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President's Corner

by John Finnell




Hello everyone! First I want to say, "Thanks!" to everyone who came to Bucks on the Brazos this year. If you were unable to attend, you really missed out on a great time. The new place, Camp and Fish, is really nice, and even though there was some rain we still managed to have a ball. Congrats to **Joe Hennig** and **Dave Totzke** for winning the detectors. Also I must thank **Junior St. Clair** for thinking of yours truly, and bestowing upon me one of his famous (make that infamous!) crutches. I am happy to report that I have not felt the need to use it yet, but I keep it close at hand just in case.

On to current events, do not miss this month's meeting as **Robert Jordan** will be the speaker. Robert has been very successful hunting vacant HUD homes in our area, and is going to share his insights on how to go about it.

I received a reminder from **Keith Wills** that the deadline for early entry to Friends of the East Texas Children (Tatum) hunt is May 5th. Early entry will save you \$25 over paying the day of the hunt. That is \$120.00 for all of the hunts. See the TCTC website for a copy of the hunt flyer. You may pay your entry fee with silver. The exchange rate is 8X face. That means you can enter all the hunts for 150 silver dimes. I mention dimes because Keith needs dimes for the hunt. The date for the hunt is May 19th.

Keith sent an update on House Bill 1016. A hearing occurred on April 17th, and from his report it went well. However, there still remains lots of opposition from the THC and TPWD, so it is still important to write your representatives, and let them know this is important to you. That's it from me.

AS ALWAYS, GOOD HUNTING!

Birthday Drawing		Mary Penson
Name Tag Drawing:		Dave Jones
Marble Raffle:		Jake Bush drew the green marble, and won \$135.00. Congratulations Jake!

HEAVY THINKING 101
None of your time should be spent in telling others what you are going to accomplish.

The Cat Box

by Catherine Finnell



Well this month has two important holidays to remember. The first is Mother's Day. Everyone that was born, not hatched, has or had a mother. My own mom has been gone now for three years. I miss her today as much as I ever did before, and even though she is gone, I take time to remember her on Mother's Day. Please remember to bless all the moms, grandmothers, Godmothers, step-mothers, and mothers-to-be with your love on May 13th.

This month is also about remembrance for those who have died in our nation's services. In 1915, Moina Michael wrote this poem:

We cherish too, the Poppy red,
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.

Remembrance of the men who serve our country today and in years past doesn't require you to approve or disapprove of war. It only requires a patriotic heart that is grateful for the sacrifices many have made to keep our country free. Please remember all our fallen heroes this Memorial Day.

Until next month hunt safe, hunt happy.

Find of the Month Winners April 2007

COIN

1 st	Dave Totzke	1943 Walking liberty half
2 nd	Herman Denzler	1944 Walking liberty half
3 rd	Andy Mesaros	2 Silver quarters in 1 hole

GOLD JEWELRY

1 st	Roy Harston	14K gold necklace
2 nd	Frank Martinez	14K cross w/cz silver chain
3 rd	Floyd Caldwell	10K U.S. Marines

SILVER JEWELRY

1 st	Floyd Caldwell	Silver charm
Tie	Andy Mesaros	I am a Catholic pendant
Tie	Robert Jordan	Silver ring
2 nd	Roy Harston	Sterling St. William pendant
3 rd	Dave Totzke	Silver yang yang ring

RELIC

1 st	Jessy Boedeker	2 Bennington marbles
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1 st	Dave Totzke	1932 Dog tag tax
2 nd	Herman Denzler	Dallas Rail Co. scholastic fare
3 rd	Floyd Caldwell	Blue goose fob

WILD CARD

1 st	Floyd Caldwell	3 in 1 oil bottle
2 nd	Robert Jordan	"The Buckhorn"
3 rd	Jessy Boedeker	Machine gun blanks
Tie	Roy Harston	Las Vegas key chain

Raffle Winners April 2007

1844 Repo/copy half dollar	Herman Denzler
1854 Large cent	Catherine Finnell
1857 Seated quarter	Ronnie Morris
1813 3-cent nickel	Dave Jones
1818 Large cent	Mary Penson
1842 Large cent	Roy Harston
1886 Seated dime	Roy Harston
1885 Seated dime	Dave Totzke
1888 Seated dime	Susan Caldwell
1 oz. silver bar	Bill Austin
1807 Repo/copy silver dollar	Bob Bruce
1834 Bust dime	Kelene Totzke
1864 2-cent piece	John Finnell
1832 Bust half dollar	Jessy Boedeker
Dos Peso	Bill Austin



Door Prize Winners

Wood cigar box	Robert Jordan
Detector wall holder	Mike Skinner
Garrett hat	Virgil Jones
Garrett hat	John Finnell
XLT white book	Rechey Davidson
Probe & fake big bill	Mary Penson
Digger & probe	Bill Abbott
Two men and a truck t-shirt	Frank Martinez
Ammonite fossil rock	Bill Bush
Ammonite fossil rock	Pat Jones

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

Announcements and Reminders



SNACK REMINDER

Frank Martinez and **Ivan Q. Santos** have agreed to bring snacks to the meeting May 4th. Thank you for your contribution to the club.

The meeting date is May 4th, 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 May 5th. 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. **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.

The sample letter from **Keith Wills** in support of **House Bill 1016** is repeated in this newsletter. Yes, again! We urge each of you to send a letter to your representative. 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 7. To find who represents you in the legislature go to: www.tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/ Then go to: "Who Represents Me" I know this seems like an endless repeat, but we do this to stress the **extreme** importance of making our voices heard regarding metal detecting in state parks. Send those letters today!

Check out the upcoming **Lost Treasures** magazines as we have been told that LSTHC will be highlighted soon.

Bucks on the Brazos pictures are on the website now. It was a rainy weekend, but a great time was enjoyed by all who came out to hunt and socialize.

Remember
Mother's Day

May 13th

Upcoming Hunts

LSTHC Fun hunt

May 5, 2007

Location is announced May 6th at LSTHC meeting.

Friends of the East Texas Children (Tatum) Hunt

Saturday May 19, 2007

36th Annual Indian Territory Treasure Hunt

Saturday and Sunday May 26 & 27, 2007

Sapulpa, Oklahoma

*Very intense hunt

33rd Annual LSTHC Hunt

Saturday, October 20, 2007

Contact Huntmaster Michael Koenig or you can pick up a hunt flyer for entry information at the LSTHC meeting.

Remember Fallen Heroes



May 28th

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, _____

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