

THE LEAVERITE NEWS

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The Voice of the Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association

February Meeting Notes

President Keith Wills called the February meeting to order with 36 members and guests present.

Keith reminded members that the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs show is scheduled to be held in Killeen, Texas this year on March 24-25 and he has tickets available for the show's fundraiser. After a brief discussion members voted to not have a booth at the show this year.

Members were reminded of upcoming hunts around the area, including the Lone Star Hunt, the Three Forks Hunt, the Longview Club hunt and 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.

A new clue was given for the silver dollar planted in the Overton City park. The clue is that the dollar is hidden near a sidewalk.

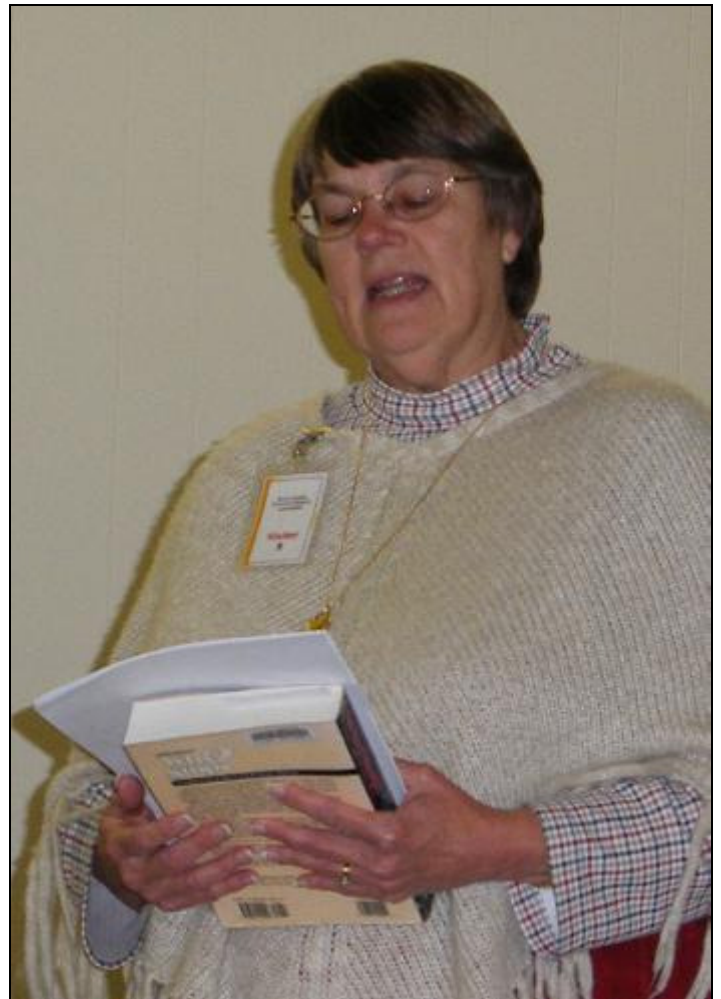
Members discussed having a fundraiser auction at the March hunt and this was approved. Terry Nichols will be back as the auctioneer and members are asked to bring serviceable items to be donated and auctioned off during the meeting. Funds will be used to purchase silver for a club hunt in April.

Keith Wills shared examples of letters that need to be written to state representatives regarding House Bill 1016 that deals with opening designated areas of state parks to recreational metal detecting.

Keith Ballow had fliers with details on accessing the RCTHA's webpage on the YAHOO Groups' Web Site. The web address is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rctha/>. Be sure to sign up or check the web site from time to time to make sure you do not miss a last minute hunt that someone comes up with.

Pam Pipkin Speaks at February Meeting

Mrs. Pam Pipkin from the Rusk County Library, treated club members to a review of Rusk County history with a reading of materials she had collected from various sources.



From the pre-history Caddo Indian times through the Civil War era to the oil boom period, Pam shared excerpts describing the lives and times of the people who settled in Rusk County and the significant events that have marked our history here in Rusk County.

