

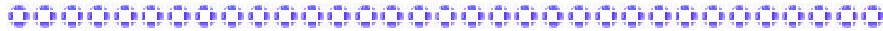
THE SILVER SIGNAL

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Lone Star Club Executive Officers

Robert Jordan	President
Rusty Curry	Vice-President
Peter Krell	Secretary
Rechey Davidson	Treasurer



President's Corner

by: Robert Jordan

Hello to all. Hope you got out and took advantage of the nice days. I managed to get in some hunting along with a lot of yard work. In my case, I don't want to keep up with the neighbors; I want to out do them.

Sorry we missed last months meeting. Dave, Rick, Frank and I did have fun at the first Treasure Venture Hunt in Mobile. Frank and I got to raze the young guys with our lucky finds. Mobile was a great place for some wonderful seafood and history.

The Treasure Show will be on us quickly. Hope you plan on a road trip to Longview. Your help will be appreciated. I have not heard who the guest speaker will be. I look forward to the BBQ and the Silver Hunt.

Our guest speaker this month will be our very own Dave Totzke. Dave is always entertaining and informative.

See you at the meeting. Bring or invite a friend. Good luck hunting, and remember to leave the deep ones for me!

February Meeting

We had about 36 in attendance, including, two visitors and two new members. Kaitlyn Hitt, Earl Hitt's granddaughter visited. Also, Sherry Downes, who found out about the club on the internet, was there. We hope to see them both again. Jim Cromwell and Bob Chastain both joined. Welcome to Jim and Bob.



Members who planned to attend were given cards for \$3 off the TCTC show admission. Rechey gave a financial report. After paying for the booth rental and TCTC dues, the club has about \$4055 in cash and \$3600 in coins.

Please let Paul Wilson know if you have an idea for a new speaker.

Peter Krell was awarded a certificate of appreciation for his work on the phone committee over the past year. This was accidentally left out of the annual Christmas Party when other awards were given.



More pictures are being taken and placed on the web site. We still need pictures from the 34th annual hunt in October. If you have some, please tell Robert Jeffrey or Mike Lacy.

There has been discussion about changing the location for the 35th annual hunt. Ray suggested a Midlothian location. Several members are looking into Samuell Farms in the Dallas area. If you have any suggestions, tell Robert Jordan or another committee member.

We are also considering moving the Brazos hunt. In fact, as I write this, Robert Jeffrey and Dave Totzke are looking in the same area for other campgrounds. The tentative date for that hunt has been set for April 25.

Rechey went to England on a hunt with Colchester Treasure Hunting and Metal Detecting in November. He was hoping some of his finds would be posted on their web site soon. There are some great pictures, but they do not identify who found each item, just when it was found. Check out the website: <http://www.colchestertreasurehunting.co.uk/home.htm>

The Food Drive drawing needs more prizing. Several members have generously donated in the past. Please consider making a donation. If you have something to donate, tell Robert Jeffrey.

Steve Moore, who has been Marketing Director with Garrett for 3 years, was our guest speaker. (He brought Sir Robert Marks book for a raffle prize, it will not be for sale until next month). Steve writes WWII and Texas history books. One of his books is *Eighteen Minutes: The Battle of San Jacinto and the Texas Independence Campaign*. He had relatives that were Texas Rangers, which sparked his interest in history. He spoke mostly about the relic recovery hunt he participated in May of last year at the San Jacinto Battlegrounds. He explained how artifacts are recovered, documented and preserved. The exact location and depth is recorded for every find. Some of the finds included musket balls and a buckle for a Mexican soldier's uniform. If you are looking for his books, look for Stephen L. Moore.



