

The Leaverite News

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November Meeting Notes

The November meeting was called to order by outgoing president Tom Moss with 29 members and guests present. Final preparations were made for the Henderson Syrup Festival. Secretary Suzanne Reed reported that she had contacted Garrett Detectors in Dallas and had received several boxes of items to be given away at the club's booth during the festival. Lloyd Smith donated two gold nuggets to be given away as prizes and several members donated silver coins to be used along with the ones the club furnished to fill a nice display frame built by Tom Moss. These two prizes along with a Garrett GTA 550 metal detector were the main prizes for this year's Syrup Festival fund raiser. Keith Wills gave the club a bargain price on the detector and David Chapman was kind enough to drive to Gilmer and pick it up.

In other business, club officers were elected.

President — David Chapman,
Vice President — Dana Logston
Treasurer — Dorris St. Clair
Secretary — Suzanne Reed
Newsletter Editor — Keith Ballow

Congratulations to these folks as they assume their new roles in directing the club in 2010. Their willingness to

serve in these offices is greatly appreciated. Also, the outgoing officers deserve a big thank you for their past service to the club. Outgoing officers are President Tom Moss, Vice President Joe Metcalf and Treasurer Jess Allen. Suzanne Reed and Keith Ballow will continue in their positions as secretary and newsletter editor. Please let each of these folks know that their time and effort is appreciated as we continue to make the Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association the best club in the immediate area.



To the left is Be'la Free of Kilgore, TX., with the silver half dollar he won at the Treasure Grab conducted by the RCTHA. The club gave away 100 coin purses, donated by Garrett Detectors. The purses were stuffed with wheat pennies, gift certificates and silver half dollars as one of the club's fund raisers during the 2009 Heritage Syrup Festival in Henderson, Texas.

Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association Club Officers		
President	Tom Moss	
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Secretary	Suzanne Reed	bullterrier3@juno.com
Newsletter Editor	Keith Ballow	keith@keithballow.com

Ticket Drawing Winners

Ed Worley, Sue Anderson, Dana Logston,
David Chapman, and Kelsie Utzman

Sign-in Sheet Winners

Dorris St. Clair, Victoria Leak, Debbie
Crosby, Ada Worley, Sue Anderson, Dana
Logston, and Jack Leak

Name Tag Drawing Winner

Lloyd Smith

Bucket Drawing

Lee Utzman

Dates to Remember

Christmas Party & Dinner
December 8, 2009

Club will furnish the meat and drinks.
Members should bring side dishes and desserts.

We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

Meeting Snack Volunteers

A hearty THANK YOU to all of our members who
have volunteered to bring snacks to the monthly
meetings this past year.
Great Job!

Monthly Finds Contest Winners

		Winner	Description
Coins	1st	Keith Ballow	Eisenhower Dollar Coin
	2nd	Bob Bradberry	1910 Wheat Penny
	3rd	Michael Moore	Japanese Coin
Jewelry	1st	Michael Moore	Silver Ring
	2nd	Dorris St. Clair	14K Gold Man's Wedding Band
	3rd	Suzanne Reed	Silver Crucifix
Artifacts	1st	Bob Bradberry	CW Era Eagle Button
	2nd	Dana Logston	CW Musket Barrel Band
	3rd	Richard Green	French Chef Knife
Tokens	1st	Bob Bradberry	5 Cent Ferry Token
	2nd	Dana Logston	Texas Scratch-Off Token
	3rd	Michael Moore	Celebration Station Token
Judges	1st	Dorris St. Clair	14K Religious Pendent w/Stone
Choice	2nd	Bob Bradberry	Picture Buckle
	3rd	Suzanne Reed	Silver Fish Earring



The Garrett GTA 550 metal detector was won by Bob Warren of Larue, Texas. Mr. Warren called me after receiving the detector to tell me how pleased he was with his prize. He told me he had a couple of inexpensive detectors over the years but was looking forward to learning and using the 550.



Members visit with guests who stopped by to look at the displays at the RCTHA Booth.



**Rusk County
Treasure Hunters Association**

I found a large chef's knife on a vacant lot we were clearing for a monument at the Dansby Colored School on Highway 31 and Martin Luther King Street in Kilgore, Texas.

