



Treasured Times

Golden Triangle Explorers Society

In Quest of the Past

09-4

April, 2009

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

MIDWAY HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
11001 MIDWAY ROAD
DALLAS, TEXAS
APR. 10, 2009 TIME: 7:30 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:

ELAINE BARRY
JOSEPH HARRIS
BETTY MOORE (DESSERT)

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

May 8, 2009 Time 7:30 pm
June 12, 2009 Time 7:30 pm
July 10, 2009 Time 7:00 pm*
Aug. 14, 2009 Time 7:30 pm
* Note Early Start Time

News From The President

by **Chuck D. Howell**

Not received in time to be included.

Notice From Vice-President

by **Greg Williams**

Ben Hong will be the Guest Speaker for April.

Please, all members, bring your bottles to the meeting for some show 'n tell!

Report On Treasure Show

by **Mickey Greer**

The Golden Triangle Explorers Society was well represented in Longview. We had 26 current members, and 5 former members attending, including Floyd & Susan Caldwell, who we hadn't seen for some time. Also Life Member, Michael Looney and his wife were there.

A number of our members found tokens during the hunt, including: Floyd Caldwell, Lee Caldwell, Chuck Howell, Robert Jordan, Frank Lawson, Lewis Murray, Julie Reiter, and Ron Rutledge, with Ron Rutledge taking one of the top prizes, a White's detector.

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We were proud of our member, Jeff Engermann, who is serving as President of the Texas Council for the second year. Proceedings seemed to go smoothly under his watch.

Thanks to Elaine Berry, for manning the raffle for most of the time. The rest of us would come and go, but we could depend on Elaine to be there when needed.

Six members brought display cases: Alice Branger, Lee Caldwell, Harold Greer, Ben Hong, Mary Penson, and Larry Voyles, and they were admired and enjoyed by the visitors. We also received quite a few compliments on our canvas mural, which serves as our backdrop.

We didn't expect Mary Penson to show up, as it was reported that she had "walking pneumonia," but sure enough she came and stayed part of the time.

Lee Caldwell won the Grand Prize from the Rusk County Club, and the five winners of the Golden Triangle prizes were:

First Prize	Garmin G.P.S.	Casey Nelon (Girl friend of Gary Banter of Garrett) 8501 Easton Lane,# 422 Ft. Worth, TX 76120
Second Prize	Basket of Skin Care Products	Ron Rutledge (member of Golden Triangle & Lone Star Clubs)
Third Prize	Two Peso Gold Coin	A. D. Clark (member of Rusk County & East Texas Clubs)
Fourth Prize	Four Silver Dollars	Wayne & Nancy Strobo (members of Golden Triangle)
Fifth Prize	Two Silver Eagles	Connie Shaw (member of Golden Triangle)

MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

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

Huntmasters Report

By Open Position

No hunt was held this month. The club still needs a volunteer to serve as Huntmaster.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Joan Hines has moved to Waxahachie to live with her son and family. If you wish to contact her, see the member directory or contact your humble editor.

ANY MEMBER HAVING NEWS TO REPORT SHOULD SUBMIT IT TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT IT MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.

Treasurers Report

By Robert Jordon

Expenses:

3/12	Midway Hills Christian Church (rent)	300.00
3/13	Lone Star Mint (TCTC Prizes)	109.92
3/23	Tommie Jordan (TCTC Prize, GPS)	152.95

Credits:

3/16	Fund Raiser	325.00
3/16	Dues	55.00
3/16	50/50	9.00
3/23	TCTC Fund Raiser	562.00

Minutes of the March 13 Meeting

by Larry Cooley

President Chuck Howell called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Two guests (Randy Pyle and Anthony Griffith) and approximately 30 members and were present. The Treasurer's Report and the minutes from the February meeting were approved.

A new Huntmaster is still needed. Our former Huntmaster, Jack Ellett, volunteered to assist a new Huntmaster for a couple of months. Refreshment volunteers are still needed; please check the snack sign-up sheet. A reminder was made that membership dues are due.