Upcoming Events

- ✓ March 6th – Monthly meeting
- ✓ March 7th & 8th – 14th Annual Happy Trails Two Day Open Hunt, Longview, TX,
- ✓ March 14th – Wabasso, Florida, 22nd Annual Treasure Coast Archaeological Hunt
- ✓ March 21st –22nd – TCTC Treasure Show 2009 at the Maude Cobb Center in Longview
- ✓ April 3rd–5th – Great Southern Beach Shootout, Daytona Beach, Florida, www.gsbsdayonahunt.com
- ✓ April 4th – 5th – Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, 2009 Treasure Expo & Trade Show treasure_expo@yahoo.com
- ✓ April 17th–19th – 22nd Annual Rendezvous hunt, Riverside, California
- ✓ April 18th – 19th – 30th Annual 2-Day Treasure Hunt, Winfield, Pennsylvania
- ✓ April 25th–26th – North Central Washington Prospectors' 10th Annual Gold and Treasure Show, Cashmere, WA
- ✓ April 25th (tentative) – Brazos Hunt, stay tuned for definite date and location.

Events

As you can see from the previous page, there are many events coming up, near and far. If you know of an event that should be in the newsletter, please let me know. I find these events on other websites, particularly Lost Treasure and the Texas Council for Treasure Clubs. You can find more information about these hunts and other links:

- <http://losttreasure.com/LatestIssue/calindex07.cfm>
- www.texasCouncil.net



The TCTC treasure show is coming up soon. If you are going, think about what you can do to help with the club's booth. The early discount deadline for the show and hunt is February 1st. The entry form is on their website, listed above. Bring or send display cases.

If you plan to be there on Friday, March 20, to help set up the booth, please let Robert Jordan or another committee member know.

The prizes for the raffle this year are: 1st place-TV, 2nd place-Garmin GPS, 3rd place-20 cent piece, 4th place-dos peso, 5th-2 oz. silver round. Mike Skinner has raffle tickets. Buy some, sell some. They are only \$1 each. The member who sells the most tickets will win a dos peso.

February Drawings

Item:	Donated by:	Winner:
<u>Birthday Drawing</u>		Bob O'Day
<u>Name Tag Drawing</u>		Edith Jeffrey
<u>Door Prizes</u>		
Book & Garrett hat	Garrett	Bob Bruce
Book & Garrett hat	Garrett	Jack Ellet
Book & Garrett hat	Garrett	Andy Mesaros
Treasure Book	Club	Sherry Downs
Treasure Book	Club	Ed Verboort
Treasure Book	Club	Rechey Davidson
Garrett Headphones	Garrett	Ivan Santos
Wooden Cigar Box	Ivan Santos	Jim Cromwell
½ Farm Fresh Eggs	Ray Walther	Bob O'Day
½ Farm Fresh Eggs	Ray Walther	Ken Branscome
 <u>Raffle</u>		
1838 Bust Half		Rusty Curry
Barber Half & Quarter		Ivan Santos
New Treasure Book		Mike Skinner
25 Zinc War Pennies		Rechey Davidson
2005 P&D Mint Set		Joe Hennig
1854 Seated Half Dime		Ed Verboort
1863 Indian Cent		Joe Hennig
1887-S Seated Dime		Ronnie Morris
1857 Seated Half Dime		Paul Wilson
1843 Large Cent		Bill Austin
1847 Large Cent		Katelyn Hitt
1923 Peace Dollar		Bill Austin
1 oz. Silver Round		Michael Southard
1994 Silver Eagle		Morris Coker
 <u>Marble Drawing</u>		
\$5		Joe Hennig
<u>Food Drawing</u>		Ivan Santos

