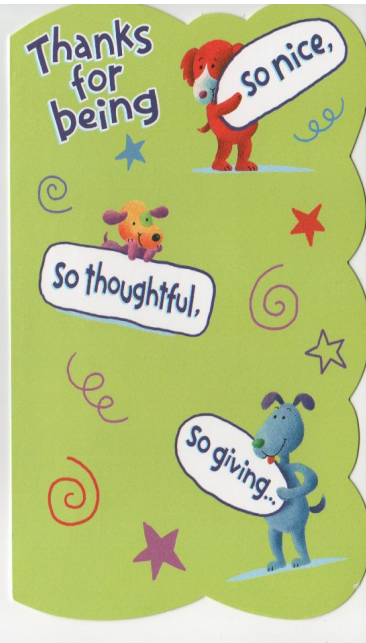
Thank you so much for your presentation to the Royal Ambassadors in July, *Bill Black*

-Thank you for impacting our boys, *Scott Coleman*

-Thanks, *Doug Galleon*

-Thank all of you for giving your time. The boys & men loved everything you did. The only complaint was not enough time. P.S. Thanks to Mary and Garrett Metal Detectors. Love in Christ, *Bryan Vickers*





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