We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

March meeting refreshments volunteers:

Sam Harris, Shawn Norris and Rick Backus

Ticket sales volunteers:

Sam Harris

February Ticket Drawing Winners

Bobby Haney, Junior St. Clair, Shawn Norris, Carl Norris
Margaret Logston and Wayne Maurer

Sign-in Sheet Drawing Winners

Kenneth Yancey, Wade Pipkin, Keith Ballow, Nora Backus,
Bob Bradberry, Michael Culotta, Pam Pipkin, Joe Metcalf, Dan
Stanley, Tom Moss, Debbie Crosby and Kathy Abbott

Name Tag Winner

Bobby Haney

Marble Drawing

No Winner

Dates to Remember

Longview Club Meeting – March 12

RCTHA Meeting – March 13, 7:00 p.m.
Eastside Baptist Church, Henderson, TX.
Fundraiser auction scheduled

SCMDA Meeting – March 17

Monthly Finds Contest

		Winner	Item
Coins	1 st	Dorris St. Clair	1897 Indian Head cent
	2 nd	Danny Foxworth	Peso coin
	3 rd	Keith Wills	1903 Barber Quarter
Jewelry	1 st	Tom Moss	Antique Broach
	2 nd	Dorris St. Clair	10K Gold & Diamond Ring
	3 rd	Danny Foxworth	Silver Ring & Blue Stone
Artifacts	1 st	Michael Culotta	CW Tom Green Bullet
	2 nd	Margaret Logston	Skeleton Key
	3 rd	Keith Wills	CW Eagle Button
Tokens	1 st	Dana Logston	Dinosaur Token
	2 nd	Dorris St. Clair	Chucky Cheese Token
	3 rd		
Judges	1 st	Bob Bradberry	Old Jail House Key
Choice	2 nd	Tom Moss	1903 Barber Dime
	3 rd	Dana Logston	Old lock

Three Forks Treasure Hunters Club 21st Annual National Hunt

Sunday April 29, 2007 Creek County Fairgrounds
Sapulpa, Oklahoma

See our website for Hunt Fliers, details, and to enter
online.

www.threeforkstreasurehunters.org/nationalhunt

Call: 918-695-5777 Email: graycote@cox.net

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?**



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

To benefit the building of the new
Tatum Learning Center
Saturday May 19th, 2007

House Bill 1016 is in committee

By Keith Wills

The House Committee of Culture, Recreation, & Tourism (C430) year 2007 has received HB 1016 for review.

Please write and mail these committee members ASAP in favor of our Bill: **HB 1016** to their Capitol Address.

This will be the toughest Committee we will face to get our Bill through to the House floor for approval to allow our hobby of metal detecting in designated areas of state parks in Texas.

PLEASE HELP--write these members today!
And write your Rep. in your district today, also!

Thanks, Keith Wills

Rep. Harvey Hilderbran—Chairperson

District: 53
Capitol Address:
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, TX 78768

Rep. Dawnna Dukes—Budget & Oversight Chair

District: 46
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Rep. Donna Howard—Member

District: 48
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Rep. Larry Phillips—Member

District: 62
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Rep. Mark Homer—Member

District: 3
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Rep. Mike O'Day—Member

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Clue Hunt

By Keith Wills

So far no one has reported finding the special token to win the club clue hunt, so here are the second and third clues.
---Good luck!

Clue Number 2

Hey, where are you members, someone was supposed to dig me up by now. I almost drowned last week down here because it was so wet. The guy who buried me came back yesterday and dug me up and it was so nice to see and feel the sun again. But dang it, he buried me right back in the same hole again; I bet I didn't get to see one minute of daylight. However I was able to get my eyes open enough to see around the area before he put me back in this hole.

There was a dark blue house across the street and something about commerce in the area. There were red stop signs on every corner and a Beware of Dog sign too. Boy, I hope the bad dog isn't the one to dig me up. Then you'll be attending my memorial. Please come find me before I get killed or gored by that dog or just die in this hole.

Clue Number 3

Well it seems no one has called or found the token for a silver dollar, such a good size token it is too, for our clue hunt. This is the third month and the third clue and must be a lot of cans close from what I hear folks are digging up. So here we go with another clue, I just dug the token and this is what it had to say....

Hay, you folks need batteries in those detectors, you have stepped on me several times and can't hear me yelling down here! That mean guy that buried me finally dug me up again to see if I'm still here, no thanks to you folks and I told him he was close to having my memorial on this fork in the road and have to take me across the street over the stone wall to bury me permanent.

At least this time he allowed me some more sunshine before he planted me again in this dark hole 4 inches deep. When he dug me up, he stepped back several feet and sat down on a concrete block. As my eyes adjusted to the light I could hear a noise that was sewing machines across the road from us just the other side of a forked tree, more commerce behind it so it seems. I did notice they have finished the nearby road construction and it is much more peaceful now, but there is still that smell of oil even when I'm buried. I wish one of you could find me and wash me off, I feel so dirty down here, and at least it is warming up. Hope you folks come look for me soon, all you parkers park your trucks on top of me at times, you can't find me like that.

Come on and dig me up.....

Sincerely, Abused Token!

February Finds of the Month Entries

