

Treasured Times

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY MONTHLY MEETING

MIDWAY HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
11001 MIDWAY ROAD
DALLAS, TEXAS
MAY 13, 2005 TIME 7:30 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS FOR MAY

BARBARA CUNDIFF
MARY PENSON
ROY GLOVER

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JACK SEZ

by Jack Ellet
President

Hello All,

The weather is getting good for hunting. Won't be long before water hunting season will be here. I know I am ready.

I talked to Barbara Cundiff. She said Don was doing better. Don has been in and out of the hospital a lot lately. I asked how she was holding up and she said now that Don is doing better she is doing better. Hope everything turns out ok.

We have been getting several new members. We would like to welcome them. Show them we appreciate them being in the club. Call them sometime to hunt with you. The reason I joined many years ago was to have someone to hunt with and be with people who have the same metal detecting interest. I know where I used to work I'm sure some of the people there said here he comes again wanting to talk about that ole metal detecting. But what the heck we love it.

See you at the next meeting. In the meantime keepum swinging.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE GOLD RINGS

by Jack Ellet

We all have read or been told if we want to find gold rings you must dig all the trash and hope a gold ring comes out of it. There is another way to find gold rings with a metal detector. Many years ago when Fisher first came out with the CZ6 metal detector they did a test on gold rings as that particular metal detector has a different type of discrimination than other detectors. Such as on the lowest end is iron, next is foil, next is round tabs, next is square tabs then nickels, then zinc pennies, then all other coins or items that have the same electrical conductivity.

They used 161 gold rings from four collections. They passed each ring across the coil and noted where on the face plate they read. They were as

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JUNE MONTHLY MEETING

JUNE 10, 2005 TIME 7:30 P.M.

JULY MONTHLY MEETING

JULY 8, 2005 TIME 7:00 P.M. (NOTE EARLY START)

ANNUAL JULY "INDOOR PICNIC" – PLAN TO BRING A FOOD ITEM.

**FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST
(April 2005)**

Coin category

1st	Gary Whalen	1916s Mercury Dime
2nd	Jack Lowry	1943 Steel Cent
3rd	Gene Jameson	1936 Silver Dime

Jewelry category

1st	Lisa Burkey	School Class Ring
2nd	Gene Jameson	Gold Bracelet
3rd	Betty Lien	Gold Bracelet

Relic category

1st	Gary Whalen	Pittsburg Stogie Token
2 nd	Rick Burkey	Key
3rd	Lisa Burkey	Tootsie Model Car

Most unusual category

1st	Betty Lien	Tootsie Car
2nd	Gary Whalen	Plated Opal Ring
3rd	Irma Adams	Toy Car

Second Chance Category

1st	Gene Jameson	Sterling Ring
2nd	Rick Burkey	Cross
3rd	Irma Adams	Cross w/glass stones

Ed Note: Please enter your finds in the contest. It encourages others to bring their finds as well as to hunt more often. Winners should be prepared to tell a bit about where they found the item and any history. You don't have to give away any "secrets" but newer hunters need to know they can find items in both expected and unexpected places.

Help support your club! Buy a raffle ticket and join in the fun. The GTES operates on funds collected as member dues, monthly and treasure show raffles, and other donations. This money is used to fund treasure hunts and club programs.

Not only can you win a nice prize but you gain better prizes in the treasure hunts.

DOOR PRIZE AND MONTHLY RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS (April 2005)

Harold and Mickey Greer donated all items for the April meeting raffle. The club will benefit from Harold and Mickey's generosity. A Barber dime attached to a Garrett water bottle was the door prizes (twelve).

