



# ***Treasured Times***

## ***Golden Triangle Explorers Society***

### ***In Quest of the Past***

**October, 2007**

#### **NEXT MONTHLY MEETING**

MIDWAY HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
11001 MIDWAY ROAD  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
OCT. 13, 2007 TIME: 7:30 P.M.

#### **Future Monthly Meetings**

Nov. 10, 2007 Time 7:30 p.m.  
Dec 8, 2007 Time 7:00 p.m.\*\*

\*\* Note Early Start Time

#### **No list of volunteers to bring refreshments for the October Meeting was received.**

Susan Phillips, refreshment committee chair, says she'd be delighted to sign you up! Catch her with the refreshment sign up sheet at the next meeting or call/email her to add your name to the list for the month of your choice.

\*\*\*\*\* **FLASH** \*\*\*\*\*

**ANNUAL CLUB HUNT IS  
OCTOBER 26 & 27 At Voyles  
Farm – if approved by  
membership at October 13  
Meeting.**

#### NEWS FROM BILL

**by Bill Phillips**  
President

Well it's October and fall is in the air (I hope). I know I am certainly ready for some cool weather metal detecting. A strange thing happened at the last meeting. I was sitting at the front table listening to Jack, and the next thing I know, I have been elected President. Well that's a heck of a note. Seriously, I would like to say thanks for the confidence and speaking for all of the officers, I know with your help we will have a great year.

I would also like to say that I am open to new ideas so if any of you have suggestions for changes or modifications to our meeting format, feel free to pass that on to one of the officers.

Here at the Phillips hangout, the big thing for this summer was a week spent in Colorado prospecting between Buena Vista and Leadville. Would you believe we actually found some gold? I don't know how much yet until we finish working our concentrates.

Some reminders for the month:

- Dues have been set to run from Jan. thru Dec. now. (You can go ahead and pay early and get it over with if you choose)
- Cowtown Club hunt & picnic (Oct.6) \*\*
- Lone Star Club annual hunt (Oct.20) \*\*
- Houston Archeology Club hunt (Oct.28) \*\*
- Texas Council Satellite Hunt (Nov. 10) \*\*

\*\*The hunts are listed on the GTES website. Click on the "more info" link on the front page of the site, or go directly to the "Meeting and Events" page to link to the host clubs' hunt flyers.

\*\*\*\***FLASH**\*\*\*\*

Larry & Shirley Voyles have graciously consented to having the club back to their farm for an overnight stay and hunt. I know this is short notice but the dates we are looking at are: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 & 27. By the way, last year those people desiring to spend the night starting arriving on Friday

## CLUB OFFICERS

### **PRESIDENT:**

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### **SEE YOUR MEMBER DIRECTORY FOR TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

## ***Find of the Month Contest Winners:***

Were not received in time  
for publication.

afternoon and those who did not, came in early Saturday morning. I will present the dates and pertinent information at the coming meeting for discussion. Check your calendar and be ready to express your feelings on this matter.

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## **A Note from our outgoing President**

GTES Members:

You will never know the pleasure received by allowing me to serve as your President for the last two years. You are all wonderful people and I number each of you a friend. I look forward to sitting with you rather than in front of you. Please, it is my fervent wish that each of you will work with the new officers, just as I will.

Another subject: Remember the Texas Council Satellite Hunt in Canton, Texas, November 10, 2007. Those who desire to pay the Early Entry Fee—(\$100.00 total for all three hunts) in Silver Coin may do so. The Council is accepting silver at 8 times face which will make the cost \$12.50 in silver. You may give your coins and completed Hunt Application to me or to Jeff Engemann at the next meeting. Application forms are available at: [www.texasCouncil.net](http://www.texasCouncil.net), click on Events, and then click on the hunt. Print the form and use it.

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## **Minutes of the September 14 Meeting**

By Alice Branger

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by Jack Lowry. John Richardson was introduced as our visitor tonight. Jack made announcements regarding all who are not feeling well. Also Gene Gibbs turns 80 on Sunday.

Jack refreshed our memories that our membership will be effective from January to December now rather than from September to August. So any dues that are paid now will be good until December 2008. Jack Ellet then announced that the fun hunt would be held at Reverchon Park from 10-12 on Saturday, Sept. 15. And Robert announced the door & raffle prizes for the night.

Jack gave us an update on the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs. One of the items was the election of a new president. Due to the resignation of President Mike Koenig, Jeff Engemann was elected to take on that responsibility. I believe that they are seeking a candidate for Vice president. The next item announced was the fact that the council will now be conducting the Amigo Hunt and it will be known as The Satellite Hunt. The council will hold 3 hunts on that day in lieu of the 1 that we

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## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Door Prizes were silver certificates and an Apple knick-knack donated by Andretta Lowry.

