



Treasured Times

Golden Triangle Explorers Society

In Quest of the Past

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January, 2009

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

MIDWAY HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
11001 MIDWAY ROAD
DALLAS, TEXAS

JAN. 9, 2009 TIME: 7:30 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:

CONNIE SHAW
MARY PENSON
SUSAN PHILLIPS

Refreshments are provided by volunteers each month. If you have not volunteered in awhile, please sign up to bring refreshments at an upcoming meeting! Sign the refreshment sign up sheet at the next meeting for the month of your choice. A list of those scheduled to provide refreshments in the future is on the **MEETINGS & EVENTS** page at www.goldentriangleexplorers.com/

Future Monthly Meetings

Feb. 13, 2009 Time 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 13, 2009 Time 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 10, 2009 Time 7:30 p.m.
May 8, 2009 Time 7:30 p.m.
June 12, 2009 Time 7:30 p.m.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009

I hope the coming year is a happy and prosperous one for you. I hope you find more treasures than ever before, both with your metal detector and in your personal life.

No club can operate successfully without leadership. Our clubs leaders are our officers but also the chairmen of the various committees that make things run. We have two very important leadership spots open right now and no one seems to be willing to step up and fill them.

As we go into the new year, remember that as a treasure hunting club, having a Huntmaster to chair the events committee and to provide leadership in conducting fun hunts and annual hunts is a must. If we don't hold club hunts, we are just a group of individual hunters who have no reason to be in a club.

The Refreshments Chair may not appear to be as important but it really is. Many of our members do not or can not metal detect but still enjoy the history "lessons", coin-related activities, and social aspects as well as the pure camaraderie of the club. We can meet without a refreshments break but without the opportunity to visit and fellowship, many of those members may not wish to attend.

I know there are members who can fill those positions and he/she may just be waiting for someone to ask. So, I'm asking! Please step up and volunteer for one of these very important positions.

Please, please do not let our club fail because you were not willing to do your part to help it succeed!

Mike Shaw, Editor

News From The President

by **Chuck D. Howell**

The President's report was not received in time to be included.

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THE NEWSLETTER
EDITOR AS EARLY AS
POSSIBLE SO THAT IT
MAY BE INCLUDED IN
THE MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER.**

Huntmasters Report

By Jack Ellett

No hunt was held in December.

Treasurers Report

By Robert Jordon

Expenses:

12/5	Alamo Coins (fund raiser)	105.00
12/12	Midway Hills Christian Church (rent)	300.00
12/12	Larry Cooley (award, stamps)	68.76
12/12	Mary Penson (party supplies)	47.18
12/12	Mickey Greer (turkey)	13.87

Credits:

12/15	Fund Raiser	623.00
12/15	Dues	55.00

Minutes of the November 14 Meeting

by Larry Cooley

December is our annual holiday banquet and no minutes were kept. A good time was had by all and everyone seemed to eat well.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

There were no door prizes at the December meeting.

PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS

There were some really nice prizes awarded in the December fundraiser but if your editor received a list he misplaced it during the Christmas confusion at his house.

Editors Note: The monthly prize drawing is not only your chance to win nice prizes, it is the major source of revenue for the club. Your donations help

MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

Small "Classified Type" advertisements may be placed free of charge by any member on a space-available basis.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Any member having information on illness, deaths, or other notable occurrences in their or other members lives should submit it for this space.

fund the prizes awarded for Finds of the Month contests, our contributions to other causes, and our own monthly and annual fun hunts.

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

There was no Finds of the Month contest at the December meeting but bring your finds to the January meeting as prizes will be awarded for both months!

Editor's Note: Please bring your finds and enter them in the Finds of the Month Contest. Not only can you win a nice silver coin but showing what is still in the ground encourages newer hunters to keep looking. Please be prepared to give a brief report on where you found the item. You are not expected to "give away" your Hunting spots but, "I found this on a house lot in Oak Cliff." or "This was in a city park in Garland." helps encourage less experienced hunters to try new areas.

