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President's Corner

by John Finnell



Hello everyone, this has been a busy month for yours truly with the club's garage sale, and the TCTC Expo. I'm sure several of you can say the same.

Thanks to everyone who donated their time, items, and especially their money to the sale! We raised

over \$600.00 and had a great time doing it. I also want to thank **Dave Bennett, Jessy Boedeker, Alice Branger, Floyd & Susan Caldwell, Lee Caldwell, Rusty Curry, Reche Davidson, Roy Harston, Dave Jones, Robert Jordan, Mike Koenig, Frank Lawson, Jack Lowry, Ronnie Morris, Lewis Murray, Bob O'Day, Mary Penson, Ivan Santos, Terry Schick, Bob & Velma Slocum, and Dave Totzke** for participating in the Texas Council Treasure Expo in Killeen. I think everyone there had a good time at the hunt, and the seminars, and just getting to visit with others who are afflicted with treasure hunting. Your efforts toward the fundraiser were also terrific. I think the final total on sales were over \$1400.00. **Dave Bennett** won a dos peso coin with 234 tickets sold. Congrats Dave! Congratulations to everyone who took home a prize from TCTC. As for our Prizewinners, **Darryl Reeves** of Arlington won the 20" TV, our own **Rick Anderson** (AKA RA) won the gold coin, and **William Brassart** from Colorado Springs, CO. won the silver bar.

Now on to this month, our guest speakers will be **Dave Lott** and **Ron Newby** of Minelab Metal Detectors. They will be here to show us the latest in the Minelab line.

President's Corner cont'd.

Also coming up on tap for this month is our annual club hunt at Glen Rose. **"Bucks on the Brazos"** will be April 14th this year. As you will recall, we are moving down the road a short distance to a new facility called "Fish and Camp". We will be there on Friday around noon to set up the hunt fields, and plant all of the coins. Also there will be a night hunt, but please remember, if you pick something up and it wiggles...just quietly set it back down. All of that screaming and carrying-on is really distracting for everyone else. Well that's all I've got to say this time.

Good luck and good hunting!

BAD ANDY'S WITTICISMS

If you would quit finding as many coins as I do,
I'd be ahead of you!

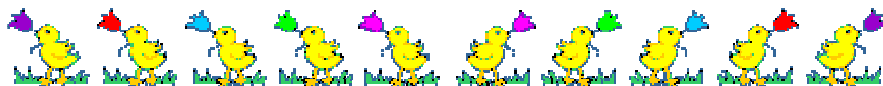
Birthday Drawing
Name Tag Drawing:
Marble Raffle:



Ivan Q. Santos
Floyd Caldwell
Ronnie Morris drew a white
marble, and drew the \$5
envelope.

HEAVY THINKING 101

We aren't what we think we are, but what we think, we are!





Happy Easter



As you can tell I have been on a theme so far this year, and I hope you're enjoying it with me. Celebrations of each holiday are fun for the child in us all, and I'm a big kid. So if you have children, grandchildren, Godchildren, or just neighborhood brats...oops kiddos, get a couple dozen eggs, get the kids together, and color them in a pattern like you are Picasso on LSD. Then hide them from the little ones for a later egg hunt. Yes, you can do plastic eggs, but it isn't in the spirit of traditionalism. Coloring your own will remind you of when you were a kid, the kids will have fun making a mess, and they will love you for it too. You can have the kids clean up afterwards. Also having an egg hunt gets the kids into the idea of treasure hunting early in life!

Despite good intentions we didn't have speakers from Minelab as stated in March, **but** they'll be here for April! Instead we had a wonderful impromptu speech on 'dump diving aka dump-treasure diving' by Jessy Boedeker! I haven't done this activity nor do I ever plan to, but my husband, your club president, did go to the dump. He enjoyed himself immensely, and discovered a yet unknown and dreadful smell! I wouldn't allow him to sit down in the house without disrobing and bathing first. We have two cats, and I clean their litter box. Believe me, he smelled worse. He also found several marbles. This is a good thing as he's lost a few since becoming club president. I've included some pictures from their dump experience. This way you can enjoy it too. Without experiencing the smell. There is also a gallery of TCTC pictures so enjoy! Until next month...**HAPPY EASTER!**



Find of the Month Winners March 2007



COIN

1 st	Floyd Caldwell	Two quarters in same hole
2 nd	Roy Harston	1888 Indian head penny
3 rd	Mike Skinner	Two buffalo nickels

GOLD JEWELRY

1 st	Dave Totzke	14K White gold ring
2 nd	Andy Mesaros	14K Gold wedding band
3 rd	Susan Caldwell	14K Gold ring

SILVER JEWELRY

1 st	Jessy Boedeker	.925 Silver necklace
2 nd	Floyd Caldwell	Silver compact
3 rd	Andy Mesaros	Silver pinky ring w/heart

RELIC

1 st	Dennis Brasher	Thurber mine tag
2 nd	Ivan Santos	Solid grape shot
2 nd tie	Rusty Curry	Arrowhead
3 rd	Floyd Caldwell	Brass key

TOKEN

1 st	Mike Skinner	WWI dog tag
2 nd	Andy Mesaros	Bull Durham pendant
3 rd	Rusty Curry	J I Case Threshing Mach. Co.

