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September Meeting Notes

There were 20 members and guests present for the September meeting. President Tom Moss reminded members that it is time to pay their yearly club dues.

Members discussed participating in the Henderson Syrup Festival with 9 members indicating that they would help. After checking on supplies of coins and not finding any other volunteers to help with the event it was decided that the club would not participate this year. Keith Ballow sent a letter to the Syrup Festival organization to inform them that the club would not be participating this year.

Tom Moss concluded the meeting with a short talk about the percentages of various coins he has found over the years while metal detecting.

Where's The Treasure ?

From The Depot Museum's web site;
<http://www.depotmuseum.com/explorations.html>

"The story of \$2 million dollars worth of Spanish treasure, stolen by the Pirate Jean Lafitte and dumped into Hendricks Lake near Tatum, Texas has persisted in Rusk County for over 150 years --- and, according to many Tatum residents, "has given rise to about that many treasure hunts".

This romantic story goes that Lafitte and his band robbed the "Santa Rosa" in 1816 in Matagorda Bay on the Texas Gulf of pure silver bars and headed for St. Louis with their loot. The pirates are supposed to have joined with one of Nicholas Trammel's



mel's caravans in an attempt to transport the silver to safety. In a mad flight from pursuing Mexican soldiers, Trammel himself was reported to order the six wagons carrying the silver to the edge of Hendricks Lake. There the mules were cut loose and the wagons allowed to roll down the bank into the lake. Over the years, the legend has undergone many variations. Dates differ --- with dumping said to have happened in 1812, 1816, or 1818. Gossip has it silver bars have been taken from the lake --- three in 1913 by loggers, two by fishermen in the 1920's. Others say the treasure was not silver bars, but silver ingots, gold nuggets, hogshhead of gold of rare silver Spanish coins. At any rate, treasure hunters persist in the belief that something of value may have been dumped into Hendricks Lake in the early 1800's.

One of the first attacks on the lake was by the colorful "Fox" Tatum (who named the nearby town) in the 1890's. Tatum and friends tried to pump the lake dry using a wood-fed boiler pump. Hendricks Lake is spring-fed, and the group abandoned the idea after a month of steady pumping that didn't lower the lake a whit. Since that time, a steady stream of both professional treasure hunters' combines, scuba divers and local amateurs have prowled the steep banks and clear waters of the lake.

(Editor's Note); Evidently the writer of this story has never visited Hendricks Lake. There is no clear water in Hendricks lake. It is dark brackish water. The lake is a typical horse-shoe lake lying along side the Sabine River, formed when the river silted in and changed course sometime in the past. Still it's an interesting story. Some even speculate it wasn't Hendricks Lake at all where the silver was dumped but the bank of Martin Creek which feeds the Martin Creek Lake just west of Tatum, Texas.

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Ticket Drawing Winners

Lloyd Smith, Michael Moore, Margaret Logston, Dorris St. Clair, and Dana Logston

Sign-in Sheet Winners

Margaret Logston, Bob Bradberry, Michael Moore, Dorris St. Clair, Bobby Haney, Lester Langston, Bob Anderson, Tom Moss, Keith Ballow, Junior St. Clair, Jimmy Clark, Sam Harris, Debbie Crosby, Jess Allen, and Suzanne Reed.

Name Tag Drawing Winner

Debbie Crosby

Bucket Drawing

No Winner



We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

March Meeting Snack Volunteers

Jimmy Clark, Dorris St. Clair, Debbie Crosby, and Suzanne Reed

Monthly Finds Contest Winners

		Winner	Description
Coins	1st	Michael Moore	1909 Indian Head Penny
	2nd	Dorris St. Clair	1958 Wheat Penny
	3rd	Jess Allen	Mexican Coin
Jewelry	1st	Sue Anderson	Man's 14K Gold Diamond Ring
	2nd	Dorris St. Clair	Child's Gold Ring
	3rd	Dana Logston	Gold Cross
Artifacts	1st	Jess Allen	Clay Marble
	2nd	Bob Bradberry	Roofing Hatchet
	3rd		No Entry
Tokens	1st	Bob Bradberry	1995 Mardi Gras Upriver Token
	2nd	Jess Allen	Texas Lottery Token
	3rd	Dorris St. Clair	Chuck-E-Cheese Token
Judges	1st	Michael Moore	Silver Prayer Box
Choice	2nd	Jess Allen	Silver Elephant Charm
	3rd	Jimmy Clark	Crucifix Pendant

Anglo-Saxon Gold Hoard Found in UK

The UK's largest haul of Anglo-Saxon treasure has been discovered buried in a field in Staffordshire. Experts say the collection of 1,500 gold and silver pieces, which may date to the 7th Century, is unparalleled in size and worth "a seven-figure sum". It has been declared treasure by South Staffordshire coroner Andrew Haigh, meaning it belongs to the Crown. Terry Herbert, who found it on farmland using a metal detector, said it "was what metal detectorists dream of". It could take more than a year for it to be valued.

