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## President's Corner

by Robert Jordan

Hello to all. Vacation season is upon us. The heat, dry hard ground, and flying or creeping critters are very near. I think this year is a good one for the water detector. Gasoline prices are not for the faint hearted. Hey, you only live once, so enjoy it while it lasts.

Due to a very busy schedule I have not gotten much hunting time in lately. I am looking forward to seeing the find of the month boards on June 6. Unfortunately, I missed the Tatum Hunt; some members had great success. WATTS is coming up quickly for those able to attend.

We are set for our annual July 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ with the Golden Triangle. It will be at 7:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of July, at their meeting hall. The Fund Raiser, which both clubs sponsor, promises to be a great one. Bring your hunger and your bucks.

See you at the meeting. Don't forget the food drive. Remember, leave the deep ones for me!

## May's Guest Speaker

Paul Wilson introduced our guest speaker. Darryl Johnson drove from Burleson with his wife and daughter to share one of his experiences as a mounted policeman, involving a much more somber 'treasure' hunt.

Darryl Johnson said that he had been involved with law enforcement and horses since 1979. He has worked in Henderson county as a mounted policeman. He was there in 2003 when the Space Shuttle Columbia exploded over Texas.

Mr. Johnson's unit was asked to participate in the search of a 600-800 acre area near Nacogdoches. He said this was the most important thing he has ever done to honor and serve his country.

Recovery of the debris was key to finding out exactly what happened and correcting the problems. It was more important that recovery of the remains be done in a respectful way. A chaplain and priest were on hand when human remains were found. Parts of the space shuttle were left where they were found, but NASA officials were informed and the items were flagged. It was a dangerous job, as explosive bolts were a part of the shuttle, and they could still explode. Among the things found in that area were the black box, computer chips, and a hair comb.



## Upcoming Events

- ✓ June 6, 7 & 8 – Watts Rally and Free Hunt is in Bayfield, CO. Flyers at [www.wwats.org](http://www.wwats.org) about a third of the way down the page under ‘Latest Headlines.’
  
- ✓ June 7 – W.A.C.O. Artifacts & Coin-Shooters Organization’s 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Hunt Saturday at Speegleville Saddle Club in Waco, TX. For more information contact Debbie Irwin at 254-716-5942 or [dirwin@hot.rr.com](mailto:dirwin@hot.rr.com)
  
- ✓ June 18 – 19 (Wed. & Thurs.) – Handicapped Children’s Treasure Hunt at the Lions’ Camp In Kerrville, Texas. Contact Keith Wills at: [kwills@etex.net](mailto:kwills@etex.net) or phone: (903) 734-7773
  
- ✓ July 11 – Meeting with the Golden Triangle Club. They will host a barbeque for the fourth holiday.

## May Drawings

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Donated by:</b>	<b>Winner:</b>
<u>Birthday Drawing</u>		Steve Schultz
<u>Name Tag Drawing</u>		Kelene Totzke
<u>Door Prizes</u>		
Hat, Bottle, Book	Garrett	Kelene Totzke
Book and Probe	Garrett	Morris Coker
Quarter Book, Box	Totzke	John Finnell
Book	Club	Peter Krell
Texas Book	Club	Robert Johnson
Tatum Texas	Keith Wills	Andy Mesaros
Watts & Rock Roll Bk	Keith Wills	Joe Hennig
Bag and Belt	James Hardy	Jessy Boedecker
Bag	James Hardy	Floyd Caldwell
 <u>Raffle</u>		
1908 D Barber Half		Dennis Brasher
1868 2 Cent Piece		John Finnell
1840 Large Cent		Brook Williams
1898 Barber Half		Rick Anderson
1858 Flying Eagle Cent		Robert Jeffrey
1922 Peace Dollar		Rick Anderson
1835 Half Cent		Peter Krell
1921 Morgan Dollar		Dave Totzke
1836 Bust Half Dollar		Robert Jeffrey
Copy Gold Piece \$20 1833		Mike Lacy
 <u>Marble Drawing</u>		
\$20		Kelene Totzke
 <u>Food Drawing</u>		
		Michael Southard

## **June Food Drive Raffle**

Chance to win 2002 Silver Round  
1 ticket for each item.  
(Please check expiration date)  
(Dry or canned goods)



**All items will be given to the Angel Food Network**

August's raffle is a 2002 Silver Eagle  
donated by Jack Ellett



If you would like to donate a coin for an upcoming food drive contact:  
Robert Jeffrey, Community Service Committee  
Phone: 972-869-0482  
Email: [rjef041364@yahoo.com](mailto:rjef041364@yahoo.com)

Find-Of-The-Month for May

Coin

1<sup>st</sup> Mike Skinner  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floyd Caldwell  
3<sup>rd</sup> Andy Mesaros

Item

1927 Standing Liberty Quarter  
1892 VNickel, Buffalo, Wheat  
1902 Barber Dime

Gold Jewelry

1<sup>st</sup> Dave Totzke  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Verboort  
3<sup>rd</sup> Roy Harston