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Door prizes were a V-Nickel and Chip Clip. These were won by:

Larry Ball	Irma Adams	Velma Slocum
Richard Mikesell	Gene Jameson	Gene Gibbs
Greg Williams	Bill Phillips	Lewis Murray
Harold Greer	Jim Pierce	Katie Dandalides
Ann Gibbs		

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Five Plastic Coin Mounts	Jim Hamilton
Coin Tender (Stores & Counts Coins)	Katie Dandalides
Two "V" Nickels – 1/1899 – 1/1907	Connie Shaw
Four Buffalo Nickels – 3/1936—1/1930	Jack Lowry
Two \$1.00 Silver Certificates – series 1957 B	Robert Jordan
1976 Bi-Centennial Mint Set Coins, -- Kennedy Half & Washington Quarter	Mary Penson
Two 2 Cent coins – 1964, 186?	Bob Phillips
Three Standing Liberty Quarters – 1925, 1926, 1927	M Glover
Sterling Silver Texas Rangers Badge	Jim Hamilton
Un Peso (1) Mexico, 1945 -- .720 fine Silver	Ed Duroy
Cinco (5) Pesos, Mexico, 1948 -- .900 fine Silver	George Koehl
U. S. Assay Office – San Francisco (Silver Trade Unit) – 1981 (Minted from U. S. Strategic Stockpile)	Dave Jones
Silver World Trade Universaro – 1 troy oz. .999 fine 1972	Rick Ege
American Silver Eagle – 1 troy oz. -- .999 fine –2000	Jack Lowry
Eight Indian Head Pennies	Jim Eden
Indian Head Cent Folder with 22 Indian Heads	Jim Hamilton
U. S. Historic Five Dime Set	Ruthie Riley
United States Proof Set – 1984	Mickey Cummins
United States Proof Set – 1971	Ben Hong
United States Proof Set – 1968	Katie Dandalides

If you have suggestions on prizes that might encourage more participation, contact the Club Treasurer, Robert Jordan.

**ATTENTION ALL HUNTERS
MAY FUN HUNT AT A 1903 SITE**

WHEN MAY 14TH AT 9:45 TO 11:30

**WHERE BUCKNER PARK AND
DAVY CROCKETT SCHOOL**

**MEET IN THE BUCKNER PARK
PARKING LOT
MAPSCO 46-F**

DAVY CROCKETT SCHOOL AT 4001 N. CARROLL AVE. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE ARCHITECTURAL STYLE, THE DAVID CROCKETT SCHOOL WAS BUILT IN 1903. THE SCHOOL WAS BUILT TO ACCOMMODATE THE GROWING POPULATION OF EAST DALLAS. IT WAS THE OLDEST OPERATING SCHOOL IN THE DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WHEN IT CLOSED ON JANUARY 3, 1989. THE BUILDING NOW HOUSES ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES FOR DISD. BUCKNER PARK WAS CONSTRUCTED ABOUT THE SAME TIME ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SCHOOL. THESE PROPERTIES STILL STAND TODAY IN THEIR MOSTLY UNALTERED STATE, AND I BELIEVE THEM TO BE THE OLDEST UNALTERED PUBLIC ACCESS PROPERTIES IN THE CITY.

MY PAST EXPERIENCES ON THESE TYPES OF SIGHTS TELLS ME THAT WITHOUT QUESTION THERE ARE MANY TURN OF THE 19TH CENTURY COINS, AND RELICS UNDER A LAYER OF MODERN TRASH, AND MANY ARE REACHABLE WITH OUR PATIENCE, SKILL, AND MODERN DETECTORS. THERE ARE ALSO PLENTY OF SHALLOW CLAD COINS AND LATER TARGETS THAT ARE EASILY RECOVERED, AND SHOULD OFFER GREAT FUN FOR ALL.

WE NEED TO BE ON OUR BEST BEHAVIOR HERE, AND LEAVE THIS SIGHT IN BETTER SHAPE THAN WE S FIND IT IN. I PLAN TO USE A SMALL SCREWDRIVER ON THE SWALLOW TARGETS AND CUT NEAT PLUGS WITH MY HAND TROWEL FOR THE DEEPER TARGETS. I ALSO EXPECT THAT SMALL COILS WILL BE THE TICKET TO THE PAST HERE. BY THE WAY THE 4-½ INCH COIL FOR THE NEW GARRETT ACE'S IS NOW AVAILABLE WITH IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE.

