

Treasured Times

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

MIDWAY HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

11001 MIDWAY ROAD

DALLAS, TEXAS

JAN. 13, 2006 TIME 7:30 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS FOR JANUARY

Irma Adams

Jack Ellet

Velma Slocum

JABBERING FROM JACK

by Jack Lowry

President

Welcome to 2006 and the first newsletter of this new year from the Golden Triangle Explorers Society.

Many great things are before us, individually and as a club. We all wish to be better hunters and find more of the good stuff. Our speakers will have that in mind as they present proven tips and methods to succeed, and they will challenge us to try new things that perhaps we have only thought about in passing.

With the recent events in Houston, Texas and our own area it more important than ever that we be better hunters and stewards of the rights and privileges we hold dear as we pursue our chosen pastime. More on that is on the following pages.

Also, in this New Year it is time to rejuvenate our monthly fun hunts. More importantly, our Hunt master, Gary Whalen, will be offering instruction in recovery, pinpointing of targets and how to fill holes and dispose of trash. Do not be surprised if you are called upon to assist in this effort. Likewise, operating tips and assistance will be available from knowledgeable club members at each hunt.

2006 will also, see the resumption of our Name Tag drawing. Wear your tag and when they are called for be prepared to win some silver. We will also honor birthdays and anniversaries. Yes, it is required that you tell your correct age.

In April the Texas Council will hold its annual Convention and Texas Treasure Expo hunt in Ft. Worth, Texas. This year it will be at the Will Rogers Coliseum. Help will be needed from club members to provide set-up assistance, booth displays, selling of raffle tickets, and most especially some promoting of our club and our display. It is time we win the prize for the Best Booth.

Save your pull tabs and aluminum bottle caps. Some one will get to make a trophy that travels among club members. Then again, it may get re-built each year. We will accept **ONLY CLEAN PULL TABS and SCREWCAPS.**

One last item, a carryover from the past, our business meetings will follow an agenda approved by the Executive Board. For items to be included for the club's consideration, the information and sufficient supporting data needs to be sent to arrive on/or before the Wednesday, 10 days prior to the club meeting date. Items for consideration need to be mailed at: GTES President; PO Box 472531; Garland, TX 75047-2531 or by e-mail (preferred) at: prez@goldentriangleexplorers.com.

Items not meeting these criteria and/or presented at the meeting may not be acted upon until the following meeting.

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REFRESHMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Freddie & Christy Bowser
Ron Rutledge
Dave & Kelene Totzke

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS

FEB. 10, 2006 TIME 7:30 P.M.
MAR. 10, 2006 TIME 7:30 P.M.
APR. 14, 2006 TIME 7:30 P.M.
MAY 12, 2006 TIME 7:30 P.M.
JUNE 9, 2006 TIME 7:30 P.M.

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

There were no Finds of the Month Contest at the December 9 meeting as the Find of the Year Contest was held. The winner of the Find of the Year competition will be recognized in January. See Page 9 for pictures of the entries.

The Finds of the Month contest will resume at the January 13 meeting.

DOOR PRIZE AND MONTHLY PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS (Dec. 2005)

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

In lieu of door prizes, \$1.00 Silver Certificates were awarded to one-half of the persons present by a random process.

PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS

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| Flashlight | Elaine Berry |
| don. by Gene Jameson | |
| Christmas Wreath | Katie Dandalides |
| don. by Bob & Velma Slocum | |
| Blanket | Dave Totzke |
| don. by Rick & Lisa Burkey | |
| Knife | Rick Burkey |
| don. by Robert Jordon | |

