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Golden Triangle Explorers Society

In Quest of the Past

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Next Monthly Meeting

SPRING CREEK BBQ
3939 W EMPORIUM CIR
MESQUITE, TEXAS 75080
JAN 14, 2022 TIME 7:30 PM

**REFRESHMENTS FOR
NEXT MEETING:**

As part of our agreement with Spring Creek BBQ, we will not compete with their sale of food or drinks. Please purchase drinks and food before or while we meet. Remember – we are meeting rent free!

Future Monthly Meetings

We will return to our original schedule of the second Friday of each month. Please arrive early to eat and visit with other members.

CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

MARY P

VICE PRESIDENT:

DEAN W

Treasurer:

TERRY S

SECRETARY:

LARRY V

REGULAR MEETINGS TO RESUME!

By Mary Penson

Welcome to 2022!! May it treat us well.

Catch up time. Thank you so much to Mary P for stepping in as President, to Dean W for becoming our Vice President, to Terry S for becoming our Treasurer and to Larry V for becoming our Secretary.

Our next meeting will be held on January 14th. We are going to try a different meeting place. Spring Creek BBQ in Mesquite, 3939 W Emporium Cir. We will gather at 6:30 to enjoy dinner before the meeting starts at 7:30. We will have the meeting room to ourselves. It will hold 45 people so we should be comfortable.

We will collect dues, \$20 for single memberships and \$25 for a family.. These are annual dues and will be collected each January. We will start our fund raiser this month. We will also start our Find Of The Month. You may bring one item for each of these five categories: Coins, Jewelry - Precious Metals, Relics, Most Unusual and Second Chance.

Loving this cooler weather, it isn't supposed to be in the 80's in December. Stay safe out there, take care, and we will see you on the 14th.

Mary

RESERVED FOR PRESIDENT

by Mary P

From The Vice President

by Dean W

OTHER CONTACTS

HUNT MASTER:

OPEN

REFRESHMENTS CHAIR:

TBD

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

MIKE S

WEBMASTER:

JOHN

SEE YOUR MEMBER DIRECTORY FOR TELEPHONE NUMBERS

MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

This space is reserved for free member ads. Do you have something you wish to sell or buy? Member ads, including pictures, will be printed as space allows.

We also have space for paid ads. If you have a business or service available and wish to advertise to club members (and those who visit our newsletter on the Webpage), reasonable rates apply.

From Your Editor

by Mike S

Please excuse the chaotic appearance of the newsletter during this time of rebuilding our organization. I know we agreed to resume using last names in the newsletter but, quite frankly, I failed to write down some of those names. I think we also chose a huntmaster and a new webmaster but Larry failed to record their names.

I will do my best to get the newsletter on a regular footing. A problem I foresee is getting photos of the finds of the month on a regular basis. I welcome any suggestions.

We lost some very good members and good friends during the past year. I would appreciate some help in putting together some type of memorial column for an upcoming issue.

My apologies to Velma S for not including the article she gave me. I seem to have misplaced it but will include it when I locate it.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

12-21 GOLDEN TRIANGLE EXPLORERS SOCIETY MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2021 MEETING

We had a rough beginning as we met in a new locale and first attempted to meet in the elevated dining room area as the private room was in use. Luckily, the private room soon became available and the meeting resumed there with much greater success

Mary P called the meeting to order, being the only executive board member present. This was, again, a planning meeting. We are hoping to rebuild Golden Triangle Explorers Society into a successful club.

Volunteers were asked to fill our President, Vice President and Treasurers positions. Mary P will be President, Dean W Vice President, Terry S Treasurer, and Larry V Secretary.

We discussed the information on the table inviting us to participate in the Texas Treasure Show. It is an annual meeting of the Texas Association of Metal Detector Clubs. The meeting will be held February 26 -27, 2022 in llano, TX at the John L. Kuykendall Event Center.

We held a door prize drawing with several winners of Garrett Rain Ponchos, Coin Pouches, Magnifying Glass, and a silver dime

Fund Raisers and Find of the Month will start with our January meeting

There were several Garrett items available for members if they wished to pick them up.

Mary asked if there were any questions or other items for discussion, hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

Be safe out there. We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year celebration. We will see you in January!

