

The Leaverite News



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November Meeting Notes

The November meeting was chaired by Keith Ballow with 22 members and guests present. Keith opened the meeting by recognizing and thanking the club members who helped with the Syrup Festival grab-box and sand box fund raisers.



Club members enjoy the seeded club hunt at the St. Clair's.

Members were reminded of the upcoming TCTC Treasure Show which will be held in Longview, Texas in March of 2009. Members were encouraged to bring their finds to display at the club's booth.

Members voted to hold a seeded club hunt on November 22 and Joe Metcalf donated a roll of silver dimes for the hunt.

Keith also reminded members that the 2008 Yearbook was ready to be sent to the printer and orders and payments were taken for those desiring a book. The books should be available for members to pick up at the Christmas party on December 9. The Christmas dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. and members were reminded to bring a

gift valued at \$10 if they wanted to participate in the gift exchange. The club will furnish the meat and members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts for the dinner. Remember to bring your blue tickets for the gold coin drawing also.

Members who attended the seeded hunt on November 22 searched for dollar coins, silver dimes and tokens for prizes. Following the hunt members enjoyed a lunch of chili with all the trimmings and fellowship. The weather was cool and dry and just right for a morning of detecting. Debbie and Darrell Crosby brought the chili and other members brought desserts and side dishes. Our hats are off to those who volunteered to bring the food and a big thanks to those who planted the field before the hunt.



Nothings better than being outside on a crisp fall day searching for silver coins and prize tokens.

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Ticket Drawing Winners

Keith Ballow, Ilona Allen, Debbie Crosby,
Joe Metcalf, and Terry Smith

Sign-in Sheet Winners

Junior St. Clair, Darrell Crosby, Richard
Greene, Dana Logston, A. D. Clark,
and Joe Metcalf

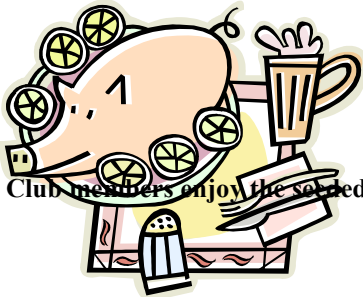
Name Tag Drawing Winner

Dana Logston

Marble Drawing

Junior St. Clair—\$111.00

Dates to Remember



Christmas
Dinner & Party
December 9

7:00 p.m.

We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

Thanks to all of you who brought refreshments
or donations to the club meetings this past year.
It takes everyone to make a club successful and
your efforts played a big part in making our
monthly meetings more enjoyable for everyone.

THANK YOU!

Monthly Finds Contest Winners

		Winner	Description
Coins	1St	Tom Moss	1942 Mercury Dime
	2nd	A. D. Clark	1919 Wheat Penny
	3rd	Bob Bradberry	Shield Nickel
Jewelry	1St	Joe Metcalf	14K 30-Yr Humble Oil Stick Pin
	2nd	Bob Bradberry	10K Gold, 2 Diamond Man's Ring
	3rd	Dorris St. Clair	.925 Birthstone Ring
Artifacts	1St	Dana Logston	US Civil War Breastplate
	2nd	Junior St. Clair	Ford, Model-T Hubcap
	3rd	Bob Bradberry	Marshall Armory Mini-ball
Tokens	1St	Tom Moss	1944 Texaco Token
	2nd	A. D. Clark	Dairy Queen Token
	3rd	Dorris St. Clair	Coin Meter Token
Judges	1St	Bob Bradberry	1957 Toy Cap Gun
Choice	2nd	Dana Logston	1800's Handsaw Tightener
	3rd	Keith Ballow	Horny Toad Stud Earring

TRIVIA

Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

A: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called "pygg." When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as "pygg banks." When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a bank that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

Q: Did you ever wonder why dimes, quarters and half dollars have notches, while pennies and nickels do not?

A: The US Mint began putting notches on the edges of coins containing gold and silver to discourage holders from shaving off small quantities of the precious metals. Dimes, quarters and half dollars are notched because they used to contain silver. Pennies and nickels aren't notched because the metals they contain are not valuable enough to shave.

Hope Everyone Has
A Very Merry
Christmas!



Club Hunt Snap Shots...



Finds of the Month Contest

