

THE SILVER SIGNAL

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Next meeting is 7:30pm Friday, May 5, 2006

Mr. Troy Galloway will discuss improved searching by use of various coils and discrimination settings.

President's Corner

by John Finnell

Hello everyone. Well I hope everyone had a good time at Bucks on the Brazos this year. I for one certainly did!



It is always great to get together and visit with old friends and make new ones. It was also great that so many folks came down Friday and hunted in the night hunt. If you weren't able to make it this time, you missed out on a really fun event but I have a feeling you'll get another chance.

Hats off to Dave and Mike for pulling this off so smoothly! From start to finish they ran the thing like a Swiss Watch and we all appreciate it immensely! I know that I can speak for both Dave and Mike when I say "Thanks!" to everyone who helped plant coins and pick up afterwards!

So next weekend is the TCTC Extraveganza and Hunt. Unfortunately I am not going to be there but I know that it will be another success. So find a few coins for me since that's all I ever seem to find anyway and I will see you all at the meeting on the 5th.

Good Luck and Good Hunting!

Upcoming Events

May 5, 2006	LSTHC Meeting
May 6, 2006	LSTHC Fun Hunt
May 20, 2006	Friends of the East Texas Children Hunt
May 27-28, 2006	Arkoma "Spring Cabin Fever" Hunt at K-River
June 1, 2006	LSTHC Meeting
June 2, 2006	LSTHC Fun Hunt
June 3, 2006	Waco Hunt

Birthday Drawing: Mary Penson

Name Tag Drawing: Robert Gibson

Marble Raffle: Virgil Jones drew the white marble and chose the \$10 envelope.

TCTC Show News



A big thanks to Mike Koenig for the TH'er photos running on the TV and to Mike Skinner and Rick Anderson for the last minute addition of the display shelves on the back panels. Thanks to the efforts of many our club's display won the 1st prize ribbon (pictured above).

Treasure Hunting Laws By Keith Wills

I was asked today by email what are the laws to treasure hunting, where can one get such a book to show them and what is the point in the hobby if you don't get to keep what you find? Obviously someone with their glass half empty instead of half full. Below is my answer and it is good that we all know this, so I'm forwarding it to you and your club.

ANSWER:

I suggest you checkout the site on the Internet called WWATS at www.wwats.org an organization well worth your time and membership, free membership at that. They are the one organization going to Washington DC fighting for yours and your family's rights to keep enjoying the great hobby of metal detecting. Also my site at www.protectthehobbynow.com is a good site for most of the laws that govern our hobbies. It will let you know where you can and can not hunt. Each day we fight to open more territory for us to enjoy our hobby and to ensure a place for our children and grandchildren in the future. Donations are welcome, for such an organization with free membership and free activities cannot exist without others caring enough to support it.

As far as a book to help you with US laws, I suggest Dr. Grimm's book of Treasure Laws of the United States. He has gone state by state and requested official letters from each as to their individual laws towards metal detecting and treasure hunting.

Finds of the Month - April 2006

COIN

Rickey Crow 1891 Victoria coin
Dave Totzke 1917 Walking Liberty Half
Andy Mesaros 1903-O Barber dime



GOLD JEWELRY

Mike Skinner 14K Elephant Ring
Floyd Caldwell 1966 Class ring 10K
Jesse Boedeker 14K Pendant w/Ruby



SILVER JEWELRY

Dave Totzke Sterling Toothpick case
Mike Skinner Boy Scout ring
Jesse Boedeker Necklace w/medallion



RELIC

Mike Skinner Dallas Railway button
Larry Carr Jersey Crème Watch Fob
Rusty Curry Eagle button 14K Pendant w/Ruby



TOKEN

Rusty Curry John Deere Fob
Andy Mesaros 101 Bar Token
Jesse Boedeker 1907 Stockyards medallion



WILD CARD

Rusty Curry Mineral Wells F.D. Badge
Jesse Boedeker Cast Iron Locomotive
Larry Carr 1922 Rotary Club pin



Huntmaster sez

by Mike Koenig

If you did not attend our Club hunt at Bucks on The Brazos, you missed a really GREAT TIME.



We went out on Friday afternoon and set up the fields. Club members started arriving and arriving and arriving. It was fantastic. We set up camp, ate dinner, and sat around swapping lies/I mean stories while waiting for it to get good and

dark for the night hunt.

I thought our first night hunt was a great success. Everyone found treasures and Junior St. Clair was fortunate to find the right spoon to win a Garrett Detector. We ended up with around 25 hunters for this event. Thanks everyone for coming out, camping and making the evening a really enjoyable event.

Morning came bright and early with another beautiful day at hand. The order of business for the day was hunting and more hunting. If you have never attended a club hunt at Bucks, you are really missing out. The ground is soft; there are lots of shady trees to hunt under along the Brazos River. I think that everyone came away very satisfied with the day.

There are a lot of people to thank for making this weekend a great event. So here goes: Thanks to those who helped prepare for the hunt, those who buried the coins, those who set up the hunt site, those who donated items for the hunt and silent auction, those who cooked breakfast, those who helped clean up after the hunt was over, and a big thank you for all of you who participated. Without you this event would not have been possible.

There is one person who I will name by name. The next time you see Kelene Tetzke, let her know how much you appreciate what she does for the club. Kelene set out the coins and tokens for the night hunt. She buried all of the tokens for the two-day hunts and Kelene took in the majority of moneys raised during our fundraiser. Kelene also watched children so others could hunt and was there along with everyone else during setup and clean up. Thanks Kelene!!!!

Due to the soaring prices of gold and silver, we need to start thinking about ways to change our Main Hunt so that it will be as successful this year as it has been in the past.

See you in the field!

April Door Prize Winners

Door Prize	Donated by	Winner
Hand Digger	Jim Arrington	Dick McNamara
Garrett Clock	Joe Henning	Frank Martinez
Garrett Cap	Garrett	Robert Gibson
Garrett Pouch	Ronnie Morris	C. J. Kinsey
Magnifier	Maurine Martin	Robert Jordan
25 Unc Pennies	Andy Mesaros	Lewis Murray
Digger	Jim Arrington	David Bennett
Garrett Cap	Garrett	Ronnie Morris
Probe	Ronnie Morris	Susan Caldwell

April Raffle Winners

Raffle Prize	Winner
1832 Bust Half dime	Ivan Santos
1854 Large Cent	Ronnie Morris
1854 Large Cent	Lewis Murray
2oz Silver Round	Dave Totzke
1876 Seated Half Dollar	Jesse Boedeker
1889 Seated Dime	Terry Schick
1886 Seated Dime	John Finnell
1908 Barber Quarter	John Finnell
1835 Slab Large Cent	Ronnie Morris
1857 Flying Eagle Cent	Steve Stoker
1852 Large Cent	Andy Mesaros
Trade Center Silver Round	John Finnell
1853 Large Cent	Harold Rosee
Dos Peso Gold Coin	John Stone

2007 Huntmasters

At this years Bucks on the Brazos hunt all of the prize tokens were recovered. Minor revisions were made to the rules for this years hunt including that the finders of the tokens for the metal detectors would automatically be the huntmasters for next years hunt.

Rusty Curry and Larry Carr (a new member) were the lucky hunters who found the tokens for the Garrett Ace 250 Detectors. They also earned the right to be our next years hunt masters for the annual members hunt.

So congratulations to the new winners/huntmasters!!!!



TCTC Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Betty Jordan who won the \$5 gold coin and to David "TokenMan" Durocher for winning the Tesoro Cibola metal detector.

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