Find-Of-The-Month for February

Coin

1st Andy Mesaros
2nd Roy Harston
3rd Robert Jeffrey

Item

1985-S Barber Quarter
1925 Standing Quarter
1942 Aussie Penny

Gold Jewelry

1st Morris Coker
2nd Jessy Bodecker

Item

10k Bracelet
14k Bracelet

Silver Jewelry

1st Ed Verboort
2nd Roy Harston
3rd Mike Skinner

Item

925 Bracelet
925 Necklace
925 Silver + Ring

Relic

1st Mike Skinner

Item

Navy Button

Token

1st Ivan Santos
2nd Joe Henning
3rd Andy Mesaros

Item

Elks Lodge Pin
Palace Theater Token
Dino Token

Wild Card

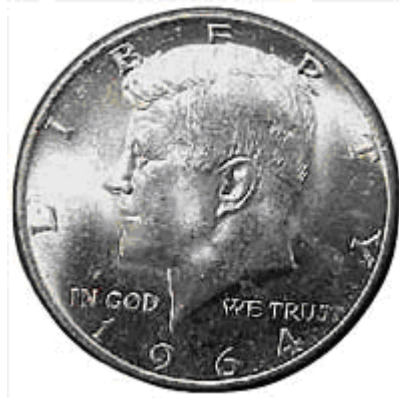
1st Robert Jeffrey
2nd Morris Coker
3rd Ivan Santos

Item

Toy Cannon
Nehi Bottle opener
Lead Soldier

March Food Drive Raffle

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



All items will be given to the Angel Food Network

This raffle will be a 1964 Silver Half donated by Robert Jeffrey.

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

Thanks!

Steve Moore from Garrett was kind enough to speak to us in February. He also brought books for our raffle.

Thanks for those of you that bring snacks to our meetings. You are really appreciated. In February it was Rusty, Frank, Ray and Andy. This month be sure and thank Morris Coker, Ivan Santos, and Ronnie Morris. They volunteered to bring snacks for the March meeting.

Ray Walther brought fresh eggs from his own hens for door prizes! Ivan Santos donated a wooden cigar box. Andy Mesaros donated 25 steel war pennies for the raffle. Thanks to all of you for your donations.

If you have a treasure hunting story to share, or would like to see something specific in the newsletter, please let me know.
edithjeffrey@att.net





Photographer's Note:

"Photo of the former courthouse in the basement of the current courthouse. The caption below the photo read as follows:

1897 COURTHOUSE - The second courthouse built on Block No. 9 was accepted by the Commissioners Court on November 24, 1897. This courthouse was designed by Marshall R. Sanguinet of Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Sanguinet was famous for his courthouse designs. The structure was built by G. W. Donaghey on the site of the 1879 courthouse, in the middle of the block. This Romanesque style building was made of dark red brick, giving rise to later Gregg County residents referring to it as "The Old Red Courthouse". It was a two-story building with a three-story tower contiguous with the extended entrance which had a small turret at each corner. The remainder of the roof was gabled. It utilized some of the native sandstone, re-finished, from the previous courthouse. It also had some of the white limestone from the earlier building above the windows and over the arched entrance. The courthouse had four chimneys." - Terry Jeanson, December 2007

Picture from www.texasescapes.com/TOWNS/Longview

History of Longview

Longview was founded in the early 1870's when Southern Pacific Railroad extended its track from Marshall, TX. westward into Gregg County. The railroad laid out a new town on land purchased from Ossamus Hitch Methvin Sr. Management for the railroad called the new settlement Longview, reportedly because of the impressive view from Mr. Methvin's house. Longview incorporated on May 17, 1871, the first community in Gregg County to do so. The population of Longview grew 5,036 in the 1930's, and more than doubled to 13,758 by 1940 – due to the discovery of crude oil in the area. Longview's growth has continued throughout the years.

Longview is the county seat of Gregg County and is located on the U.S. Interstate 20 and U.S. Highway 80 corridor that stretches from Dallas-Fort Worth through Shreveport-Bossier City, La., Dallas lies 125 miles west of Longview, and Shreveport is 60 miles east. Longview is proud to be the hub of East Texas outdoor recreation and leisure travel, and is famous for its fabulous festivals, fine dining and historic downtown. Our festivals start in June. AlleyFest is an annual three day art festival on the streets downtown Longview. The Great Texas Balloon Race is a competitive event attracting world class hot-air balloon pilots from around the world who compete for points toward national and international titles. There are 25 lakes, within 75 miles of Longview, providing many outdoor activities.

http://www.ci.longview.tx.us/news/history_of_longview.html

This history of Longview is from the website listed above, if you want more information.