The TCTC Convention Committee headed by Lee Caldwell reported that prizes for the Convention fundraiser had been acquired:

- 1st place: Garmin Nuvi 750 GPS;
- 2nd place: basket of Arbonne skin care products;
- 3rd place: 2 ½ Peso Gold Coin;
- 4th place: 4 Peace silver dollars;
- 5th place: 2 U.S. 1 ounce Silver Eagles.

The purchase price for the prizes was under the \$500.00 limit approved in the February meeting. Fundraiser tickets were made available at the meeting for sale prior to the Convention.

New Business:

- Later in the meeting we will have a "Show & Tell" about the displays that some members brought for display at the Convention.
- The business meeting at the TCTC Convention will be at 4:30 P.M. on Friday afternoon of the Convention weekend.
- Keith Wills will give a presentation at the Convention on the future of our hobby.
- Mary Penson and Bill Abbott have the booth display materials and will take them to Longview.
- There are currently no volunteers to work at the booth. Harold Greer reminded everyone that everyone who attends should assist with the booth . . . because we **will** get tired of just walking around looking at the other booths.

Break time was announced. This was an extended break as members were viewing the displays that had been brought to the meeting.

Those bringing displays were:

- Larry Voyles: A Tennessee property he hunted turned out to be an old campground where he located a bayonet. Larry also found a knife blade. He also discussed hunting for gold buried along a stagecoach line where he found the knife blade.
- Ben Hong: Ben's display included a French made iron pot as well as metal items that Indians had made such as a hatchet, a hammer made out of the end of a muzzleloader gun, arrowheads made from bullet hulls, a fishing hook made from a horseshoe nail and a chain made of pieces of cartridge hulls. A table knife had been made to a scraper and another table knife made into a spear point.
- Greg Williams: Greg is evidently collecting old metal detectors. He displayed a couple of them that he had brought to the meeting. He also brought a collection of items he has found.
- Mary Penson and Bill Abbott: Mary and Bill had recently visited the area in and around Yuma, Arizona. They brought back many pieces of spent ordnance. They had also found a nice collection of other old military brass.
- Chuck Howell: Chuck brought a display of religious items such as crosses, medals, and pins. These were items he had found with his Minelab detector.

A short discussion was held about our April meeting being on Good Friday. The consensus was to leave the meeting schedule as-is.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Bill Abbott. Larry Voyles won the Birthday/Anniversary drawing. Anthony Griffith won the Badge Drawing.

Thanks to all who brought refreshments and to Betty Moore, our refreshment chairperson.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Door prizes were: 4 Mercury dimes; 4 Buffalo Nickels; 2 Silver Certificates; 2 Standing Liberty Quarters. These prizes were won by:

Jack Ellett
Ann Gibbs

Tommie Jordan
Larry Voyles
Barbara Cundiff

Dave Jones
Janet Hall
Henry Moore.

Bill Abbott
Mary Penson

Pepper Kay
Jack Lowry

PRIZE DRAWING WINNERS

1906 Barber half dollar
American Eagle 1 oz round
1854 Seated Dime
Silver round
1857 Seated Dime
1840 Large Cent
1922 Peace Dollar
1921 Morgan Dollar
1923 Peace Dollar
1881-O Morgan Dollar
1884 Morgan Dollar
Gold Dos Peso

Lewis Murray
Liz Kay
Tommie Jordan
Wayne Strobo
Jack Lowry
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Gene Gibbs
Henry Moore
Dave Jones
Greg Williams
Bill Phillips

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 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

COINS

1st Robert Jordan
2nd Jack Lowry
3rd Wayne Strobo

1943 Walking Liberty half dollar
1956 Quarter
1940 Wheatie

JEWELRY

1st Janet Hall
2nd Bob Slocum
3rd George Koehl

14k ring w/CZ
10k gold w/silver ring
Silver class ring

RELIC

1 st	Janet Hall	1929 Dodge emblem
2 nd	Chuck Howell	1893 Chicago World Fair silver spoon
3 rd	Robert Jordan	1839 musket ball

