

# The Leaverite News



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## July Meeting Notes

Jess Allen called the July meeting to order in the absence of president Tom Moss. Joe Metcalf presented a petition on behalf of the TCTC to open Texas State Parks to metal detecting. Joe also announced that the TCTC Treasure Show will be held in Longview, Texas again in 2010.

The Houston club will be holding their annual open beach hunt on Oct. 25, 2009 on Stewart Beach in Galveston, Texas.

Members discussed the need to have another clean-up day at the church. No date was set for this activity.

Jess Allen presented a talk on his methods of doing research in the Rusk County area. Jess likes to research and locate old ghost towns and then get permission from the property owners to detect on these sites.

He has had some success gaining permission and has found some nice targets as a result of his research. Jess had several old maps he has collected and uses to research these old sites.

Jess stated that one of the earliest efforts to map the roadways in Texas was undertaken in 1909. There is a large number of old communities in Rusk

County which no longer exist for one reason or the other and pin pointing their locations and gaining permission to hunt them is a good method of finding desirable targets while metal detecting. Old maps, libraries and talking to older citizens of the area are just a few ways to help locate these old communities according to Jess.



**This nice collection of foreign coins and tokens was donated to the RCTHA Club by Joe Tompkins of Palm Springs, California after seeing the article in last year's newsletter describing the kids' hunt at the Henderson Syrup Festival. Joe is a native of Henderson and first cousin of club member Keith Ballow.**

### Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association Club Officers

<b>President</b>	Tom Moss	
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## Ticket Drawing Winners

Victoria Leak, A. D. Clark, Michael Moore,  
Suzanne Reed, Richard Greene

## Sign-in Sheet Winners

Michael Smith, Jerry Dodd, Brenda Clark,  
Bob Bradberry, Michael Moore, Darrell Crosby,  
Wayne Maurer, Jimmy Clark, Bob Anderson,  
Sue Anderson, Debbie Crosby,  
Dana Logston, Jack Leak

## Name Tag Drawing Winner

Debbie Crosby

## Bucket Drawing

No Winner

## Dates to Remember

### **Houston Club Open Beach Hunt**

Oct. 25, 2009 on Stewart Beach in Galveston, Texas

## **We Appreciate Our Volunteers!**

August Meeting Snack Volunteers

Debbie Crosby, Jess Allen, Wayne Maurer

## Monthly Finds Contest Winners

		Winner	Description
Coins	1st	Dana Logston	1944 D Wheat Penny
	2nd	Bob Bradberry	Penny with cross in it
	3rd	Jess Allen	1934 D Wheat Penny
Jewelry	1st	Sue Anderson	Diamond & Silver Ring
	2nd	Jimmy Clark	14K Gold Rosary Bracelet
	3rd	Debbie Crosby	Silver Ring
Artifacts	1st	Darrell Crosby	<b>Finck's Overall Button</b>
	2nd	Jess Allen	H&O Rail Road Baggage Tag
	3rd		
Tokens	1st	Joe Metcalf	RCA Token
	2nd	Dorris St. Clair	Indian Head Token
	3rd	Darrell Crosby	Amusement Center Token
Judges	1st	Jimmy Clark	14K Gold Ring
Choice	2nd	Dana Logston	German Mercenary Button
	3rd	Darrell Crosby	Shoe Polish Bottle

## Prime Detecting Season is just around the corner

While the high temperatures and humidity of East Texas are weighing down on us right now it will only be a couple of months before we start to see and enjoy some fall weather and that means only one thing. The Henderson Syrup Festival and the club's fund raiser are right around the corner and we need to start thinking and planning for that during the next few monthly meetings. As shown on the front page of this month's newsletter the club is always looking for foreign coins for the kids to find in the sand box, so if you know of anyone who might have a jar of coins they would like to donate, now is the time to contact them.



Remember that the old carousel has been moved to the Depot Museum grounds and will be very near our booth. This may

prove to increase the crowds that we see at our booth as kids and their parents come by to check out the carousel the next likely stop will be our sandbox and we want to be prepared with plenty of foreign coins and club member to assist the kids while they detect.



Nicely displayed old Overalls button found by Darrell Crosby.



Club members digging into the homemade ice-cream



Anyone for seconds?



Members cast their votes for the Finds of the Month Contest

Club members enjoyed a home-made ice cream social following the July club meeting. Members brought their favorite ice-cream recipes to share with one another.

Notice in this picture that Sam Harris has both a bowl and a cup of ice cream.

To be fair, most of us sampled more than one flavor and enjoyed every bite!



Finds of the Month Contest