WILD CARD

1 st	Rusty Curry	R/R button MO/KS/TX
2 nd	Dave Totzke	Brass die
3 rd	Floyd Caldwell	Gold ring

Raffle Winners March 2007



1852 3-cent silver	Floyd Caldwell
1889 Seated dime	Mary Better
1853 Large cent	Dave Jones
1845 Large cent	Roy Harston
1869 3-cent nickel	Robert Jordan
1833 Bust dime	Ivan Santos
1832 Bust half-dollar	Herman Denzler
1865 2-cent piece	Bob O'Day
1837 Hard time token	Mary Penson
1816 Large cent	Mary Penson
1846 Large cent	Herman Denzler
1891 Seated dime	Dave Totzke
1815 Seated dime	Ronnie Morris
Dos Pesos	Dave Jones



DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Lewis Murray	Hat and Cigar box
Ronnie Johnson	Knife
Jack Lowry	Hat and Cigar box
Susan Caldwell	T-shirts
David Bennett	Texas map and Cigar box
Earl Drake	Cigar box and water bottle
Robert Bruce	Cigar box and water bottle
Ed Verboort	T-shirts

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

Announcements and Reminders



SNACK REMINDER

Mary Penson, John Finnell, and Ivan Q. Santos have agreed to bring snacks to the meeting April 6th. Thank you for your contribution to the club.

The meeting date is April 6th, at 7:30 p.m., at the IOOF lodge. It will be business as usual with raffles, and find of the month entries.

The fun hunt will be held on April 7th. The time and location will be announced at the club meeting. Come join us for fun, practice, and camaraderie.

We have six persons who have agreed to make cakes, and donate prizes for the October annual club hunt. Thank you! We need a lot more! 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 each club meeting.

BUCKS ON THE BRAZOS

We have been mentioning, “**Bucks on the Brazos**” for some time, and we now have definitive information. Bucks on the Brazos will be held on April 14, 2007, at the new location of “Fish and Camp” in Glen Rose, TX. Sign up fees are being taken now. Don't miss out on this excellent hunt. Entry fees can be paid in cash, check, or silver as follows:

\$30.00 cash/check or \$4.00 in silver coins or 3 silver rounds.

This is a member's-only hunt. If you are not yet a Lone Star club member and wish to hunt, you may enter for \$50.00. You not only get to hunt that day, but you become a Lone Star member! Come join in the fun and excitement of this annual hunt!

Announcements and Reminders, Cont'd.



The sample letter from **Keith Wills** in support of **House Bill 1016** is repeated in this newsletter. We urge each of you to send a letter to your representative. Keith has taken a lot of his personal time and personal expense to help everyone get access to our state parks. It is upsetting to us all when they close parks to our access. Writing this letter is your chance to do something about it! Show your representatives that Bill 1016 is important to you. If we want things changed, then we all have to make the effort to get the changes made. You will find the sample letter on page 9. To find who represents you in the legislature go to: www.tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/ Then go to: "Who Represents Me?" Let's make this our best effort yet to pass Bill 1016! Be active and show your support of this Bill and Keith. Send those letters today!

We need help in selecting program topics for the meetings. We would like to get several arranged in advance for the upcoming months. If you have any ideas for subjects or speakers, please email them to: president@lonestartreasure.com or submit them to any committee member.

Please extend congratulations to **Frank Martinez** who has agreed to do the new committee position of club librarian.

If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, please contact the editor at the address below. If you have an announcement that needs to be in the newsletter, please send them in along with any other submissions to the following email, print announcements for John or email them to: newsletter@lonestartreasure.com

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Elizabeth Wesson and Rodney Bates
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Mary Penson
Jack Lowry
Ronnie Morris and Rick Anderson
Roy Harston
Mike Koenig
Andy Mesaros
Mike Skinner
Frank Martinez
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Find of the Month
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Huntmaster
Refreshment Chairman
Program Chairman
Club Librarian
At Large Position



REPEAT FROM MARCH 2007-SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Honorable Representative _____

Date: _____

I contact you today to request your support in favor of **HB 1016** Bill in the House. The major facts for voting "YES" on **HB 1016** Bill is that 38 other states in America allow this recreational activity of metal detecting on "pre-disturbed public use areas" of their state parks that have no archeological or historical significance, where we find lost coins and jewelry that many times allow us to return them to the original owner, and at the same time creates a means of physical activity to keep us healthy. This is especially important for our many senior citizens here in Texas. The 38 current states that allow this recreational activity also had the same concerns of protecting our many natural and cultural resources as we do, and as is the duty of the state of Texas. However, these states found a way to co-exist with this activity by designating areas for the activity to be allowed that has no archeological or historical significance; public use areas.

The Army Corps of Engineers has allowed this activity on their lands in "designated public use areas" since 1989 without incident nationwide, which they too have been successful in the protection of their many thousands of significant resources all those years.

Let's not forget that most all Texas County and city parks currently allow responsible metal detecting activities on their properties, and are also able to protect their significant resources and co-exist with the activity. There just is not any reason why Texas cannot also allow this legal, and responsible recreational activity within their state parks.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife have been against it, but allow all other recreational activities and sports on Texas State Parks. This is nothing more than discrimination against our activity, and the many thousands of tax paying folk here in Texas who enjoy the activity for recreational and family purposes.

We request that you please vote "Yes" to **HB 1016**, and allow the people of Texas the use of their State Parks.

Sincere thanks for taking the time out to listen, and considering supporting this Bill. I will be more than happy to discuss this Bill anytime with you.

Your supporter, _____

DUMP HUNT PICTURE GALLERY



TCTC PICTURE GALLERY-FUN AT THE SHOW



LSTHC at TCTC



Artwork from coins



Friends at TCTC



Mary's having fun at TCTC



John's big hunt



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