SEE YA THERE,

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GOLD RINGS

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follows: iron—0 foil-38%----nickels-9%----round tabs-15%---square tabs-29% --zinc pennys-5% and the rest in the coin range but very low karat.

So if you have a detector that is programmable (Garrett GTA & GTI -- Whites xlt & dfx and others), and if you only dug those targets in the foil and nickel range you would find about 47% of the gold rings without having to dig a lot of pull tabs. There will be some trash, but not like if you dug all the pull tabs. This system has worked pretty well for me. Those rings will be mostly thin gold ladies rings. (Maybe some with stones)

I have done better myself than I have water hunting. Also white gold reads very low on the scale. I have one heavy mans white gold ring that to my surprise read like a beavertail off a round tab. That is about the middle of the foil range. My wife's engagement ring which is also white gold reads almost iron. Very low in the foil range. So go find some gold rings without having to dig everything.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined at our last meeting. If you haven't already done so, be sure to tell them, **"Welcome!"**

Jim Pierce
Jim Eden
Mickey Cummins
Richard Mikesell
Pepper and Liz Mckay
Suzy and Nick Johnson

OUR JULY AND DECEMBER MEETINGS START EARLY (7:00 PM) SO THAT WE MAY SHARE A MEAL AND ENJOY FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS. EACH MEMBER BRINGS A COVERED DISH AND THE CLUB PROVIDES THE ENTRÉE(S) AND DRINKS.

**PARK RELIC SHOVEL
DOES NOT EXIST
BY GARY WHALEN**

Note: The following was copied from a post on the Find's forum online.

"Every hole this guy dug was huge and he left most of the loose dirt on the ground. Granted this was not a manicured lawn, but holes that big are totally out of line. I can dig an 8 to 10 inch deep plug and have the hole 4 or 5 inches in diameter and I use a drop cloth to put every bit of dirt back in the hole. You will never know I was there. Sloppy people like this are ruining our hobby. These people are meat hunters that will not slow down and enjoy the hunt. They grab what they can, figuring that when they leave, they are gone for good. Two weeks ago one of my favorite parks got put off limits because of one of these slob. Bringing a shovel to dig a public place can look pretty intimidating. Dig the smallest hole possible and leave the yards and fields just like you found them or we are doomed in this hobby. Just my thoughts. R.L. Johnson"

Just last month Jack Ellett made a very nice and pleasant plea encouraging our members to not drag out their shovels when hunting public use ground, but just days later we hunted a lovely Dallas park where 98 percent of every target in the park was less than an inch deep, I popped out in seconds almost every target I recovered there with a screw driver. As members of Golden Triangle we are ambassadors to this hobby, and hold a large responsibility to present ourselves in the best possible light in the eyes of the general public.

This is a serious matter. I personally promise that I will never use a relic shovel on a city park, school, or HUD house, and ask that every member of this club make that same promise. Anyone who is having a difficult time recovering targets without making a mess is welcome to contact me. It would be my pleasure to spend some field time with you and help you expand your target recovery skills.

**CLASSIFIED
ADVERTISEMENTS**

Harold & Mickey Greer have old treasure hunting magazines. If you are new to the hobby, or just missed some early issues, call them at 214-358-6570.

**Advertising Space For Rent
See your advertisement here!**

“Casual Ads” for members are free

Commercial Ads at reasonable rates:

- \$7.50 for one month for the business card size (\$60.00 annually)
- ¼ page space \$90.00 annually

Ads should be “camera ready” and should be submitted to the newsletter editor as much in advance of publication date as possible.

CAN YOU SELL ADVERTISING TO GO IN THIS SPACE?

THE COMMISSION MAY SEEM LOW – JUST THE SATISFACTION OF HELPING YOUR CLUB. ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT MIGHT BE HIGHEST PAY POSSIBLE. WHAT ABOUT YOUR COMPANY? YOUR NEIGHBOR? THE COIN SHOP OR METAL DETECTOR DEALER WHERE YOU DO BUSINESS? DROP OFF A NEWSLETTER AND SUGGEST THEY MIGHT WANT TO REACH A GROUP OF DEDICATED TREASURE HUNTERS WITH THEIR MESSAGE.

