

# THE SILVER SIGNAL

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**Next meeting is 7:30pm Friday, January 6, 2006**

**Greetings from your new President!!!**

## **President's Corner**

*by John Finnell*

Hello everyone. I hope you and yours had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Here we go on a brand new year (our 34th) and as your brand new president, I want to first say "Thank You!" to Rusty for the fine job he did and to all of the officers and volunteers who made 2005 a great year for our club. Speaking of which, I hear that Rechey's talk on paper money and coins that can still be found in circulation was terrific! I wish I had been able to be there for that one. Not to take anything away from the presentations others have given but in my opinion the best ones are those done by our members! So "Good Job!" to everyone!

I received a very important note from Keith Wills, President of WWATS and Lone Star Treasure member, who wrote to say he plans to concentrate his efforts this year on opening up State Parks here in Texas to the metal detecting hobbyist (*see Page 4*). Folks, if this sounds good to you, Keith needs our help! As many of you know he finances most of the work done by WWATS himself and also does the lion's share of the legwork. So any help you can offer will be appreciated. I expect we will be hearing more on this subject as events unfold.

Our guest for this month is Agent Matt Johann of the United States Secret Service. Agent Johann will be discussing the role of the Secret Service including counterfeit money investigation and providing security for Executive branch Officials. I think we will all find this an unusual and interesting discussion so I hope to see all of you there!

## Finds of the Month - December 2005

### COIN

**Dave Totzke** 1855 Seated Quarter  
**Earl Hitt** 1878 Seated Quarter  
**Jim Turner** 1908 Dime



### GOLD JEWELRY

**Mike Koenig** 14K Diamond Ring  
**Jim Turner** 14K Gold Ring  
**Floyd Caldwell** Gold Ring



### SILVER JEWELRY

**Dave Totzke** Silver Necklace  
**Jim Turner** Boy Scout Ring  
**Mike Koenig** Silver Spinner Ring



### RELIC

**Mike Koenig** Eagle Button  
**Rick Anderson** Minnie Ball  
**Jesse Boedeker** Arrow Point



### TOKEN

**Floyd Caldwell** Avery Tractor Fob  
**Rick Anderson** Higginbotham Co. Fob  
**David Totzke** Interstate Chemical Co. Fob



### WILD CARD

**Paul Wilson** Toy Lead Soldier  
**Dave Totzke** 14K ? Nugget Ring  
**Mike Koenig** 1967 Class Ring



## Door Prize Winners in December

| Door Prize                                   | Donated by      | Winner                        |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Treasure Laws of the US                      | Harold Rosee    | Rusty Curry                   |
| Tool Kit                                     | Harold Rosee    | Frank Lawson                  |
| Garrett Hat                                  | Garrett         | Rick Burkey                   |
| Probe  | Jim Arrington   | Jack Lowry                    |
| Garrett Hat                                  | Garrett         | Dave Totzke                   |
| Silver Round                                 | Floyd & Susan   | Charles Martin                |
| Digger                                       | Jim Arrington   | Garland Sulth <sup>(sp)</sup> |
| Two Men & Truck Cap                          | Dave Totzke     | Bob Slocum                    |
| Garrett Package                              | Mike Koenig     | Joe Hennig                    |
| Garrett Knife, Merc,<br>Buffalo, Indian Cent | Rechey Davidson | Mike Koenig                   |
| Christmas Wreath                             | Velma Slocum    | Ronnie Morris                 |

## Raffle Winners in December

| Raffle Prize             | Winner          |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1853 Large Cent          | Kelene Totzke   |
| 1999 Colorized Quarters  | Terry Schick    |
| Twin Towers Silver Round | Shelley Sharum  |
| 1869 3cent Nickel        | Rodney Bates    |
| 1868 2cent Piece         | Paul Wilson     |
| 1858 Flying Eagle Cent   | Gordon Robinson |
| 1853 Seated Dime         | Dave Totzke     |
| 1942 Hawaii Silver Cert. | Dave Totzke     |
| 1803 8 Reale             | David Bennett   |
| 1833 Bust Dime           | Ivan Santos     |
| 1834 Bust Half           | Gary Dowless    |
| Dos Peso Gold Coin       | Terry Schick    |

## WWATS Plan to Open State Parks

In 2006 I will be spending a lot of my time, as will hopefully several more of you that wish to help, in working a plan up to finally open our State Parks here in Texas to our hobby.

There will be many long hours used in doing this and some travel to see the correct folks to get this goal accomplished at mostly an expense to me. I'm asking EVERY TREASURE CLUB in the State of Texas to announce this at their next meeting.

Also to review our code-of-ethics and remind members just how important it is to cover their holes and pick up their trash. You and I do not need a hunter that will not abide by the code of ethics, especially at this time and for the coming year.

