

# The Leaverite News



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## September Meeting Notes

There were 25 members and guests at the September meeting.

The Henderson Heritage Syrup Festival will be held again this year on November 8 and the club will have a booth with a sand box for the kids to dig up foreign coins. There will also be a grab box fund raiser. Joe Metcalf donated a gold coin to be used with the grab box. Members will be needed to assist with the sand box and manning the fund raising table throughout the day.

The TCTC Treasure Show will be held in Longview, Texas on March 21 and 22, 2009, at the Maude Cobb Convention Center so be sure and mark those two dates on your calendar now.

The club discussed having a club hunt in late October so be sure and attend the October meeting to get the latest details on this upcoming hunt.

## The Sunset Review of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

The mission and performance of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are currently being reviewed by the Legislature as required under the Texas Sunset Act. The Act provides that the Sunset Commission, composed of legislators and public members, periodically evaluate a state agency to determine if the agency is still needed, and what improvements are needed to ensure that state funds are well spent. Based on the recommendations of the Sunset Commission, the Texas Legislature ultimately decides whether an agency continues to operate into the future.

The Sunset review involves three steps. First, Sunset Commission staff will evaluate the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and, in November 2008, will issue a report recommending solutions to problems found.

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## A Bit of Entertainment



Photo by Suzanne Reed

**Tom Moss provides the entertainment for the September club meeting with his "Squeeze Box".**

*You can never tell what you may see and learn at a Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association meeting and that's half the fun of being a member!*

### Rusk County Treasure Hunters Association Club Officers

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## Ticket Drawing Winners

A.D. Clark, Bob Haney, Bob Bradberry,  
Bob Anderson, Lee Utzman

## Sign-in Sheet Winners

Sam Harris, Dorris St. Clair, Joe Metcalf, Tom Moss, Richard Greene, Carl Norris, John Wisdom, Bob Haney, Darrell Crosby, Ada Worley, Ed Worley, Lester Langston, Bob Bradberry, Debbie Crosby, A. D. Clark

## Name Tag Drawing Winner

John Wisdom

## Marble Drawing

No Winner

## Dates to Remember

### Longview Club Meeting

Second Monday of Month

### Rusk County Club Meeting

Second Tuesday of Month

### Smith County Club Meeting

Third Saturday of Month

**We Appreciate Our Volunteers!**

October meeting refreshment volunteers:

Tom Moss & Dorris St. Clair

## Monthly Finds Contest Winners

		Winner	Description
<b>Coins</b>	1st	Keith Wills	1971 Half Dollar
	2nd	Tom Moss	1020 Mercury Dime
	3rd	Dorris St. Clair	1947 Wheat Penny
<b>Jewelry</b>	1st	Bob Bradberry	14K 1/2 karat Diamond Ring
	2nd	Dorris St. Clair	Butterfly Pendent
	3rd	Sue Anderson	Silver Chain
<b>Artifacts</b>	1st	Tom Moss	1902 Dallas Reunion Badge
	2nd	Alden Utzman	Old Bottle
	3rd	Bob Bradberry	Toy Pistol
<b>Tokens</b>	1st	Tom Moss	1936 Mississippi Tax Token
	2nd	Keith Wills	2 Louisiana Tax Tokens
	3rd	Dorris St. Clair	Carwash Token
<b>Judges</b>	1st	Tom Moss	Texas Militia Star Button
	2nd	Bob Bradberry	Aluminum Horseshoe
<b>Choice</b>	3rd	Bob Anderson Lee Utzman Dorris St. Clair	Timex Watch Iron Horseshoe Toy Car

## Sunset Commission

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The Sunset Commission will then meet to hear public testimony on the agency and the recommendations of the Sunset staff. This meeting will likely be scheduled for December 16 and 17, 2008. Based on public input and the Sunset staff report, the Sunset Commission will adopt recommendations for the full Legislature to consider when it convenes in January 2009.

Through the Sunset review, every Texan has the opportunity to suggest ways in which the mission and operations of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department can be strengthened. If you would like to share your ideas about the agency, please contact Steve Hopson of the Sunset staff. Suggestions are preferred by August 15, so they can be fully considered by the Commission staff.

### Sunset Advisory Commission

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Information about the Sunset process, including information on Sunset Commission meetings, can be found at: [www.sunset.state.tx.us](http://www.sunset.state.tx.us).

Let the commission know that Texas State Parks should be open for metal detecting in previously disturbed areas! Send an e-mail or letter today to have your opinion and voice heard!



## U.S. Mint Releases New Penny Designs

The bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth will be honored next year on four new pennies depicting the life of the nation's sixteenth president.

The U.S. Mint unveiled the designs at the Lincoln Memorial on Monday. The new coins will be released beginning on Feb. 12, 2009, and show Lincoln's Kentucky birthplace, his Indiana education, his career as an Illinois statesman and his work in Washington, D.C.

"These coins are a tribute to one of our greatest presidents, whose legacy has had a lasting impact on our country," U.S. Mint Director Ed Moy said. "He believed all men were created equal, and his life was a model for accomplishing the American dream through honesty, integrity, loyalty and a lifetime of education."



The current Lincoln Memorial reverse

The new pennies will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln cent and be released in three-month intervals throughout the year.

The first design, "Birth and Early Childhood in Kentucky" by Richard Masters, honors the president's humble beginnings with a likeness of the log cabin in Kentucky where Lincoln was born.



The current Lincoln Memorial front

In the second, "Formative Years in Indiana" by Charles Vickers, the young Lincoln is seen studying while working as a rail splitter. The third, "Professional Life in Illinois" by Joel Iskowitz, shows Lincoln in front of the Illinois Capitol in Springfield, and the final design, "Presidency in D.C." depicts the construction of the nation's Capitol building.

The U.S. Mint will not change Victor D. Brenner's 1909 likeness of Lincoln on the front of the penny.

The last time the penny underwent a significant change was in 1959, when the U.S. Mint replaced Brenner's Wheat Cent with Frank Gasparro's depiction of the Lincoln Memorial for the sesquicentennial of Lincoln's birth.

A commemorative Lincoln silver dollar will also be released in 2009, officials said.



Finds of the Month Contest



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