April meeting of Golden Triangle

Meeting started at 7:30 p.m. on April 8th.

Rick introduced the Guests:.

Victoria Hardgrove

Wanda Wallace

Mickey Cummins

Richard Mikesell

Jim Eden

Susie and Nick Johnson

Jim Pierce

Pepper and Liz McKay

And out of those guests, Jim Pierce, Richard Mikesell, Susie and Nick Johnson, Mickey Cummins, Pepper and Liz McKay, and Jim Eden are now members of Golden Triangle so welcome to all of them.

Talked about winning 2nd place at the Treasure show.

Robert gave the Treasurers Report. A thank you goes out to Mickey and Harold Greer for donating all Raffle prizes.

Gary gave the hunt and field report and talked about the fun hunt on Saturday. Everyone that wants to go should meet at the Circle Grill.

Bob Lien read a letter that he received after he and other members tried to help find some items in an investigation and the club was given a 100.00 check as a thank you. Good job, Bob.

The Speaker was our very own Robert Jordan who gave a very informative and very interesting report on HUD homes and how to go about finding them. If you missed it you definitely missed out.

Mickey Greer said if anyone was interested in a Golden Triangle Shirt, she will accept orders at the May meeting. The transfer (to any shirt) is \$3.00 and white knit shirts are available for \$10.00 (sizes are s, m, l, xl, xxl.)

Break

Door Prizes and Raffle

Marble Raffle – Ed Duroy won the drawing but drew a GREEN marble (no prize.)

Finds of the Month

Meeting ended at 9:45 p.m.

Before the meeting ended Jack wanted to know if one of the club members could borrow the diamond tester to take home.

Don't forget the Texas Lions Camp for Handicapped Children June 8th & 9th, 2005

As many of you know, this will be our 10th year to visit the handicap children at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas. Our dates for our visit this year is June 8th & 9th, 2005. This is a Wednesday and Thursday, because the campers start packing for home on Friday. Again it will be held under the horse covered arena and planning coins will be easy to do. I have already asked for donations to these kids in foreign coins and have received a few. These donations is what keeps this activity for the blind, deaf and wheel chaired kids going throughout the summer months. The camp already has plenty of donated metal detectors on the property, donated by manufacturers, dealers and individuals when we first started this annual project. We not only will be introducing the kids to the metal detecting hobby, but will be training their counselors to continue the activity after our visit is over. The camp is nice enough to feed all of us that come down to help the kids each year, free of charge at their dinning hall. In these two days we will see about 200 kids and show them by hands-on, that there is an activity they can enjoy even with their handicap. I can not express to you the look on these children's faces when they find that first foreign coin with a metal detector. Every year the kids love the time we spend with them as does the many employees of the Camp. This is a life-changing-experience and you will be glad you came and help us and/or donated foreign coins for the activity. Everyone is invited to come and share in this wonderful and rewarding experience. So put those dates on your calendar, Kerrville has all the major motels in town and great places to eat at. Please consider helping us this year with the children, I know you will receive many thank you's from the kids and camp personnel.

Thanks again,
Keith Wills
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Gilmer, Texas 75644

Let's talk about property rights for a moment by Mike Shaw

The news was exciting; three different club members sent me a message about three roofers in a Boston, Massachusetts suburb that dug up a "stash of cash" (about \$100,000 worth of bills from) in a back yard. Soon these guys had appeared on TV shows and told a tale about a "rainy day that prevented Crebase and friends Barry Billcliff and Matt Ingham from going to their roofing job, so they began digging around his Methuen yard to dig up a shrub whose roots were creeping into a nearby set of stairs.

"About a foot down, Crebase said, he hit some soft wood. More digging cracked open a can and he saw the cash.

"After grabbing it, Crebase said he ran screaming to show Billcliff and Ingham, and they helped him uncover about eight remaining cans. The total stash was about 1,800 bills dating between 1899 and 1929 and piles of gold and silver certificates. Exactly who buried it at the home in Methuen, about 30 miles north of Boston - and why - is unknown."