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Clock Radio | Larry Cooley |
| don. by Jack Lowry | |
| Ranger Badge | Ed Duroy |
| don. by Jim Hamilton | |
| Washington Half | Mareta Glover |
| don. by Harold & Mickey Greer | |
| Headphones & Probe | Velma Slocum |
| don. by Ed Duroy | |
| 1992 Proof Set | Susan Caldwell |
| don. by Joan Hines | |
| His & Her Watches | Robert Jordon |
| Don. by Bob & Betty Lien | |
| Treasure Caches (book) | Greg Williams |
| don. by Mary Penson | |
| 1987 P & D Mint Set | Ben Hong |
| 1989 P & D Mint Set | Robert Jordan |
| 1984 Proof Set | J.E. Hill |
| Englehard Silver Round | Christy Bowser |
| Englehard Silver Round | Robert Jordon |
| The Silver Standard | Wayne Strobo |
| 1923 Peace Dollar | Leigh Duroy |
| 1921 Morgan Dollar | Katie Dandalides |
| 2005 Silver eagle | Laverne Wheeler |
| 1921 Morgan Dollar | Dave Jones |
| 1842-O Seated Dime | Gene Gibbs |
| 1853-O Seated Quarter | Dave Totzke |
| 1831 Bust Dime | Susan Caldwell |
| 1945 Gold Dos Peso | Bill Phillips |
| 1945 Gold Dos Peso | Velma Slocum |
| 1945 Gold Dos Peso | Larry Cooley |
| 1859-O Seated Half | Dave Jones |
| 1823 Bust Half | Jack Lowry |
| 1990 \$5 Gold Coin | Greg Williams |
| 1995 \$5 Gold Coin | Bill Phillips |
| 1996 \$5 Gold Coin | Greg Williams |
| 2006 Texas Council Hunt Entry Fee | Ben Hong |

In the “**Marble Drawing**” Dave Kisselburg drew the lucky ticket and then drew the GOLD marble! He won \$350 and \$350 went to the club. Dave donated an additional \$50 to the club!

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.

**December 2005 Golden Triangle
Explorers Society
MINUTES OF MEETING**

No minutes were kept as the meeting consisted of our annual banquet.

TREASURY REPORT

For December 2005

Submitted by Robert Jordon

Debits:

| Date | Payee | Amount |
|-------|------------------------|------------|
| 12/06 | Alamo Coins | \$ 390.00- |
| 12/09 | Mike Shaw (Newsletter) | 25.27- |
| 12/09 | Velma Slocum | 108.25- |
| 12/09 | Roy Glover | 31.70- |
| 12/12 | Service Charge | 12.00- |

Credits:

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|-------|---------------|---------|
| 12/12 | Interest | .11+ |
| 12/12 | Marble Raffle | 350.00+ |
| 12/12 | Raffle | 699.00+ |
| 12/12 | Donation | 50.00+ |

Your newsletter editor is always looking for material and news to use (on a space-available basis.) Please forward any news, articles, or original work to:

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We miss you when you fail to attend. Please make an extra effort to be with us at 7:30pm, January 13th, 2006. It is also close to a full moon!

Dig 'em Deep

**Golden Triangle Explorers Society Webpage
Information**

Our newsletter is posted monthly at:
<http://www.goldentriangleexplorers.com>

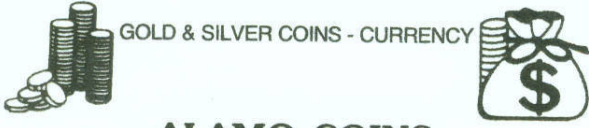
Texas Council of Treasure Clubs
<http://www.texasCouncil.com/index.htm>

World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers
<http://www.wwats.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=pnTresMailer&file=index>

**Code of Ethics
(GTES Subscribes to this code)**

1. I will respect the rights and property of others.
2. I will obtain permission before hunting on property that is privately owned.
3. I will observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
4. I will fill all holes and leave the land and vegetation as it was.
5. I will remove all trash and litter when I leave.
6. I will not destroy or deface signs, equipment, or structures.
7. I will build fires in designated or safe areas only.
8. I will conduct myself with courtesy and consideration for others and set an example of myself to credit my hobby

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS



GOLD & SILVER COINS - CURRENCY

ALAMO COINS
BUY - SELL - TRADE

913 CUSTER RD.
RICHARDSON, TX 75080

972-234-2971

There have been a number of requests for the "Sam Streets" Map of Dallas County, circa 1900.

A limited number have been reprinted and will be available at the club meeting, or send an email and I will send them to you. Price will be \$2.00 each, add \$1.00 for postage.

Jack Lowry

jayce@earthlink.net

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.

NEWS from WWATS

I'm proud to announce that WWATS will again have their annual open Rally and FREE Hunts at the same location as last year, K River Campgrounds just north of Antlers, SE Oklahoma on the Kiamichi River. Dates will be Oct. 20th thru 22nd 2006. Flyers will be ready in a few weeks look for it on www.wwats.org site.

