



# Treasured Times

## Golden Triangle Explorers Society

### *In Quest of the Past*

November, 2007

#### **NEXT MONTHLY MEETING**

MIDWAY HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
11001 MIDWAY ROAD  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
NOV. 9, 2007 TIME: 7:30 P.M.

#### **Future Monthly Meetings**

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

\*\* Note Early Start Time

**The following members have volunteered to bring refreshments for the November Meeting:**

Jack Ellet  
Sue Wilson  
Jack and Andretta Lowry  
Claire Mabry

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 November 16 & 17 At Voyles Farm. Map and Entry Form are posted on the webpage.**

#### NEWS FROM BILL

**by Bill Phillips**  
President

Its Thanksgiving time and we have a lot to be thankful for. Friends and loved ones, living in America, living in Texas, and the club hunt at the Voyles farm. Posted on the website is a map to the farm and instructions on what food is being provided and what you need to bring. Also, there is an entry form that you can print and sign to bring to the next meeting.

The dates for the outing are Friday & Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be camping out Friday night so feel free to bring your trailer or tent or whatever that afternoon. There are no hookups so come prepared with water and battery powered lights and whatever else you might need. If you cannot come Friday, then we will see you Early Saturday morning for breakfast.

The fee for the hunt will be \$20.00 as it was last year and may be paid in silver at an 8 to 1 ratio. I think Mary explains that later in the newsletter. The hunt will take place Sat. morning at 10:00.

\*\*\*\*For the sake of organization, please pay at the November meeting. You may also pay at the hunt if you are not able to attend the meeting.

#### **Find of the Month contest:**

Be sure and bring your finds for the Find of the Month contest. You need to also remember that there will be no Find of the Month at the December meeting as that is the night of our Christmas party. However, you may bring finds for December and January to the January meeting.

\*\*\*Since we will be having our annual Christmas party at the December meeting, be prepared to discuss what you would like to do at this meeting. (food, gifts for Toys for Tots etc.)

\*\*\*Mike Shaw has agreed to continue on the Executive Board for one more year.

\*\*\* We need a committee to prepare for the booth at the convention next spring so is thinking if you would like to volunteer.

## CLUB OFFICERS

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

Ronnie Johnson had a heart attack Oct. 17 and was care-flighted to Denton regional Hospital. One stent has been implanted and the doctors are now waiting for some test results to see when not if heart surgery will be performed. Please

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# Minutes of the October 12 Meeting

By Alice Branger

The meeting was called to order @ 7:30 by Bill Phillips, the new President. He brought up the fact that we needed to have an amendment to the by-laws regarding the change of due date for the membership dues. We are wanting to make membership effective January to December in lieu of September to August as it has been in the past. Stan May made the motion to amend the by-laws. I'm not sure who seconded the motion. Bill will have copies of the new by-law at the next meeting.

Mary gave the treasurers report and I read the minutes. Both were approved as read. Robert Jordan reported on what we were giving away during the door prize drawing & the raffle. Then Bill gave us short reports on the health of Terri Caldwell and Gene Jamison. Gene is now out of the hospital and his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday is just around the corner.

Jack Ellett announced that the fun hunt would be at a church that Larry Voyles attends which was built in 1876. Then he discussed our annual hunt being held at the Voyles place on October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> or on November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. We took a vote with 13 people voting on the October date and 16 voted on the November date. The club voted to contribute \$225 to the hunt.

After the break Keith Wills was introduced as our guest speaker. The drawings for the raffle and door prizes were held. Mary's number was pulled for the marble raffle & she pulled the winning marble. Then Robert suggested that before the next marble game starts we ought to talk about doing something to make the marble drawing more interesting. The find of the month contest was held. Jan Kinsey won the birthday drawing and Shirley Voyles won the nametag drawing.

