

# THE LEAVERITE NEWS

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## The Voice of the Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association

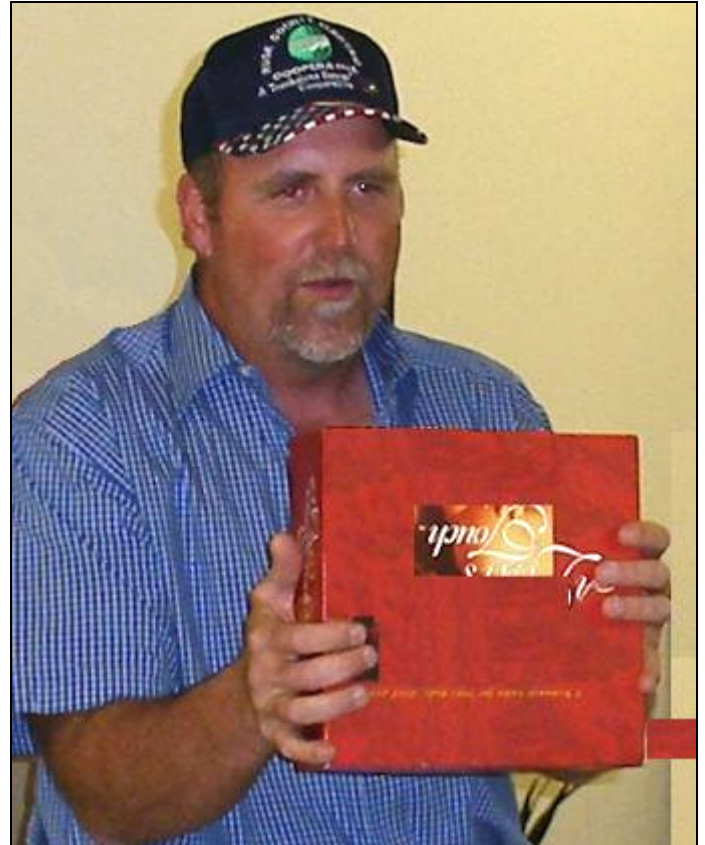
### March Meeting Notes

President Keith Wills called the March meeting to order with 34 members and guests present.

Members were reminded of upcoming hunts around the area, including the Friends of the Tatum Library hunt, which is scheduled for May 19, 2007. The motion was made, seconded, and passed that the RCTHA participate in the Tatum hunt. Volunteers will be needed to assist with planting the hunt fields and other duties. More information will be made available soon.

Members were reminded that Bob Bowman, author of the book, *Towns We Left Behind*, will be our guest speaker at our June meeting.

Terry Nicholas was the auctioneer for the club fundraiser again this year and members had a ball bidding on items and raising funds for the club. A total of \$706 was raised and a big thank you goes out to all the members who participated by buying items and bringing items for the auction.



**Auctioneer, Terry Nicholas working the crowd**

Lee Zimmerman had found the silver dollar hidden in the Overton city park according to Keith Wills.

The token at Driller Park in Kilgore and the clue hunt token had not been found at the time of the meeting. Several members reported having looked for the clue hunt token but had not been successful.

Members were reminded to send their letters to their state representatives voicing their support for the bill to open Texas State Parks to recreational metal detecting in designated areas of the parks.



**David Chapman shows some of the auction items to members**

# We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

## April meeting refreshments volunteers:

David Chapman, Joe Metcalf and Shawn Norris

## Ticket sales volunteers:

Sam Harris

## March Ticket Drawing Winners

Charles Walters, Tina Foxworth, Eric Engbrock, Joe Metcalf, and Keith Ballow

## Sign-in Sheet Drawing Winners

Dale Bobbitt, Steve Wilson, Eric Engbrock, Bob Bradberry, Bob Haney, A.D. Clark, Wayne Maurer, Danny Foxworth, Darrell Crosby, Shawn Norris, Charles Walters, Michael Greene, Carl Norris, and Dan Stanley