Last year everyone had such a great time and enjoyed all the FREE open hunts, Friday night cookout, Saturday night campfire gathering, gold dredging in the river, GPS clue hunt and more at this beautiful and scenic campgrounds and their down-home friendly folks, we just had to have the event there one more time.

If you didn't attend last years, then you missed a very good old fashion family fun and excitement. This event is centered around you learning more about our hobby of metal detecting and prospecting, learning more about your detector or prospecting equipment and learning more about how you can help make a more secure future for our hobby and our children who would love to enjoy them.

Put these dates on your calendar and start making your reservations at the campgrounds www.krivier.com now.

One more important item, for 2006 WWATS Rally; the **Northeast Texas GPAA Chapter** in Greenville, TX. has voted to co-sponsor the event with WWATS. Their support last year was greatly appreciated. Their help and yours is desperately needed to find coins and prizes for this wonderful event. A small donation by **you** can help make this event even larger and greater that years past. Surely everyone can afford to donate to this event between now and the event dates. Also everyone should approach their clubs with information of this event so members can plan their vacations if they like and donate to the event and WWATS to help support it and the future of our hobby. Donations do not have to be hobby related and you can send them to: Keith Wills, 1495 FM 49, Gilmer, TX. 75644. All donations will be advertised at the event as well as who donated. Please consider this, I do sincerely need each of you to **help** us all.

You do not need to be a member to participate, but membership in WWATS is FREE for a three year period! Visit our site today, the most informative detecting site on the Internet, please join.

Thanks so much and hope to see ya there, Keith Wills, president.

ON THE LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRONT

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 learn 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 me and themselves 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 www.wwats.org

Below are listed the Interim Charges to the house committee which will decide whether we are allowed to metal detect in state parks (and quite possibly, other places.) These interim charges are prepared by the Speaker of the House (based upon inputs from many sources -- often the very bureaucrats seeking to regulate even more areas) for each committee to work on between legislative sessions. Except for special sessions, that is a twenty-month period.

Please note charge number "2" below. My representative, Larry Phillips, who represents Grayson and Fannin Counties, told me there will be hearings held on this charge early in 2006. He believes having as many supporters of opening state parks to metal detecting at the hearing will be beneficial to our cause. When you consider the mail Keith Wills has forwarded to us about the State Archeologist attempting to close even more public land to us recently, I suggest that we need to plan to attend. Larry's office has agreed to let me know when a schedule is available.

I spoke to Larry at a Christmas party last month and he appears to be favorable to our positions.

Regards,
Mike

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, RECREATION AND TOURISM

1. Review the status of the Texas Cultural Endowment Fund.
- 2. Examine the penalties and enforcement relating to the desecration of archeological sites and cemeteries.**
3. Consider how the Texas State Library and Archives Commission could better support and enhance public school libraries.
4. Research and explore new ways to promote economic development through increased tourism in the state.
5. Monitor the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction.

The following article is reprinted by permission of the author, Billy Ray Duncan. It originally appeared in the newsletter of the Montgomery County Treasure Club.

HUNTING BOY SCOUT CAMPS

By Billy Ray Duncan

Hunting Boy Scout camps is different from all other types of hunting; such as church yards, schools, parks etc. As a general rule, one of the first things that you will notice is the general lack of trash. Although there will probably be some, it will not be in abundance like it normally is at the aforementioned places. The reason for this is that before a troop can check out of a campsite, a camp master or ranger must check the campsite to be sure that everything is left in order and that no trash (no matter how small) can be seen. If any trash is seen, the troop must spread out and police the area until the camp master is satisfied that the area is perfectly clean. You will occasionally find trash because Scouts (heaven forbid) have been known to bury trash rather than take it to a trash container.

The most commonly found items, other than coins, are tent stakes and neckerchief slides. Tent stakes are very easy to overlook when breaking camp and a number of them can be found in almost every campsite. Neckerchief slides can be found almost anywhere in camp including the woods where limbs can pull of a slide and it will not be noticed. Another area is any open space where boys have room to romp, run and play Capture the Flag.

Even the types of coins found can vary from camp to camp. For instance, at Camp Karankawa, near Mathis, Texas, pennies are found almost exclusively. At El Rancho Cima, west of San Marcos, a high percentage of quarters will be found. At Camp Strake, near Conroe, a variety of coins will be found with quite a few older coins still coming to light.

Don't ever hunt on Scout property without first obtaining permission from either the camp director or a camp ranger. They tend to get a little nervous when they find someone wandering around Scout property that they are unaware of.