### **I can not express the importance of this!**

We have just learned of the Texas Historical Commission's attempts to close not just the county parks in Harris County, but many other counties as well and close the coastal beaches of the state to our hobby. We also have just found a possible plan to open the state parks of Texas in the near future.

I have just received a letter from one of our own, stating that two members of a club here in the state in the area of Nevada, Texas while hunting a park had refused another TH'ers request to fill their holes and pick up the trash they dug, even after his third request. Thus he was forced to cover the holes for these two club members and pick up their trash in order to preserve his right and our right to continue to have the privilege to hunt that park.

Folks, please mention this to your club members in your business meeting, ask them to help themselves and me by policing others and reviewing our ethics. I and the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs, Inc. and WWATS have always been in favor of turning in such that refuse to practice good ethics in the field so to keep the privilege allowed to us to hunt open areas within Texas. Please do not make it harder for me and others to add to these open areas for our hobby in this state.

Thanks you all very much and wish you all a very good New Year.

Keith Wills  
President WWATS  
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## Friends of Lone Star Treasure Hunter's Club

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| Birthday Drawing: | Jack Ellett   |
| Name Tag Drawing: | O.W. Summers  |
| Marble Raffle:    | Mark McKay drew the Green Marble<br>and won \$201.00. |

### Calendar of Events

January 6, 2006 ..... LSTHC January Meeting  
January 7, 2006 ..... LSTHC January Fun Hunt  
February 3, 2006 ..... LSTHC February Meeting  
February 4, 2006 ..... LSTHC February Fun Hunt  
April 29-30, 2006 ..... Texas Treasure Show

### New Metal detecting Club in Mesquite

The next meeting of the East Fork Treasure Hunters Association is to be held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Mesquite Metro Airport, conference room located at 1540 Airport Blvd, Mesquite, Tx.

## Going for the Gold .....

### Over \$1000 worth of GOLD coins

Again this year, the club's annual Christmas party included a raffle of 22 gold coins.....and the winners were:

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>1880-S \$5 Gold</b>  | Ronald Hankins |
| <b>\$5 Gold</b>         | Anita Lehky    |
| <b>\$5 Gold</b>         | Carline Scott  |
| <b>\$5 Gold</b>         | Chris Boedeker |
| <b>\$5 Gold</b>         | Rick Anderson  |
| <b>1/10 Kruegerrand</b> | Ricky Crow     |
| <b>1/10 Kruegerrand</b> | John Finnell   |
| <b>Five Peso</b>        | Troy Galloway  |
| <b>Five Peso</b>        | David Jones    |
| <b>Five Peso</b>        | Ronnie Morris  |
| <b>2 1/2 Peso</b>       | Jesse Boedeker |
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| <b>1/20 Libertad</b>    | Chuck Howell   |
| <b>1/20 Libertad</b>    | Troy Galloway  |
| <b>Venezuelan Gold</b>  | Roy Harston    |
| <b>1915 One Ducat</b>   | Robert Gibson  |
| <b>Dos Peso</b>         | Terry Schrell  |
| <b>Dos Peso</b>         | Rick Anderson  |
| <b>Dos Peso</b>         | Bob O'Day      |
| <b>Dos Peso</b>         | David Bennett  |
| <b>Dos Peso</b>         | Jesse Boedeker |
| <b>Dos Peso</b>         | Joe Hennig     |

## **Six Amigos site selection set for 2006 hunt**

Hey folks! I have secured the site in Canton for next Nov. the 11th, 2006. This is the same site with the same options for expansion, etc. The hunt officials will meet in the future and we'll probably start sign-ups in Sept. sometime. The cost of the hunt will be the same \$30 more than likely, but with the price of silver going up daily, we may have to adjust.

Please direct suggestions or questions to me. All help is appreciated!

"We Dig History"

Smith County Metal Detecting Association

Bob Norman- President

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### **WWATS Code of Ethics**

- I WILL respect all public and private land.
- I WILL always obtain the owner's permission to gain entrance and use.
- I WILL NOT destroy property or buildings on public or private land.
- I WILL remove as much litter that I find as possible and fill all excavations.
- I WILL NOT contaminate wells, creeks or other water supplies.
- I WILL respect all others use of the land and natural resources that are operating within the WWATS Code of Ethics.
- I WILL attempt to approach, educate or report those that do not follow the WWATS Code of Ethics.
- I WILL report the discovery of items of significant historical value to local authorities in accordance with governing laws.
- I WILL strive to learn, promote and preserve my rights to enjoy my hobby.
- I WILL protect our land and natural resources, and act as a good ambassador at all times.

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