The winners were as follows:

Chuck Howell  
Lynne Hall  
Henry Moore  
Robert Jordan  
Don Berry  
Jeff Engemann  
Ben Hong  
Ron Hankins  
Stan May  
Ann Gibbs  
Elaine Berry  
Olga Hankins  
Rick Ege

### Deviled Ham Dip

Yields: 6-8 servings

½ pound deli ham, chopped  
½ small white onion, cut in large pieces  
2 teaspoons paprika  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 tablespoon hot sauce, plus additional if desired (I used Pace Picante Mild Sauce)  
2 tablespoons yellow mustard  
1 8-ounce package cream cheese at room temperature  
1 cup extra-sharp cheddar cheese, shredded  
A handful of flat-leaf parsley  
¼ cup small pimento olives, sliced into thin rounds  
1 box Ritz crackers or any other kind you like

have had in the past. Everyone will receive a ticket for each hunt that they enter and prizes will be awarded by drawing at the end of the day. Also the council has changed their website address to [www.texasCouncil.net](http://www.texasCouncil.net).

The council has also decided that our Treasure show will be held in Killeen again next year. The dates will be April 4<sup>th</sup> thru the 6<sup>th</sup>.

After Jack made an announcement about the Houston Archeology Club Hunt we took a short break. After the break the slate of officers for the upcoming year were announced as follows:

Bill Phillips for President  
Wayne Strobo for Vice President  
Alice Branger for Secretary  
Mary Penson for Treasurer

Jack then asked for nominations from the floor. Since there weren't any nominations from the floor the above named slate was approved by acclamation. Please welcome our new officers and give them your support.

Frank Lawson's number was drawn for the marble raffle; he pulled the green marble, unfortunately. The door prizes tonight were 12. Our raffle was then held.

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## Huntmasters Report

By Jack Ellett

Seven folks hunted in the August fun hunt. They were Bill & Susan Phillips, Lynn Hall, Frank Lawson, George Koehl, Wayne Strobo and yours truly Jack Ellett. Frank Lawson found the most coins, Lynn Hall took the jewelry with a nice silver ring. Coin of the day was quarters. Wayne found the most quarters.

October fun hunt will be at the old church in Cedar Hill that Shirley and Larry Voles attend. It was supposed to be last month but Shirley and Larry were called out of town.

The annual closed club hunt is right now set for Oct 26 & 27. Again the Voyles have volunteered to have the annual club hunt at their place. That will be discussed at the October meeting. Be sure to be there.

## Deviled Ham Dip (Cont)

### Preparation

Combine all the ingredients except the olives & crackers in a food processor and pulse until it forms a paste-like dip. Put into a serving dish, top with olives and serve with crackers.

### **MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS**

I have a 2nd Garrett Ace 250 in the box and it is for sale. I can only hunt with one.

Let me know if you have an interest.

Jack Lowry

[I have a Shadow X 5 I would like to sell.](#)  
[Contact me at Ray Walther](#)  
[972-351-4868](#)

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# Treasurers Report

By Mary Penson

Not received in time for publication.

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## PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS

Lavender Therapy set  
1923 Peace dollar  
Socket set (donated by Jack Lowry)  
1921 Morgan dollar  
1945 Walking Liberty half  
1921 Morgan dollar  
1914 Barber dime  
1874 3 cent nickel  
1908 Barber quarter  
1852 Large cent  
1911 Barber half  
1891 Seated quarter  
1850 Large cent  
Persian Gold Coin

Sue Wilson  
Jack Lowry  
Tom Nunn  
Sue Wilson  
Henry Moore  
Stan May  
Betty Lien  
Elaine Berry  
Bill Abbott  
Stan May  
Wayne Strobo  
Joe Wilson  
Elaine Berry  
Joe Wilson

### NOTE FROM JACK LOWRY:

Several of you knew Bob Norman of the Smith County Club in Tyler and for many years a Director of the Texas Council. Bob passed away this week. At present, I know of no plans or arrangements. As soon as something is known, I will pass the word.

### NOTE FROM KEITH WILLS:

Unexpectedly today ex-president Bob Norman passed away. My understanding was he had just had a stint placed near his heart and was reported he was doing very well, however sometime today he started feeling bad and started for help. He didn't make it. information for his funeral is forth coming. Bob had served many years as president and was a dedicated member of the Smith Co. Metal Detecting Club in Tyler, Texas. He will be missed!

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Orange County Fairgrounds, Orange County, CA - January 12 & 13, 2008

Phoenix, AZ Fairgrounds - February 9 & 10

Fresno, CA Fairgrounds - February 15 & 16

Benton, Texas (near Kileen & Fort Hood) - March 8 & 9

Farmington, New Mexico Fairgrounds -- March 15 & 16

Salem, Oregon -- March 28 & 29

Primm, NV -- April 11 & 12

## A History of the United States Mint (Part of a occasional series)

*"The Congress shall have the Power . . . To Coin Money."*

(Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section 8.)