Item

14K Bracelet  
10K Heart Ring/8 Diamonds  
10K Gold Ring

Silver Jewelry

1<sup>st</sup> Andy Dorsch  
2<sup>nd</sup> Roy Harston  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Totzke

Item

Silver Cross & Chain  
Silver Ring  
Silver Ring

Relic

1<sup>st</sup> Morris Coker  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Brasher  
3<sup>rd</sup> Andy Mesaros

Item

Civil War Canteen Stopper  
Post Pipe Watch Fob  
Railroad Token

Token

1<sup>st</sup> Dave Totzke  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rusty Curry  
3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Jeffrey

Item

Hoods Texas Brigade  
Brison Bros. Saddlery Co.  
Shell Token

Wild Card

1<sup>st</sup> John Finnell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Brasher  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Lacy

Item

Antique Bugle Mouthpiece  
Half of Iron Elephant Bank  
Rodeo Buckle

## May Meeting Notes

- ✓ Robert Jordan was unable to be here. Rusty ran the meeting. Thanks, Rusty.
- ✓ We had about 35 in attendance. We had one visitor, Robert Johnson who just moved here from Houston. He came with Ronnie. Michael Southard is a new member. Welcome, Michael.
- ✓ Vaughn Garrett was our speaker. He had a great slide show and explained how his father made his first metal detector. He actually brought it to show us. He explained the start and growth of the company, and had some great stories and pictures about things his family has found over the years.
- ✓ The Financial Report was given. Thanks to all who sold raffle tickets. In total, \$1752 worth of tickets were sold. After purchasing the prizes, the club made \$1150 from the raffle. At the Brazos Hunt, \$825 was collected in hunt fees. The club put in more than the amount collected, as planned. Currently there is \$2705 in cash and \$2558 in coins.
- ✓ Candy Bars were sold at \$2 each, with the proceeds going to our speaker who drove from Burleson.

- ✓ A dos peso was presented to Morris Coker for selling the most raffle tickets. Other prizes from TCTC were given out. Jeanine Berut was giving the 25 ounce silver bar, which she then gave to her husband for buying her raffle tickets. Ed Berut won a 10 oz. Gold coin.
  
- ✓ Dave Bennett sold the 2<sup>nd</sup> most tickets, and he sold 2 of the winning tickets. Mike Lacy sold the ticket that won the TV.
  
- ✓ Polo shirts were discussed as a possible Lone Star shirt. About 25 people were interested, and it will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
  
- ✓ Start saving items for an early fall garage sale. Proceeds will finance the October hunt.
  
- ✓ John Finnell announced the arrangements to hunt at the Baptist Encampment May 10, in Lebanon. He said that most of the area had probably never been hunted before.
  
- ✓ Thanks to John, Ronnie, Ed and Jeanette for the refreshments.



## News

# Tatum Children's Learning Center Update

The Friends of the Tatum Library made another \$4500 towards the building of the new Tatum, Texas Learning Center for the East Texas kids from this past Saturdays (May 17) Tatum Hunt.

A very special thanks to all of you that donated towards making this event a success and all those that supported it and came such a distance to do so. A total of 75 folks signed up to participate in the event. Hope to see you all next year. Thank you all,  
Keith Wills, Hunt master



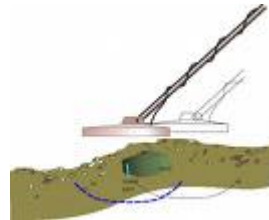
## Some Sad News

I was just informed that my father [Robert (Bob) Weldon Wills age 76] died today from a massive heart attack at Gilmer Hospital. He has been moved to East Texas Funeral Home on High St. in Longview, Texas. Tomorrow we will be making arrangements and I will let you know more when I know. The treasure hunting has to be better where he is at now!  
His son, Keith R. Wills (Tuesday, May 26, 2008)

If you have a story or information for the next newsletter, email Edith at [rjef041364@yahoo.com](mailto:rjef041364@yahoo.com)

## Committee Meeting Notes

- ❖ As most of you know, or read above, Keith Wills father passed away last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Keith and his family. We will send a card and a donation toward expenses from the club.
  
- ❖ We would like to continue the relationship with the Baptist Encampment. It is a lot of fun to share our hobby with the kids, and many members enjoyed hunting the campgrounds. If anyone has any ideas for this, or wants to draft a letter of thanks and suggest how we may work with them in the future, let Robert Jordan or another committee member know.



## Committee Notes Continued

- ❖ The July meeting will not be held. Instead, we will have a BBQ dinner with the Golden Triangle Club at their meeting hall. Directions will be on the website, and in next months newsletter. The dinner will be on July 11. The clubs will provide the meet. Everyone should bring a side dish or desert. There will not be an official 'meeting' or find of the month, but there will be a raffle. Each club will donate 12 coins to be raffled off.



- ❖ Start thinking about the fall hunt at Glenn Heights. It seems like a long time until fall, but it will be upon us before we know it. Consider what you can donate for the hunt. Cash donations will be used to purchase prizes, or you may want to provide a cake and prize for the cake auction. Prizes should be about \$30 value for the cake auction. Prizes for other events may be in the \$10-\$20 range.

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