If you ask permission to hunt and permission is denied, don't feel bad. In the past few years, insurance liability has become so high that they are reluctant to let non-Scout related personnel on the property. You can thank our "lawsuit happy" society for that.

If permission to hunt is granted, then be very careful when digging and be sure to replace all ground cover (grass, leaves, pine needles etc.) because failure to do so can very quickly start erosion. Also, hunt only in areas where permission has been granted. At any given time, certain areas of the camp may be off-limits".

And a final note; when leaving be sure to sign out so they will know you are gone. Many Scout camps cover several hundred acres and you don't want the ranger looking for you when he is ready to close the gate for the night.

And above all, don't forget to say "THANK YOU".

What good is gold?

The following article appeared in the Alaska Science Forum (ASF #1777) of November 16, 2005

Gold opened Alaska; but what is it good for?

This column is provided as a public service by the Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska Fairbanks, in cooperation with the UAF research community. Ned Rozell is a science writer at the institute. This is a reprint from a column published in November of 1996. Ned Rozell is currently out of state.

While I was driving the Steese Highway recently, large piles of boulders lining the road--the tailings of a gold dredge that had munched its way through the area years before--inspired a debate on gold.

One passenger spoke of what an absurdity it is that we humans place such a high value upon gold. "If jewelry isn't your thing, what good is gold?" he asked. "You can't eat it. If a space alien were to land here and ask why gold is so valuable, I don't know what I'd tell him." I looked around the car. Except for the wedding rings of my two companions, I saw no gold. Back at home, I once again failed to see any gold.

What good is gold?

My search for an answer led me to the Minerals Yearbook, published by the U.S. Department of the Interior. In the yearbook, Bureau of Mines geologist John Lucas explains that gold is in almost every office and home. Touch-tone phones, for example, have up to 33 electrical contact points made of gold. Take the gold out of the computer I'm now tapping this column into and the computer won't work.

Low voltages and currents in modern electronic circuitry require connectors and switch contacts that conduct electricity reliably and consistently. Gold doesn't corrode and conducts electricity better than any metal other than silver and copper. Gold also isn't affected by magnetic fields.

But don't go tearing old phones apart expecting a bonanza. One of the wonderful properties of gold is that it is so soft and malleable that it retains its conductive properties even when spread thin enough to barely cover the surface its coating. Gold is so elastic that one troy ounce can be hammered into a sheet of gold leaf that covers 250 square feet. That same troy ounce of gold can be pulled into a 50-mile long strand of wire.

Gold is used in electronic equipment because it's dependable in extremes of heat and humidity. In the Hubble Space Telescope, for example, gold was used for contacts and connectors that will long outlive the telescope's usefulness. Astronaut's visors are coated with gold thin enough to see through because gold is a great reflector of the sun's heat and light rays. Glass used for house and office windows sometimes contains a layer of gold, and gold-coated mirrors are used by military aircraft to confuse heat-seeking missiles.

Fine powdered gold even makes one of the world's finest lubricants. Unlike oil, gold isn't affected by chemical breakdown and evaporation. Gold, held in bar form in such places as Fort Knox, Kentucky, was once used to back up the paper money of many countries. But the "gold standard" became meaningless after World War I, when the U.S. and other countries began printing more and more bills. The value of the paper currency soon exceeded the value of the country's gold reserves. President Franklin D. Roosevelt removed the United States from the gold standard in 1934.

One of the densest metals, gold is 19.3 times heavier than water by volume. A cubic foot of gold, which would fit easily into a plastic milk crate, weighs more than 1,200 pounds. A cubic inch weighs nearly a pound.

Despite all its practical properties, only about 20 percent of gold mined today is used for circuitry, window-coating and other non-jewelry purposes. The major reason we value gold so much is because there isn't much of it on the planet. According to the Bureau of Mines, if all the gold ever extracted on the planet were gathered tomorrow and molded into a square cube, that cube would be just 60 feet high and 60 feet wide. That cube would weigh about 264 million pounds. And what good would a house-sized cube of gold be, you ask? At least no one would be able to walk off with it.

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).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

Mail to:

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DON'T FORGET:

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

MIDWAY HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
11001 MIDWAY ROAD
DALLAS, TEXAS

JANUARY 13, 2006 TIME 7:30 P.M.

Bring a guest!