When the framers of the U.S. Constitution created a new government for their untried Republic, they realized the critical need for a respected monetary system. Soon after the Constitution's ratification, Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton personally prepared plans for a national Mint. On April 2, 1792, Congress passed The Coinage Act, which created the Mint and authorized construction of a Mint building in the nation's capitol, Philadelphia. This was the first federal building erected under the Constitution.



**David Rittenhouse**

First Director of the  
United States Mint

President George Washington appointed Philadelphian David Rittenhouse, a leading American scientist, as the first Director of the Mint. Under Rittenhouse, the Mint produced its first circulating coins -- 11,178 copper cents, which were delivered in March 1793. Soon after, the Mint began issuing gold and silver coins as well. President Washington, who lived only a few blocks from the new Mint, is believed to have donated some of his own silver for minting.

### Roles in History

Indian Peace Medals U.S. Peace Dollars Mint Growth and Expansion Current United States Mint Facilities

- \* United States Mint Facility at Philadelphia
- \* United States Mint Facility at Denver
- \* United States Mint Facility at San Francisco

### Former United States Mint Facilities

- \* Carson City Branch Mint
- \* New Orleans Branch Mint

Minting Foreign Coins Award and Military Decorations San Francisco, The "Granite Lady" and the U.S. Mint World War II and Fort Knox

### Indian Peace Medals

In 1801, the United States began producing large silver peace medals for presentation to American Indian chiefs and warriors, following a diplomatic tradition set by the France and Great Britain. Lewis and Clark carried them

on their expedition and presented them as tokens of peace from President Jefferson himself. Presented at treaty signings, the medals carried the face of the current president, with symbols of peace and friendship on the reverse.

Though their importance as diplomatic symbols has faded, the Mint tradition of producing a medal for each president continues today as the "Presidential Medal" series. Bronze versions of all presidential medals are still available from the Mint.

## U.S. Peace Dollars

The "Peace Dollar" was first issued by the United States Mint in 1921. The coin commemorates the declaration of peace between the United States, Germany and Austria.

No special congressional authority was required for the change in design of the previous silver dollar - which had been unchanged since 1878 - since the law permits changing the design of any of our coins no more than once every 25 years.

The design of the "Peace Dollar" was selected by the Fine Arts Commission from models submitted by a number of prominent sculptors, and was the work of Anthony de Francisci.

On the obverse is a female head emblematic of Liberty, wearing a tiara of light rays, and the word "Liberty"; on the reverse is an eagle perched on a mountain top, holding in its talons an olive branch, witnessing the dawn of a new day; the word "Peace" also appears.

More than 190 million "Peace Dollars" were minted during the years 1921 through 1928, and in 1934 and 1935. All of these dollars contained 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

The last coinage of "Peace Dollars" took place in 1935. When production of the dollar denomination was resumed in 1971, the design was changed to bear the likeness of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## Mint Growth and Expansion

When founded, the United States Mint Director reported to the President and Thomas Jefferson. Named an independent agency in 1799, the Mint became part of the Department of the Treasury in 1873, and remains so today.

Under President Andrew Jackson, three new southern branches were authorized in 1835 to complement the Philadelphia facility. These Mints -- in New Orleans, Louisiana, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Dahlonega, Georgia -- followed the rapid growth of the south resulting from the discovery of gold there in the early 1800's. In fact, the Charlotte and Dahlonega facilities minted only gold coins. All three closed after the Civil War.

Similar Mint growth followed the settling and expansion of the West, which was also driven by the discovery of gold in California. Mints were opened in San Francisco in 1854 and in Denver in 1863, and a host of United States Mint facilities and assay offices were created after the Civil War in such places as Carson City, St. Louis, Seattle, Boise, Helena, Deadwood, Salt Lake City, and New York. Meanwhile, the Mint's administrative headquarters moved from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. in 1873.

# 3rd ANNUAL

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### HUNT SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY – May 17, 2008

7:30 ~ 8:15	REGISTRATION	<u>ENTRY FEES</u>	<u>CHECK YOUR</u>
<u>ENTRY</u> 8:30 ~ 9:00	“SILVER/CLAD DIME HUNT”	\$ 15.00	
9:30 ~ 10:00	“PLAY 21 HUNT”	\$ 20.00	
10:30 ~ 11:00	“TREASURE CHEST HUNT”	\$ 20.00	
11:00 ~ 1:00	<b>LUNCH &amp; “CAKE AUCTION”</b> (Special prizes under each cake)		
1:15 ~ 1:45	*KIDS HUNT”	FREE	
2:15 ~ 2:45	“DOLLAR HUNT”	\$ 15.00	
3:45 ~ 4:45	“ALL SILVER MAIN HUNT”	\$ 70.00	
5:00 ~~~~~	<b>AWARD PRIZES</b> “WRAP-UP HUNT” (Free to those that paid for all hunts)		

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**DOLLAR HUNT---** Painted coins for different Bills and dollar coins.

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**TREASURE CHEST HUNT---**Six Treasure Chest in the field, clad quarters, halves and keys buried.

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