

# The Leaverite News



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## Notes from February Meeting

Vice President Dana Logston called the February meeting to order with 26 members present, by reading a thank you letter for the donation the club made to the Rusk County Historical Foundation.

Members discussed plans for the upcoming TCTC show in March regarding what to use as a fund raiser.

The TCTC membership cards have arrived and will be given out at the March meeting. TCTC membership cards will no longer be automatic with payment of club dues. Members desiring the TCTC membership cards in the future will pay the \$3 per card fee and the RCTHA will order the cards in the third quarter of the year.

Discussion was held on planned and planted club hunts. Members discussed suggestions of places to hold a club hunt. It was also voted that planted hunts will have a \$10 hunt fee for members and a \$25 fee for non club members. The club will put in \$500 worth of silver coins for the quarterly planted hunts.

Margaret Logston will be in charge of keeping up with the Men's and Women's Hunter of the Year contest points again for 2010.



**RCTHA members at the 2009 TCTC Show.**

# TEXAS TREASURE SHOW 2010

Presented by

**The Texas Council of Treasure Clubs, Inc.**

**March 13 - 14, 2010**

**Maude Cobb Convention Center  
Longview, Texas**

*The Largest Treasure Show in America*

**Capt. Fizz is speaker for Saturday Night's meal**  
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# Don't Forget...

**Annual Happy Trails Open Hunt**

**Saturday March 6 - Sunday March 7  
Rockin-D-Ranch  
Longview, Texas**

Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association Club Officers		
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## That's why they call it "Treasure Hunting"

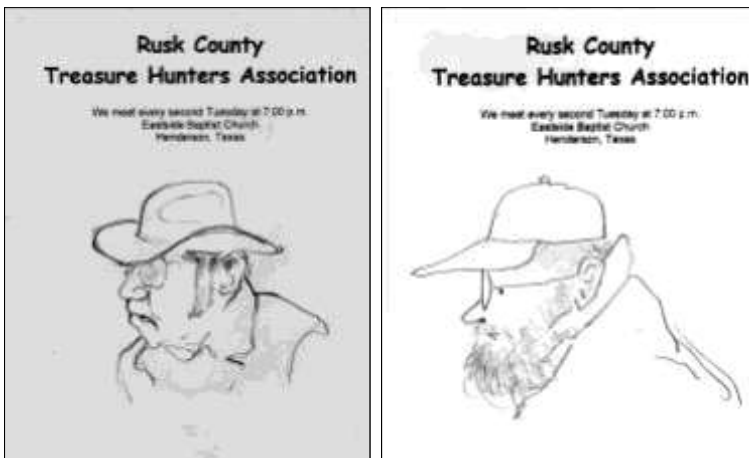
After many months of detecting the old U.S. Army camp here in Jefferson, Texas, I have yet to find a single 50-70 Cal. Bullet. The U.S. government occupied this town for 10 years and the soldiers were armed with the "new" trapdoor muskets. I have found dozens of shell cases throughout the town but no bullets.

Last weekend I showed two fellow detectorists my favorite site. BINGO! Within five minutes, one had recovered a beautiful specimen. Such is the capriciousness of the treasure gremlin.

I did, however, decide to examine an old alley-way adjoining the area behind the Union Baptist Church (est. 1870). After a few hours of dislodging a quantity of tab tops, beer cans, wire, nails, lamp hardware and old cast iron stove parts, a beautiful 1896-o dime appeared, along the way an 18?? shield nickel as well as 3 silver WWII 5¢ pieces appeared. If you find one good "treasure" on a given day's hunt you had a good hunt. If not, you still had a good day of exercise and God's green earth.

Thanks for supporting our club in 2009, Best luck in 2010

Tom Moss  
"RCTHA President 2009"



Thanks to our mystery artist for these neat sketches of RCTHA members. Can you recognize who these two are?  
Stay tuned for more sketches next month!