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# Huntmasters Report

By Jack Ellett

Eight people were at the September fun hunt: Ron & Olga Hankins, Wayne & Nancy Strobo, George Koehl, Chuck Howell and Jack & Jackie Ellett. Most coins were found by Chuck Howell, Oldest coin (1919 penny) was found by Chuck Howell, Most nickels (coin of the day) was found by Wayne Strobo, jewelry was found by Nancy Strobo. And then as usual we found an El Fenix restaurant to stuff our faces.

I don't know if you saw the men's diamond ring I showed for find of the month. I had it appraised, clarity-color and cut. It appraised for \$2000.00. I

remember Ronnie right now and throughout the next week or so as he needs our thoughts and prayers during this time of peril and healing.

had no idea it would appraise for that much. I was really surprised.

Don't miss the annual hunt. Hunt dates are Nov 16th & 17th at the Voyles' farm. Hunt fee is \$20.00 per person. Fee also can be paid in silver at 8 to 1 (\$2.50 face value in silver.) Anyone that can show up early Sat Nov 16th to help bury coins and tokens would be appreciated. If you get lost contact me at 817-253-1214. That is my cell number.

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## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Door Prizes were a small gourd with a dollar coin

Dick Dandeladis  
C J Kinsey  
Shelby Kinsey  
Liz Kay  
Wayne Strobo  
George Mabry  
Elaine Berry  
Jeff Engemann  
Robert Jordan  
Ron Hankins  
Don Berry  
Mary Penson

**TCTC will be having a Satellite Hunt November 10 in Canton (info on web site).**

## MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

None received this month.  
Post your notices here.

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## Treasurers Report

By Mary Penson

September :		
Expenses	: Alamo Coins	\$550.00
	Jack Lowry	16.64
	Alice Branger	24.94
	Larry Cooley	5.74
Income	Fund Raiser	\$288.00
	Dues	130.00
	Marble Game	8.00
Total in Marble Game Bank		\$8.00
Cash on Hand		\$35.00
October		
Expenses	Nancy Strobo	\$17.40
	Jack Lowry	14.68
Income	Fund Raiser	\$291.00
	Marble Game	7.00
	Dues	40.00
Total in Marble Game		\$15.00
won by Mary Penson		
Cash on Hand		\$35.00

We took in \$40.00 for fun hunt fees. This will be kept separate from deposit to buy coins to bury in the ground.

We will be accepting silver (8 times face value) to pay for hunt fees which are \$20.00 per person (GTES Members only)  
It will take 25 dimes to pay the \$20.00, 10 silver quarters to pay the \$20.00, 5 silver halves to pay the \$20.00.

Please, if at all possible pay the hunt fees, at the November 9th meeting so we will have time to purchase coins.

This space is reserved for member notices of items to sell, updates on health, etc. You must submit such items to the newsletter editor each month in time to be included.

PLEASE DON'T LET THIS SPACE GO TO WASTE!

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## FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

### Coins

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jeff Engemann	1869 Nickel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ron Rutledge	1881 Indian Penny
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stan May Claire Mabry	1818 D Dime Buffalo Nickel

### Jewelry

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jack Ellett	14K men's Diamond Ring
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chuck Howell	14K Religious Pendant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wayne Strobe	Silver Child's Ring

### Relics - only one entry

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ron Rutledge	Elk's Club Token
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### Most Unusual

1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Jordan	Royal Ranger Medallion
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Claire Mabry	Medallion
3 <sup>rd</sup>	George Koehl Stan May	Furniture Handle Old Copy of Gold Coin

### Second Chance

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jack Ellett	10K gold Ring
2 <sup>nd</sup>	George Koehl Wayne Strobe	Boy Scout Whistle Silver Turtle Charm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ron Rutledge	1929 Ft. Worth Watch Fob

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## PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS

Ace Tote Bag	Gregg Williams
Garrett Convenience Bag	Claire Mabry
1944 Walking Liberty Half	Liz Kay
GTES camouflage cap	Chuck Howell
1911 V nickel	Elaine Berry
1916 Barber dime	Lewis Murray
1922 Peace dollar	Olga Hankins
Texas twister	Jeff Engemann
Garrett wind breaker	Mickey Greer
Texas twister	Doug Dreggors
1907 Barber half	Bill Abbott
1865 Three cent nickel	Gregg Williams
1921 Morgan dollar	Stan May
Canadian Gold Coin	Stan May

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## **NOTICE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Just in case you were not at the last meeting, a vote was taken to change the dues date to Jan. instead of Sept. This has been added to the By-Laws which are posted below. The changes are in RED on the webpage edition and underlined on the printed edition. We will vote on a final acceptance of this change at the November meeting.