The Staffordshire hoard contains about 5kg of gold and 2.5kg of silver, making it far bigger than the Sutton Hoo discovery in 1939 when 1.5kg of Anglo-Saxon gold was found near Woodbridge in Suffolk. Leslie Webster, former keeper at the British Museum's Department of Prehistory and Europe, said: "This is



going to alter our perceptions of Anglo-Saxon England as radically, if not more so, as the Sutton Hoo discoveries.

A gold scabbard boss used ornamentally on a sword sheath, with inlaid garnets.

By Debbie Crosby



This will be the first recipe article in what I hope to be many. I am currently working on putting together a cook book. I have worked on it for many years and hopefully it will happen in the near future. As with all things some may find real "Treasures" and other will not. But I do pray everyone finds some of the recipes to their taste and enjoys them.

I love to cook and even more I love to eat. I was raised in the kitchen with my Mother and Grandmother. Many of these recipes had been passed down to them by their mothers and of course now to me. I have many fond memories of cooking with them on holidays for our large family gatherings.

My husband Darrell's Mom was also a major influence with even another style of cooking. I must also give credit to my Dad. He did give me recipes and some I found strange but came out tasting great. I often had to tell him I didn't cook certain things in my kitchen. So I will only put the "safe" ones in my cookbook. I never had the "Courage or Desire" to cook things that wiggled or hissed at me. This decision was a true disappointment to him. Ha....

So now let it be known, I am one of those cooks everyone gets upset with. When people ask for some recipes, I really can't tell them the exact amounts. I was taught to cook by sight, a pinch of this, a dash of that, or just a handful. I have attempted to "measure" some what and it sometimes works and sometimes not. If it works I will write it down and if not I guess it dies with me.

So I hope you find something you can enjoy.

Apple Crisp

- 8 Flour Tortillas
- 2 Can unsweetened Apple Sauce
- 4-6 Apples
- 3 T Cinnamon
- 3 cups Splenda
- 1 Stick Butter
- 1 cup all purpose Flour
- 1 Cup Quick Rolled Oats
- 4 Graham Crackers
- 1/2 cup Sugar Free Maple Syrup

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Spray a 9x11 baking dish with Bakers Joy or cooking spray. Wash and core Apples. Do not peel. Chop or slice apples. Slice tortillas into 1 inch squares. Layer tortillas in baking dish. Next add apple pieces. Mix 1 cup Splenda and 1 T. Cinnamon. with apple sauce.

Pour 1/2 apple sauce mixture over apples. Repeat layers. In a bowl melt butter, add oatmeal, remaining Splenda, Cinnamon, Flour, Crushed Graham crackers, and Sugar free maple syrup.

Mix all and sprinkle over top of Apple mixture. Bake until golden brown and apples are tender.

You can top this with Sugar free Cream Whip or Ice Cream.

Remember this is a no added sugar recipe but there is natural sugar in the Apples and Apple sauce.

Enjoy

1995 HHS Class Ring Found

By Keith Ballow



A couple of weeks ago Suzanne and I finally found time to get out and do some detecting. We were hunting one of the local schools.

We had been hunting about 30 minutes and I was digging all targets I came across and already had a double handful of aluminum pull tabs and mower shredded aluminum pieces along with a few corroded coins.

The next solid target I hit rang somewhere in the range of aluminum and I proceeded to dig it up expecting another pull tab. When I passed the plug of dirt over the detector's coil I knew I had the target in my hand and began breaking the plug of dirt in two. The plug broke open and sure enough, there was a large mans class ring. This was the second class ring I have found in this particular area. The ring is white gold with a red stone from the Henderson High School class of 1995.

Within a couple of days Suzanne had identified and run down the location of the owner of the ring. I am planning to return it to him as soon as we can get together.

Remember, to find those gold rings you have to dig a lot of aluminum junk.

Good luck and happy hunting!

Finds of the Month Contest