Richard Greene



**Rusk County
Treasure Hunters Association**

I hunted the Texas State Railroad Park recently where I found 7 coins. One was a Japanese coin. All the coins were found within an area about 10 feet in radius.

I also found a ring and a token beside a picnic table at the park.

Michael Moore

**Rusk County
Treasure Hunters Association**

Junior received a phone call from a lady who lost her father's gold wedding band. The lady had the ring on her thumb as she was driving with the window down to return the ring to her father. The ring slipped off of her thumb and she called to ask Junior and me to look for the ring, which we found for her.

Dorris & Junior St. Clair

**Rusk County
Treasure Hunters Association**

We recently attended a 3 Day hunt in Culpepper, Virginia along with about 480 other detectorists. I was using a Whites DFX and found a musket accessory at about 4 inches depth.

I also found a Texas Scratch Off token at a home site in Sexton City, Texas with the DFX down about two inches.

Dana Logston

**Rusk County
Treasure Hunters Association**

Nov. 9th

Bob Bradberry found his first U.S. Civil War "eagle" coat button hunting on the river bank in Jefferson, TX. This was the site of Yankee occupation from 1866-1872.

His was 1 of 4 buttons, all the same type found in a 10-yard circle, remains of a fatigue coat common to that time period.

Tom Moss

**Rusk County
Treasure Hunters Association**

Dana Logston and I met up with Tom Moss in Jefferson the other day. We had detected the river bottom, finding iron and junk for about an hour when I came across a general service button for an enlisted man's CW uniform. After that, I found a 5¢ token and a 1910 wheat penny in the same hole. Pretty good day of detecting!

Bob Bradberry

**NOTES FROM
RUSK COUNTY
TREASURE HUNTERS
ASSOCIATION'S
MEMBERS**



Finds of the Month Contest



**Rusk County
Treasure Hunters Association**

October 25, 2009

Houston club's open hunt...
Sue and I attended the hunt held at Stewart Beach, Galveston, TX. The weather was ideal and the beach sand was wet due to recent rains. There were plenty of silver dollars, dollars and prize tokens for the four timed hunts. We had no difficulty recovering our entry fees plus a small profit. Galveston is recovering and the road from High Island to the ferry has been repaired. There are plenty of places to eat and stay now. Ed and Ada Worley were there as well. In summary, it was a fun time and we hope to see you there next year.

Bob & Sue Anderson



**Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year to all!**

This year is almost over and a new one about to start. May the Lord bless and keep you in 2010. May you reflect on the years past with family and friends, remembering the "TREASURED" times and what the Lord has done for you and yours.



Debbie Crosby

One of my many Christmas traditions is the making of candy. LOTS OF CANDY. So this month I thought it would be nice to give you the history of the Candy Cane and the meaning of this traditional Christmas candy.

In the late 1600's, a choirmaster had sticks of candy bent into the shape of a shepherd's crook for the children who attended the celebration ceremonies at Christmas pageants. This quickly spread throughout Europe but the canes on trees were just straight, white sugar stick candy.

Then in the 1800's the tradition made its way to the United States. That's when the religious meaning came about with the "J" shape for Jesus' name and also the shepherds' crook symbolizing Jesus being the "Good Shepherd" watching over His children. The candy's



hardness is symbolic of the solid "rock" foundation of the Church. The white represents the purity of Jesus and His virgin birth. The one bold stripe is for God's love for us, while the three thin stripes represents the "Holy Trinity." On some candy canes you don't find four stripes and the red is thought to represent the blood Jesus shed from the beatings by the Roman soldiers.

The peppermint flavor is similar to some in the hyssop family. In the Old Testament, hyssop was used for purification and sacrifice - symbolic of the purity and sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Whatever its meaning is, what it all boils down to, is that the candy cane is an American "Treasure" and part of the Christmas celebration. So for this month's recipe, I give you a recipe that is super simple and many look forward to and enjoy.

Peppermint Cream Candy

- 1 pkg. White Almond Bark
- 3 sticks of Peppermint

In a bowl, melt Almond Bark in a microwave. Use the directions on the package. In a zip-lock bag, beat 2 peppermint sticks into tiny pieces. Stir into Almond Bark. Spoon onto waxed paper in the size of silver dollars. Beat the third peppermint stick in a bag and sprinkle on each piece. You can use more or less peppermint to taste. This candy does not have to be refrigerated.