Next, we began to hear about who owned the treasure. News reports said, "Crebase, 24, says he's the one who made the find and has the final say about the money, though he'll do what's best for everyone.

"I'm the one who found it," Crebase said. "Without my decision, nothing's going to happen."

But Billcliff, 27, said that's not true.

"If one penny is spent, we all have to agree on its use," he told The Associated Press in a separate interview on Wednesday. "The truth was, I handed him the shovel, I told him where to start digging."

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But, within a few days, the story began to fall apart:

“METHUEN, Mass. — Four men who made headlines by claiming they dug up buried treasure worth as much as \$125,000 from one of their yards were charged yesterday with stealing the cache of old currency while doing a roofing job at someone's home.

“The arrests came after the men made several appearances on national television, and police noticed how the story seemed to change each time.

“Had they kept quiet ... they probably could have sold the money and no one would have ever known,” Police Chief Joseph Solomon said. “It just got away from them. Sort of like the snowball rolls down the hill and it keeps going and crushes you.”

“Barry Billcliff, 27, of Manchester, N.H., and Timothy Crebase, 24, of Methuen, pleaded not guilty after being arrested on charges of receiving stolen property, conspiracy and accessory after the fact. Warrants were issued for Kevin Kozak, 27, of Methuen, and Matt Ingham, 23, of Newton, N.H., on the same charges.

“Investigators said Crebase confessed under questioning. Crebase said he, Billcliff and Ingham — all roofers — found the money in rusting tin cans in the gutter of a barn they were hired to repair, and persuaded Kozak to go along with their story, authorities said. Crebase said Ingham planned to use proceeds to fund his rock band, authorities said.

“The cache included 1,800 bank notes and bills dating from 1899 to 1928. The currency had a face value of about \$7,000, but prosecutors said the men had been offered \$125,000 by a collector.

“Police received an anonymous call Tuesday from a woman who said the men had been lying, according to court papers.

“Investigators said they are not convinced the money was found in a barn; they said it might have been taken from the barn owners' house.

“Under Massachusetts law, “when you're working on my house and you find it on my property, you've got to tell me,” the police chief said.

“Police declined to identify the barn's owners, and said they were not even aware the money was there. Solomon said most of the currency was recovered, but some probably had been sold.

“Lawyers for Billcliff and Crebase said the men were sticking to their story of finding the box while digging under a tree in the back yard of a house that Crebase rented from Kozak in Methuen.”

One article of our “Code Of Ethics” is to always get permission before hunting on any private property. Most states have similar laws to the above – you can't just take something from someone's property and keep it as your own. This whole story points out some important things to all of us. We need to establish that we can keep whatever we find or else make other agreements with the property owner or, quite frankly, we may be **SEEN** as thieves. And if we take property under false pretenses, such as the people above – we **ARE** nothing more than common thieves!

Perhaps we should discuss this story at one of our meetings. Must a story like this reflect upon our hobby – or can we turn it into an educational tool to help get the word out that we are not thieves, we have a code of ethics, and we actually **LIKE** to find lost items for others? Could we use it to contrast our helping police departments and others to the selfish activities of those like the men in the above story who would have used it to cover up wrongdoing?

I would like to hear **YOUR** thoughts.

This newsletter is published monthly by the Golden Triangle Explorers Society, the oldest treasure hunters club in Texas. We are proud to be a member club of the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs and to be a part of the annual Texas Treasure Show. We encourage you to join a local treasure club and if you live in the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex, or nearby, we invite you to join our club.

We are a family oriented group of treasure hunters and others interested in preserving the past by recovering relics, coins, and other treasures and sharing our research and information with other like-minded people. We subscribe to the “*Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics*”.

If you are interested in joining us, please fill out the form below and bring it to our booth at the treasure show, to a meeting, or mail to the address below. Dues are \$15.00 per individual and \$20.00 per family, including children up to the age of 18 and are pro-rated (Dues are Sept to Aug).

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