## We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

March Refreshment Volunteers

Tom Moss, Jess Allen, Sam Harris  
and Margaret Logston

## Monthly Finds Contest Winners

		Winner	Description
Coins	1st	Tom Moss	1882 Seated Dime
	2nd	Bob Bradberry	1946 Silver Dime
	3rd	Bob Anderson	1958 Silver Quarter
Jewelry	1st	Junior St. Clair	Mans Silver Ring w/3 Stones
	2nd	Keith Ballow	Silver Ring
	3rd	Bob Bradberry	<b>Kid's Trigger Ring</b>
Artifacts	1st	Tom Moss	CW USA Cartridge Box Plant
	2nd	Dana Logston	<b>1800's Man's Ring w/Stone</b>
	3rd	Junior St. Clair	Bottle Opener
Tokens	1st	Bob Bradberry	Masonic Lodge Challenge Token
	2nd	Michael Moore	Black Hole Token
	3rd	Dorris St. Clair	Putt-putt Golf Token
Judges	1st	Tom Moss	CW Era Cavalry Spur
Choice	2nd	Sue Anderson	30-30 Belt Buckle
	3rd	Dorris St. Clair	Harness Buckle

## Name Tag Drawing Winner

Sue Anderson

## Bucket Drawing Winner

NO Winner

## Blue Ticket Drawing Winner

Dorris St. Clair, Richard Greene, Bob Anderson,  
Jack Leak, Margaret Logston, Jess Allen  
& Dana Logston

## Sign-In Drawing Winner

Lester Langston, Debbie Crosby, Carl Norris, Tom  
Moss, Keith Ballow, Sue Anderson, Jess Allen,  
Lloyd Smith & Bob Anderson



By Keith Ballow

A couple of weeks ago a friend told me he wanted to show me something. Not knowing what on earth he might have in mind I jumped in the truck with him and bounced down a few old blacktop roads in the New Salem area. We drove up to a pri-



vate gate and continued to bounce down through a pasture to a hillside overlooking Lake Striker. As we pulled up to a clump of trees in the middle of a large pasture, the first thing I noticed was a huge old cedar tree. Then I recognized the old wrought iron fence around an old family cemetery.

There, in this old forgotten cemetery, were about a dozen hand worked headstones, all with the same family name. A couple of the markers indicated those interred here had served in the Civil War, Co. F 7 Texas Cavalry, CSA. One was a captain and one was a lieutenant.

What really struck me were the dates on the headstone pictured above. I assumed these children were siblings. One was 4 months old when he died and the other was just over a year, giving a grim reminder to how unbelievably difficult times must have been in that era for rural families in East Texas.

Our ancestors were obviously a determined bunch who survived and prospered through many years of hardships and heartaches, with little or no medical care and the many comforts we take for granted today. I think that is one reason I enjoy finding relics of those times so much. It allows me a small connection with those times and those who have gone before us.

March is the official "Find a Treasure Month" that is if you want to chase Leprechauns. Myself... I will just use my Ace 250, search old home places, and hope to find a V-nickel or such. It seems much easier to use your metal detector. So I guess I can call my Ace 250 my Leprechaun. But.... March is the celebrated month of the Irish.



Debbie Crosby

There was a great tragedy in Ireland when the potato famine happened between 1845-1852. Many Irish people had no hope but to immigrate to the Americas. It is a sad story and many good Irish people lost their lives in the process. Many arrived in the U.S. with nothing but the clothes on their backs and sorrow in their hearts having lost loved ones on what was called Coffin Ships. Then they had to suffer discrimination here in the U.S. Many changed the spelling of their names and learned to speak without an accent, thinking this might help them gain employment. There were too few jobs and way too many people applying for them. The Irish had to fight for survival in Ireland and then again in the U.S. But they survived and left their descendants a heritage of wonderful legends and many recipes that are tasty and full of "Irish Tradition." So, for this month's recipe we will celebrate the Irish.



### Debbie's Corned Beef on Irish Soda Bread

- 1 large beef butt roast
- 2 cups water
- 1/4 c. salt
- 2-3 garlic cloves or 1 t. garlic powder
- 1 t. pickling spices
- 1 onion or 1 t. onion powder
- 1 cup beer
- 2 cups apple juice



Place all ingredients except beef in a zip lock bag. Mix well and add roast to bag making sure all air is out and liquid is surrounding entire roast. Let sit in fridge for 2-4 days. Remove meat and add 1 qt water and cook in crock pot for 6-8 hours. Or cook in a conventional oven for 2-3 hours on 350. If in conventional oven add water as needed.

### Debbie's Irish Soda Bread

- 3 1/2 c. All purpose flour
- 1/4 c Sugar
- 1 t baking soda
- 1 t baking powder
- 1 t salt
- 1 stick butter
- 1 1/2 c butter milk



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together except milk. When mixture is course crumbles stir in milk. Knead then bake in a greased loaf pan until brown on top.

This bread comes out soft and is great as an open face sandwich but needs to be eaten with a fork. I guess it sort of like eating an "Irish Sloppy Joe" type thing. If you slice cabbage in very thin strips and top it off it is great. Enjoy!!

Finds of the Month