Bill Phillips

# GOLDEN TRIANGLE EXPLORERS SOCIETY

Established 1967

By-Laws (Amended November 2007)

## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the club shall be Golden Triangle Explorers Society. The club emblem shall be a triangle inset in an arrowhead. The club colors shall be red and gold.

## ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the club shall be to promote a better understanding of treasure hunting activities, to preserve the hobby, and to increase fellowship among its members. All members are to be encouraged to comply with the following Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics:

### Section 1. Code of Ethics

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.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1.

Membership shall be open to any individual or family. Dues shall be collected each year at the first meeting in January. However, applications may be taken at any time during the year and will be figured on a pro-rated scale.

### Section 2.

Dues shall be \$15.00 per individual and \$20.00 per family, including children up to the age of 18.

### Section 3.

A list of current members shall be kept and updated by the club secretary. Those members whose dues are not current and are overdue by 60 days shall be dropped from the membership list.

### Section 4.

On occasion, honorary membership may be bestowed upon individuals who have shown

great support of the club and its activities. A motion to bestow an honorary membership may be made by any member of the club and a majority vote of members present and voting is necessary for approval. Honorary members may participate in all club activities but are not eligible to vote or hold office.

#### Section 5.

On occasion lifetime membership may be bestowed upon individuals who have shown special dedication to the club and the hobby of treasure hunting. Lifetime membership shall be proposed by the Executive Board and submitted to the club, with 2/3 of members present and voting for approval. A lifetime member shall have all rights and privileges of club membership, but shall pay no annual dues.

#### Section 6.

All members whose dues are current are eligible to participate in all club activities and shall have the privilege to vote.

### ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

The president shall be responsible for seeing that the club meets once in each calendar month. The meeting place shall be determined by the membership.

### ARTICLE V - PRIZES AND RAFFLES

#### Section 1.

Door Prizes - All persons present (members & visitors) are eligible for door prizes. Prizes may consist of items donated by dealers or other members, or any item deemed appropriate.

#### Section 2.

Monthly Raffle - All prizes submitted for the regular monthly raffle shall be worth at least \$5.00. (Items of lesser value shall be submitted for door prizes.) Anyone buying tickets is eligible to win raffle prizes.

#### Section 3.

Any raffle outside of the regular monthly raffle shall be approved by the Executive Board.

### ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

The officers of the club shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

### ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

#### Section 1.

The President shall preside at all meetings, conduct meetings, appoint committees, call for reports at monthly meetings, have final authority to settle all disputes, and shall answer directly to the membership.

#### Section 2.

The Vice-President shall preside over and conduct meetings in the absence of the president, recognize and greet visitors and new members, and introduce the speaker at each meeting.

#### Section 3.

The Secretary shall be responsible for the taking and reporting of official minutes of each meeting, accepting new memberships, and updating the membership list, keeping it current for any mail-outs. The Secretary shall sign all forms or papers requiring signatures including membership cards and certificates.

#### Section 4.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial matters of the club, including the deposits and withdrawal of funds from club account(s), the payment of debts, and shall make a financial report to the membership at each club meeting. A written copy of the financial report should be available at each meeting for the membership to view.

#### Section 5.

The Executive Board is chaired by the President and consists of the current officers, the immediate Past President, and one at large member for a total of six members. The Executive Board shall meet monthly or on an on-call basis as determined by the President. The Executive Board shall act on behalf of the club to conduct ongoing business and set policy. The Executive Board shall establish and oversee all other committees and task forces to ensure that the goals of the organization are being met.

