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June Meeting Notes

There was not a formal June meeting but the club held a club hunt at Junior and Dorris St. Clair's on June 6.



Club members stop their pre-hunt socializing long enough for a quick picture to be taken.

The July meeting will be back at the normal club meeting location, the East Side Baptist Church and will be a homemade ice-cream social. Members will bring their ice-cream freezers and favorite ice-cream recipes. After the business meeting members will enjoy sampling the different varieties of ice-creams.

Remember to bring your Finds of the Month for June and July.



Right:
New member Victoria Leak is ready for the planted hunt to begin.

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Ticket Drawing Winners

Was not held in June

Sign-in Sheet Winners

Was not held in June

Name Tag Drawing Winner

Was not held in June

Bucket Drawing

Was not held in June

Dates to Remember

July 14
Club meeting and Ice-Cream Social

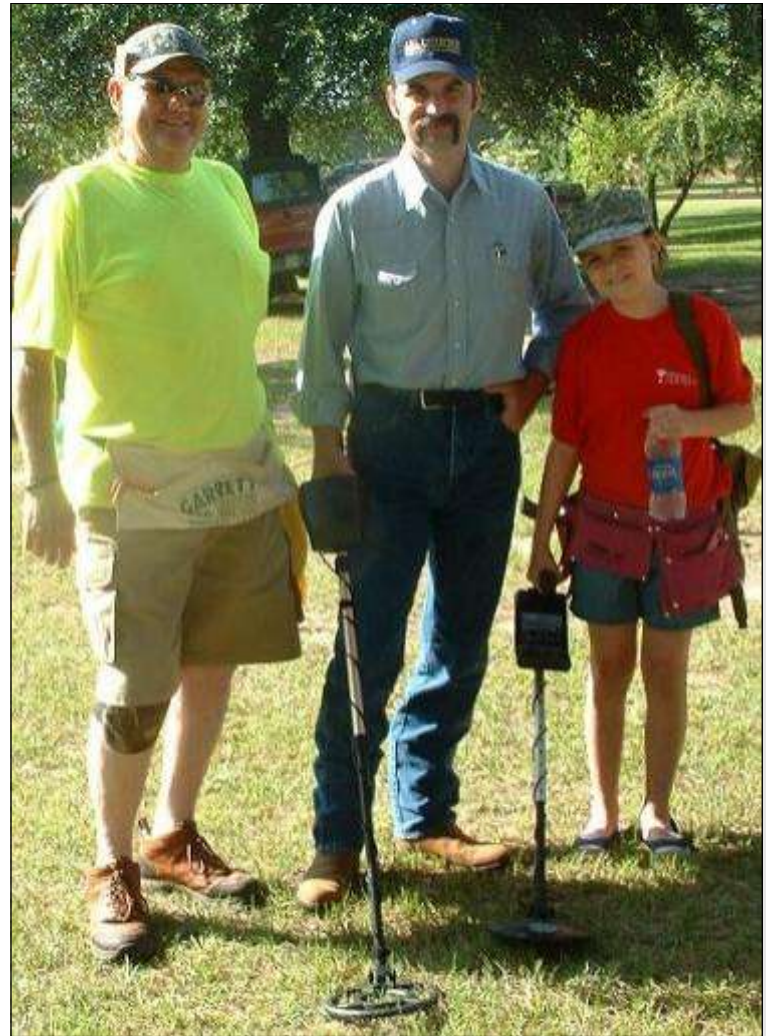
We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

July Meeting Snack Volunteers

Members will bring ice-cream freezers and **fixin's for an ice-cream social** following the business meeting.

Monthly Finds Contest Winners

		Winner	Description
Coins	1St	Name	Not held in June
	2nd	Name	Item
	3rd	Name	Item
Jewelry	1St	Name	Not held in June
	2nd	Name	Item
	3rd	Name	Item
Artifacts	1St	Name	Not held in June
	2nd	Name	Item
	3rd	Name	Item
Tokens	1St	Name	Not held in June
	2nd	Name	Item
	3rd	Name	Item
Judges	1St	Name	Not held in June
Choice	2nd	Name	Item
	3rd	Name	Item



**Wayne Maurer, Jack Leak, and Victoria Leak
anticipating the June Club Hunt. . .**



Henderson's Lake Forest Park Historical

Carousel Moves to a new home

Photos by Suzanne Reed

In an effort to beat the East Texas heat and humidity, workers and interested citizens of the Henderson area gathered early Thursday morning on June 25 to see a community landmark begin its journey to a new home. The old merry-go-round had stood sentry over the Lake Forest Park since 1950 and had been prepared for a move to its new home at the Rusk County Historical Society's Depot Museum on North High St.

Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association's member and secretary Suzanne Reed was on hand with her camera to record the events.



Workers preparing to lift the carousel for its move to the Depot Museum.



Carousel being loaded onto low-boy trailer.



Leaving the Park



Wonder what the kids were thinking who saw this on the highway?

If you are like me, you can't help but wonder what treasures lie buried around the area where the old carousel has stood in Lake Forest Park all these years. Unfortunately, there is a city ordinance prohibiting excavating in all Henderson city parks which pretty much kills any hope of enjoying our hobby in these parks. This is even more unfortunate considering a recent headline in the local Henderson newspaper regarding the cost of cleaning up graffiti on park facilities. What better way to discourage graffiti than to have people in the park using the facilities? If we were allowed to metal detect in the city parks there would be a much better chance of someone (a metal detectorist) being there to discourage this type of senseless defacing of our city facilities.

Be sure and share this sentiment with any of the city council members or city officials you may happen to meet or know. Maybe we can enlighten them to a win-win arrangement by allowing detecting in Henderson's city parks. Most surrounding cities already allow metal detecting in their city parks with no issues or adverse effects to the parks.





If you look closely, you may recognize the sandy area on the far left of this photo. Give up? It is the RCTHA's sandbox used at the Syrup Festival for the past three years. Yes, the old carousel will be our neighbor this fall as we introduce area youngsters to our hobby of metal detecting while they hunt for foreign coins in our sandbox.

We seriously need to consider enlarging our sandbox this year. Doubling the size would be appropriate since this would allow more kids to be in the hunt area at one time. If you have helped in the sandbox for the past few years, you realize how crowded it gets with RCTHA volunteers assisting each child as they hunt for treasures. A few more boards and stakes would be all it would take to construct a larger area. Be thinking about this sandbox enlargement suggestion for the upcoming November Syrup Festival. With the carousel in such close proximity to the RCTHA booth, it's almost a given that more kids will be visiting our sandbox this fall.



The carousel being set down at its new home at the Depot Museum Grounds