MOST UNUSUAL

1 st	Bill Abbott	Ring w/cross
2 nd	Nancy Strobo	Silver watch cover
3 rd	Robert Jordan	1898-1948 token

SECOND CHANCE

1 st	Wayne Strobo	15 coins
2 nd	Chuck Howell	Dr. Thatcher's Liver & Blood syrup bottle
2 nd	Jack Lowry	Ring
3 rd	Robert Jordan	1946 Quarter
3 rd	Mary Penson	50 caliber bullet shrapnel

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

Clarence's Tomato-Squash Pot

Here's a fast and easy side dish recipe:

Olive oil or butter
1 onion, chopped
1 can stewed tomatoes, broken up
2-3 squash, halved and sliced fairly thin (crookneck or zucchini or a combination of both)
2 slices of bread, buttered (sourdough is especially good in this recipe),
1/4-1/2 C shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Sauté onions in olive oil in bottom of quart-size pot. When onions are translucent, add stewed tomatoes and squashes* and cook over medium heat until squash is tender. Add bread and cheese to pot and heat until cheese is melted.

* if needed, add j-u-s-t enough water to cover the squash

Susan Phillips

Please submit your recipes for publication. Thanks, Editor

If metal detectors leave holes in our parks, then....

--pencils miss spel words

--cars make people drive drunk

--spoons made Rosie O' Donnell fat

--and guns kill people.

From the metal detector owners of America!

Texas Lions Camp for Handicap Children

Again this year (usually the first week of June) we will be visiting the Texas Lions Camp for Handicap Children where over 14 years ago Texas detectorist and the Camp started a program for the children to learn metal detecting. As it has turned out, the program is a huge success in that it teaches the children an outdoor recreational sport that they can enjoy even with their handicap. However, the only donation on our part is their need for foreign coins so to continue the program for the kids each year. Since foreign coins have little or no collector or profit interest to most of us, we ask you to Please help the kids of the Camp and donate those foreign coins to them.

Many of you individually and as a club have done just that and to this point has made this special program a success, but there is a continuing need for foreign coins each year for the program. It is a chance for you and your club to give back to the hobby you so enjoy and at the same time put a big smile on a beautiful young child's face.

So this weekend at the WWATS booth at the Texas Treasure Show in Longview, Texas we will again have a jar out for collecting any foreign coins you so wish to donate for the kids. I know some of you go buy foreign coins for the kids each year, God Bless you for that, but we have also found by scattering a few rings, toy cars, small coin pouches and such over the kids hunt field also brings a lot of excitement to their faces as well. So if you wish to donate something like that, please do so. PLEASE no American coins, for with those the kids can buy soft drinks from their counselor's machines and that is not allowed at the Camp. When the children arrive at the Camp, they need no money, for everything has already been paid for and is free to them. The Camp prefers to see the children get healthy food and drink while visiting and juices, water and tea is provide to them at all times at the Camp.

This is truly a program we must all take an interest in and keep it operating if for no other reason but for those many children that visit the Camp each year.

On our annual visit we usually see from 120 to 170 handicap children of which we get to work one on one with to teach them the joys of treasure hunting with a metal detector. When we leave, we have also taught the Camp's counselors to continue the program for the year with the children and the 12 metal detectors that has been donated to the Camp. So to continue the program we ask you to please donate your foreign coins if you can. We need; the children need your help. Please contact your club members and see if they have anything to donate for this and please stop by the WWATS booth at the Show and donate.

The Camp request you please put your name and address or your club's name and address in with your donation so that they may send you a letter of appreciation. This is something that is very impressive in your club's or your own portfolio. If you can not make it to the Show this weekend to donate, you can mail you donation directly to me at this address: 1495 FM 49, Gilmer, Texas 75644.

I will be publishing the dates of this years visit to the Camp very shortly, if you wish to visit the Camp this year with us and meet the many wonderful children and help us work with them, please feel invited, we can always use the help.

Thanks so much, Keith Wills