## Name Tag Winner

Jeri Walters

## Marble Drawing

Wayne Maurer - \$157.50

## Dates to Remember

Longview Club Meeting – April 9

**RCTHA Meeting – April 10, 7:00 p.m.  
Eastside Baptist Church, Henderson, TX.**

SCMDA Meeting – April 21

## Monthly Finds Contest

		Winner	Item
<b>Coins</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joe Metcalf	Bag of coins
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Logston	Mexican coin
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dana Logston	1943 D Dime
<b>Jewelry</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Keith Ballow	14K Gold Wedding Band
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charles Walters	10K Gold Child's Ring
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Bradberry	Junior Fire Marshall
<b>Artifacts</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Junior St. Clair	1800's Stirrup
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	A.D. Clark	A&M Eagle Insignia
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dana Logston	Pad lock
<b>Tokens</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Moss	Beer Tokens
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tina Foxworth	Pokemon Token
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dorris St. Clair	Angel Token
<b>Judges</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Junior St. Clair	Harness Hook
<b>Choice</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eric Engbrock	1960 Silver Cup
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Keith Ballow	Lead Printing Plate

## Silver Half Challenge

**A silver half dollar has been hidden in the trees at Driller Park in Kilgore. Can you be the one to find it?**



Members at the fund raiser auction



## 2007 Tatum Open Hunt "FRIENDS OF THE TATUM PUBLIC LIBRARY"

To benefit the building of the new  
Tatum Learning Center  
Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## Editor's Note:

*As Newsletter Editor I am going to deviate a bit from our normal "Meet our Member" column to recognize someone who has been involved with metal detecting and given a lot to the hobby over the years. Most of you know Bob Norman from the Smith County club and have read his newsletter, which he has been publishing for the past six years. I feel a little bit of a kindred spirit with Bob, having published our Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association's newsletter for the past couple of years.*

*Bob has been a member of the Rusk County club in the past and was instrumental in getting the first Six Amigos multi-club hunt up and running and who knows how many Easter Egg Hunts he has been involved with over the years.*

*Bob is laying down his newsletter writing pen and planning to spend some time on what sounds like a very interesting trip, as you will read below. So this month I wanted to tell Bob we appreciate all he has done for the local clubs and metal detecting in general and wish him a safe, enjoyable, and productive adventure.*

*The note below I copied shamelessly from the Smith County Metal Detecting Club's newsletter, which contained Bob's last Editor's note. Great job my friend. Thanks for your efforts!*

### By Bob Norman, SCMDA Newsletter Editor

Howdy folks! As most of you know by now, I'm going on a journey in the near future. I intend to follow in the footsteps of my great-grandpa, B. W. Heath on a trip that was both perilous and adventuresome for a 19-year-old kid at the time.

'Ole B. W. was a private in the Seventh Texas Cavalry, Sibley's Brigade, in the War of Northern Aggression (Civil War to some). He joined the group in April of 1861, in New Salem, Texas and traveled by horseback with 3,500 of his fellow Confederates to the far-flung lands of the West.

At the time, New Mexico and Arizona were uncharted territory and filled with hostile Yankees and the even more terrifying Apache and Comanche Indians.

I plan to travel where they did. (With the exception, I'm not going with the intention of annexing the area to the Confederacy!) In the meantime, I hope to find some places to metal detect! They have meteorites, gold, and Civil War relics just waiting along the expanses of the Rio Grande for me to dig up! Wish me luck, as this is the trip of a lifetime for me to be able to follow in my ancestor's footsteps and see the wild and wooly country that is West Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. As for the SCMDA, I'm still an active member; I'll just miss a meeting or 3.

This also is my last "Underground News". After 6 years, 72 issues, and countless envelopes stuffed and mailed! I will miss having to sit down around the first of each month and communicate our wonderful club's news to you, my friends and fellow hunters. But, I'm not gonna do it by laptop in the middle of the wastelands of Arizona! I don't even have a laptop computer.

Someone will need to step up and volunteer for the Editor's job! Don't let all my hard work for 6 years go down in flames! The "News" is the voice of our club, and as such, someone needs to continue the tradition. It's not that hard, and whoever the new volunteer may be will have the help of some of the finest folks for officers I've ever had the privilege of knowing, and I'll be around a bit to consult if needed.

Thanks and God Bless  
Bob Norman-Editor



**Top: Bob at the Six Amigos Hunt in Canton.**



**Right: Bob at the Easter Egg Hunt in Tyler.**

February Finds of the Month Entries