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Door Prizes	
Prize	Winner
This space reserved for our future In January.	Contests. We hope to begin again

FUNDRAISER DRAWING WINNERS

Fundraiser	
Prize	Winner
This space reserved for our future contests. We hope to begin again in January.	

Huntmaster's Report

by **TBD**

MEMBER NEWS

This space will be used for member submissions of news concerning their finds and activities. Perhaps even a few family items or recipes?

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

Place	Winner	Item
COINS		
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
JEWELRY		
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
RELICS		
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
MOST UNUSUAL		
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
SECOND CHANCE		
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		

An Interesting Article from One of Our Members

Metal Detectorist Finds 2,000-Year-Old Roman Dagger From Ancient ‘Lost’ Battle in Switzerland

By [Michael Wing](#)

December 13, 2021 Updated: December 13, 2021

Amateur archaeologist Lucas Schmid toted his metal detector onto a small hill beside a river gorge near the mountain village of Tiefencastel, Switzerland, and began probing the turf where an ancient battle had taken place. He would soon discover a Roman dagger from under the earth, which would lead to a remarkable excavation.

Rumor had it that a “lost” battle between the Romans and the Rhaetians had occurred here some 2,000 years ago—for archeological excavations in 2003 had yielded traces of an ancient Roman army nearby, most of which it was assumed had been collected.



(Courtesy of Archaeological Service Graubünden via Peter-Andrew Schwarz)

Schmid had a hunch, though, that the area had not yet been meticulously picked clean of ancient artifacts. He began surveying the area in 2018; and one year later, in the spring of 2019, his metal detector picked up a faint signal on the hill that day.



Amateur archaeologist Lucas Schmid scours the landscape for artifacts near the mountain village of Tiefencastel, Switzerland. (Courtesy of [Peter-Andrew Schwarz](#), University of Basel)

Assuming it was a small metal object at first, Schmid soon realized it was something much larger that was buried deeper beneath the earth. From under 12 inches of soil, he dug up an ornate Roman dagger with a cross-shaped handle and exquisite brass and silver inlay and adornments.

Schmid’s discovery of the Roman dagger led a team of archaeologists in September this year to begin exploring that region in southeastern Graubünden canton—where they discovered hundreds more artifacts, the aftermath

of an ancient battle, scattered across 370,000 square feet. The excavation, which concluded by the month's end, unearthed Roman coins, lead slingshot "bullets," arrowheads, spearheads, pieces of shields and other defensive implements, and hobnails from heavy-soled Roman sandals, called "caligae," according to [Live Science](#).

As for the impressive Roman dagger found by Schmid, researchers believe it may have been buried by Roman legionaries as an offering of thanks for a victory. The artifact is now in possession of the Archäologischen Dienst Graubünden (ADG), as per Swiss law, and is currently being preserved and scientifically evaluated.



(Courtesy of [Archaeological Service Graubünden](#) via Peter-Andrew Schwarz)

“It is not only the outstanding individual objects such as the dagger (a pugio) that are interesting, but also the large number and composition of the found objects,” study team member and archaeologist at the University of Basel Peter-Andrew Schwarz told Live Science via email.

He noted that the slingshot bullets were marked with letters indicating the Roman legion that made them, and that hobnails and other weapons found appeared to be of Roman make. Certain fragments of swords, shields, and spearheads, however, we’re determined to be implements of the opposing Rhaetians.

The Rhaetians were a confederation of Alpine tribes related to the Etruscans—who inhabited Italy prior to the founding of Rome. Some of the Rhaetians resisted the Roman expansion into their mountainous home territory, and records indicate armed clashes occurred between 50 and 30 B.C., said archaeologist Thomas Reitmaier, director of the ADG, Live Science reported.

It’s believed that the finds near Tiefencastel could hark from this time but there is another possibility; the clashes might have occurred later—in 15 B.C. when Roman Emperor Augustus commenced a military campaign in the Alps which ultimately subjugated the Rhaetians. “The fieldwork will continue next year, and

we assume that more coins or other finds will come to light that allow an even more precise dating,” Schwarz said.



(Courtesy of [Archaeological Service Graubünden](#) via Peter-Andrew Schwarz)

As for Schmid—who worked as an archaeologist on a voluntary basis, and contributed over 70 days with the ADG excavation—he will be transitioning into a field of a different sort; as the former dental student recently qualified as a dentist, his future plans won’t involve wielding his metal detector on a fulltime basis.

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