RECIPE CORNER

S. O. S.

BREAKFAST FOOD OF MARINES

By Mike Shaw

When I was a young man on active duty in the Marines, I looked forward to the breakfast we called S.O.S. which, because this is a family publication, I will call "stuff on a shingle." It was better than the creamed chipped beef my mother had served. Recently I ran across an article which may explain why. It was written by E. Wickenheiser and you might enjoy it:

It's said that an Army fights well on a full stomach and the Marine Corps is no exception. Always and foremost, in training or in combat, the breakfast meal is number one. For every "grunt", "airedale" and/or "pinky" at the start of the workday. Breakfast is the link to "making it" that day, and "a breakfast without SOS is like a day without sunshine."

We can only imagine or guess at what the meals and types of food were being served at Tunn's, or with O'Bannon in Tripoli, but I'll bet you, they had some sort of S.O.S.

The original creamed ground beef now served at every Marine breakfast had many stories of origin, the story that I was told was, that it was first served during World War I in France.

The Marine forces on the line were served meals that were prepared by the Army, from field kitchens in the

rear. On this one occasion during a battle, the Marines moved so fast forward that the Army Mess Company couldn't keep up with the advancement. On that particular evening the cooks had prepared a meal which was roasted beef with a cream gravy (Boeuf le Creme de Argonne) and sent it up to the front lines.

It took the mess men all night to find the location of the fast moving Marine Brigade, and the meal was not delivered until the next morning.

Not wanting to waste the food and not having the tools to serve it properly, the Marine First Sgt. ordered that the meat and gravy (sauce) be placed on the dry bread and handed to each man. The men being very hungry did not complain but instead requested that this meal be served again, but with the proper utensils.

Over the following years the recipe changed depending on the availability of supplies and the mood of the cook. Due to the lack of funds given to the Marine Corps by the Navy, especially in hard times (like now), many of the cooks could not afford to purchase the beef roasts needed in the recipes for "Boeuf le Creme de Argonne" and other beef dishes. They therefore substituted the less expensive, ground beef in place of the roasts.

This was quite popular as an evening meal and was served a number of times a week. One big advantage that the cooks liked was that there was little or no waste, leftovers could be served the next morning. It grew in popularity more for breakfast than for the evening meal and today it's never served other than for breakfast.

The other branches of service (Army, Navy, etc.) will also serve their version of SOS, but they haven't mastered the Marine's technique of preparing this marvelous breakfast presentation.

The Army uses chipped and salted dried beef (yuk), and the Navy uses beans and tomatoes in their recipe (barf!), the Air Force gave up trying and our friends in the Coast Guard now eat breakfast in the nearest Marine mess hall.

A number of years ago (back in the 70's), San Francisco's own Marine Artillery General (Brigadier) Tiago, requested/ordered that a recipe for the Marine Corps famous S.O.S. (creamed beef on toast) be developed so that it could be serve to a small group of about eight (8) persons, this way the general could have his wife make it at home. The official recipe for the mess halls is for serving 300 or more. This challenge was taken up by his chief field artillery cook, M/Sgt Bernie Parker. After many tries and a few mistakes "Top" Parker came up with the following, near perfect, recipe.

Recipe for "Marine Breakfast"

(Serves 8 or two hungry Marines)

1/2 lb. Ground Beef (ground chuck for flavor)

1 tbs. Bacon fat (lard/Crisco or butter)

3 tbs. Flour

2 cups Whole milk (add more milk if you want it thinner)

1/8 tsp. Salt

Pepper (to taste)

8 slices of dry toast

Using a large skillet (12"-14"), crumble and brown the ground beef with the fat and salt, remove the pan from the heat and let cool slightly.

Mix in the flour until all of the meat is covered, using all of the flour. Replace the skillet on the heat and stir in the milk, keep stirring until the mixture comes to a boil and thickens (boil a minimum of 1 minute).

Serve over the toast. Salt & pepper to taste.

"Semper fi"