#### Section 6.

The President or Vice President shall check all incoming mail and important information such as up-coming hunts or events shall be announced at the next meeting. All incoming bills or invoices shall be approved by the Executive Board and submitted to the Treasurer for payment.

### ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Election of officers shall occur each year during the monthly meeting held in September. Any member in good standing who has been a member of the club for at least six months may run for office. A majority of members present and voting is necessary for election. Term of office shall be for one year. Each officer shall have the option of running for a second term. No officer may hold their office for more than two consecutive years.

### ARTICLE IX - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The President shall have the authority to create committees and appoint members as needed. The President's appointment of committee chairperson(s) must be confirmed by a majority of members present and voting.

### ARTICLE X - DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

#### Section 1.

Hunt and Field Activities- The committee shall plan and conduct regularly scheduled hunts that are planned with the consent of the membership, taking into consideration their

desires and wishes. They shall plan other field activities and expeditions and will respond to other needs as assigned. This standing committee shall be appointed at the first meeting of each calendar year. The chairman of this committee shall also be known as the Club Huntmaster.

#### Section 2.

Telephone and Refreshment - The committee shall attempt to contact membership each month, request certain members to provide refreshments for coming meetings, and report on illnesses or other important happenings at club meetings. This standing committee shall be appointed at the first meeting of each calendar year.

#### Section 3.

Treasure Show - The committee shall plan and carry out the design and preparation for the club booth for the annual exhibition held by the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs. This standing committee shall be appointed at the second meeting following such annual exhibition.

#### Section 4.

Nominating Committee - The committee shall be appointed at the regular July meeting by the Executive Board. It shall consist of at least 3 of the membership. If possible, this slate of nominees shall be made public through the club newsletter immediately preceding the September meeting. They shall be voted upon at this meeting. Any nominations from the floor will be accepted before the voting.

#### Section 5.

Financial Audit Committee - The committee will be appointed not later than the June meeting each year to audit the financial records of the club and present a written report not later than the August meeting. The committee shall consist of at least two members (who are not officers) who will be appointed by the President.

### ARTICLE XI- LIMITATIONS OF COMMITTEE POWER

Committees are responsible for planning activities and developing new ideas. They shall take into consideration the needs and desires of the membership. They shall answer directly to the president and shall give a report of their activities and goals to the membership during each regular meeting. They shall not commit the club to any activity or event without the discussion and consent of the membership.

### ARTICLE XII - FINANCIAL CONDUCT

#### Section 1.

No member shall commit the club to any activity or use of club funds without the consent of the membership.

#### Section 2.

Routine expenses which are less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for such items as postage, refreshments, door prizes, etc. may be purchased without the consent of the membership. Other items in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall require an affirmation of a majority of members present and voting at any regularly scheduled meeting. The exception to this shall be the purchase of coins, which often necessitates an outlay of more than the above

mentioned fifty dollars (\$50.00). A ceiling of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) will be implemented for this one item, to be reimbursed to the club's buying agent at the next regular club meeting.

### Section 3.

All checks drawn on the club account(s) or other withdrawals must be signed by the Treasurer or at least one of the following: President, Vice-President, or Secretary. Any checks drawn for other than normal ongoing club activities over \$300.00 must require two officers' signatures and an affirmation of a majority of members present and voting at any regularly scheduled meeting.

## ARTICLE XIII - IMPEACHMENT AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

For misconduct in office or failure to carry out the duties of the office, any officers may be removed from office by the affirmation of two-thirds (2/3) of members attending and voting (by secret ballot). Any officer in the process of impeachment shall have the right to explain his or her actions to the membership before a vote is taken. Any officer removed from office shall be ineligible to hold other office for a period of two (2) years following their previous impeachment.

## ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

These by-laws can be amended, changed, re-written, or repealed by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of members attending and voting. Amendments submitted for consideration must be distributed in writing for the consideration of the membership before discussion and voting. Amendments that pass are in effect immediately upon approval.