

Treasured Times

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11001 MIDWAY ROAD, DALLAS, TEXAS
JANUARY 12, 2007 TIME 7:30 P.M.

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JABBERING FROM JACK

by Jack Lowry
President

Well, it is a new year with great expectations for the future. I hope Santa was kind to everyone and there were few bags of coal received.

New Years always bring resolutions honestly made but quickly broken. However, I resolve to hunt more, find less trash and more treasure and during the cold weather I plan to do some serious research. In addition, I plan to find 100 pieces of Silver, and 12 of Gold.

I plan to go to the coast for serious water hunting and to Arizona/Nevada for prospecting. You are welcome to go along as soon as Andretta tells me when I can go. I hope she waits for warmer weather!

DUES ARE DUE. Please get your dues paid at this meeting if you have not done so. The club really needs your support.

Our business meeting will be relatively short.

It is imperative that we discuss the Texas Council Convention and Hunt. Who might be going and will be willing to spend some time in the booth and who plans on hunting. We will go over the dates and times as announced in the TCTC Flyer.

Also, the Find of the Year will be announced.

Our business meetings follow an agenda approved by the Executive Board. For items to be included for the club's consideration, the information and sufficient supporting data must arrive on/or before the Wednesday, 10 days prior to the club meeting date. Items for consideration need to be mailed to:

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.

Dig 'em Deep

REFRESHMENTS FOR JANUARY

ED NOTE: I didn't receive a list. If you scheduled to bring refreshments, please do so. If you are unable, please locate a replacement.

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 9, 2007	TIME: 7:30 P.M.
MARCH 9, 2007	TIME: 7:30 P.M.
APRIL 13, 2007	TIME: 7:30 P.M.
MAY 11, 2007	TIME: 7:30 P.M.
JUNE 8, 2007	TIME: 7:30 P.M.
JULY 13, 2007	TIME: 7:00 P.M. **

**** NOTE EARLY START TIME**

TREASURE SHOW SCHEDULED

The Treasure Show in Killeen is coming up March 24th and 25th. If you plan to participate in the Silver Hunt you need to pay "before" February 22nd in order to receive a discount, otherwise you will have to pay more to hunt! Fliers are online at www.texasCouncil.com.

Jeff Engemann

Huntmaster Report

Nine people braved the cool weather Saturday morning for the December fun hunt after the Christmas party. We hunted Brownwood Park which I did not inspect before naming it as the fun hunt of the month. The eight people that braved the cool weather where: Wayne & Nancy Strobo, Joe Wilson, Greg Williams, Bob Slocum, Irma & Thomas Adams and Jack & Jackie Ellett. We didn't find any great treasures but we really had a very good time. The fun hunt for January I will scout out first. Hope to see everyone there.

Jack Ellett

QUOTE OF THE DAY

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.

~Will Rogers

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST (December 2006)

No FOM contest was held in December because of the banquet. The contest in January 2007 will include both December and January. Double prizes will be awarded.

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.

Some have argued they do not want to give away their hunting places. Please consider that part of the purpose our club exists is to encourage new people to join our hobby. At least give general locations even if you don't want to be specific.

DOOR PRIZE AND MONTHLY PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS (December 2006)

Both door prizes and a monthly prize drawing were held but no list of winners has been submitted to the newsletter editor. Winners will be listed in a future edition if space permits.

Help support your club! Buy a ticket and join in the fun. The GTES operates on funds collected as member dues, monthly and treasure show drawings, 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 winners are drawn from the attendance lists and require no donation. Donations of prizes for each drawing are greatly appreciated.

Wisdom in strange places:

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.
~Zsa Zsa Gabor

Treasurers Report

December 2006

By Mary Penson, Treasurer

EDITORIAL

By Mike Shaw

The Texas Legislature meets every other year (odd years) for a period of 140 days. This few legislative days is not unique, but is unusual among large states. Many feel this is not long enough or often enough, but your editor disagrees, believing that all legislatures and even the Congress would serve the people better if they met less often.

Knowing when the legislature meets, and where committees meet when the legislature is not in session is important, as is knowing who your own representative is and how to contact him/her, since any new laws must be proposed (especially if proposed by non-government entities) at the correct time if they are to be passed into law.

You can locate your legislator by calling your county courthouse, or by visiting <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>. This link is an important one since you can also use it to find committee meetings and even read proposed bills and resolutions.

This information becomes very important to us because our clubs and the Texas Council are working to change the law which prohibits us from engaging in our hobby in state parks. In fact, we are asked to write letters to our legislators via e-mail and in person.

I have been asked to not publish in this newsletter any information which might "inform" anyone outside our club of our intent and methods to ask our legislators to change the law. I have a huge problem with that since I believe in working out in the open. In years past, I lobbied Congress for the company by which I was employed and never had to hide what I was doing. But some members of our club feel we must not "tip our hand" to those who might read our newsletter.

For that reason, I plan to ask the club membership at the next meeting to approve publishing updates on this subject in this newsletter. Further, I will ask that the club form a committee or working group to review such material to ensure it reflects the best interests of the club and the hobby.

This would allow me to publish information and possibly even sample letters for you to send to your legislators. As it stands now, I encourage you to write but I am sure most of you don't think any more about it after you put the newsletter down.

Folks, we must get involved in this effort both on an individual and club level. Otherwise, our hobby is going to lose ground with every agency decision until we are reduced to hunting only on private property.

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Expenses

Alamo Coins	Coins for Christmas Fund Raiser	\$594.50
Velma Slocum	Turkey, dressing and gravy	71.80
Jack Lowry	Hunter of the year trophy	38.70
Mike Shaw	Newsletter Expenses	70.10
Robert Jordan	Cash for raffle tickets	11.00
Jack Lowry	Cash for ice for dinner	8.00
Mary Penson	Cash for coin envelopes & tickets	23.00

Income

8 oz silver round fund raiser	\$150.00
Donation from Wayne Strobo	
Marble drawing winner	100.00
Dues	33.25
Fund Raiser	669.00
Marble drawing	60.00

We have a new account with Bank of America. There will be no more fees and no more interest.

EDITORIAL (Continued from column one)

We each should have already contacted our legislator at least once. We probably should contact him/her again in the next month or so.

Please support me in this effort. I not only want to continue to hunt myself, but to know my grandchildren will be able to do so.

We are helped in this effort by what is known as the "Sunset Provision" which mandates that every agency must justify its existence every few years or automatically go out of existence. None of us want the Historical Commission to cease to exist, since we are all interested in history in one way or another. But this review offers a chance for us to point out the actions of the Historical Commission with which we disagree in an effort to bring it to the attention of the legislature.

Please read the last report at:

http://www.sunset.state.TX.us/80threports/thc/thc_dec.pdf

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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City, State, ZIP:

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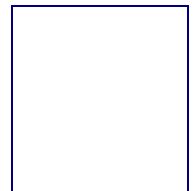
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