

# THE SILVER SIGNAL

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## Lone Star Club Executive Officers

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## President's Corner

by Robert Jordan

Hello to all. Hope you had a Merry Christmas and are ready for the New Year. The Club Christmas party was a success! There was plenty of food and lots of gold coins. The gift exchange was a barrel of fun. Even Ronnie (the lowest ticket holder) came away smelling like a rose.

“Thanks” for voting me in as the new president. We owe outgoing executive committee members John and Dave a big “Thank You” for their hard work and dedication over the past two years. All other committee members, also, need to be acknowledged. We will be filling vacancies as quickly as possible. Volunteers will be called for, and we hope for newer members to step up. I hope you have found time to hunt during this busy holiday season. Persistence has rewarded me over the past several weeks. You all know my favorite hunting grounds.

Leave the deep ones for me! See you January 4, 2008.



## Committee Chatter

- The Christmas Party was great with illness attributing to a lower turn out. Those in attendance had a great time.
- TCTC Texas Treasure Show in Killeen will be April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, with setup on the 4<sup>th</sup>. We will need help setting up, manning, and taking down the booth. We will set up the booth on March 8<sup>th</sup> to freshen or replace parts as needed. Prizes for the TCTC fundraiser will be a LCD Flat screen TV, a Garmin Street Pilot, and a 5 oz. silver bar. Due to the Treasure Show we plan to change the April meeting to April 11.
- Bucks on The Brazos may be April 19<sup>th</sup>; we are researching that date for conflicts.
- We need two volunteers for the Find of The Month Committee.
- We need multiple volunteers for the Hunt Committee to handle the following: contact manufacturers and related companies for donations, plead for donations from club members, advertising, get entry forms to other clubs and hunts, and handle entry forms and make badges.
- Robert Jeffrey is now heading the Community Service Committee.
- Robert and Edith Jeffrey are writing the newsletter.

## Mark Your Calendars

- ❖ January 4 – Monthly meeting
- ❖ February 16 – Galveston Hunt
- ❖ March 8 – Set Up the Booth day
- ❖ April 5 & 6 – TCTC Treasure Show
- ❖ April 11 – Monthly meeting (moved from first Friday)
- ❖ April 19 – Tentative date for Bucks on the Brazos
- ❖ May 17 – Tatum Library Hunt
- ❖ June 6, 7 & 8 – WWATS Annual Open Rally & Hunt

## More Event Information

TCTC presents The Texas Gulf Coast Open Hunt on Saturday, February 16, 2008. It will be held in Appffel Park, East Beach. Early registration is due by February 1. For more info go to the TCTC website [www.texasCouncil.net](http://www.texasCouncil.net) and click on the link.



Raffle tickets for the April Treasure Show will be available at the monthly meetings beginning this month. Tickets will be \$1 each.

WWATS Annual Open Rally & Hunt for 2008 will take place on June 6<sup>th</sup> thru June 8<sup>th</sup> this coming year in Bayfield, Colorado just west of Durango at Riverside RV Park. Their website: <http://www.coloradodirectory.com/riversidervpark>

## The History of Galveston

Galveston Island has been occupied for thousands of years, serving as a home to Akokisa Indians, the Karankawa Indians and the infamous pirate Jean Lafitte. Once known as “Ellis Island of the West” and “the Wall Street of the Southwest,” the once richest city in Texas later became the site of the worst natural disaster in U.S. history.

The pirate **Jean Lafitte** arrived on the Island in 1817, making it his base of operations and naming it Campeche. The little village contained huts for the pirates, a large slave market, boarding houses for visiting buyers, a shipyard, saloons, pool halls, gambling houses and Lafitte’s own house, the “Maison Rouge.” At one point, Campeche was home to about 1,000 people.

To read more, visit the website [www.galveston.com/history/](http://www.galveston.com/history/) where this information comes from.



According to David G. McComb in the book *Texas, a Modern History* Lafitte was said to have buried treasure in Galveston.

“Government dredge boats in the Galveston Channel in 1903 brought up six silver coins, two copper coins, large stones, and copper spikes and bolts. One of the silver coins carried an 1812 date.”

**Galveston is noted for quite a few Texas firsts, including:**

- first post office (1836)
- first naval base (1836)
- first bakery (1838)
- first law firm west of the Mississippi River (1846)
- first Catholic convent (1847) & first Cathedral (1847)
- first grocery store (1851)
- first railroad locomotive (1852)



**December Winners**

Dos Peso  
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Dos Peso  
Dos Peso  
Dos Peso  
1 Dollar  
2 ½ Dollar  
1 gram Gold

Robert Jordan  
Cathy Curry  
Ron Hankins  
Larry Cooley  
Debbie Morris  
Mike Skinner  
Tom Bush  
Sherry Skinner  
Tom Bush  
Jake Bush  
Tom Bush  
Robert Jordan  
Roy Harston  
Terry Schick



# February Food Drive Raffle

Chance to win 1964 Kennedy Half  
1 ticket for each item.  
(Dry or canned goods)



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**All items will be given to a local food Pantry**

March raffle will be a 1922 Peace Dollar donated by  
Robert Jordan



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

## Help the Handicap Kids

For 12 years now, the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas ([www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)) handicapped campers have enjoyed learning the recreational hobby of metal detecting and treasure hunting regardless of their handicap. When the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs started this program with the Camp it was aimed at building esteem in the many campers and to show those campers there is a recreational hobby they can enjoy regardless of their handicap.

Twelve years ago 12 detectors were donated to the camp for this program. It has become a highlight every year to all the campers to learn to discover treasures buried beneath their feet using a metal detector. Also, each year a dedicated group from the Texas Council helps the new counselors visiting from foreign countries to learn the hobby. However as an added bonus, many of those counselors take this new knowledge of such a program back home with them to share in camps for children in their country.

**Important Part:** for this program to continue, the Camp is in great need of "foreign coins" to hide for these campers. *Without donations of foreign coins, the program will die!* The Camp relies on your kindness of donating any foreign coins you may have found or wish to purchase for the kids. Why "foreign coins"? Because the children of the camp cannot have money to use in counselor's vending machines; the kids only drink healthy fruit juices or water at the camp, which is free to all the campers. Also the children learn more about foreign countries and their money by using foreign coins hidden for this activity.

At this time, the Camp's supply of foreign coins is very low. The Camp is in need immediately of donations of foreign coins so the activity for the kids will continue this 2008-year. The Texas Council of Treasure Clubs and I ask you to please consider donating to the Camp such foreign coins for this activity. You can ship the coins to me: Keith Wills, 1495 FM 49, Gilmer, TX 75644. If you do send them direct, please contact me and let me know you have done so at [kwills@etex.net](mailto:kwills@etex.net). You may send them directly to Texas Lions Camp, PO Box 290247, Kerrville, TX 78029.

A Sincere Thanks to you all, and for photos of the Camp and kids enjoying this activity, checkout [www.wwats.org](http://www.wwats.org) under "Photos". Keith Wills

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